

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Franklin County Jail

and/or common Yates, McKenzie & Yates, P.A. Law Office

2. Location

street & number Third and River Streets N/A not for publication

city, town Ozark N/A vicinity of congressional district Third

state Arkansas code 05 county Franklin code 047

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Nancy and Gregory McKenzie

street & number P.O. Box 197

city, town Ozark N/A vicinity of state Arkansas

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clerk's Office

street & number Franklin County Courthouse, Northern District

city, town Ozark state Arkansas

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
title State Survey has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

date 1971 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

city, town Little Rock state Arkansas

7. Description

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

SUMMARY

Situated on the banks of the Arkansas River just south of the Franklin County Courthouse, the Franklin County Jail's hard lines and rusticated stone walls well convey the fortress derived imagery historically appropriate for this building type. Built in 1914, the two-story flat-roofed structure, almost cubic in its symmetrical form, with crenellated parapet and distinctive Roman-arched entry typifies the character of the native stone vernacular architecture of northwest Arkansas. Although the first floor of the building has been adaptively reused as a law office, the second story retains the features and character of the original cell blocks with remarkable integrity.

ELABORATION

The principal (north) facade of the building is dominated by the Roman arch, composed of heavily articulated voussoirs and keystone, that frames its main entrance. This single door is set back under the deep recess of the arch and a second door with transom, which opens onto a stairway leading directly to the second floor cell block, is located to its left. Neither of these doors is original to the structure. As the rough stonework of the archway distinguishes the entrance so too do the random sized rusticated stone blocks that compose the jail's exterior walls give the building its architecturally appealing yet rugged and impenetrable quality. The stones in the lowest course of the elevations are larger than those in the upper courses and definitively anchor the building to the ground. A narrow stone cornice caps the building but it appears diminutive under the battlements of the jail's parapet. Fenestration of the principal facade consists of, in the first floor elevation, one window to the right of the arched entrance and, in the second floor elevation, two narrow windows set directly above the arch and two larger windows symmetrically placed above the first floor window and secondary entrance. Originally, the large openings contained double-hung six-over-one light windows and the narrow openings held two-over-two light windows. All windows are articulated with heavy lintels and many still exhibit jailhouse bars that reinforce the imagery of the historical function of the structure. (The present owners of the building have in their possession all of the original window bars.) Originally, a one-story wood porch extended across the front of the building.

The side (east and west) and rear (south) elevations of the jail are quite similar and, like the principal facade, are characterized by the rich, rough texture of their stone finish. On these secondary elevations, the foundation course of stone is visible and, directly above it, a narrow band of stones forms a water table. Randomly placed fenestration, consisting of three windows in each story of the east elevation and four in each story of the west elevation, light the structure. The rear elevation is almost identical to the principal facade. However, because of changes in site grade, the rear entrance is raised about three feet and reached by concrete steps.

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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The presently rehabilitated first floor interior of the county jail originally functioned as jailer's quarters. Upstairs, the jailhouse retains a great deal of integrity of original fabric, graphically recalling the harshness of its traditional use. One long cell block occupies the south half of the building while a holding cell, women's cell and shower room are located across the central hallway at the top of the stairs. Heavy security doors remain in place. The bare concrete walls of the cell block still evidence graffiti scored into the wall surface by inmates during their past periods of incarceration.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1914 **Builder/Architect** Claude Talley, contractor

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Franklin County Jail is an outstanding example of the vernacular native stone structures built in Ozark's downtown area in the early part of the twentieth century. Contractor Claude Talley was responsible for the execution of these structures, many of which replaced building stock destroyed in a 1904 fire. Among these buildings, the County Jail is of particular architectural significance both for the integrity of its design and for the peculiar suitability of the rugged stone esthetic to the jail building type. Locally quarried stone cut in random size blocks create a formidable facade, rendered even more foreboding by the battlements that enrich the building's roofline. The fortress-like nature of the jail is accentuated by the heaviness of the Roman arch that frames the building's main entrance. The survival of its unaltered cell blocks, poignantly capturing the impact of the early twentieth-century prison, enhances the Franklin County Jail's historical and architectural importance. The massive jail survives both as a significant example of the small jails that have traditionally served Arkansas' county governments and as one of the outstanding components of the state's native stone architectural heritage, possibly its purest vernacular form.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Records of the Franklin County Quorum Court, October 1913-July 1915.

10. Geographical Data *UTM + ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED*

Acreeage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Ozark Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See continuation sheet

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Ethel Goodstein, Architectural Historian

organization Arkansas Historic Preservation Program date June 9, 1981

street & number Suite 500, Continental Building telephone (501) 371-2763

city or town Little Rock state Arkansas

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

William L. Hiles

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 3/23/82

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

for Nelson Byrum
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date

6/23/82

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

EXP. 12/31/84

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Verbal Boundary Description:

Part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 10 North, Range 27 West, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point 60.0 feet East of the Northeast Corner of Lot Number One (1) in Block Number Eight (8) in the original City of Ozark, Franklin County, Arkansas, and running thence East 80.0 feet, thence South 37.8 feet, thence South 87 degrees 30 minutes, West 80.1 feet, thence North 41.3 feet to the point of beginning.

And also:

The south 28 feet of River Street lying immediately North of the above described property, the South 28 feet of River Street being closed by virtue of City Ordinance No. 292.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Franklin County Jail
State, County: AR, Franklin
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 3/3/82-983
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: 4/29/82 - 5/15/82
Action: ☐ ACCEPT ☒ RETURN 4/27/82
☐ REJECT _____

photos ☒
maps ☒

☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
☐ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☒ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category Ownership Status Present Use
☒ Public Acquisition ☐ Accessible

Please fill in, if not applicable
mark "NA"

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition ☐ excellent ☐ deteriorated ☐ good ☐ ruins ☐ fair ☐ unexposed
Check one ☐ unaltered ☐ altered
Check one ☐ original site ☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

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8. 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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UNIT References

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Title _____ date _____

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed *Delores Byers* Date 4/27/82 Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

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Property: Franklin County Jail
State, County: AR, Franklin
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 3.31.82-983
Fed. Reg. Date: FEB 1 1983
Date Due: 7/23/82

- ☒ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 6/23/82
Entered in the ☐ RETURN
National Register ☐ REJECT
photos ☐
maps ☒

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4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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- _____ 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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USGS References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

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_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

Title _____ date _____

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Franklin County Jail
Ozark, Arkansas
Bob Dunn, Photographer
Negative on file at Arkansas Historic
Preservation Program
Front (North) Elevation
Number 1 of 6

May, 1981



Franklin County Jail
Ozark, Arkansas
Bob Dunn, Photographer
Negative on file at Arkansas Historic
Preservation Program
Side (West) Elevation
Number 2 of 6

May, 1981



Franklin County Jail
Ozark, Arkansas
Bob Dunn, Photographer
Negative on file at Ark. Historic
Preservation Program
Northeast Corner of Facade
Number 3 of 6
May, 1981

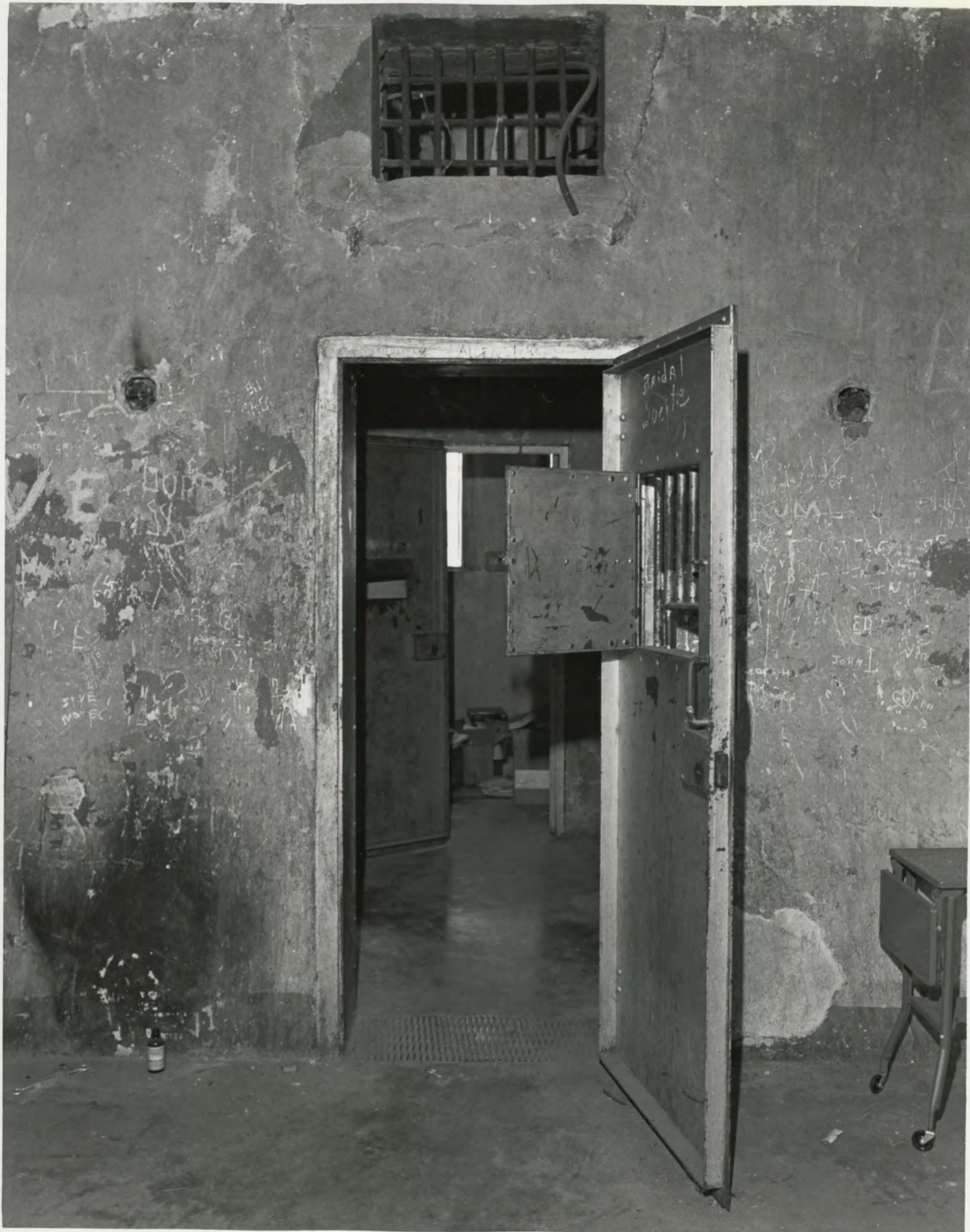


Franklin County Jail
Ozark, Arkansas
Bob Dunn, Photographer
May, 1981

Negative at Arkansas Historic Preservation
Program

Front (North) elevation and East side

Number 4 of 6



Franklin County Jail
Ozark, Arkansas
Bob Dunn, Photographer
Negative on file at Arkansas Historic
Preservation Program
Interior
Number 5 of 6

May, 1981



Franklin County Jail
Ozark, Arkansas
Bob Dunn, Photographer
Negative on file at Arkansas Historic
Preservation Program
Interior
Number 6 of 6

May, 1981

WATALLULA 1:62,500
1958 IV NW
1958 IV SW

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Franklin County Jail
Ozark, Arkansas

UTM Reference: 15 424995/3426970—
404985/3926945

OZARK QUADRANGLE
ARKANSAS
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

1958 IV SW
1958 IV NW



Maped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and USCE
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1962. Field checked 1966
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
Blue hatching indicates area to be submerged by Ozark Reservoir
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

UTM GRID AND 1966 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

SCALE 1:24,000
CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR WASHINGTON, D.C. 20242
AND BY THE ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL COMMISSION, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
U.S. Route ——— State Route ———
QUADRANGLE LOCATION
OZARK, ARK.
N3522.5—W9345/7.5
1966
AMS 7254 IV NE—SERIES V884



ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Suite 500, Continental Building · Markham and Main · Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

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Mr. Jerry Rogers
Acting Keeper of the National Register
Heritage Conservation and Recreation
Service
440 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20243

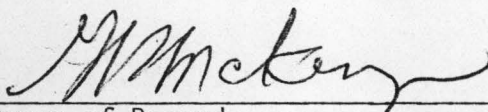
Re: Franklin County Jail
Ozark, Franklin County, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Rogers:

My property has been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

I understand the meaning of listing and that under the 1980 Amendments to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as a private property owner, I have the right to concur in or object to the listing of my property in the National Register. I believe that my property should be included in the National Register and I support and concur in the listing.


Sincerely,



Owner of Record

5-13-81

Date



Owner of Record

5-13-81

Date



HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Suite 500, Continental Bldg. Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

5-7-82

The technical corrections cited have
now been made.

Jean Sizemore

Jean Sizemore,
Historian