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Registration FormDIVISION OF
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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Milltown Bridge

other names/site number HAER No. AR-55

2. Location

street & number County Road #77, 1.5 miles west of Milltown

☐ not for publication N/A

city, town Milltown

☒ vicinity

state Arkansas

code 05

county Sebastian

code 131

zip code 72936

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- ☐ private
☒ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

- ☐ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☒ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing

1

1

Noncontributing

- _____ buildings
_____ sites
_____ structures
_____ objects

Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Historic Bridges of Arkansas

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

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ 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 ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

State or Federal agency and bureau

2-13-90

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

5. National Park Service Certification

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:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Transportation/Road-Related

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Transportation/Road-Related

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Closed Spandrel, Deck Arch

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation masonry

walls masonry

roof

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

1. Location

State: Arkansas County: Clark City/Town/Village: Littleton Street & Number: County Road 111, 1.2 miles west of Littleton

2. Classification

Ownership of Property: ☐ private ☐ public-local ☐ public-State ☐ public-Federal

Category of Property: ☐ building(s) ☐ district ☐ site ☒ structure ☐ object

Number of Resources within Property: ☐ Contributing ☐ Noncontributing

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 1

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet 2-13-20

Signature of certifying official: [Signature]

State of Federal agency and bureau: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is: ☒ listed in the National Register ☐ determined eligible for the National Register ☐ determined not eligible for the National Register

Signature of certifying official: [Signature]

State of Federal agency and bureau: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

5. See continuation sheet

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**National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**

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SUMMARY

The Milltown Bridge, located on a secondary county dirt road in the south-eastern region of Sebastian County, is an excellent example of a relatively simplistic masonry bridge in Arkansas. Its closed spandrel, deck arch design is strictly functional, exhibiting only coursed masonry and voussoir in its limited detailing.

ELABORATION

The Milltown Bridge is a two-span, 24-foot-long, masonry-arch bridge, constructed from roughly squared, coursed masonry. Its two arches, each 10-feet long, are semi-circular with the arch-barrels running skew to the axis of the spandrel wall (from the south elevation, the arch-barrels are skewed to the west). Each arch is trimmed with roughly cut voussoirs without keystones. Wing-walls are stepped downward. A short parapet is currently covered by road fill. A round, galvanized drain pipe in a stone wall has been added to the northeast wing-wall to carry a small run-off under an adjacent field-road. The date of this new construction is unknown. The Milltown Bridge is in excellent condition and is currently being used for vehicular traffic.

8. Statement of Significance

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

☐ nationally ☒ statewide ☐ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Transportation

Engineering

Social History

Significant Person

N/A

Period of Significance

Late 1930's

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Builder: Works Progress Administration

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

10. Geographical Data

UTM References

Verbal Boundary Description

Boundary Justification

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Historic Bridges of Arkansas, Multiple Property Nomination, Section H.

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 # HAER No. AR-55

☐ See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☒ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Specify repository:

U.S. Library of Congress

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

A

1	5	3	9	3	0	7	0	3	8	9	1	0	5	0
Zone				Easting				Northing						

C

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B

Zone				Easting				Northing						

D

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☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at a point approximately 830 feet west of the southwest corner of Dawson Cemetery on County Road #77, the Milltown Bridge boundary begins at the east end abutment, where it extends west for approximately 24 feet, then terminates at the west end abutment.

☐ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the main spans, parapets, pier, and abutments that are historically associated with this property.

☐ See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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SUMMARY

The Milltown Bridge survives as a rare Arkansas example of a federally conceived and constructed masonry bridge. It was built out of local material using labor intensive techniques during the "Depression Era" and as such is being nominated under Criteria A and C with statewide significance.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Milltown Bridge is an example of a relatively simple masonry, closed-spandrel deck arch bridge constructed in Arkansas under the authority of the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in the late 1930's. The exact date of construction is not known. It remains as one of eight identified bridges of its type in the state and reflects the efforts of the WPA to alleviate the effects of "Depression Era" unemployment at the local county level in Arkansas. In addition, the Milltown Bridge expresses the WPA's achievements in bridge design, construction and craftsmanship during the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department Era: 1923-1939.

2/23/90

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23. Lakeshore Drive Bridge	Entered in the National Register	4/9/90
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25. Second Street Bridge		4/9/90
26. Black River Bridge		4/9/90
27. St. Francis River Bridge	AR 18	4/9/90
28. Saline River Bridge		4/9/90
29. Jenny Lind Bridge	Substantive Review	4/6/90
30. Milltown Bridge	Substantive Review	4/6/90
31. Little Cossatot River Bridge	Substantive Review	4/6/90
32. Quachita River Bridge	Entered in the National Register	4/9/90
33. Wyman Bridge		4/9/90
34. Judsonia Bridge	Entered in the National Register	4/9/90
35. Augusta Bridge	Entered in the National Register	4/9/90
36. Achmun Creek Bridge	Substantive Review	4/9/90
37. Spring Lake Bridge	Substantive Review	Ret
38. St. Francis River Bridge	NS-70 AR 20	4/9/90
39. Galla Creek Bridge		

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Milltown Bridge

MULTIPLE NAME: Historic Bridges of Arkansas MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Sebastian

DATE RECEIVED: 2/23/90

DATE OF 16TH DAY: 3/22/90

DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

DATE OF PENDING LIST: 3/06/90

DATE OF 45TH DAY: 4/09/90

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90000527

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

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

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 4/6/90 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A, C
REVIEWER A. Redman
DISCIPLINE Anglo
DATE 4/6/90

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



Milltown Bridge

Milltown Vicinity

Sebastian County

Photographer, Michael Swanda

August, 1987

Negative on file at AMPP

View looking South



Milltown Bridge

Milltown Vicinity

Sebastian County

Photographer, Michael Swanda

August 1987

Negatives on file at AMPP

View looking east



Milltown Bridge

Milltown Vicinity

Sebastian County

Photographer - Michael Swanda

August, 1987

Negatives on file at AMPP

View looking South



Milltown Bridge

Milltown Vicinity

Sebastian County

Photographer - Michael Swanda

August 1987

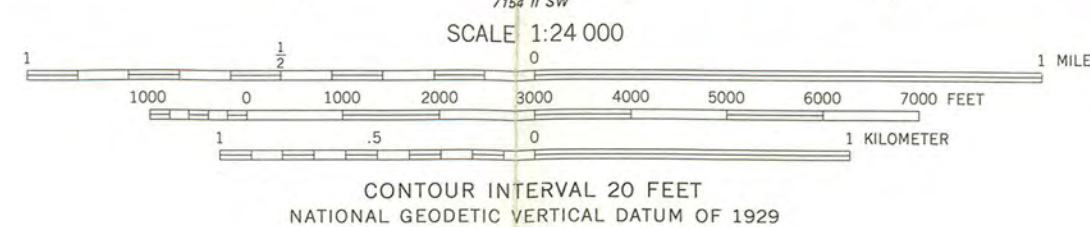
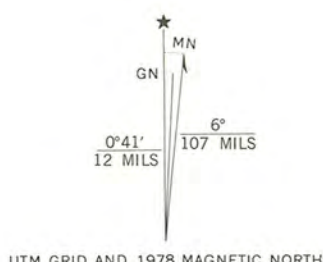
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View looking South



Milltown Bridge
Milltown Vic., Arkansas
Sebastian County
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Burnville Quadrangle
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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system,
north zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue
No distinction is made between dwellings, barns,
commercial and industrial buildings
Unchecked elevations are shown in brown



ROAD CLASSIFICATION	
HARD-SURFACE ALL WEATHER ROADS	DRY WEATHER ROADS
Heavy-duty ——— 4 LANE 18 LANE	Improved dirt ———
Medium-duty ——— 4 LANE 18 LANE	Unimproved dirt ———
Loose-surface, graded, or narrow hard-surface	—————
U. S. Route	State Route

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