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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

MCKENDREE CHAPEL

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Location: Jackson vicinity, Cape Girardeau County, Missouri

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The following information was recorded by Alexander Piaget and Charles van Ravenswaay at the time the photograph was taken:

Built ca. 1819, now restored. Hewn poplar log walls, weather boarded. Roof of hand split shingles. Stone chimney, thick batten doors, small windows.

"The first Methodist church west of the Mississippi River was organized, in about 1806, at McKendree, about three miles from the present town of Jackson, in Cape Girardeau County. Among the first members were William Williams and wife, John Randall and wife, Thomas Blair, Simeon and Isiah Poe, Charnel Glascock and the Seeleys. Soon afterward a house of worship, McKendree Chapel, was built out of great hewn poplar logs, and this with some alterations is still occupied by a Methodist congregation." (Houck's History of Missouri, vol. 3, p. 234)

PROJECT INFORMATION

The Piaget-van Ravenswaay Survey consists of a number of photographs, primarily of sites and structures in Missouri, which were taken before 1938 by Alexander Piaget and after that by Paul Piaget, both in conjunction with Charles van Ravenswaay. Photographs of buildings were incorporated into the HABS collection in 1985 by Laura Rupp, HABS historian. A master list is available in the ~~MO-1800~~ records for MO-1800.

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