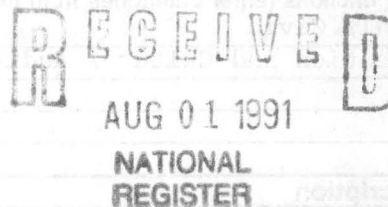


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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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 Judsonia Community Building Historic Districtother names/site number Resource #WH1863

2. Location

street & number Judson Avenue and 6th Street☐ not for publication N/Acity, town Judsonia☐ vicinity N/Astate Arkansas code AR county Whitecode 145 zip code 72081

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	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u>1</u> structures
<u>22</u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>23</u>	<u>2</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Historic and Architectural Resources of
White County, ArkansasNumber 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

Cathryn A. Byrd 5-13-90

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

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:) _____Entered in the
National Register9/5/91

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Social/ Civic

Recreation and Culture/ Auditorium

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Social/ Civic

Recreation and Culture/ Auditorium

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: WPA Architecture

OTHER: Colonial Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls sandstone

roof asphalt

other wood (building)

concrete and sandstone (objects)

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

☒ See continuation sheet

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Description

Situated on an entire city block in a small White County town, the WPA-constructed Judsonia Community Center is in a grassy setting surrounded by entrance markers, light poles and benches built of native field stone and capped with concrete. The light poles are located at the northwest, northeast and southeast corners and line the walkways to the building's east and west entrances, while the benches are confined to the eastern half of the site. A new tennis court is located about fifty yards from the building. At the southwest corner, a 12-foot stone arch flanked by two concrete-capped stone light columns serves as the entrance to the area, with a marker proclaiming the site as the W.E. Orr City Park. The community building, which was built between 1937 and 1938, is characteristic of the style associated with federally-funded public buildings from the Depression era. Like the lights, benches and arch, the structure is built of native field stone and its design incorporates some Colonial Revival elements. The structure is in good condition, has not been altered, and is still being used for its original function.

The one-story rectangular plan features a gable roof covered with composition shingles that was replaced following a 1952 tornado. Some of the Colonial Revival details include double-hung multi-paned and dormer windows, an upper porch balustrade, roundels topped by concrete keystones, and cornice returns.

The one-story, one-half entry porch, centered on the front (west) elevation, has a large rounded-arch opening flanked by two smaller arched openings on either side and supported by field stone columns resting on a solid stone, concrete-capped balustrade. Concrete keystones top the arched openings as well as the windows and roundels. The porch has a flat, parapeted roof with a wooden balustrade and there are two gable-roofed wings on either side that feature the keystone-topped roundels, six-over-six double hung windows and field stone exterior chimneys. The building's other porches consist of a one-bay on the rear (east) elevation and a one-bay on the south elevation, each of which have shed roofs and post supports. Six gable dormer windows, three on each side, line the north and south elevations, along with nine-over-nine double hung windows. A set of large, wooden double doors allows access to the interior from the front elevation; six single wooden doors are located on the side and rear elevations. The structure also has a continuous cast concrete foundation, with no cellar.

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)

Architecture

Entertainment/ Recreation

Period of Significance

1939

Significant Dates

1939

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Works Progress Administration

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

☒ See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

See "Historic and Architectural Resources of White County, Arkansas," 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 # _____

☐ See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

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

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property maps Approximately 2

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description _____

☒ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification _____

☒ See continuation sheet

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Significance

Judsonia first began as a steamboat settlement known as Prospect Bluff, which was founded in 1840. Thirty years later, a group of Baptists headed by a professor from Chicago University arrived at Prospect Bluff with the idea of starting a southern Baptist university, and they changed the name of the town to honor the town's first missionary. Unfortunately, their dream was shortlived. Judson University existed from 1871 until 1883, then revived for one final year in 1888 before closing permanently. However, Judsonia residents did enjoy their city park for many years prior to the WPA's construction efforts. In 1872, the square was designated as public property and until the 1920's contained two buildings: a circular bandstand and an open-air pavilion that served as a skating rink in the 1880's.

The Judsonia Community Building is the only surviving public community center in White County from the Depression era, and its site, now known as the W.E. Orr City Park, is one of only two federally built city parks in the county. The associated property type for Religious and Institutional Depression era buildings discusses the features unique to this type of federally funded structure, including the use of native field stone in its construction, and a design that incorporates a flat roofed, arched entry front porch, multi-paned and dormer windows, and native stone columns. These elements not only became characteristic of Works Progress Administration and Civilian Conservation Corps architecture but also influenced the architecture of residential and non-government public buildings as well. Because they embodied a particular form and construction method for this period, the community building and its site structures are locally significant under Criterion C. In addition, the building and surrounding light poles, benches and arch are representative of the small town's economic dependency upon federal relief programs during the Depression years, and their continued use illustrates how the results of this dependency proved to be beneficial to the community's residents for many years. [See Historic Context 3: Boom and Bust: The War and Depression Years].

This association with the federal relief program known as the Works Progress Administration makes the Judsonia Community Building and its surrounding structures locally significant under National Register Criterion A. The WPA provided the labor and funds for the building's construction and the construction of the park's light poles, benches and entrance arch between 1937 and 1938. Federal relief programs like the WPA not only put thousands of people to work, they were also responsible for improving practically every town, city and community in the state through the construction of highways, roads, bridges, and public buildings. This building, designed by North Little Rock architect Guy W. Swaim and built by Reed Holmes, was used as an auditorium and civic center by Judsonia residents, who undoubtedly would have never dreamed of having such a facility in their small town were it not for these programs.

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Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the eastern edge of Judsonia Avenue with a perpendicular line running along the northern edge of 6th Street, proceed easterly along said line to the point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the western edge of Jackson Street; thence proceed northerly along said line to the point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the southern edge of 7th Street; thence proceed westerly along said line to the point formed by its intersection with the eastern edge of Judsonia Avenue; thence proceed southerly along said line to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification:

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

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ARKANSAS

Date Listed

91001193✓	Hunt, Thomas, House	7/22/92
91001325✓	Hutchinson, L. D., House	7/22/92
91001241	James, Dr., House Substantive Review	9-13-91
91001266	Jameson--Richards Cafe	9-5-91
91001279	Jameson--Richards Gas Station	9-5-91
91001214✓	Joiner House	7/22/92
91001197	Jones, Mark P., House	9-5-91
91001234	Judsonia Community Building Historic District	9-5-91
91001232	Judsonia High School Gymnasium Substantive Review	9-13-91
91001190	Kelly, C. D., House	9-5-91
91001252	Kimbrough, S. A., House	9-5-91
91001273	Klotz, Henry W., Sr., Service Station Substantive Review	9-13-91
91001285✓	Klotz, Henry, Sr., House	7/22/92
91001235✓	Larned, Capt., House	7/22/92
91001215	Lattimer House	9-5-91
91001256✓	Laws--Jarvis House	7/22/92
91001270✓	Lea, Harvey, House	7/13/92
91001339✓	Leggett House	7/13/92
91001254✓	Lemay House	7/20/92
91001329	Letona Hotel Substantive Review	9-13-91
91001224✓	Lightle House	7/20/92
91001244	Lightle House	9-5-91
91001216	Lightle, Ben, House	9-5-91
91001226	Lightle, William H., House	9-5-91
91001315	Little, Jim, House	9-5-91
91001287✓	Livestock and Equipment Barn, Glenn Homestead	7/20/92
91001355✓	Lone Star School	7/20/92
91001314✓	Lovell, Dr., House	7/20/92
91001359✓	Maddox, E. D., Farm Chicken House	7/20/92
91001288	Marsh, Walter, House	9-5-91
91001328✓	Marsh, Wesley, House SR 164303	7/20/92
91001330✓	Martindale Corn Crib	7/20/92
91001319✓	Mason House	7/20/92
91001242	Mayfair Hotel	9-5-91
91001289	McAdams House	9-5-91
91001300	McAdams, Dr., House Substantive Review	9-13-91
91001368✓	McDonald, Emmett, House	7/20/92
91001344✓	McRae Jail	7/20/92
91001278✓	Methodist Episcopal Church, South	7/20/92
91001237✓	Miller, Emmett, House	7/20/92
91001220	Mills House	9-5-91

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Judsonia Community Building Historic District

MULTIPLE NAME: White County MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, White

DATE RECEIVED: 8/01/91
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/31/91
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/15/91
DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/15/91

REFERENCE NUMBER: 91001234

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 9/5/91 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 _____



Judsonia Community Building

white)

Judsonia, Arkansas

Photograph by Joe DeRose

October, 1988

Negative on file at AHPP

Southwest elevation

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Judsonia Community Building

white

Judsonia, Arkansas

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October, 1988

Negative on file at AHPP

Northeast elevation

"A"



Judsonia Community Building

Judsonia, Arkansas

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Negative on file at AHPP

West elevation

"A"

white a)



Judsonia Community Building

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Judsonia, Arkansas

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Negative on file at AHPP

West elevation

"A"



Judsonia Community Building

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Negative on file at AHPP

View facing northeast



Judsonia Community Building

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View facing northeast



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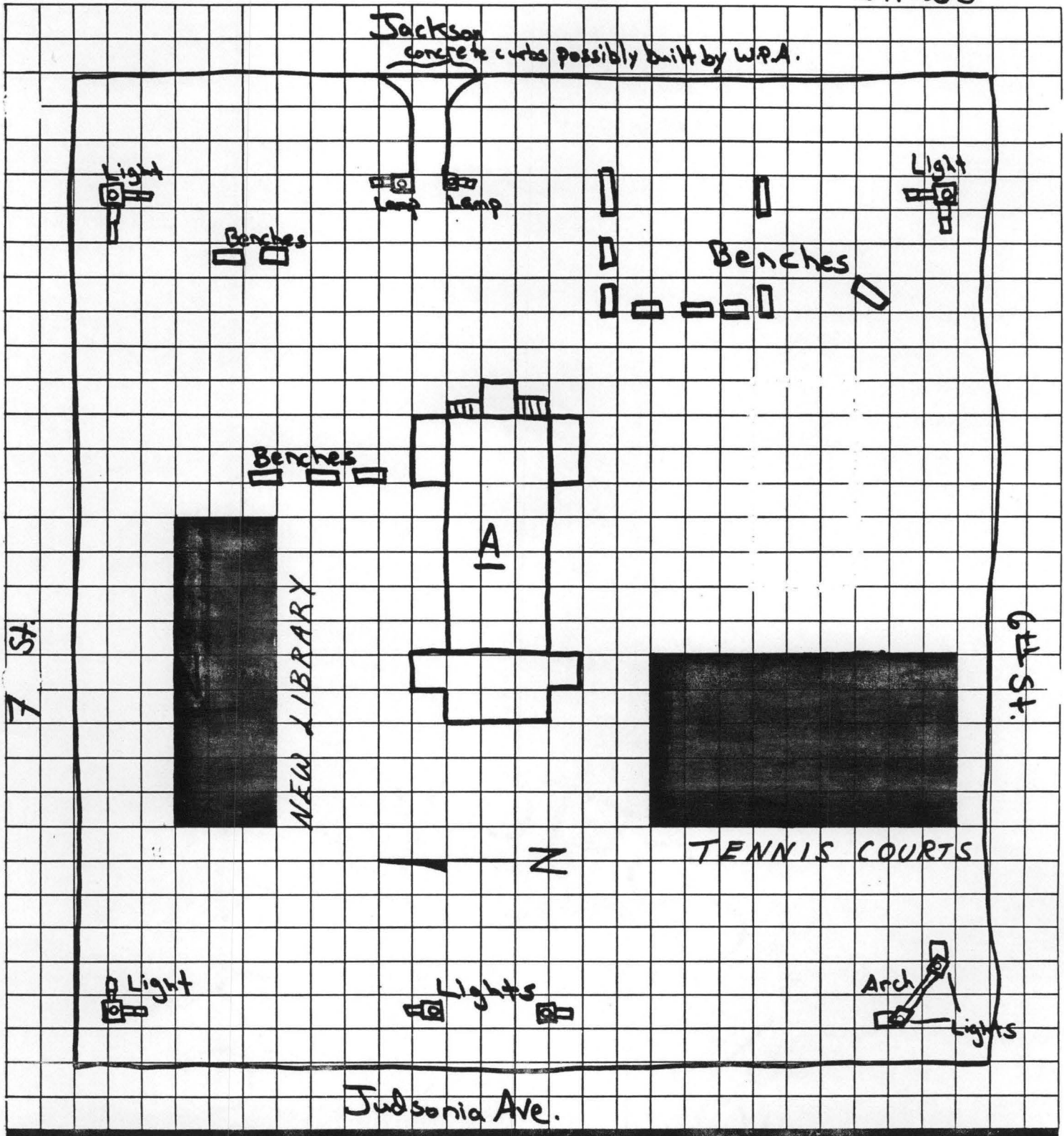
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View facing southeast

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500033

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JUDSONIA COMMUNITY BUILDING HISTORIC DISTRICT
JUDSONIA, ARKANSAS

SCALE 1" = 55'

NON-CONTRIBUTING = ■