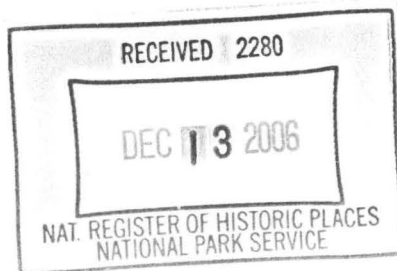


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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Washburn House

other names/site number FA1324

2. Location

street & number 40 Battles Loop

☐ not for publication

city or town Guy

☐ vicinity

state AR code AR county Faulkner code 045 zip code 72061

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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 for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐
does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant
☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Debrae Matthews
Signature of certifying official/Title

12/08/06
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See Continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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:) _____

for Daniel J. Vivia
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action 1/23/07

Washburn House
Name of Property

Faulkner Co., AR
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

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

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

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

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in count.)

Contributing

Noncontributing

1

buildings

sites

structures

objects

1

Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

**Number of Contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register**

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER./vernacular/ Mixed Masonry

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Cut stone

walls Cut stone

roof Composition

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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SUMMARY

The Washburn House in Guy was veneered by Silas Owens, Sr., in the Ranch style. The one-story, gable-roofed house with attached garage features the cut-sandstone and cream-brick trim of the Mixed Masonry, a specialty of Owens.

ELABORATION

The circa 1953 Washburn House is low and linear in the classic Ranch style. There have been alterations to the home; however, it still displays the typical Ranch form. Vinyl window replacements, a door addition, alternative porch supports and vinyl siding on the fascias applied in the mid-1980s do not detract from the architectural intent or the beauty of Owens' masonry work. There have been no room additions that obscure original courses of stone that were laid up by Silas Owens, Sr., and all openings adhere to the size of those windows and doors that were placed in the home in 1953.

Western Elevation

The front, western façade is fenestrated from north to south by a pair of one-over-one, double-hung windows and a single-leaf front door adjacent to a single-light picture window adjoined by two small double-hung windows. The attached garage at the southwest corner is stepped back from the main house by approximately five feet and is accessed by a single-leaf door adjacent to a nine-over-nine double-hung window. A long shed-roofed porch supported by decorative wrought-iron posts and featuring a wrought-iron balustrade shades the front door and the picture window. All windows and doors are surrounded with the cream-brick quoins typical of the Mixed Masonry style. A cream-brick interior chimney is visible from the front façade.

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Northern Elevation

The northwest corner of the home displays a single window and the north side of the garage is not fenestrated. The wooden slats of a square louver at the apex of the gable roof on this elevation have been replaced with a vinyl octagonal louver and a small amount of vinyl infill but the original cream brick trim remains. A metal carport abuts the north wall of the garage but it is not attached and can be removed easily.

Eastern Elevation

The rear, eastern elevation is fenestrated north to south with a single double-hung window, a short, two-light sliding window, a second double-hung window adjacent to a single-leaf door with short, metal double-hung window and a pair of windows at the southeast corner. A square concrete patio with stone foundation leads from the back door and is accessed by two concrete steps.

Southern Elevation

The gabled southern end of the house is fenestrated west to east with a pair of windows, a centered single window and a second pair of windows at the southeast corner. A square louver mirrors the one found on the north elevation.

Washburn House

Name of Property

Faulkner Co., AR

County and State

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☐ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** moved from its original location.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Levels of Significance (local, state, national)

Local

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

C. 1953

Significant Dates

C. 1953

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked)

Cultural Affiliation (Complete if Criterion D is marked)

Architect/Builder

Silas Owens, Sr., Rockmason

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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

Primary location of additional data:

- ☐ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State Agency
- ☐ Federal Agency
- ☐ Local Government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository:

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National Park Service

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SUMMARY

The Washburn House in Guy is being nominated to the National Register under criterion C with local significance as a good example of a Ranch-style Mixed Masonry veneered by master craftsman Silas Owens, Sr. The Ranch-type Mixed Masonry is a rare style for Owens, as architectural tastes were changing by the mid-1950s and customers trended more toward brick for their Ranch homes. The popularity of this style also occurred toward the end of Owens' life. Some counties in the state contain numerous examples of the Ranch Mixed Masonry but the central counties that Owens mainly worked in have displayed comparatively few. The nomination is being submitted under the multiple property context, "A Storm Couldn't Tear Them Down: The Mixed Masonry Buildings of Silas Owens, Sr., 1938-1955."

ELABORATION

The Washburn House was originally constructed by an unknown couple from Van Horn, Texas, circa 1953. Rocky Creek south of the house yielded the stone for the home. Construction was postponed when the couple divorced and the husband went back to Texas while his wife stayed in Arkansas. The Washburns purchased the home from the wife when Mr. Washburn retired from the military in Texas and they hired Silas Owens, Sr., to complete construction, which included the addition of an attached garage to house chinchillas. Mrs. Washburn developed Alzheimer's disease and the home was sold again as they moved to Fort Worth, Texas, to be near a hospital that specialized in that malady.

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Clarence and Joyce Williams bought the home in 1966 and Mr. Williams continues to reside there. Williams was born in Mississippi and worked for the Illinois, Central Railroad hauling freight from 1944 to 1952. His second wife died in 1951 and Williams married his third wife, Joyce, from Parkin, Arkansas, in 1952. A year later Williams suffered an attack of appendicitis, at which time he accepted an offer from his father in Parkin to come stay with him while he recovered. While in Arkansas he worked with D.F. Jones Construction building a bridge over the St. Francis River. This job lasted until 1954 when he began hauling cars from West Memphis for the next seven years. Clarence and Joyce moved to Benton in 1962 while he was employed as a driver for Strickland Freight Lines and the couple moved to the Washburn House in 1966. Joyce moved from the home after they divorced but Clarence remained there after his retirement from Strickland. Currently he raises registered black Limosin beef cattle on the Faulkner County property.

The home is situated on rolling dairy farm land with scattered neighboring houses within sight but separated by significant acreage. The low lines of the Ranch style and the sheathing of stone composed of natural materials from the property lend to its comfortable appearance. The herringbone pattern of Owens' craft is a prominent feature of the home and elevates it above the average Ranch house. There have been alterations to the windows, doors and porch supports but they do not detract from the artistry of the rockwork and each change exhibits the proper scale.

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In the mid-1980s Williams converted the chinchilla room into a spare bedroom and filled in the wide garage door with a single-leaf door and double-hung window; however, he retained the original size of the opening and brick trim. Other alterations at that time included the replacement of original wooden double-hung windows with vinyl windows and the installment of decorative wrought-iron porch posts in place of square wooden posts.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Washburn House is being nominated to the National Register with local significance under Criterion C as a good example of a Ranch-style Mixed Masonry veneered by Silas Owens, Sr. This is one of two documented Mixed Masonries veneered by Owens that includes an attached garage, a newly popular feature in 1953. When vinyl siding was being added to the eaves and gable ends of the house in the mid-1980s the installer remarked that it was so well built it could be picked up with a bulldozer and moved as is. Despite numerous storms with violent winds that destroyed several trees adjacent to the house over the years there are no cracks in the mortar joints and its coursing remains clean. The Washburn House is also being submitted under the multiple property context, "A Storm Couldn't Tear Them Down: The Mixed Masonry Buildings of Silas Owens, Sr., 1938-1955."

Washburn House
Name of Property

Faulkner County, AR
County and State

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

Williams, Clarence. Interview with author, Guy, AR, 07 September 2006.

Washburn House
Name of Property

Faulkner Co., AR
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing
2 _____

3 _____
Zone Easting Northing
4 _____

☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Beginning at a point ten feet north of the northeast corner of the Washburn House proceed south approximately fifty feet, thence proceed west approximately forty feet, thence proceed north approximately fifty feet, thence proceed east approximately forty feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Holly Hope/ Special Projects Historian
organization Arkansas Historic Preservation Program date 11/17/06
street & number 1500 Tower Building, 323 Center Street telephone 501 324-9880
city or town Little Rock state AR zip code 72201

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Clarence Williams
street & number 40 Battles Loop telephone 501 679-2427
city or town Guy state AR zip code 72061

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Name of multiple property listing (if applicable)

SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

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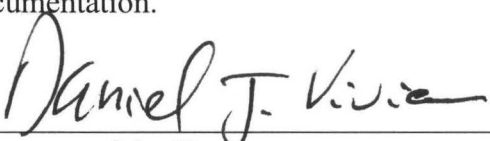
Property Name: Washburn House

County: Faulkner

State: Arkansas

"A Storm Couldn't Tear Them Down": The Mixed Masonry Buildings of Silas Owens, Sr., 1938-1955
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

for 
Signature of the Keeper

January 23, 2007
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Section 5. Classification

"A Storm Couldn't Tear Them Down": The Mixed Masonry Buildings of Silas Owens, Sr., 1938-1955," is hereby added as the related multiple property listing.

[This change was made in consultation with and approved by the National Register staff of the Arkansas SHPO.]

The Arkansas State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment.

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Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Washburn House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Mixed Masonry Buildings of Silas Owens Sr. MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Faulkner

DATE RECEIVED: 12/13/06 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/05/07
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 1/20/07 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 1/26/07
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 06001279

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: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

___ACCEPT ___RETURN ___REJECT _____DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Washburn House is locally significant under Criterion C as an example of the mixed-masonry architecture of Silas Owens, Sr. The Ranch-style house displays the masonry veneering characteristic of Owens's work. The property is associated with the multiple property listing, "A Storm Couldn't Tear Them Down": Mixed Masonry Buildings of Silas Owens, Sr., 1938-55." This house, as originally built, had an attached garage, making it one of only two such examples known to have been built by Owens. Today, the Washburn House reflects the architectural history of Faulkner County and retains integrity from its period of significance.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept C
REVIEWER Daniel Vivian DISCIPLINE Historian
TELEPHONE (202) 354-2252 DATE 1/23/07

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

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



Washburn House
Faulkner Co, Arkansas
Holly Hope
08/28/03
On file at AHPP
View from West



Washburn House
Faulkner Co, Arkansas
Holly Hope
ON file at AHPP
08/28/03
View from NE



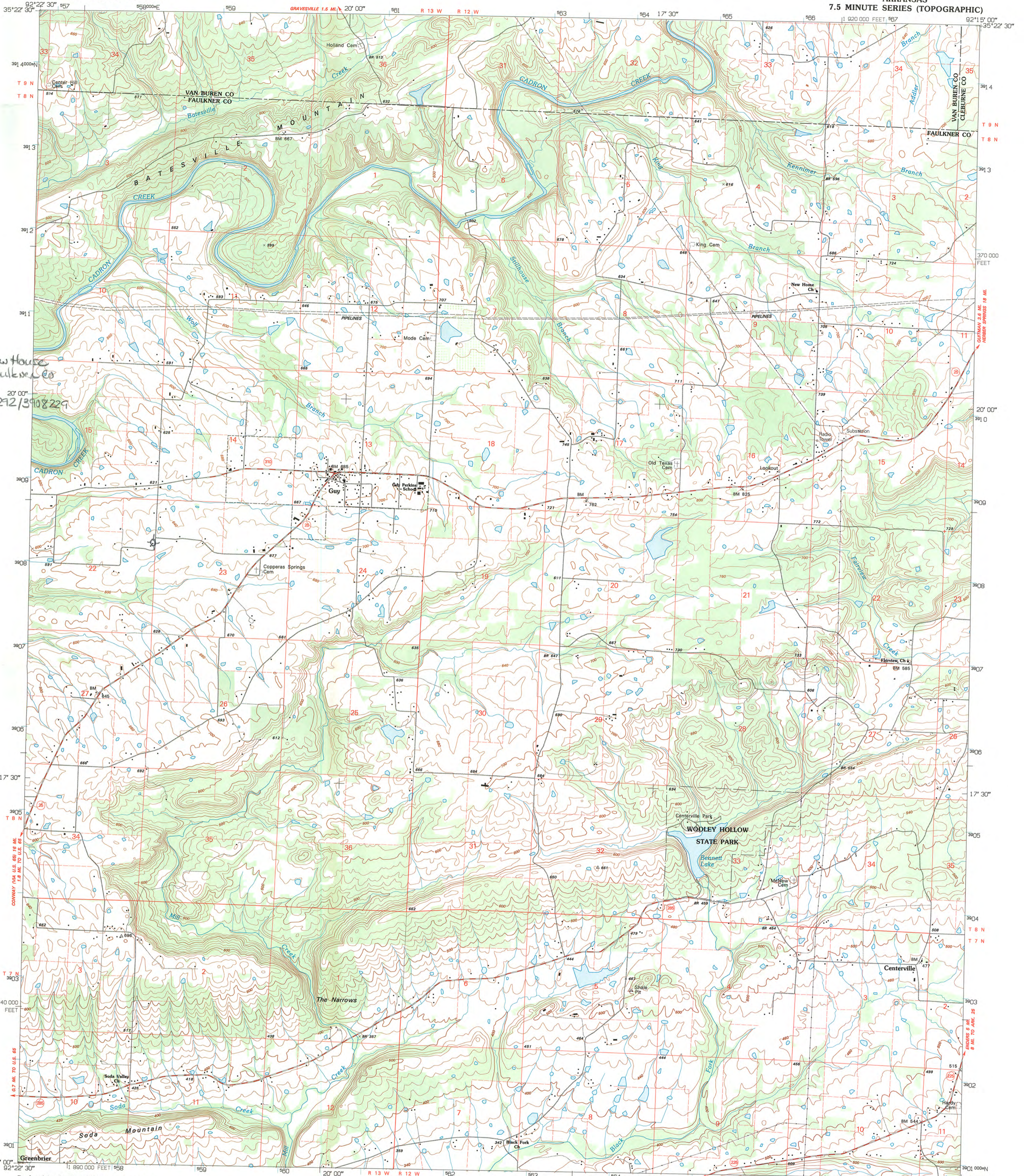
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Faulkner Co, Arkansas
Holly Hope
08/28/03
ON file at AHPP
View from South



Washburn House
Faulkner Co, Arkansas
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View from East

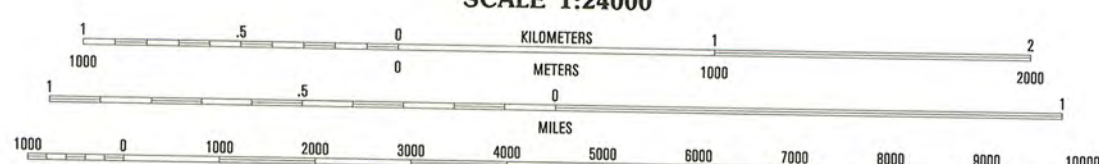
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Guy, Faulkner Co
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1 Bee Branch
2 Morganton
3 Quitman
4 Damascus
5 Barney
6 Greenbrier
7 Holland
8 Enola

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

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December 08, 2006

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RE: Washburn House, Guy, Faulkner County

Dear Dr. Matthews:

We are enclosing for your review the above-referenced nomination. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

If you need further information, please call Ralph S. Wilcox of my staff at (501) 324-9787. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathie Matthews
State Historic Preservation Officer

CM: hh

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