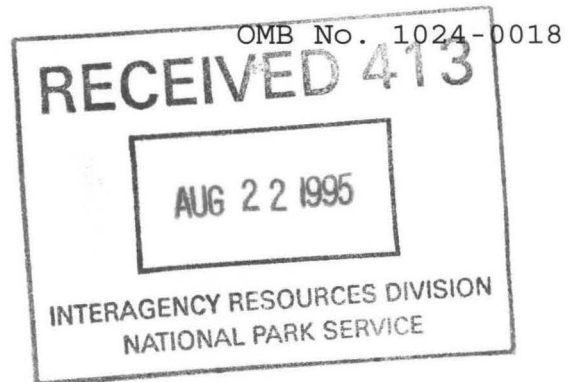


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM



1. Name of Property

historic name: Hardy Downtown Historic District

other name/site number: N/A

2. Location

street & number: Roughly bounded by Kelly, Front, Church and 3rd Streets

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Hardy

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Sharp code: AR 135 zip code: 72542

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: District

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>24</u>	<u>19</u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>24</u>	<u>19</u>	Total

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

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number 3 Page 1

Hardy Downtown Historic District - Hardy, Sharp County, Arkansas

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide X locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Cathryn A. Slater
Signature of certifying official/Title

August 15, 1995
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
State or Federal agency and bureau

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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.

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): _____

Edson H. Beall 9/22/95
Entered in the
National Register

Signature of Keeper

Date
of Action

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6. Function or Use

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Historic: COMMERCE/TRADE
DOMESTIC
EDUCATION

Sub: Specialty store
Single dwelling
School

Current: COMMERCE/TRADE
DOMESTIC
EDUCATION

Sub: Specialty store
Single dwelling
School

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Other

Other Description: Traditional Commercial
Traditional Stone

Materials: foundation Brick/stone roof Asphalt
 walls Stone/brick other N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance. See continuation sheet.

Summary

The Hardy Downtown Historic District is composed of a total of forty-three buildings, twenty-four of which are considered contributing. The intact historic fabric of downtown Hardy includes party-wall storefront buildings, separate commercial structures of various types and vintages, and a small number of significant residential buildings that are included because of their role in the unique character of Hardy's historic commercial district. The historic buildings range from one to three stories in height. The vast majority of the buildings are of masonry construction, with brick and native stone being the materials of choice. A few wood frame buildings survive, as do some historic formed concrete block structures.

The nineteen non-contributing buildings are evenly-split between historic buildings that have been unsympathetically altered over time and new (non-historic) construction. Overall, however, the non-contributing buildings preserve the rhythm and setback of the historic downtown section and do not intrude with large parking lots or oversized designs.

Elaboration

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Commercial Buildings

The commercial buildings are all the typical stone and brick vernacular commercial buildings seen throughout Arkansas from this period. The stone buildings frequently display grapevine mortaring and are built of fieldstone.

The brick buildings are usually of red brick, though some buff brick buildings are found also, and their parapets often contain a simple, recessed signage panel. Particularly good examples of stone construction are the building at 626 Main Street (SH0092) and the building at 713 E. Main St. (SH0075). The better brick examples include the Biggers & Johnston Building (SH0132) and the Cochran Building (SH0130).

Institutional Buildings

The contributing institutional buildings include school buildings and churches. Like the afore-mentioned commercial buildings they are of masonry construction and tend to be built of native stone. Noteworthy examples include the Hardy Gymnasium (SH0065), the Hardy Smith-Hughes Building (SH0114), and the Hardy Church of Christ (SH0139).

Residential Buildings

An assortment of stone masonry and wood frame buildings are located within the district, mostly at the periphery, but nevertheless within and among the historic commercial area. They tend to be one to two storys in height and are relatively unornamented overall. Stone masonry houses of note are the house at 511 Main Street (SH0033) and the house at 103 N. Spring Street (SH0040). The wood frame residence of particular note may be the only building that clearly dates from before the turn of the century: the house known as the Raymond Daugherty Estate (SH0030). Such original features as its four-over-four wood windows, single-leaf central entrance and twin central chimney flues are rare to find intact in a single structure.

Non-Contributing Buildings

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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: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: ARCHITECTURE

Period(s) of Significance: 1880-1945 _____

Significant Dates: 1880-1945 _____

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 C, local significance

The Hardy Downtown Historic District is locally significant as the best extant example in Sharp County of a commercial district that served a small but active resort community during the heyday of the spa community era. Its unique mixture of adjacent commercial and residential construction has always been the case and remains so today.

Elaboration

The historic core of Hardy, Arkansas is located on the north bank of the Spring River, with its commercial axis formed by the railroad tracks (first the Kansas City, Ft. Scott and Memphis Railroad, then the St. Louis and San Francisco -- or Frisco -- and now the Burlington and Northern) and Main Street, both of which run parallel to the river. The historic residential section extends across a broad, gradual slope to the north of the commercial area. The community of Hardy was founded in the early 1880s, after the arrival of the railroad, and grew to become the county seat of the northern district of Sharp County in 1891, with the new courthouse being completed by 1894. By the turn of the century Hardy became a rather busy resort town, largely due to the popularity of the recreational and fishing opportunities afforded by the Spring River. Satellite resort developments adjacent to the commercial center of the town sprang up on the adjacent hillsides, built largely by wealthy Memphis, Tennessee residents who escaped the city by rail to come to this quiet, relatively secluded hideaway. This status was only enhanced by the introduction of rainbow trout to the river at Mammoth Spring to the north that resulted in the further increase in popularity of Hardy as a fly fishing mecca.

A side-effect of the early twentieth century development of Hardy as a resort community was the construction of various types of buildings designed to shelter the resulting service industries. Such construction included general mercantile buildings, hotels, gas stations and tourist courts. While many commercial buildings were located on the blocks between Main Street to the north and the railroad tracks to the south (with their fronts facing Main Street and their rear elevations facing the railroad tracks), commercial development occurred on the north side of Main Street also. This was particularly true during the period after World War I, when the dramatic growth in popularity of the automobile rendered orientation of commercial enterprises to the railroad less important. The growth and expansion of downtown Hardy continued throughout the 1920's, but slowed during the Depression and World War II.

The Hardy Historic Commercial District remains one of the last examples of the small resort community in Arkansas and how it developed. Historical accounts of other resort communities throughout the state -- most of which have long since disappeared -- relate how many resort communities began simply as settlements organized around a spring or river, and composed

largely of private farmsteads. These communities took on a resort character only after the dramatic growth nationally of the spa "craze" and the widely-held belief that waters -- particularly mineral waters -- held medicinal qualities that could heal any number of maladies and afflictions. The growth of the spa phenomenon usually encouraged local land speculators and entrepreneurs to take advantage of the adjacent water source and construct facilities that would cater to this burgeoning tourist industry. Frequently these new facilities were constructed "cheek by jowl" with older residences and farms, proximity to the water source being the main factor in site selection. The resulting built environment contained both private dwellings and commercial buildings within close proximity of one another and not the solid commercial "strip" to which we have become so accustomed today. Though most of the extant buildings within this district are vernacular in nature and often of unornamented design, it is for their significance as an ensemble of historic buildings -- both commercial and residential -- that they are considered eligible under Criterion C.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Information provided by Dr. Audrey J. Thompson, May, 1995.

The Timely Club, *The Hardy History*, (Batesville, 1980).

___ 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: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Approximately 36

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing	
A	<u>15</u>	<u>635960</u>	<u>4020000</u>	B	<u>15</u>	<u>636530</u>	<u>4020000</u>
C	<u>15</u>	<u>636540</u>	<u>4019750</u>	D	<u>15</u>	<u>635970</u>	<u>4019720</u>

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

See accompanying sketch map for boundaries.

Boundary Justification: _____ See continuation sheet.

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

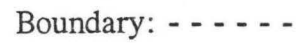
11. Form Prepared By

Name/Title: Kenneth Story, Architectural Historian

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 08/08/95

Street & Number: 323 Center Street, Suite 1500 Telephone: (501) 324-9880

City or Town: Little Rock State: AR Zip: 72201



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Hardy Downtown Historic District
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Sharp

DATE RECEIVED: 8/22/95 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/06/95
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 9/22/95 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/06/95
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 95001121

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 9/22/95 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



PHILLIPS HOUSE; HARRY DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT

HARRY, SHARP CO., AR

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PHILLIPS HOUSE; HAROY DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT
HAROY, ILLINOIS Co., AR
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BIGGERS MERCANTILE; HAROY DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT
HAROY, SUMNER CO., AR

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METCALF HOUSE; HAROY DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT
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GULF GAS STATION; HARDY DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT
HARDY, SHARP Co., AR
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Hardy Gym; Hardy Downtown Historic District

Hardy, Sharp Co., AR

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PULLIUM BADG II; HARDY DOWNTOWN H. D.

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HOME ECONOMICS BLDG.; HARDY DOWNTOWN H.D.

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AGRICULTURE BLDG.; HARDY DOWNTOWN H. P.

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BANK BLDG.; HARDY DOWNTOWN H. D.
HARDY, SHARP C., AR
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COCHRAN BLDG.; HARDY DOWNTOWN H. D.
HARDY, SHARP CO., AR

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BIGGERS & JOHNSON FORD AGENCY & GARAGE; HARDY DOWNTOWN H. D.
HARDY, SHARP CO., AR
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ABEE Bldg.; Hardy Downtown H.D.

Hardy, Sharp Co., AR

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VIEW FROM SOUTH

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KITCHEN CUPBOARD RESTAURANT; HARDY HISTORIC H.D.
HARDY, SHARP Co., AR
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VIEW FROM SOUTH (w/ STREETSCAPE)

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HARDY CHURCH OF CHRIST; HARDY DOWNTOWN H. D.

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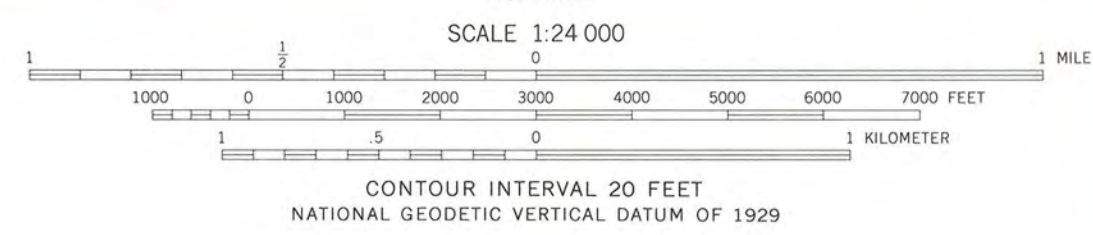
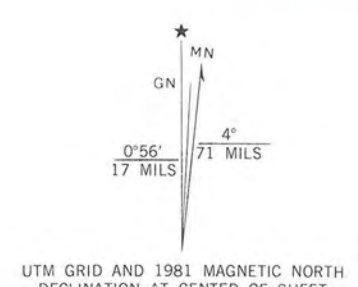
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HARDY QUADRANGLE
ARKANSAS
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
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12 meters east as shown by dashed corner ticks
Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs taken
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION	
Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
U.S. Route	State Route

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