

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Confederate Section, Fairview Cemetery

other name/site number: CW0407

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2. Location

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street & number: Southwest of intersection of McKibben and 10th Streets

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Van Buren vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Crawford code: AR 033 zip code: 72956

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Public-local

Category of Property: Site

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u> </u>	<u> </u> buildings
<u> 1 </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> 1 </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u>442</u>	<u> 1 </u> objects
<u>444</u>	<u> 1 </u> Total

Confederate Section, Fairview Cemetery

Name of Property

Crawford County, AR

County and State

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: "Something So Dim It Must Be Holy": Civil War Commemorative Sculpture in Arkansas, 1886-1934

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination _____ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Cathryn J. Slater

Signature of certifying official

10-11-96

Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property X meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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5. National Park Service Certification

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I, hereby certify that this property is:

✓ entered in the National Register

Edson H. Beall 12-6-96

Entered in the
National Register

Confederate Section, Fairview Cemetery

Name of Property

Crawford County, AR

County and State

____ See continuation sheet.
____ determined eligible for the National Register
____ See continuation sheet.
____ determined not eligible for the National Register
____ removed from the National Register
____ other (explain): _____

Signature of Keeper Date
of Action

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6. Function or Use

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Historic: FUNERARY Sub: Cemetery

Current: FUNERARY Sub: Cemetery

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Neoclassical

Other Description: N/A

Materials: foundation Marble roof N/A
walls Marble other N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance. ____ See continuation sheet.

Summary

The Confederate Section, Fairview Cemetery at Van Buren in Crawford County is located just south of McKibben Street and west of its junction with 10th Street. The site, measuring roughly 158' by 111', contains approximately 442 grave markers.

Elaboration

The Confederate Section, Fairview Cemetery at Van Buren in Crawford County is located just south of McKibben Street and west of its junction with 10th Street. The site, measuring roughly 158' by 111', contains approximately 442 grave markers.

The southwest corner of the lot is bounded by a low concrete retaining wall.

At the front and center of the plot, from west to east, stand an unmarked stone block, a flagpole, and a granite marker reading: ERECTED IN MEMORY OF/OUR CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS/FROM ARK., TEX., LA., MO., AND/INDIAN TERRITORY/WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE /BATTLES OF OAK HILL, ELK HORN,/AND PRAIRIE GROVE./ERECTED BY/MARY LEE CHAPTER U.D.C./OF VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS.

The lot is well maintained and in good condition.

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8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Statewide.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): C,F

Areas of Significance: SOCIAL HISTORY

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Period(s) of Significance: c. 1862 - c. 1908

Significant Dates: c. 1862 - c. 1908

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.
___ See continuation sheet.

Summary

Criterion A, statewide significance
Criteria Considerations C and F

The Confederate Section, Fairview Cemetery at Van Buren in Crawford County is associated with the historic context "Something So Dim It Must Be Holy": Civil War Commemorative Sculpture in Arkansas, 1886-1934 as a commemorative cemetery supplied by a local government and associated with the efforts of ancestral organizations in Arkansas. As such, it is eligible under Criterion A with statewide significance for its associations with the efforts of the City of Van Buren and the Mary Lee Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy to reflect members' perception of the noble character and valor of their veterans and their cause. Thus, it also meets the eligibility requirements of Criterion Considerations C (Cemeteries) and F (Commemorative Properties).

Elaboration

The 10 acres on which Fairview Cemetery are located were donated to the city in 1846 by John Drennen, one of the city's co-founders. After the outbreak of Civil War in 1861, the City of Van Buren donated a plot in which to bury Confederate soldiers who died in Van Buren or whose remains were brought there from regional battlefields.

Sexton records show that some 100 Confederate soldiers were buried in the Confederate Section during the Civil War. Others were reburied their following the war after being removed from their battlefield graves. There are some 442 simple marble grave markers in the lot, ordered by the Mary Lee Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy from the U.S. government. Most are simply marked "UNKNOWN CONFEDERATE SOLDIER." The dead were believed to be from Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, Missouri and the Indian Territory.

A monument with a marble Confederate soldier (Van Buren Confederate Monument, NR 4/26/96) was erected in the cemetery by the Mary Lee Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in 1899 in honor of the southern dead. It was moved to a more visible location on the Crawford County Courthouse grounds in 1906 at the request of the Sons of the Confederacy.

A granite monument was erected by the Mary Lee UDC chapter. While its date is unknown, the 1908 Publications of the Arkansas Historical Association states that "the Daughters of the Confederacy are arranging to put curbing around the plot of ground and place a slab with proper inscriptions where the monument first stood."

The Confederate Lot, Fairview Cemetery, is the property most closely associated with the efforts of the City of Van Buren and the Mary Lee Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy to honor Confederate war dead. As such, it deserves recognition on the National Register of Historic Places.

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9. Major Bibliographical References
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Confederate Section, Fairview Cemetery

Name of Property

Crawford County, AR

County and State

Information supplied by Mrs. Doris West of Van Buren.

Scott, Mrs. Fannie Dunham, "Van Buren" in "Confederate Cemeteries in Arkansas," Publications of the Arkansas Historical Association, Vol. II, p. 305, Fayetteville, AR 1908.

Eno, Clara B. History of Crawford County, Arkansas, Van Buren, AR: Press Argus, 1949, pp. 23-25.

___ See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- X State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	<u>15</u>	<u>377520</u>	<u>3922680</u>	B	<u>15</u>	_____
C	<u>15</u>	_____	_____	D	<u>15</u>	_____

___ See continuation sheet.

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Verbal Boundary Description: ____ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point on the southern edge of McKibben located approximately 200 feet east of its intersection with the western edge of 10th Street, proceed southerly 111 feet, thence westerly 158 feet, thence northerly 111 feet, thence easterly 158 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: ____ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Name/Title: Mark Christ, Communications/Development Director

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Fairview Cemetery, Confederate Section
NAME:

MULTIPLE Civil War Commemorative Sculpture MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Crawford

DATE RECEIVED: 10/28/96 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 11/14/96
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 11/30/96 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 12/12/96
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 96001407

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 12-6-96 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



Confederate Section, Fairview Cemetery

Van Buren, Crawford Co, AR

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July 1996

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View from East



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View from SW



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View from South



ALDER WILSON
CO. B
YOUNG'S REGT.
C.S.A.

UNKNOWN
CONFEDERATE
SOLDIER

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Detail from South



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View from South



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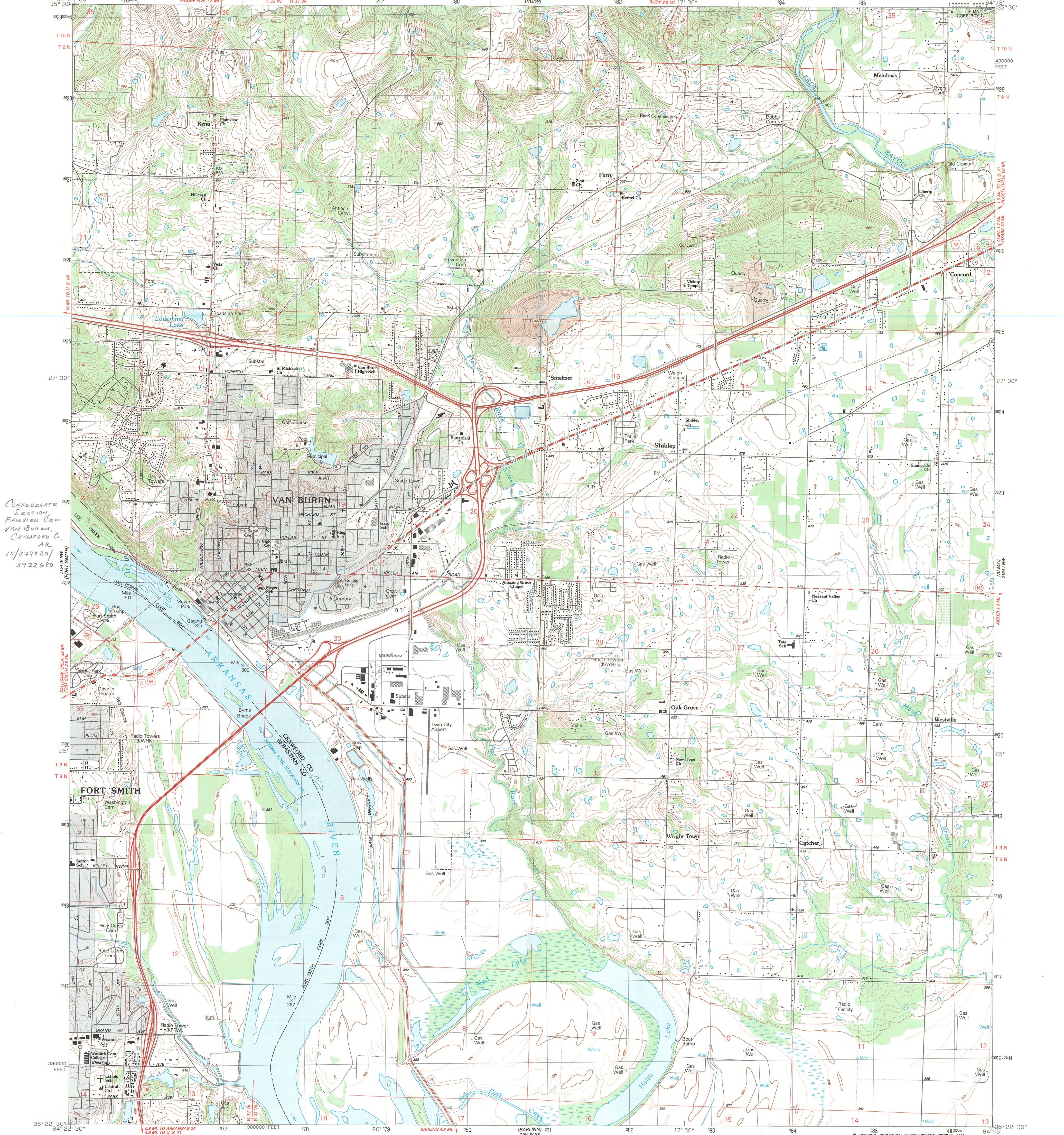
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View from NW

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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VAN BUREN QUADRANGLE
ARKANSAS
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
NE 4 VAN BUREN 15' QUADRANGLE



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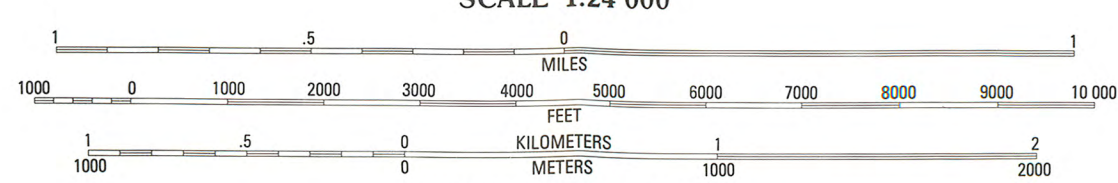
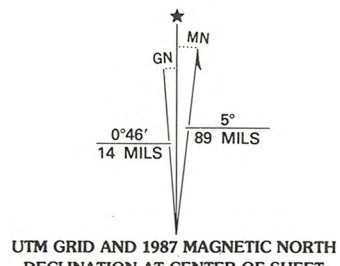
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Projection and 10,000-foot grid ticks: Arkansas coordinate system, north zone (Lambert conformal conic). 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid, zone 15 1927 North American Datum.

To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983, move the projection lines 6 meters south and 18 meters east as shown by dashed corner ticks.

There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of the National or State reservations shown on this map.

Gray tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown.



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
SUPPLEMENTARY CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION	
Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
	State Route

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