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INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

General Description

Code: IN-035

Congressional District: First

✓ Name: St. Paul's Parish Church

Current Owner: St. Paul's Parish Church

✓ Address: 5th and Main

✓ Batesville, Arkansas

Address: 5th and Main

✓ County: Independence

Batesville, Arkansas 72501

Architectural Information

Architectural Firm: Charles L. Thompson

Date of Construction: 1916

Stylistic Influence: Gothic Revival

Original Use: Church

Present Use: Church

Geographical Information

UTM Reference: 15 622020/3959290

Acreage: Less than one

Verbal Boundary Description: Addition to Old Town
pt. B Block 22, pt B 25'
Main Block 22

Condition

☒ Excellent
☐ Good
☐ Fair

☐ Deteriorated
☐ Ruins
☐ Unexposed

☐ Unaltered
☒ Altered

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Code: IN-035 (5th and Main, Batesville, AR)

Physical Description

This small, Gothic Revival church is constructed of rock-faced native limestone cut in varying sizes. The small scale of the structure, its air of simplicity and its rusticated quality seem appropriate for a small town parish church.

The massing consists of a transept, nave, small entrance vestibule and tower. In an unusual arrangement, the short, blocky tower rises on the east elevation of the church in the angle of the joining of the transept to the wing. The nave is covered with a steep gable roof with the traditional placement of the entrance in the gable end. The ground at the entrance is raised in a berm so that the visitor walks up a short flight of stairs to the double leaf solid door which is framed by a stone segmental arch with similar segmental arch parapet with stone coping above. Stone crosses appear at the peak of the entrance parapet and above at the gable apex. Centered in the gable end wall above the entrance is a large, blunt, pointed-arch, stained-glass window. Two smaller stained-glass windows of similar shape light either side of the nave.

Statement of Significance

St. Paul's Parish Church in the historic Northeast Arkansas city of Batesville was designed by Charles L. Thompson in 1916. Occupying a corner lot near the downtown area, the Gothic Revival inspired church is a picturesque element in the streetscape. Constructed of rock-faced native limestone, the church is indicative of the variety of structures in the area of stone construction. The simplicity of design adds to St. Paul's Church's landmark status in its location. Small in scale, the massing of the church consists of a transept, nave, small entrance vestibule and tower. The entrance is located in the gable end and features a double leaf solid door framed by a stone segmental arch. Centered in the gable end above the door is a large, blunt, pointed-arch, stained-glass window. With the exception of the addition of a compatible wing on the west elevation, St. Paul's parish remains the same as the original design.

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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

Bruce L. May 12/22/82

Ret ?

32. Foster House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 12/22/82

33. McRae House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 12/22/82

34. Clark House

Substantive Review Keeper

Attest

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accept Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

35. Strauss House

Entered in the
National Register

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Attest

Delores Byers 12/22/82

36. St. Paul's Parish Church

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National Register

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Attest

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37. Adler House

Substantive Review Keeper

Attest

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38. Mitchell House

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39. Dondy Building

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40. Newport Junior &
Senior High School

Substantive Review Keeper

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St. Paul's Parish Church (Thompson, Charles L., Design
Collection TR)
Independence County
ARKANSAS

Working No. 11/9/82-3026

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84

Date Due: 12/9/82 - 12/24/82

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 12/24/82

☐ RETURN

☐ REJECT

Entered in the
National Register

Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ 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	

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"/> altered

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

8. Significance

Period _____ Area 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

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMT 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

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



STRUCTURES IN ARKANSAS REPRESENTED BY THE
CHARLES L. THOMPSON DESIGN COLLECTION -
A THEMATIC GROUP
Code Number: IN-035 (St. Paul's Parish Church)
5th and Main, Batesville, Arkansas

Photographed by: Sandra Taylor Smith
April, 1982
Negative on file at AHPP
Viewed from the Northwest

STRUCTURES IN ARKANSAS REPRESENTED BY THE
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BATESVILLE, Independence Co., Arkansas

Quadrangle Name: Batesville, Ark.

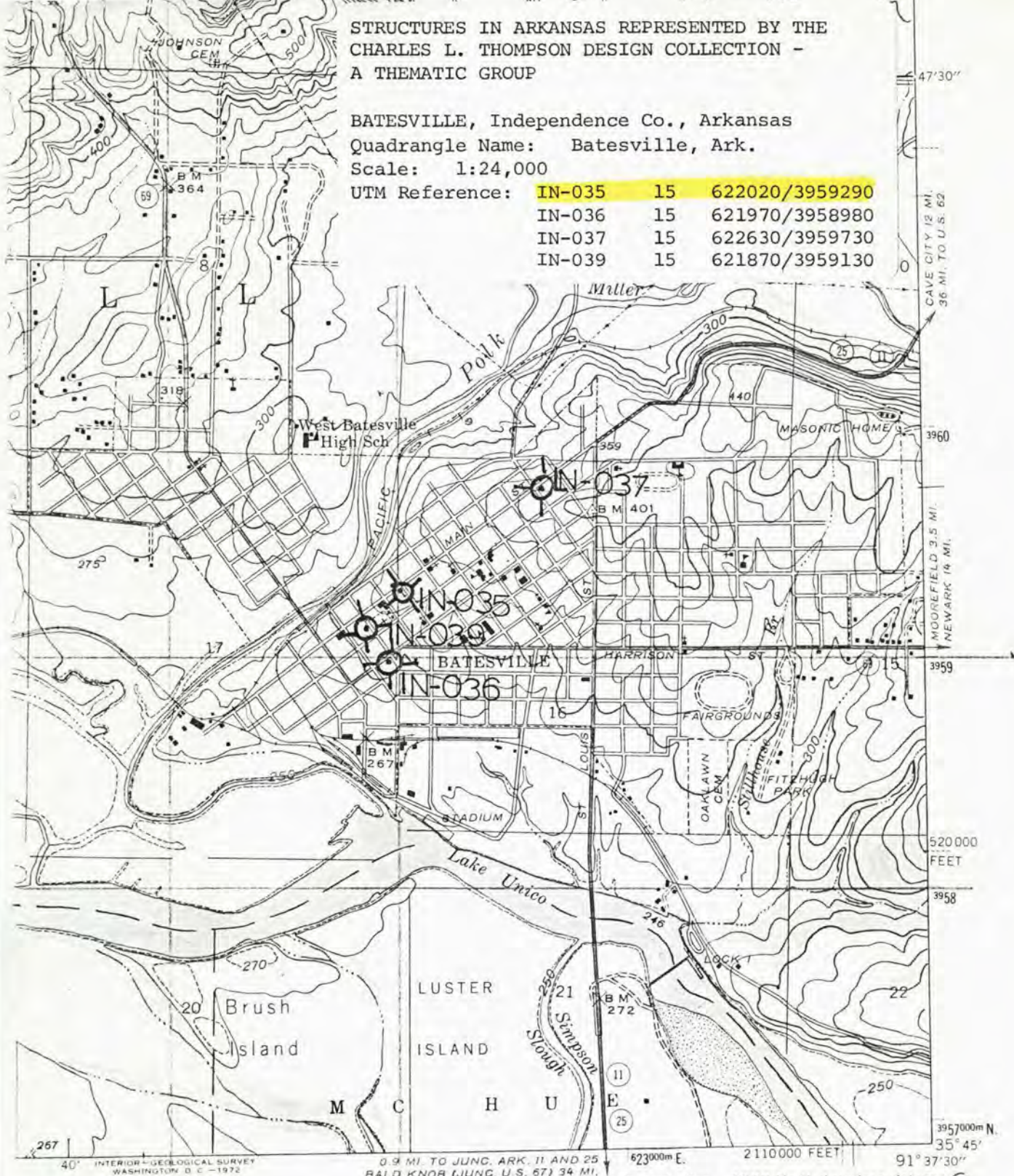
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IN-036 15 621970/3958980

IN-037 15 622630/3959730

IN-039 15 621870/3959130



Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum

5000 yard grid based on U. S. zone system, C

10000 foot grid based on Arkansas (North)

rectangular coordinate system

1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty ——— 4 LANE 6 LANE Light-duty ———
Medium-duty - - - 4 LANE 6 LANE Unimproved dirt =====

U. S. Route

State Route

BATESVILLE. ARK.

N 3545—W 3537.5/7.5

1943

AMS 7655 I SW—SERIES V884