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National Park Service



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Missouri and North Arkansas Depot

other name/site number: SE0004

2. Location

street & number: Southwestern end of Walnut Street

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Leslie

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Searcy code: AR 129 zip code: 72645

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>      </u>	buildings
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	sites
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	structures
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

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

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Railroad Depots of Arkansas, 1870-1940

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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 R. Boyd \_\_\_\_\_ 4-24-92 \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program \_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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Allouez Ferry 6/1/92

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Keeper Date of Action

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**6. Function or Use**  
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Historic: TRANSPORTATION Sub: Rail-related  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Current: VACANT/NOT IN USE Sub: N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification:

LATE 19TH AND EARLY 20TH CENTURY AMERICAN MOVEMENTS

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Other Description: Plain Traditional

Materials: foundation STONE roof METAL/Tin  
walls STONE other N/A

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

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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: Locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A, C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: TRANSPORTATION  
ARCHITECTURE

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Period(s) of Significance: 1925-1940

Significant Dates: 1925

Significant Person(s): N/A

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Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad

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

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## Summary

The Missouri and North Arkansas Depot in Leslie is a single-story, stone masonry passenger and freight depot constructed circa 1925 in the Plain Traditional style. The rectangular plan depot has a three-sided telegrapher's bay and is covered by a hipped roof that is bellcast with projecting eaves. The depot is highlighted by a decorative pressed-tin roof with two finials. The stone walls are ashlar-finished and rest upon a continuous stone foundation. The depot is currently owned by Bill Derickson of Leslie.

## Elaboration

The Missouri and North Arkansas Depot in Leslie is a single-story, stone masonry passenger and freight depot constructed circa 1925 in the Plain Traditional style. The rectangular plan depot has a three-sided telegrapher's bay and is covered by a hipped roof that is bellcast with projecting eaves. The depot is highlighted by a decorative pressed-tin roof with two finials. Two brick chimneys rise through the roof, one on the ridge toward the center of the building and toward the north of the ridge, rising through the northern slope of the roof. The stone walls are ashlar-finished and rest upon a continuous stone foundation.

The northern elevation is punctuated to the east by a series of window openings that originally held single and double windows (only the frames of which remain in those that are visible, though several are boarded-over and thus obscured). The wall to the west is blank except for a large freight door flanked by two horizontal window openings placed beneath the cornice. The southern elevation is also punctuated by a series of window openings of varying sizes surrounding the projecting telegrapher's bay, which itself originally held three symmetrically-placed windows in the front and a single window on each side.

The western elevation is relieved only by a single loading door opening; the eastern elevation features two symmetrically-placed window openings.

Exterior details are limited to the pressed tin ceiling and the ashlar-faced stone of the walls.

The building is in fair condition.

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**Significance**

Criteria A and C, local significance

The town of Leslie, nestled among the Ozark Mountains and on a tributary of the Middle Fork of the Little Red River, had been an isolated and remote Ozark Mountain community until the arrival of the fledgling Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad in 1903. The potential of Leslie as a regional lumbering and milling center, taking advantage of both the abundant stands of surrounding hardwood and the water power provided by the stream, no doubt encouraged the Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad to extend its line to Leslie from its southern terminus in Harrison, thereby also connecting the growing resort community of Eureka Springs with Leslie's enormous potential for producing building materials.

The arrival of the railroad produced exactly the desired effect, as various lumbering operations expanded rapidly in and around the town thereafter, effectively becoming the sole employer for the community and its residents. Such enterprises as the H. D. Williams Cooperage Company, a producer of wooden barrels, claimed in its heyday to be the largest such operation of its kind in the world. The availability of larger markets to Leslie and its products only increased after the completion in 1909 of the railroad line south from Leslie to Searcy, and Helena beyond, on the Mississippi River.

The town continued to thrive and prosper throughout the first quarter of the twentieth century, though the fortunes of such an otherwise isolated community were always tied to those of the railroad that connected it with the marketplaces that were its lifeblood. However, though the Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad experienced recurrent problems throughout the second decade of the twentieth century, it was during this period that it built its new depot in Leslie. Thus the Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad Depot in Leslie is eligible under Criterion A for its associations with this particular railroad line and its own colorful -- if not entirely successful -- history. It is also eligible under Criterion C as the best -- and by far the earliest -- local example of this type of ashlar-faced, load-bearing stone masonry construction. This passenger and freight railroad depot is associated with the Railroad Growth and Development in Arkansas, 1870-1940 historic context as a structure financed and erected under the auspices of one of the most regionally-significant early twentieth-century railroads in the state.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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See *Historic Railroad Depots of Arkansas, 1870-1940* Multiple Property Documentation Form, Section H.

\_\_\_ 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:

- 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>539840</u>	<u>3964680</u>	B	___	_____	_____
C	___	_____	_____	D	___	_____	_____

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the southeastern edge of Walnut Street with a perpendicular line running parallel with the depot's northeastern elevation and located 50 feet to the northeast thereof, proceed southeasterly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the depot's southeastern elevation; thence proceed southwesterly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the depot's southwestern elevation; thence proceed northwesterly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with the southeastern edge of Walnut Street; thence proceed northeasterly along said line to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically-associated with this resource that retains its integrity.

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**11. Form Prepared By**  
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Historic Railroad Depots of Arkansas MPS  
ARKANSAS

COVER	Substantive Review	Date Listed
		<u>6/11/92</u>
92000612	Blytheville, Leachville and Arkansas Southern Railroad Depot--Leachville	<u>6/11/92</u>
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92000617	Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis Railroad Depot	<u>6/11/92</u>
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92000614	Louisiana and Northwest Railroad Depot--Magnolia	<u>6/11/92</u>
92000601	Missouri and North Arkansas Depot--Bellefonte	<u>6/11/92</u>
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92000597	Missouri--Pacific Depot--Altus	<u>Ret.</u>
92000600	Missouri--Pacific Depot--Atkins	<u>6/11/92</u>
92000604	Missouri--Pacific Depot--Clarksville	<u>6/11/92</u>
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92000618	Missouri--Pacific Railroad Depot--Nashville	<u>6/11/92</u>
92000621	Rock Island Depot--Weldon	<u>6/11/92</u>
92000603	Rock Island Railroad Depot--Booneville	<u>6/11/92</u>
94000192	Memphis, Paris and Gulf Railroad Depot	<u>3/17/94</u>

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Missouri and North Arkansas Depot--Leslie

MULTIPLE NAME: Historic Railroad Depots of Arkansas MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Searcy

DATE RECEIVED: 4/30/92 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/15/92  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 5/30/92 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/14/92  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92000613

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:  NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 6/4/92 DATE Entered in the National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_  
REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_  
DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

CLASSIFICATION

\_\_\_count \_\_\_resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

\_\_\_historic \_\_\_current

DESCRIPTION

\_\_\_architectural classification
\_\_\_materials
\_\_\_descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- \_\_\_summary paragraph
\_\_\_completeness
\_\_\_clarity
\_\_\_applicable criteria
\_\_\_justification of areas checked
\_\_\_relating significance to the resource
\_\_\_context
\_\_\_relationship of integrity to significance
\_\_\_justification of exception
\_\_\_other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

\_\_\_acreage \_\_\_verbal boundary description
\_\_\_UTMs \_\_\_boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

\_\_\_sketch maps \_\_\_USGS maps \_\_\_photographs \_\_\_presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Phone

Signed Date



MISSOURI AND NORTH ARKANSAS DEPOT (SE 0004)

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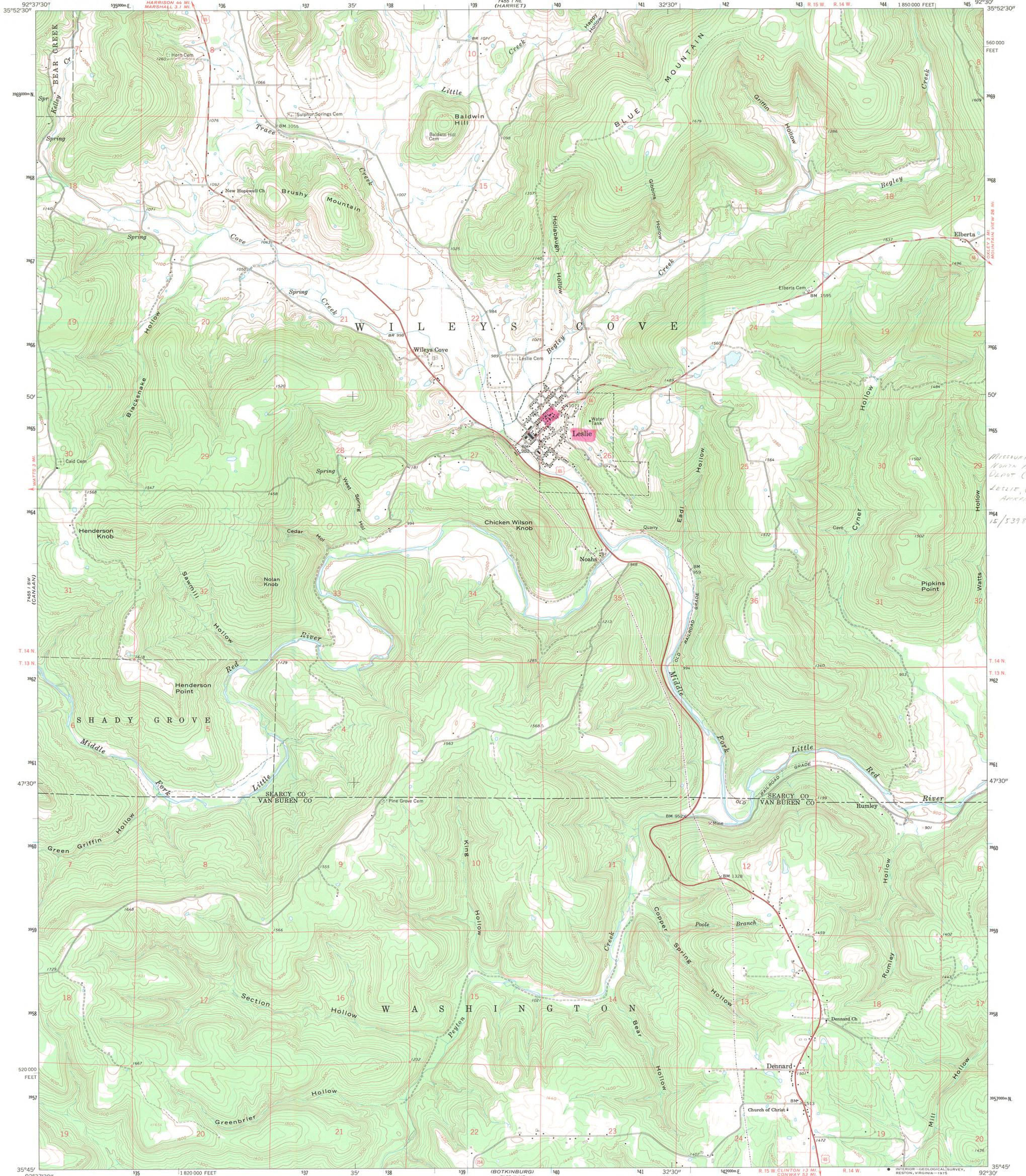
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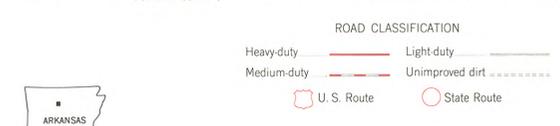
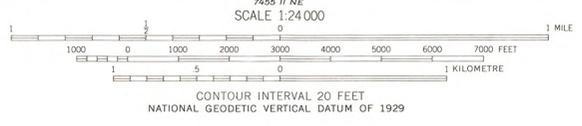
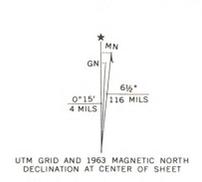
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