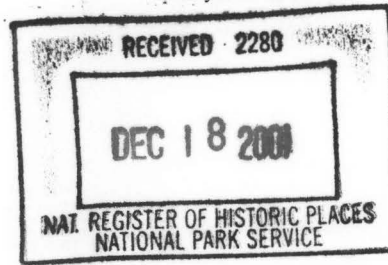


Hawk Schoolhouse
Name of Property

Perry County, Arkansas
County and State

NPS Form 10-900
(Oct. 1990)

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service



OMB No. 10024-0018

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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 Hawks Schoolhouse

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number Perry County Road 7

☐ not for publication

city or town Ava

☒ vicinity

state Arkansas

code AR

county Perry

code 105

zip code _____

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.)

Cathie Hatch
Signature of certifying official/Title

11/28/01
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 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): _____

Edson H. Beall
Signature of the Keeper

1-28-02
Date of Action

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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

2

buildings

1

sites

structures

objects

3

0

Total

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

N/A

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

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

SOCIAL: Meeting Hall

EDUCATION: School

RELIGION: Revivals

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

VACANT/NOT IN USE

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Plain/Traditional

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE

walls WOOD: Weatherboard

roof METAL

other

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

SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS.

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SUMMARY

The Hawks Schoolhouse is a single story, wood frame school building devoid of any architectural details that would associate it with any national style. This Plain Traditional style was very common for small rural schools and churches in the mid-nineteenth century and it remained popular for many areas until the turn of the century. Its gable roof is sheathed in metal, its walls are covered with weatherboard and the entire structure is supported on stone piers.

ELABORATION

The Hawks Schoolhouse is a single story, wood frame, Plain Traditional school building located approximately 3 miles south of Highway 314 in Perry County. Named after the Hawk family, who originally donated the land to the school district, the rectangular plan of the Hawks Schoolhouse consists of a single room within that served as a classroom and a place for community activities. It is topped by a metal gable roof, its exterior walls are covered with weatherboard and the entire structure is supported on stone piers. A small gable roof belfry is located the apex of the gable near the north end. A well located northeast of the building and a privy located west of the building both contribute to the site. The schoolhouse operated through the 1949 school year at which time it still had not received electricity.

Front/North Elevation & Rear/South Elevation

The north elevation consists of two separate entrances, both of which are placed symmetrically within the gable end. Above the entrance is a sign that reads "HAWKS SCHOOL DISTRICT, NO. 37, 1911-1949"; otherwise the remainder of the façade is blank and displays no details. The southern elevation displays two evenly spaced four-over-four wooden, double-hung windows.

Sides/East & West Elevations

The east and west side elevations are identical, with each being lighted by three symmetrically-placed four-over-four wooden double-hung windows. A simple box cornice is featured on both gable-end elevations.

Interior

The interior retains much of its original fabric. The walls are sheathed in tongue-and-groove boards of pine. The ceiling and flooring also consist of pine boards. Clues to the placement of blackboards remain on the walls. A small hole in the center of the ceiling indicates the location of a flue for a missing wood burning stove.

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Integrity

The Hawks Schoolhouse is reminiscent of many one-room schoolhouses in rural Arkansas. Because of its isolation it has remained intact throughout the years. The alterations have been few and include the replacement of the original roof with metal and reglazing of some of the windows, however original sashes and muntins are intact. It still possesses a strong sense of integrity as its location, setting, design, feeling, association, workmanship and most original building materials remain virtually unchanged.

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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)

EDUCATION

Period of Significance

1911-1949

Significant Dates

1911, 1949

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked)

Cultural Affiliation (Complete if Criterion D is marked)

Architect/Builder

Charlie Ballew, Edd Storms, & Sport Tom Jones

Narrative Statement of Significance

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

SEE 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

Primary location of additional data:

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

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SUMMARY

The Hawks Schoolhouse is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C with local significance as the best surviving example in the vicinity of Ava and the surrounding area, of this vernacular building type that was popular throughout Arkansas in the nineteenth and early twentieth century in small, rural areas such as this.

ELABORATION

Hawks Schoolhouse is located in Perry County, which was formed in pursuance to an act of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, approved December 18, 1840, and Perryville was made its county seat. Perry County is comprised of fifteen townships, and the Hawks Schoolhouse lies in the township of McCool.

According to an article in the *Dumas Chronicle*, dated 13, August 1986, the Hawks Schoolhouse, located in district #37, was built in 1911 by carpenter Charlie Ballew, who was assisted by Edd Storms and Sport Tom Jones. John Ballew provided the lumber for the construction of the school from his sawmill in nearby Ava. Land for the school was originally provided by the Hawk family and later purchased by John William Crain.

As was common for such rural school buildings, the Hawks Schoolhouse served a variety of functions for the local community. Local residents recall that in addition to being a schoolhouse the building was sometimes used for summer picnics, political candidate speeches, church services and summer revivals. In a tribute written for and read at the 75th anniversary of the school's establishment, Vera Bedwell recalled the following about political rallies held at the school:

"There were few cars, but people came from a distance in wagons, buggies, horseback and walked. The local men barbecued a beef on pieces of woven fence wire, placed over an open earth pit of oak wood coals. The ladies baked homemade bread, cakes and pies. Vegetables and pickles were prepared from their home gardens making a good delicious feast for all to enjoy."

From 1911 until February 26 1949 the Hawks Schoolhouse served various rural communities in the McCool township when it was consolidated with Perryville School District #7. Although the schoolhouse ceased to function in this capacity in 1949 when it closed its doors, it still stands as a tribute to the community, former students and former teachers. It is currently maintained by Mrs. Lucy Crain and her family who have owned the school since it closed and the land reverted back to the Crain family.

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SIGNIFICANCE

The Hawks Schoolhouse remains today as the best example in the Ava vicinity of the rural building type commonly known as the "country school." Characterized by the single story height, the simple gable roof and the scarcity of traditional architectural detail and pretense (though various attempts to distinguish their buildings by the craftpersons involved frequently lends some charm and individuality), these structures were popular among smaller relatively isolated communities for a number of reasons. Not only had this form been current for such construction since the mid-nineteenth century – and hence familiar – but also its construction was relatively straightforward and easily understood by local craftpersons.

In spite of the loss of the original roof cover, the Hawks Schoolhouse remains a good example of this type. In addition to possessing the typical features mentioned above, it has also seen few alterations within, other than the removal of original furnishings. The schoolhouse retains its original tongue-and-groove wall sheathing and original wood flooring. Also noteworthy is the retention of the original rooftop belfry.

For the above reasons, the Hawks Schoolhouse is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C with local significance as a good example of this building type and as the last remaining early twentieth century schoolhouse in the vicinity of Ava, Arkansas.

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Written By:
Kara Mills Oosterhous,
AHPP

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre.

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

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

Located off of County Road 7 the rectangular boundaries surrounding the Hawk Schoolhouse measure 55 by 70 feet and are as follows:

Extending out from the building ten feet at the east end of the north elevation the boundary continues west for approximately 55 feet – at which point the boundary turns south and extends 70 feet while running parallel to west elevation of the schoolhouse – at which point the boundary turns east and extends 55 feet to the east corner while paralleling the south elevation – at which point the boundary turns north and continues to the point of origin while paralleling the east elevation.

Boundary Justification

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

The selected boundaries encompass the Hawk Schoolhouse, which retains the necessary elements needed to convey integrity of location, setting, design, materials, feeling, association, and workmanship.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	<u>Kara Mills Oosterhous</u>		
organization	<u>AHPP</u>	date	<u>10/12/01</u>
street & number	<u>1500 Tower Building, 323 Center St.</u>	telephone	<u>(501) 324-9880</u>
city or town	<u>Little Rock</u>	state	<u>AR</u> zip code <u>72201</u>

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.)

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name _____
street & number _____ telephone _____
city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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- Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey

- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering
Record # _____

- ☐ University
- ☐ Other
- Name of repository:

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Hawks Schoolhouse
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Perry

DATE RECEIVED: 12/18/01 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/11/02
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 1/27/02 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/02/02
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 01001528

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 1. 28.01 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

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



Hawks Schoolhouse

Perry Co, Ar

Kear Oosterhouse

10/21/01

Negative on file at AHPP

View from east



Hawks Schoolhouse

Perry Co. AR

Karl Postelhaus

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View of Outhouse



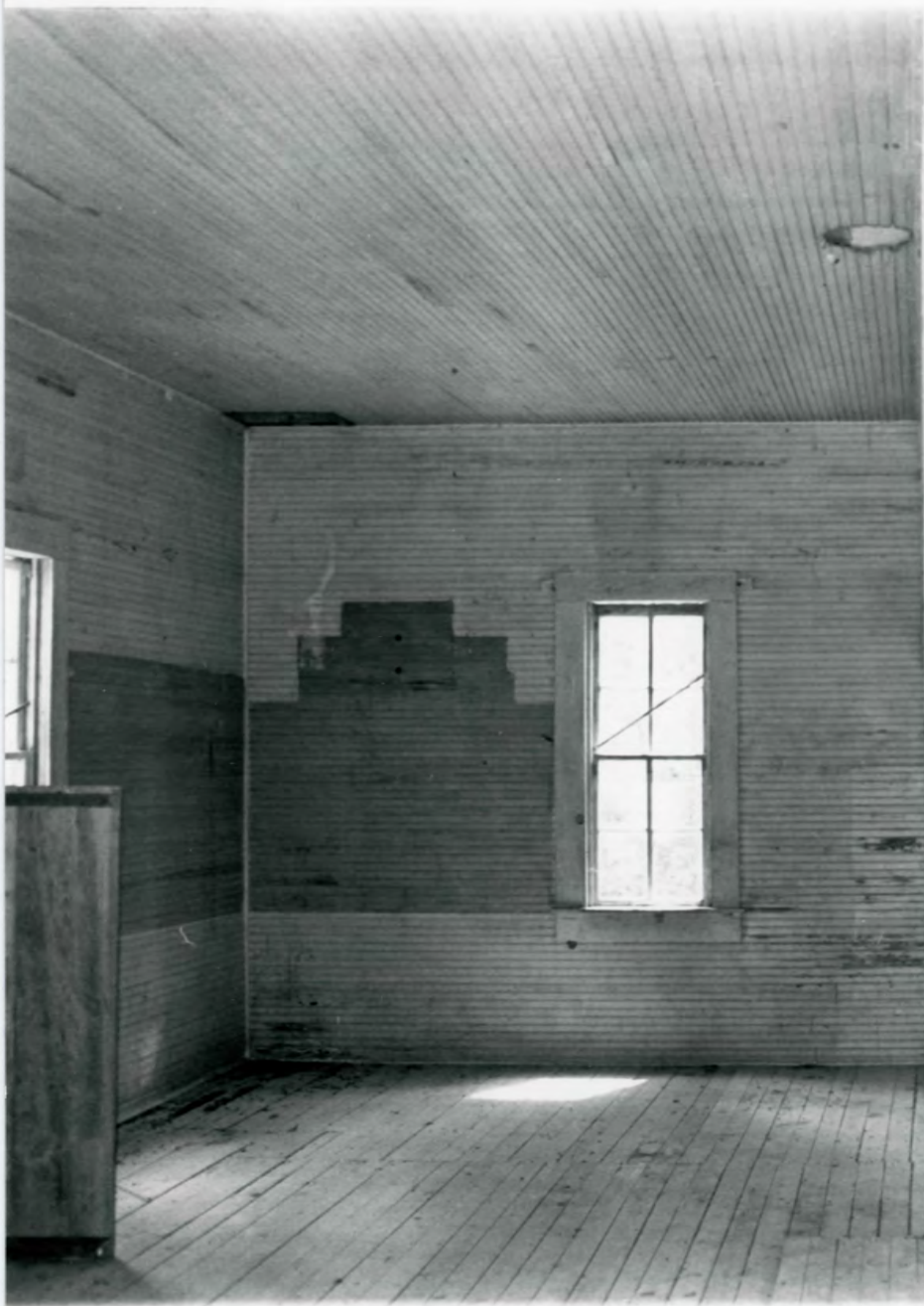
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View of Belfry



Hawks Schoolhouse

Perry Co, AR

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Karen Osterhaus

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View of interior



Hawks Schoolhouse

Perry Co, Ar

Kees Osterhaus

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View of well

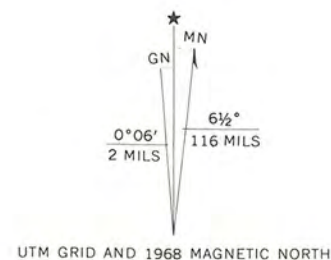


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View from North

Hawks Schoolhouse
Ava, Perry Co.
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the National or State reservations shown on this map



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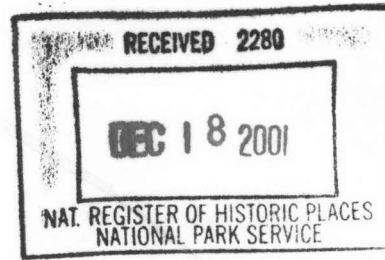
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November 28, 2001

Carol D. Shull
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National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
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RE: Hawks Schoolhouse, Ava vicinity – Perry County.

Dear Carol:

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

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathie Matthews
State Historic Preservation Officer

Enclosures

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