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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Coal Gap School

other name/site number: BE2606

2. Location

street & number: County Road 920

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Larue

vicinity: X

state: AR county: Benton code: AR 007 zip code: 72756

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>      </u> buildings
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> structures
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

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

Name of related multiple property listing: Public Schools in the Arkansas Ozarks, 1920-1940

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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.

Cathryn A. Byrd  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official

7-17-92  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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): \_\_\_\_\_

~~Entered in the~~  
National Register

Helene Byers 9/4/92

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date  
of Action

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#### 6. Function or Use

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Historic: EDUCATION

Sub: School

Current: VACANT/NOT IN USE

Sub: N/A

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## 7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

LATE 19TH AND EARLY 20TH CENTURY AMERICAN MOVEMENTS  
Craftsman

Other Description: Plain Traditional

Materials: foundation Concrete roof Asphalt  
walls WOOD/Weatherboard other N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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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: A

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: EDUCATION  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance: 1928-1940 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates: N/A \_\_\_\_\_

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.  
X See continuation sheet.

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**Summary**

The Coal Gap School is a single story, wood frame, gable roof school building designed in the vernacular idiom known as Plain Traditional, but with restrained Craftsman influences. Its asphalt shingle roof and weatherboarded walls are supported on a continuous cast concrete foundation.

**Elaboration**

The Coal Gap School is a single story, wood frame, gable roof school building designed in the vernacular idiom known as Plain Traditional, but with restrained Craftsman influences. It is rectangular in plan, and features a low concrete stoop in the center of its eastern or front elevation, accessing the double-leaf entry. A single thin, brick chimney is placed against the rear exterior wall, rising through the gable peak. Its asphalt shingle roof and weatherboarded walls are supported on a continuous cast concrete foundation.

The eastern or front elevation is punctuated only by the central double-leaf entry and a pair of louvered vents in the gable peak above. A later hipped roof covers the concrete stoop below. The western elevation opposite is blank. The southern elevation is fenestrated with five symmetrically-placed window bays, each of which is filled with six-over-six wood sash windows, and a single-leaf entrance bay at the western end. The northern elevation is virtually identical, but lacks the entrance bay.

The historic appearance of the Coal Gap School is virtually intact, the only exception being the addition of the hipped porch roof on the front.

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## Coal Gap School

The tiny community of Larue was established and grew up around the local post office in the late nineteenth century. A general store was opened later to serve the surrounding population working the fruit orchards that were the mainstay of Benton County's economy. In the 1920's, the orchard industry had begun to decline in Benton County and the local economy began to shift toward small grain agriculture, sheep farming, and poultry and dairy production. The Coal Gap School, in what was then Benton County School District # 105, was built during this period of economic transition a few miles to the northeast of Larue. Interestingly, today the Coal Gap School is isolated from its former relationship with Larue through the creation of Beaver Lake in the 1960's.<sup>1</sup>

The Coal Gap School, constructed in 1928 and therefore during the period covered by the historic context *The Evolution of the Public School System in the Arkansas Ozarks, 1920-1940*, is a representative example of a small wood frame school building constructed for a rural school district. Its use during this period as a local school building clearly identifies it with this historic context and with this property type. It is significant locally under Criterion A through its direct associations with the history of the evolution of the public school system in the Ozark Mountain region of the state during this period.

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<sup>1</sup>The WPA Guide to 1930's Arkansas (Lawrence, Kansas: University Press of Kansas, 1987), 306-307.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See "Public Schools in the Arkansas Ozarks, 1920-1940" Multiple Property Form, Section H.

\_\_\_ 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: Approximately two

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing      Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>417120</u>	<u>4024680</u>	B	___	___	___
C	___	___	___	D	___	___	___

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of a line running along the southern edge of County Road 920 with a perpendicular line running parallel to the building's western elevation and located approximately 50 feet to the west thereof, proceed southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the building's southern elevation; thence proceed easterly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a line running along the western edge of the associated access road; thence proceed northerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the southern edge of County Road 920; thence proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes both the historic resource and all the surrounding property known to have been historically associated therewith that retains its integrity.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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



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Public Schools in the Ozarks MPS  
ARKANSAS

Date Listed

COVER	Substantive Review	Date Listed
92001115	Aggie Hall	9/4/92
92001113	Aggie Workshop	9/4/92
92001098	Agriculture Building--University of Arkansas, Fayetteville	9/4/92
92001125	Alco School	9/4/92
92001203	Bergman High School	9/10/92
92001214	Berryville Agriculture Building	9/10/92
92001215	Berryville Gymnasium	9/10/92
92001178	Boswell School Substantive Review	9/4/92
92001112	Bruno School Building	9/4/92
92001128	Buford School Building Substantive Review	9/4/92
92001099	Business Administration Building--University of Arkansas, Fayetteville	9/4/92
92001194	Cafeteria Building--Cleveland School	9/10/92
92001200	Calico Rock Home Economics Building	9/10/92
92001213	Caraway Hall--Arkansas Tech University	9/10/92
92001217	Cedarville School Building	9/10/92
92001206	Center Valley Well House	9/10/92
92001100	Chemistry Building--University of Arkansas, Fayetteville	9/4/92
92001101	Chi Omega Greek Theatre--University of Arkansas, Fayetteville	9/4/92
92001202	Clarksville High School Building No. 1	9/10/92
92001123	Coal Gap School	9/4/92
92001122	Damascus Gymnasium	9/4/92
92001118	Dodson Memorial Building	9/4/92
92001121	Durham School	9/4/92
92001192	Enterprise School	9/10/92
92001110	Eros School Building	9/4/92
92001205	Everton School	9/10/92
92001116	Fairview School Building	9/4/92
92001120	Fishback School	9/4/92
92001212	Girls' Domestic Science and Arts Building--Arkansas Tech University Substantive Review	9/4/92
92001196	Guy High School Gymnasium	9/10/92
92001197	Guy Home Economics Building	9/10/92
92001114	Hirst--Mathew Hall	9/4/92
92001102	Home Economics Building--University of Arkansas, Fayetteville	9/4/92
92001210	Hughes Hall--Arkansas Tech University Substantive Review	9/4/92
92001106	Jamestown School	9/4/92



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Coal Gap School  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Public Schools in the Ozarks MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Benton

DATE RECEIVED: 7/28/92 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/14/92  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/30/92 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/11/92  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92001123

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 9/4/92 DATE

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National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_  
REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_  
DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

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CLASSIFICATION

\_\_\_\_count      \_\_\_\_resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

\_\_\_\_historic      \_\_\_\_current

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DESCRIPTION

\_\_\_\_architectural classification  
\_\_\_\_materials  
\_\_\_\_descriptive text

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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

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

\_\_\_\_acreage      \_\_\_\_verbal boundary description  
\_\_\_\_UTMs      \_\_\_\_boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

\_\_\_\_sketch maps    \_\_\_\_USGS maps    \_\_\_\_photographs    \_\_\_\_presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



COAL GAP SCHOOL  
LARUE, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
PHOTOGRAPHED BY J. DEROSE  
MARCH, 1990  
NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHPP  
VIEW FROM EAST







COAL GAP SCHOOL

LARUE, BENTON Co., ARKANSAS

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MARCH, 1990

NEGATIVE ON FILE AT ANPP

VIEW FROM NORTH

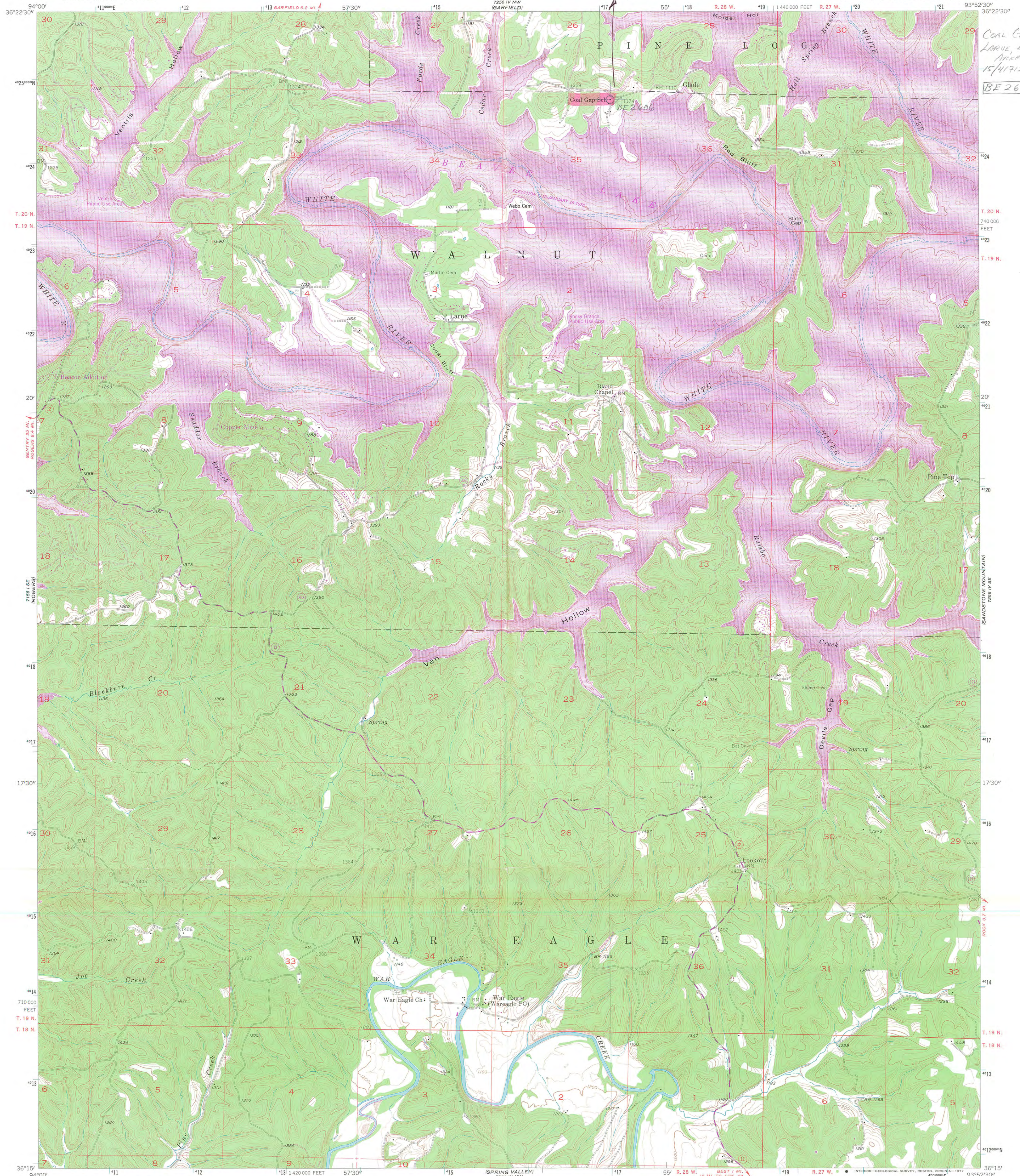


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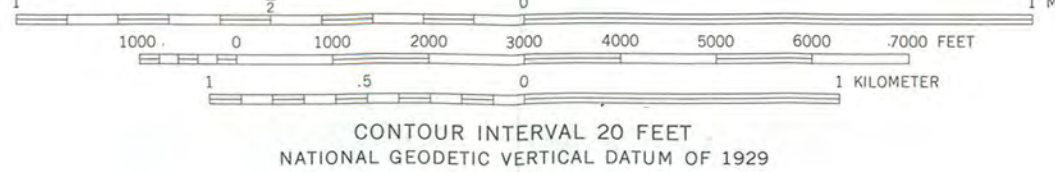
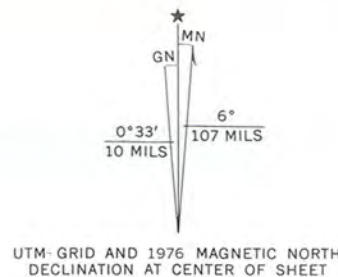
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7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

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Built c. 1928

COAL GAP SCHOOL  
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zone 15, shown in blue  
Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs  
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Primary highway, hard surface  
Secondary highway, hard surface  
Unimproved road  
Interstate Route  
U. S. Route  
State Route

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