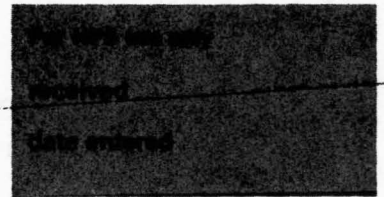


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INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

General Description

Code: JA-041

✓ Name: ^{Newport} Junior & Senior High School

✓ Address: Rummel Park
Newport, Arkansas

✓ County: Jackson

(Thompson, ... TR)

Congressional District: First

Current Owner: Newport School Board

Address: Rummel Park
Newport, Arkansas 72112

Architectural Information

Architectural Firm: Thompson, Sanders and Ginocchio

Date of Construction: 1930

Stylistic Influence: Art Deco

Original Use: School

Present Use: School

Geographical Information

UTM Reference: 15 656480/3940860

Acreage: Less than one

Verbal Boundary Description: part Npt NE SE
11-11-3

The boundaries of the nominated property extend 50 feet from the north, south and west exterior walls of the building and 25 feet from the east wall.

Condition

☒ Excellent
☐ Good
☐ Fair

☐ Deteriorated
☐ Ruins
☐ Unexposed

☐ Unaltered
☒ Altered

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(Rommel Park, Newport, AR)

Physical Description

This exceptionally long, rectangular structure exhibits a strong Art Deco influence. The two-story school, faced with red brick, has a flat roof and is set on a low cast stone foundation. The massing is composed of three blocks: a projecting central block, and two flanking ones. The entire facade is organized into bays with single windows articulated by long, slender brick piers terminating in simple stone blocks. These stone blocks and the stone sills beneath each window create strong and colorful horizontal rhythms which counteract the verticality of the brick piers. The blocks are differentiated through the use of smaller, narrow windows on the central block. The entrance is marked by a projecting cast stone segmental arch opening framed by slender vertical panels with pointed corners in stylized geometric motifs. Marking the entrance at parapet level are a series of rectangular stone panels carved with stylized geometric motifs.

Statement of Significance

In 1930 the firm of Thompson, Sanders, and Ginocchio designed the Newport Junior and Senior High School Building. Constructed that same year, the building is one of the few Art Deco-influenced designs in the nomination based on the firm's drawing collection. The Newport School displays the "streamlined modern" concept in architecture at the time. This school is unique to the nominated structures in its variation from the historical details which characterized many of the firm's large buildings. The Newport School is a two-story red brick building which features the traits of Art Deco design in its straight geometric lines. The long rectangular building is marked by a projecting entrance of cast stone. This arched entrance features slender vertical panels with geometric motifs. Located in a complex of Newport public school buildings in a park setting, the Newport Junior and Senior High School is an important historic structure to the northeastern Arkansas city.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Thompson, Charles L., Design Collection Thematic Resources
State Arkansas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

31. Interstate Orphanage

Substantive Review Keeper

Attest

Brian L. Doyle 12/22/82

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32. Foster House

Entered in the
National Register

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Delores Byers 12/22/82

33. McRae House

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34. Clark House

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35. Strauss House

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36. St. Paul's Parish Church

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37. Adler House

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38. Mitchell House

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39. Dondy Building

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40. Newport Junior &
Senior High School

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Substantive Review

Newport Junior & Senior High School (Thompson,
Charles L., Design Collection TR)
Jackson County
ARKANSAS

Working No. 11/9/82-3026
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84
Date Due: 12/9/82-12/24/82
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 12/22/82
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria eligible c
Reviewer Patrick Andrews
Discipline Historian
Date 12/13/82
☐ 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	

✓ 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"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

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

Acreage 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 _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

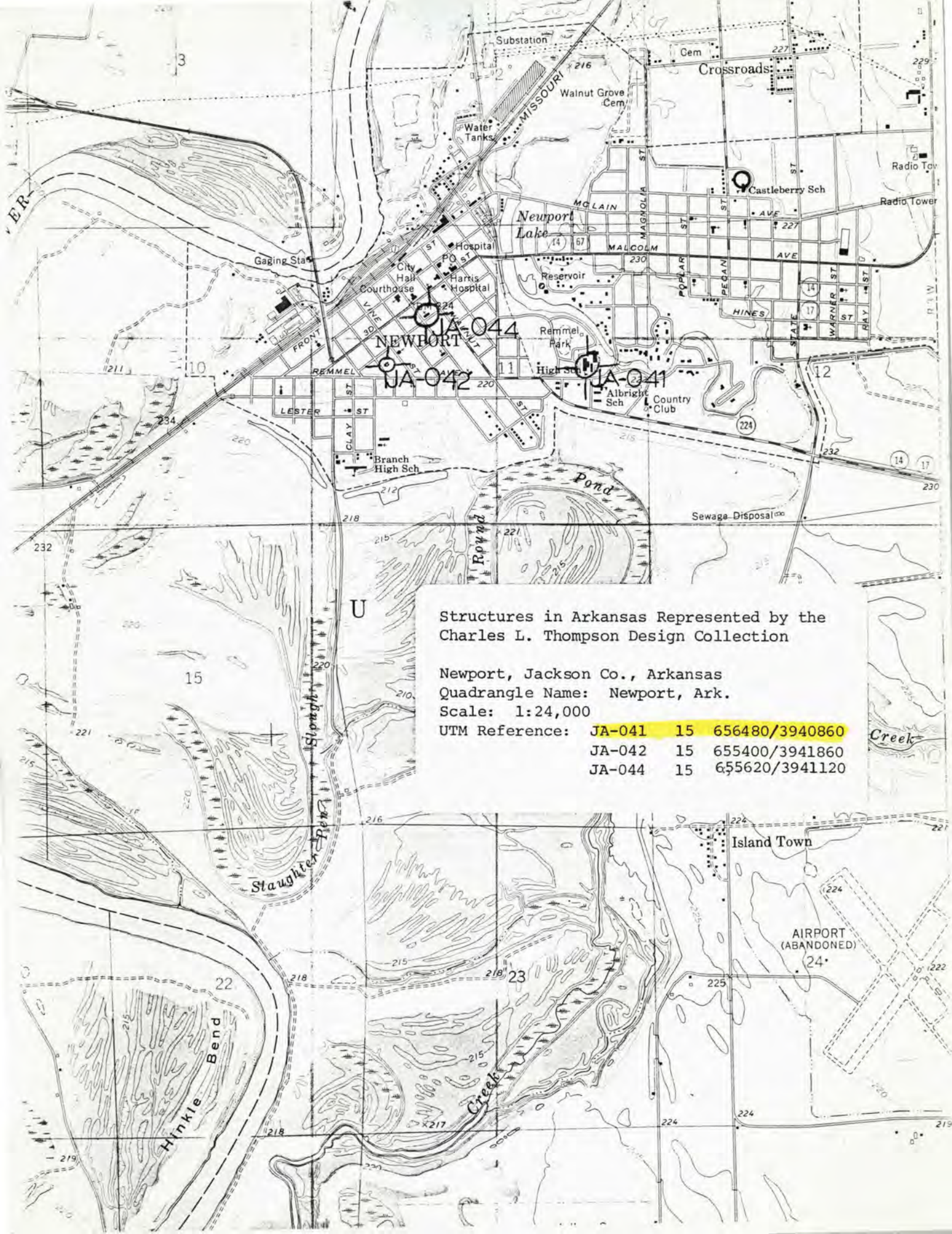
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CHARLES L. THOMPSON DESIGN COLLECTION -
A THEMATIC GROUP

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Rommel Park, Newport, Arkansas

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Viewed from the West



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Newport, Jackson Co., Arkansas

Quadrangle Name: Newport, Ark.

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