

Exhibit 20

Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Alabama	
COUNTY:	Cleburne	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**1. NAME**

COMMON: Shoal Creek Baptist Church

AND/OR HISTORIC: Same

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: Talladega National Forest and Checcoalooce Hunting and Management Area

CITY OR TOWN: Heflin (10 miles)

STATE: Alabama CODE: 36264 COUNTY: Cleburne

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> See Exhibit 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Sacred Mary Singing</u>

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: Shoal Creek Baptist Church Maintained by citizens of area  
Pink Holley - Chairman

STREET AND NUMBER: Route #1 See Exhibit 1

CITY OR TOWN: Heflin STATE: Alabama CODE: 36264

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Cleburne County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Heflin STATE: Alabama CODE: 36264

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

**DESCRIPTION:**

**Dimensions 30' X 36' X 10' walls, one room.**

The church walls are of hard split and hewed longleaf pine, erected with matched corners. The original floor is thought to have been earth but the first wood floor is one inch by six inch rough boards on hard split pine log joints. In recent years a one inch by four inch tongue and groove floor has been laid on top of the original board floor. The roof is now galvanized metal on two-by-four inch rafters secured with pine pole wind bracing and on one by six inch sawed perling. The original gabled roof was covered with rived pine boards (shingles). Doors are made of pine boards fastened with square nails and hung by strap metal hinges -- originally hung by hand made gate type iron hinges. A single door is located in the center of each of the north, south and west walls. The east wall has two shuttered window openings also made of pine boards and originally hung by gate type hinges. There has never been any type ceiling installed. The gables each have a single framed opening, originally closed with pine boards shutters. One window now has a six-pane window sash with panes missing. The building was originally heated with a small metal stove with the stove pipe extending through the East wall at the center. There are a number of early american pine posts put together with square nails still in the church. Original split pine log benches without backs and mounted on pegs have been removed. Wall cracks between the logs are covered by pine boards fastened with square nails. Some of these boards have been replaced in recent years. The sill log on the west side was replaced a second time in 1973 with sawn pine timbers. Original pillars were of native rock. All corner pillows were replaced with concrete block in 1973. Steps at each door were originally split pine logs but have been replaced with concrete. No part of the building has ever been painted.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **Constructed between 1885 and 1890**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	losophy	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Shoal Creek Baptist Church is said to be the oldest and possibly only hand split and hand hewn pine log church building still in existence and in use in Alabama. The builders used notched corners to hold the logs in place. No pegs, nails or other devices were used. The four corners were notched by local citizens: William Elijah Holley, Joe Maye, W. W. (Bill) Thompson and Bill Holley (each notched a corner). The whole community joined in construction. It was constructed between the years 1885 and 1890. This building is one of two similar buildings originally on these grounds. The first building, was erected about 1845 and burned about 1935. Each building was used by the community for church services and for public school. These being the only community buildings in the area, the church building had a significant role in the development of the social, moral, spiritual and cultural growth and development of the people in the area. An adjoining cemetery contains ancestors of people now residing over the southeastern United States. Former members, descendants and friends maintain the church building, grounds and cemetery and meet once each year for an all day sacred harp singing. Sacred Harp music was the music of the early church and is a part of the heritage of early America and this area. In addition the building was used each summer after the crops were "laid by" and before cotton picking time for singing schools where the young people of the community got their formal music lessons and learned Sacred Harp and gospel music. These schools were usually taught by a minister. During the nineteen thirties the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, acquired all surrounding lands in the area and established the Talladega National Forest.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES					
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE					
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	85	0	33	30 W
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"				
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"				
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **2**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
AL		CLAY	
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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**XI. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**W. Joel Thompson, Secretary**

ORGANIZATION: **Cleburne County Resource Development Committee** DATE: **8-28-73**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**P.O. Box 158**

CITY OR TOWN: **Heflin** STATE: **Alabama** CODE: **36264**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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STATE: Alabama	CODE: 36264	COUNTY: Cleburne	CODE:
<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
SOURCE:			
SCALE:			
DATE:			
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM





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STATE:	CODE:	COUNTY:	CODE:
<b>3. PHOTO REFERENCE</b>			
PHOTO CREDIT:			
DATE OF PHOTO:			
NEGATIVE FILED AT:			
<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			

LEGEND

-  Allen-Locust-Stony Rough Land (Sandstone and Quartzite)
-  Fannin-Watauga-Talladega
-  Madison-Davidson-Louisa
-  Madison-Louisa

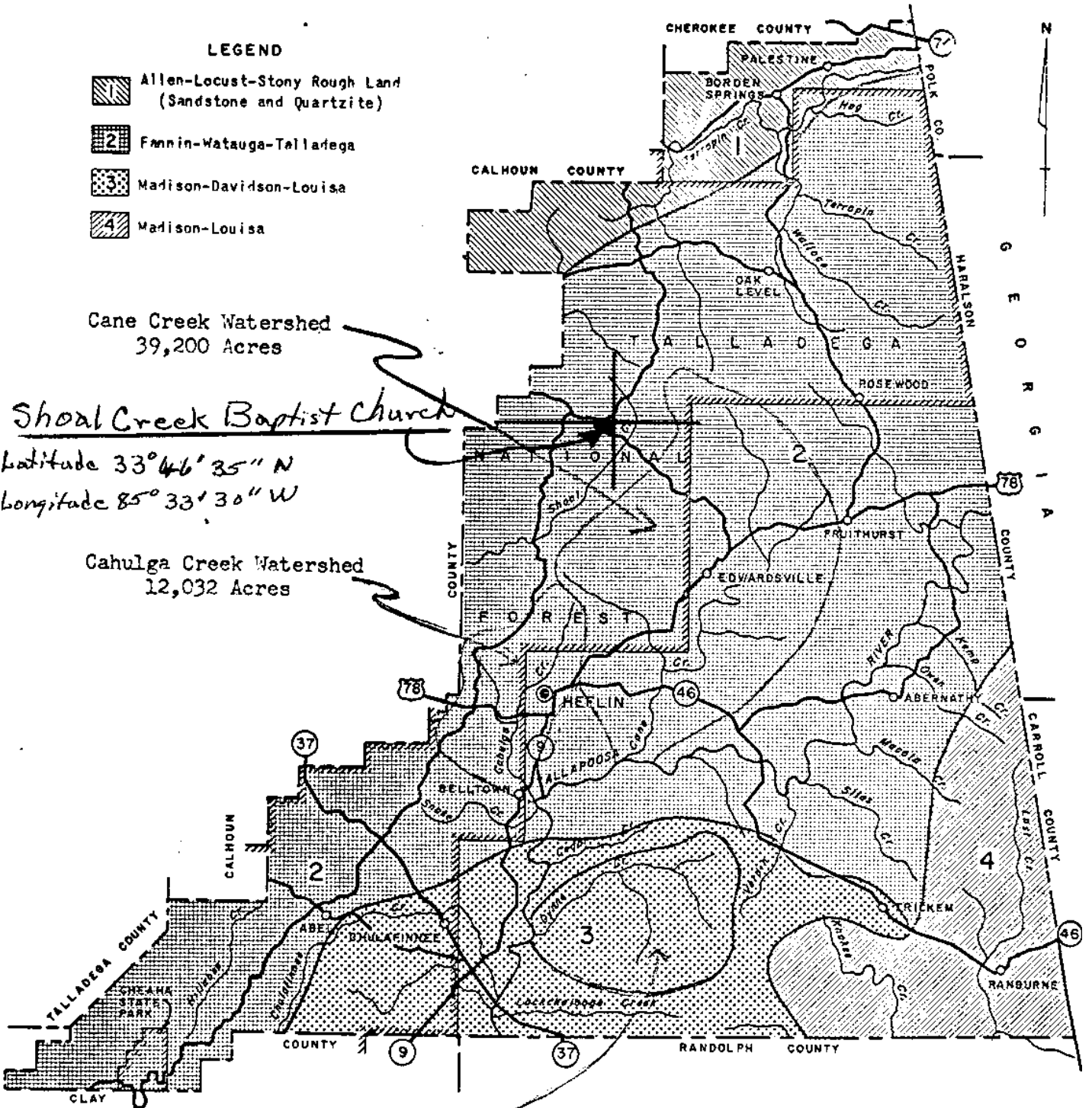
Cane Creek Watershed  
39,200 Acres

*Shoal Creek Baptist Church*

Latitude 33° 46' 35" N  
Longitude 85° 33' 30" W

Cahulga Creek Watershed  
12,032 Acres

Dynne Creek Watershed  
15,200 Acres



U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

GENERAL SOIL MAP  
CLEBURNE COUNTY  
ALABAMA



JULY 1964


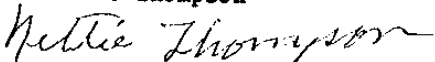
**Exhibit 1**

**Ownership:** Shoal Creek Baptist Church has no current membership. Available records (church minutes) indicate the church ceased to function about 1914 or 1915. The last minutes are dated September 6, 1914. The last church clerk, R. A. Thompson was in possession of these minutes until presented to the Cleburne County Library August 7, 1973.

Some time following the apparent break up of the church former members, their decendants and friends began meeting once each year in the church building for a Sacred Harp singing. In recent years this meetings was moved from the fourth Sunday in August to Labor Day. This meeting is called the Annual Labor Day Sacred Harp Singing. Pink Holley, Route #3, Heflin, Alabama 36264, is chairman of this group. It is this group that has assumed ownership maintenance of the church building and grounds.

I R. A. Thompson would like to present the minutes of the Shoal Creek Baptist Church ~~minutes~~ to the Heflin Library.

August 7, 1973

  
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R. A. Thompson  




W. WARNER FLOYD  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STATE OF ALABAMA  
ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

725 MONROE STREET  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36104



TELEPHONE NUMBER  
269-8838

January 31, 1975

Mr. R. J. Butler  
Shoal Creek Association  
Route 4  
Heflin, Alabama

Mr. J. Newman Roach  
Route 1, Box 427  
Jacksonville, Alabama

Gentlemen:

The Alabama Historical Commission is pleased to inform you that Shoal Creek Baptist Church has been added to the National Register of Historic Places by the U. S. Department of Interior on December 4, 1974.

By this carbon that we are sending to the East Alabama Regional Planning Commission, we are suggesting that a public ceremony be set up so that the enclosed certificate can be presented to you and the general public can be made more aware of the importance of your landmark and the National Register.

Sincerely,

W. Warner Floyd

WVF/ljt

ENCLOSURES

cc: Mr. Joel Thompson  
U. S. Forest Service  
East Alabama Regional Planning Commission