



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

The attached property, the Morrilton Railroad Station, in Conway County, Arkansas, reference number 77000249, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the Keeper of the National Register on 9-13-1977, as evidenced by the FEDERAL REGISTER/WEEKLY LIST notice of Tuesday, February 7, 1978, Part II, Vol. 43, No. 26, page 5169. The attached nomination form is a copy of the original documentation provided to the Keeper at the time of listing.


Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places

9/12/2008
Date

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Morrilton Railroad Station

AND/OR COMMON

Missouri-Pacific Passenger Depot

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

First block East of Division St., and facing Railroad Ave.
and between Division and Moose St., and on the North side of the railroad

CITY, TOWN and Broadway Ave.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Morrilton

VICINITY OF

Second

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Arkansas

05

Conway

029

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

☐ DISTRICT

☐ PUBLIC

☐ OCCUPIED

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ MUSEUM

☒ BUILDING(S)

☒ PRIVATE

☒ UNOCCUPIED

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ PARK

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ BOTH

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ OBJECT

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☒ BEING CONSIDERED

☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ NO

☐ MILITARY

☒ OTHER

not in use at present

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Missouri Pacific Railroad

STREET & NUMBER

6400 Martin Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Kansas City

VICINITY OF

STATE

Missouri 64100

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Circuit Clerk & Recorder's Office, Conway Co. Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

South Moose St.

CITY, TOWN

Morrilton

STATE

Arkansas, 72110

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Deed Record Book "K" at page 402

DATE

November 24, 1869 recorded March 17, 1870.

FEDERAL

STATE

COUNTY

LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS

Recorder's office, Conway County Court house

CITY, TOWN

Morrilton

STATE

Arkansas, 72110

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

___EXCELLENT
☒GOOD
___FAIR

___DETERIORATED
___RUINS
___UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒UNALTERED
___ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ORIGINAL SITE
___MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Missouri-Pacific passenger depot at Morrilton, Arkansas, is a one-story building completely faced with dark red brick. The ceiling is 12'8" high. The building is 149' long, running east and west by the Missouri-Pacific tracks. It has a hip roof with red tile for covering. The main building has five main sections: a white waiting room (25' x 31') with rest rooms for men and women in the east section (20' x 20'); a ticket office (31' x 16'1") with a bay section (5' x 16'1") extending northward toward the railroad tracks; a black waiting room (25' x 26'); an open breezeway paved with red brick (17'7" x 20'); and a freight station (45'5" x 20') on the west end of the building. The windows and doors (now boarded over) are painted white as is the trim of the eaves and gabled roof-ends on the east and west. The depot occupies approximately half of the lot, the other half being equally divided into two graveled areas for parking.

The architectural style is typical of depots built in the early part of the twentieth century.

It might be noted that the signs on the east and west ends of the depot are not spelled like the name of the man who gave the right-of-way for the tracks and depot, Mr. E. J. Morrill. In spelling the name of the new town, the last "l" was omitted, and Morrill gave rise to Morrilton. Another interesting note: Morrilton, Arkansas is the only town by that name in the entire United States (according to all available gazetteers).

c. 1907 (KS)

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"/> 400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 50-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Missouri-Pacific Railroad Co

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The commercial and residential development of any community parallels the development of transportation throughout our nation. At first there was only sea-port trading. Then, as travel began on inland waterways, river ports became the center of commerce and civilization followed the routes of transportation.

This was the case in Conway County, Arkansas. Traffic by way of the Arkansas River brought supplies and people to the river port landing at Lewisburg. But when the Missouri-Pacific Railroad built a line from Little Rock to Fort Smith, putting the tracks through Conway County about three miles north of Lewisburg, a new town came into existence - Morrilton. Freight and passenger service brought business and people to the area north and south of the tracks where homes, schools, churches and businesses were built. So, after the railroad came in 1875, a thriving community was born, developing surely and slowly into the county seat of Conway County. Mr. E. J. Morrill and Mr. James Miles Moose deeded land for the tracks and depot lot. The Morrill property was west of the quarter-section line; the Moose property lay to the east. It was decided to name the new town for the man on whose land the new depot was built. This was Mr. Morrill's land, so it became "Morrilton". The first street west of Division street (which divides the town into western and eastern halves) is Morrill Street; the first street east of Division Street is Moose Street.

Because of its central location in downtown Morrilton, the depot is visible from most of the major stores and businesses. The new Interstate 40 is approximately two miles north of the Missouri-Pacific tracks. As usual, new business places are opening up to be near the new freeway. In order to attract business and visitors to the older downtown area, the Morrilton Downtown Merchants Association is vitally interested in (1) preserving the reason for the origin of the town - the Missouri-Pacific Depot, (2) creating a museum in which to house items of historic value dating about the time the depot was built and through the following years of growth, (3) providing a display room where artists and craftsmen of the area can display and sell their wares, and (4) keep in repair a building of historic architectural significance. There are no more depots like the one in Morrilton. It is a sound, well-built structure,

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and with proper care and maintenance it should last for many years as a useful and interesting part of our heritage for the future.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Park, Hugh. Historical Reminiscences and Biographical Memoirs of Conway County, Arkansas. Little Rock: Arkansas Historical Publishing Co., 1890 (reprinted May, 1967). Arkansas Historical Series Number 10.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A

1	5	5	2	3	2	8	0	3	8	8	9	7	5	0
ZONE			EASTING				NORTHING							

B

ZONE			EASTING				NORTHING							

C

ZONE			EASTING				NORTHING							

D

ZONE			EASTING				NORTHING							

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION
Bounded by Division St. on the west, Moose St. on the east, Railroad Ave. on the South, railroad tracks and Broadway on the north.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
		Conway County	

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Downtown Merchants Association of the Morrilton Chamber of Commerce

ORGANIZATION Mrs. T. J. Warren, Sr.

DATE

December 14, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

114 East Broadway

TELEPHONE

501-354-3369

CITY OR TOWN

Morrilton

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE Anne Bartley

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

12-14-76

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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ConwaySTATE
Arkansas**3 PHOTO REFERENCE**

PHOTO CREDIT

Dianna Kirk

DATE OF PHOTO

1976

NEGATIVE FILED AT

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

viewed from the southwest

PHOTO NO.

1

INT: 2983-75

Missing Core Documentation

Property Name	County, State	Reference Number
Morrilton Railroad Station	Conway, Arkansas	77000249

The following Core Documentation is missing from this entry:

- ☒ Nomination Form (original missing, photocopy from SHPO)
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ USGS Map

DUPLICATE

77000249

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

MORRILTON RAILROAD STATION
CONWAY CO. AR.

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

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: _____

Date Due: _____

Action: ☐ ACCEPT 9-18-77

☐ RETURN

☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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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"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
		<input type="checkbox"/> moved 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 _____

UTM 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: _____



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2. Morrilton Railroad Depot
Conway County, Arkansas

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viewed from the northeast

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STATE

Arkansas

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

U.S.G.S., Morrilton East Quadrangle

SCALE

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DATE

1961

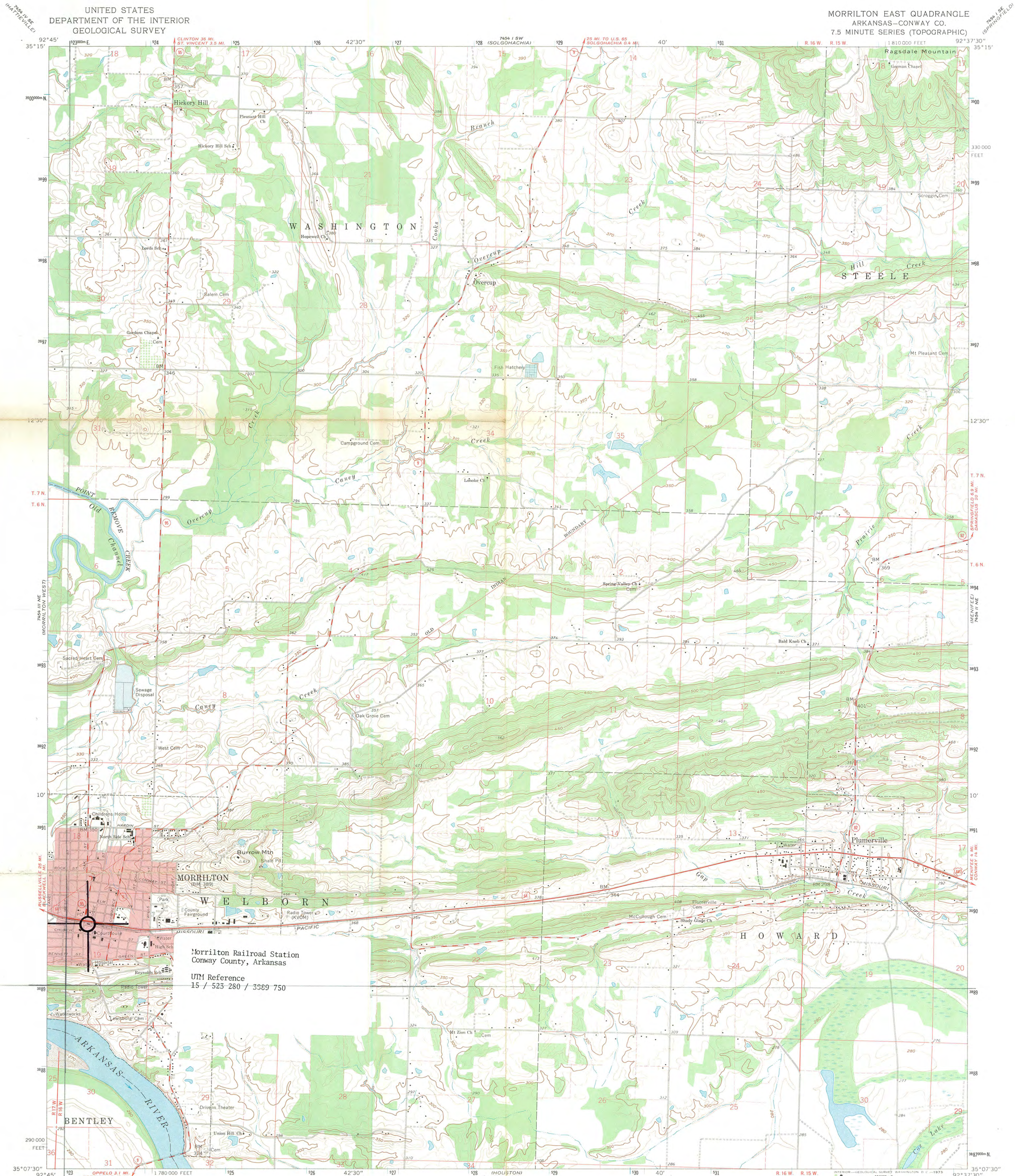
4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

MORRILTON EAST QUADRANGLE
ARKANSAS—CONWAY CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and USCE
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1958. Field checked 1961
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
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

SCALE 1:24,000
CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 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 ———
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