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### National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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#### Summary

The Henry R. Koen Forest Service Office Building is a two-story structure, constructed of native stone and wood, and designed in an irregular, T-shaped plan with a single story ell projecting from the eastern elevation. It is designed in the rustic style common to public works construction projects of the Depression era.

#### Elaboration

The Henry R. Koen Forest Service Office Building in Russellville, Arkansas is constructed of beige native sandstone and dark stained wood (using the balloon frame method of construction) and is two stories in height with a full basement (6,574 sq. ft.). The two-story section of the building is covered by a hipped, black asphalt shingle roof and features an irregular, T-shaped plan with a single story, gable roof 'L'-shaped component terminating the eastern elevation. The entire second story of the hipped roof section overhangs the first story, the cornice of which is ornamented with decorative wood brackets. A single red brick chimney rises from the eastern hip of the main section, displays pattern brick detailing and corbelling, and is protected by a metal chimney cap. The windows throughout are wood sash, painted white.

The front or northern elevation is divided into a single bay, single-story eastern section, the central two-story, five bay section, and a projecting two-story, two bay section which terminates the western end-of the elevation. The eastern, single-story section in fenestrated by a single segmented arch opening filled with a group of three eight-over-twelve wood sash windows. The central section is fenestrated with five evenly-spaced eight-over-eight sash windows on the second floor and four pair of grouped eight-over-twelve sash windows placed symmetrically around the central entrance on the first floor. The projecting section to the west is relieved only by two evenly-spaced eight-over-eight sash windows on the second floor and a single rectangular opening filled with four grouped eight-over-twelve sash windows in the first story below. The entrance is of the pair door and transom type, and is constructed of wood. A later grey poured concrete handicapped-access porch and metal rail--placed in the center but with the ramp extending to the west--finishes the elevation.

The western elevation is six bays in length, with six eight-over-twelve sash window evenly-spaced across the first floor and five eight-over-eight sash windows on the second floor spaced around a fire stair door which occupies the third bay from the south. The eastern elevation features a projecting, single-story gable to the north and a side-gable wall to the south. The gable is relieved only by a single arched opening filled with four grouped eight-over-

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twelve sash windows. The side-gable wall is fenestrated with two evenly-spaced eight-over-twelve sash windows.

The southern elevation is composed of the projecting, two bay western end of the two-story section, a seven bay central section and the projecting gable end of the single story 'L' section. The projecting western portion of the main building is virtually a mirror image of the opposite elevation, with its two eight-over-eight sash windows on the second floor and single rectangular opening below filled with four grouped eight-over-twelve sash windows. The central section is fenestrated on the second floor with six eight-over-eight sash windows spaced evenly around a central eight-over-eight-over-eight triple-hung sash window. On the first floor, six eight-over-twelve sash windows are spaced evenly around a central entrance and Classical Revival bracketed wood porch. The eastern gable end is fenestrated by a single square-headed opening on the first story which is filled with three grouped eight-over-twelve sash windows. A rectangular opening for a louvered metal vent is placed directly above in the gable peak. A single eight-over-twelve sash window in the side of the eastern projecting gable completes the elevation.

The interior features a cross-shaped hallway plan on the first floor of the central section, providing access to all seven offices and two restrooms throughout the rambling plan (a total of 6,679 sq. ft.). A stairway leads to the second floor which contains eight offices and two restrooms (a total of 4,884 sq. ft.). The interior is simple, with the only detail of note being the gracefully detailed molding framing the doors and windows.

The only alteration of note is the replacement of the original front (north) porch with the concrete handicapped-access ramp in 1979.

Also included are such original designed landscape features as concrete walks and driveways, and the flagpole and its foundation.

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Architecture		
Science	Cultural Affiliation N/A	
Significant Person Koen, Henry R.	Architect/Builder Treasury Department Conservation Corps	t/Civilian

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

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#### Summary

The Henry R. Koen Forest Service Office Building is significant at a statewide level by virtue of its associations with the Civilian Conservation Corps, which oversaw and executed its construction, and as an outstanding urban adaptation of the rustic or 'indigenous' style typically reserved for more rural sites. As such it is eligible under Criteria A and C.

#### Elaboration

On March 4, 1933, Franklin Delano Roosevelt took the oath of office as president of the United States, having defeated Herbert Hoover in the election of the previous November; within a matter of days (March 9) the U.S. Congress was already considering the assortment of legislation which constituted Roosevelt's "New Deal." Among those bills was Roosevelt's answer to what was probably the most dramatic manifestation of the on-going Depression, the 25% national unemployment rate. A principal component of his proposed solution was the formation of what was at first called the Emergency Conservation Work (ESW) program; however, the media referred to it as the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a name which the program officially adopted in 1937. In general, the CCC was a nationwide attempt to relieve the rampant unemployment through the organization of able-bodied men into work camps for the purpose of performing a variety of construction and infrastructure improvement projects which were in the public interest. However, the CCC program principally targeted the unemployed in America's large urban centers, where the congestion and standard of living was at its worst and most volatile.

Though President Roosevelt insisted that he would approve both all camp locations and work assignments, the initial organization of the CCC required a high level of interdepartmental coordination the likes of which had not been seen before. The Department of Labor initiated a nationwide recruiting program; the Army conditioned and transported the enrollees to the various camps; and the Park Service and the Forest Service operated the camps and supervised all work assignments. Furthermore, once the camps were designated the goals and objectives for the camps within each state were to be coordinated with state and local public agencies. For the purposes of effectively managing this ambitious program the nation was divided into regions or districts, with each district coming under the direction of a supervisor and staff specifically assigned thereto. The camps themselves were organized and administered based on military prototypes, but with principal emphasis placed on using military methods to organize work details of all sorts, including planning and construction, rather than on discipline or military preparedness. The 'recruits' would be brought from the larger cities into typically rural areas in which the national and regional leadership had

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determined a need for a public project of some kind.

The work and impact of the CCC spanned the entire nation and principally benefitted national and state parks and forests. However, virtually all projects were intended for and executed in rural locations for recreational use; hence it was unusual for the CCC to construct an office building in a relatively urban setting, even though it was to serve the Forest Service as a regional headquarters building. It was the efforts of Henry R. Koen, the Ozark National Forest supervisor between 1922 and 1939, which secured the success of this undertaking (the Ozark National Forest is in the northwest part of the state, just above the Arkansas River). Henry Koen, an Arkansas native, had worked for the Forest Service since 1913, when he was appointed a forest ranger in the Sylamore Ranger District in north central Arkansas. Later, during his tenure as forest supervisor he greatly expanded the administrative infrastructure of the forest: roads were constructed or improved, fire towers erected, and communications networks for better and more efficient management were installed. His recognition of the need for a centralized and coordinated system of forest management inspired his vision of a modern headquarters building.

Congressman D.D. Terry helped secure passage of the special Congressional act required to appropriate the monies required for the construction, and the relatively elaborate design (compared to the rough-hewn, unfinished aesthetic typical of most CCC construction) was provided by a Treasury Department architect. Congressman Terry was also present for the dedication ceremonies on May 2, 1939. Comments in the May issue of The Dixie Ranger, the regional Forest Service newsletter, reflected the feelings of pride in the completion of the headquarters building and the recognition of the debt owed to Henry Koen as the person most responsible for its existence:

"... one couldn't see the town for the people. The whole state of Arkansas rejoiced with Mr. Koen and considered the new building a symbol of the dedication of Mr. Koen's services to a program to rebuild and promote the ... resources of his native State."

The building housed both the administrative staff of the Ozark National Forest and the locally-assigned staff of the Civilian Conservation Corps. After the dissolution of the CCC the building continued to serve the Forest Service as well as an assortment of other government agencies. Though the building continues to serve as the headquarters for the Ozark-St. Francis National Forest, its custody and maintenance have been the responsibility of the General Services Administration (formerly the Public Buildings Administration) since 1942.

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Reportedly, Henry Koen also had a hand in the design of the headquarters building. Though the architect's conception of the building included the ductwork for an air conditioning system, Koen decided against the actual installation of the equipment due to his concern that the staff would become too comfortable in the office and would thus be reluctant to get out into the field. The overall aspect of the design recalls the rustic, rough-hewn, native stone and natural wood buildings constructed throughout the nation by the CCC during this period, and yet there are several clear differences. All of the stone has been cut and shaped for easier construction and a more finished appearance, a characteristic which is most atypical for CCC designs considering that randomcoursed and irregularly-shaped natural stone was the norm. The stone also appears to have been selected for chromatic homogeniety, as it is all of a consistent light brown or beige hue, a relatively restrained palette compared to the rich red or polychromatic stone typical of other Arkansas CCC stone structures. Finally, the use of brick for the chimney and finished, dimensional lumber and decorative wood brackets on the second story of the main section, combined with the relatively shallow overhang below and shallow cornice above, render the design far more restrained and stylistically traditional than any other CCC design in Arkansas. Considered within this context its design is most unusual, and may in fact be construed as merely an extension of the same design ethic which informed the rural designs: a design which appears natural to its setting. Here the architect has adapted the use of native, indigenous materials to an urban site in which a more roughly-hewn and rustic aesthetic would have been inappropriate.

The headquarters became known as the Henry R. Koen Building in April, 1979, officially honoring the former forest supervisor. Koen family members and citizens of Russellville had petitioned the Forest Service to rededicate the building. Senator Dale Bumpers helped secure the legislation necessary to name a Government building in honor of an individual, and 40 years after construction, the crowd gathered once more to pay tribute to Henry R. Koen.

Bass, Sharon M.W., For the Trees, (U.S. Forest Se	rvice, 1981).
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9. Major Bibliographical References

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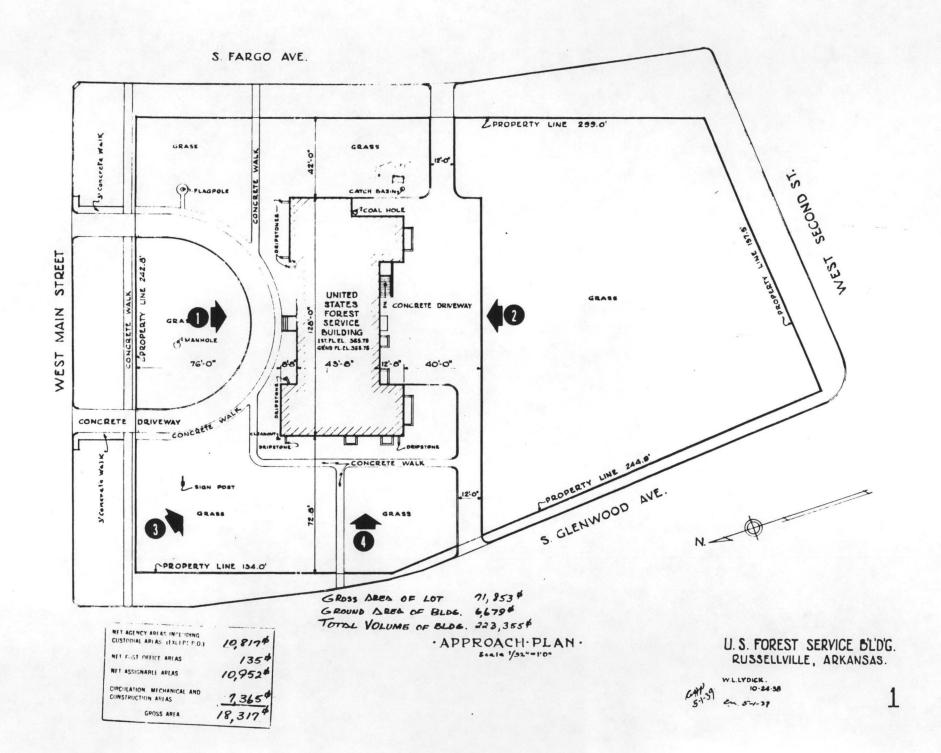
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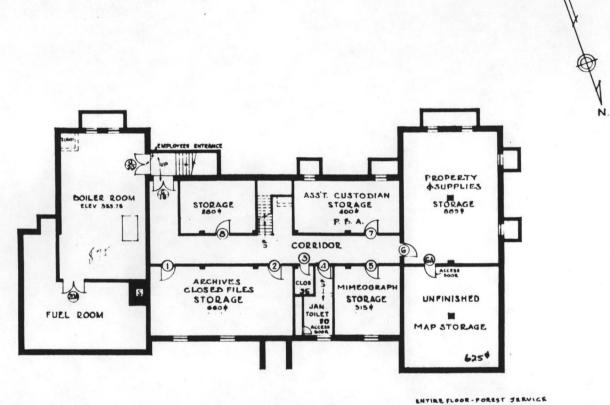
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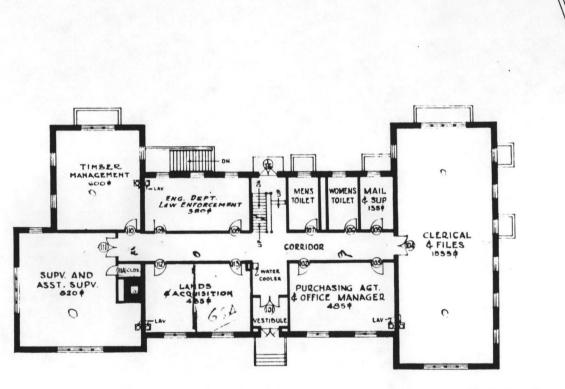
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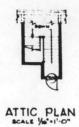
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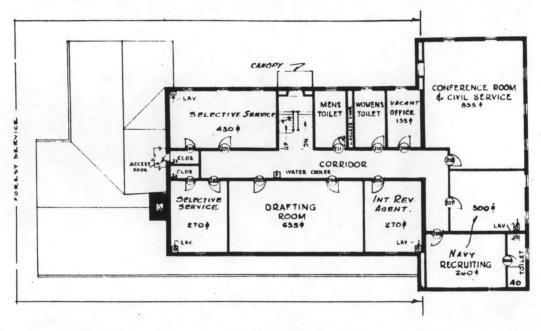
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### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

Koen, Henry R., Forest Service Building PROPERTY

NAME:

MULTIPLE

NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Pope

DATE OF PENDING LIST: DATE RECEIVED: 9/06/89 9/19/89 10/05/89 10/21/89 DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY:

DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89001628

NOMINATOR: FEDERAL GSA

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: APPEAL: PERIOD: Y OTHER: N PDIL: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N

REQUEST: N SAMPLE: SLR DRAFT: Y NATIONAL:

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ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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#### Summary

The Henry R. Koen Forest Service Office Building is a two-story structure, constructed of native stone and wood, and designed in an irregular, T-shaped plan with a single story ell projecting from the eastern elevation. It is designed in the rustic style common to public works construction projects of the Depression era.

#### Elaboration

The Henry R. Koen Forest Service Office Building in Russellville, Arkansas is constructed of beige native sandstone and dark stained wood (using the balloon frame method of construction) and is two stories in height with a full basement (6,574 sq. ft.). The two-story section of the building is covered by a hipped, black asphalt shingle roof and features an irregular, T-shaped plan with a single story, gable roof 'L'-shaped component terminating the eastern elevation. The entire second story of the hipped roof section overhangs the first story, the cornice of which is ornamented with decorative wood brackets. A single red brick chimney rises from the eastern hip of the main section, displays pattern brick detailing and corbelling, and is protected by a metal chimney cap. The windows throughout are wood sash, painted white.

The front or northern elevation is divided into a single bay, single-story eastern section, the central two-story, five bay section, and a projecting two-story, two bay section which terminates the western end-of the elevation. The eastern, single-story section in fenestrated by a single segmented arch opening filled with a group of three eight-over-twelve wood sash windows. The central section is fenestrated with five evenly-spaced eight-over-eight sash windows on the second floor and four pair of grouped eight-over-twelve sash windows placed symmetrically around the central entrance on the first floor. The projecting section to the west is relieved only by two evenly-spaced eight-over-eight sash windows on the second floor and a single rectangular opening filled with four grouped eight-over-twelve sash windows in the first story below. The entrance is of the pair door and transom type, and is constructed of wood. A later grey poured concrete handicapped-access porch and metal rail--placed in the center but with the ramp extending to the west--finishes the elevation.

The western elevation is six bays in length, with six eight-over-twelve sash window evenly-spaced across the first floor and five eight-over-eight sash windows on the second floor spaced around a fire stair door which occupies the third bay from the south. The eastern elevation features a projecting, single-story gable to the north and a side-gable wall to the south. The gable is relieved only by a single arched opening filled with four grouped eight-over-

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twelve sash windows. The side-gable wall is fenestrated with two evenly-spaced eight-over-twelve sash windows.

The southern elevation is composed of the projecting, two bay western end of the two-story section, a seven bay central section and the projecting gable end of the single story 'L' section. The projecting western portion of the main building is virtually a mirror image of the opposite elevation, with its two eight-over-eight sash windows on the second floor and single rectangular opening below filled with four grouped eight-over-twelve sash windows. The central section is fenestrated on the second floor with six eight-over-eight sash windows spaced evenly around a central eight-over-eight-over-eight triple-hung sash window. On the first floor, six eight-over-twelve sash windows are spaced evenly around a central entrance and Classical Revival bracketed wood porch. The eastern gable end is fenestrated by a single square-headed opening on the first story which is filled with three grouped eight-over-twelve sash windows. A rectangular opening for a louvered metal vent is placed directly above in the gable peak. A single eight-over-twelve sash window in the side of the eastern projecting gable completes the elevation.

The interior features a cross-shaped hallway plan on the first floor of the central section, providing access to all seven offices and two restrooms throughout the rambling plan (a total of 6,679 sq. ft.). A stairway leads to the second floor which contains eight offices and two restrooms (a total of 4,884 sq. ft.). The interior is simple, with the only detail of note being the gracefully detailed molding framing the doors and windows.

The only alteration of note is the replacement of the original front (north) porch with the concrete handicapped-access ramp in 1979.

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#### Summary

The Henry R. Koen Forest Service Office Building is significant at a statewide level by virtue of its associations with the Civilian Conservation Corps, which oversaw and executed its construction, and as an outstanding urban adaptation of the rustic or 'indigenous' style typically reserved for more rural sites. As such it is eligible under Criteria A and C.

#### Elaboration

On March 4, 1933, Franklin Delano Roosevelt took the oath of office as president of the United States, having defeated Herbert Hoover in the election of the previous November; within a matter of days (March 9) the U.S. Congress was already considering the assortment of legislation which constituted Roosevelt's "New Deal." Among those bills was Roosevelt's answer to what was probably the most dramatic manifestation of the on-going Depression, the 25% national unemployment rate. A principal component of his proposed solution was the formation of what was at first called the Emergency Conservation Work (ESW) program; however, the media referred to it as the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a name which the program officially adopted in 1937. In general, the CCC was a nationwide attempt to relieve the rampant unemployment through the organization of able-bodied men into work camps for the purpose of performing a variety of construction and infrastructure improvement projects which were in the public interest. However, the CCC program principally targeted the unemployed in America's large urban centers, where the congestion and standard of living was at its worst and most volatile.

Though President Roosevelt insisted that he would approve both all camp locations and work assignments, the initial organization of the CCC required a high level of interdepartmental coordination the likes of which had not been seen before. The Department of Labor initiated a nationwide recruiting program; the Army conditioned and transported the enrollees to the various camps; and the Park Service and the Forest Service operated the camps and supervised all work assignments. Furthermore, once the camps were designated the goals and objectives for the camps within each state were to be coordinated with state and local public agencies. For the purposes of effectively managing this ambitious program the nation was divided into regions or districts, with each district coming under the direction of a supervisor and staff specifically assigned thereto. The camps themselves were organized and administered based on military prototypes, but with principal emphasis placed on using military methods to organize work details of all sorts, including planning and construction, rather than on discipline or military preparedness. The 'recruits' would be brought from the larger cities into typically rural areas in which the national and regional leadership had

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determined a need for a public project of some kind.

The work and impact of the CCC spanned the entire nation and principally benefitted national and state parks and forests. However, virtually all projects were intended for and executed in rural locations for recreational use; hence it was unusual for the CCC to construct an office building in a relatively urban setting, even though it was to serve the Forest Service as a regional headquarters building. It was the efforts of Henry R. Koen, the Ozark National Forest supervisor between 1922 and 1939, which secured the success of this undertaking (the Ozark National Forest is in the northwest part of the state, just above the Arkansas River). Henry Koen, an Arkansas native, had worked for the Forest Service since 1913, when he was appointed a forest ranger in the Sylamore Ranger District in north central Arkansas. Later, during his tenure as forest supervisor he greatly expanded the administrative infrastructure of the forest: roads were constructed or improved, fire towers erected, and communications networks for better and more efficient management were installed. Ilis recognition of the need for a centralized and coordinated system of forest management inspired his vision of a modern headquarters building.

Congressman D.D. Terry helped secure passage of the special Congressional act required to appropriate the monies required for the construction, and the relatively elaborate design (compared to the rough-hewn, unfinished aesthetic typical of most CCC construction) was provided by a Treasury Department architect. Congressman Terry was also present for the dedication ceremonies on May 2, 1939. Comments in the May issue of The Dixie Ranger, the regional Forest Service newsletter, reflected the feelings of pride in the completion of the headquarters building and the recognition of the debt owed to Henry Koen as the person most responsible for its existence:

"... one couldn't see the town for the people. The whole state of Arkansas rejoiced with Mr. Koen and considered the new building a symbol of the dedication of Mr. Koen's services to a program to rebuild and promote the ... resources of his native State."

The building housed both the administrative staff of the Ozark National Forest and the locally-assigned staff of the Civilian Conservation Corps. After the dissolution of the CCC the building continued to serve the Forest Service as well as an assortment of other government agencies. Though the building continues to serve as the headquarters for the Ozark-St. Francis National Forest, its custody and maintenance have been the responsibility of the General Services Administration (formerly the Public Buildings Administration) since 1942.

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Reportedly, Henry Koen also had a hand in the design of the headquarters building. Though the architect's conception of the building included the ductwork for an air conditioning system, Koen decided against the actual installation of the equipment due to his concern that the staff would become too comfortable in the office and would thus be reluctant to get out into the field. The overall aspect of the design recalls the rustic, rough-hewn, native stone and natural wood buildings constructed throughout the nation by the CCC during this period, and yet there are several clear differences. All of the stone has been cut and shaped for easier construction and a more finished appearance, a characteristic which is most atypical for CCC designs considering that randomcoursed and irregularly-shaped natural stone was the norm. The stone also appears to have been selected for chromatic homogeniety, as it is all of a consistent light brown or beige hue, a relatively restrained palette compared to the rich red or polychromatic stone typical of other Arkansas CCC stone structures. Finally, the use of brick for the chimney and finished, dimensional lumber and decorative wood brackets on the second story of the main section, combined with the relatively shallow overhang below and shallow cornice above, render the design far more restrained and stylistically traditional than any other CCC design in Arkansas. Considered within this context its design is most unusual, and may in fact be construed as merely an extension of the same design ethic which informed the rural designs: a design which appears natural to its setting. Here the architect has adapted the use of native, indigenous materials to an urban site in which a more roughly-hewn and rustic aesthetic would have been inappropriate.

The headquarters became known as the Henry R. Koen Building in April, 1979, officially honoring the former forest supervisor. Koen family members and citizens of Russellville had petitioned the Forest Service to rededicate the building. Senator Dale Bumpers helped secure the legislation necessary to name a Government building in honor of an individual, and 40 years after construction, the crowd gathered once more to pay tribute to Henry R. Koen.

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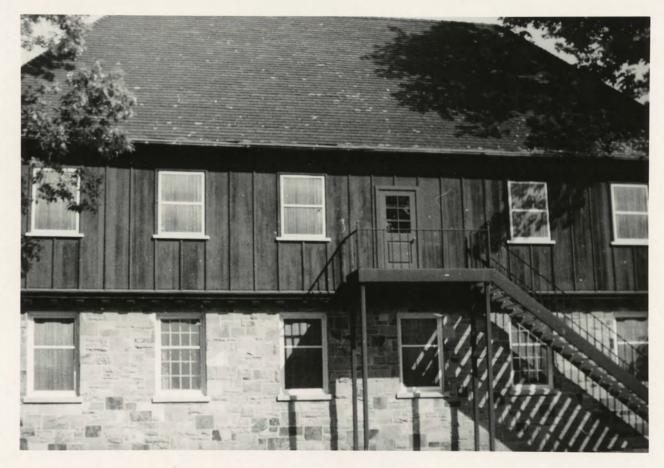
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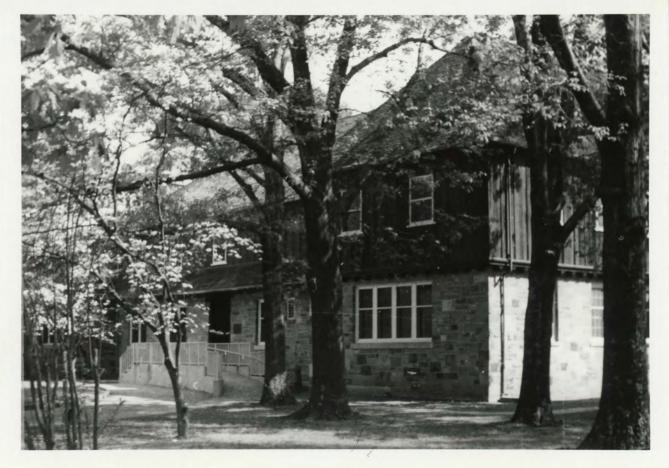
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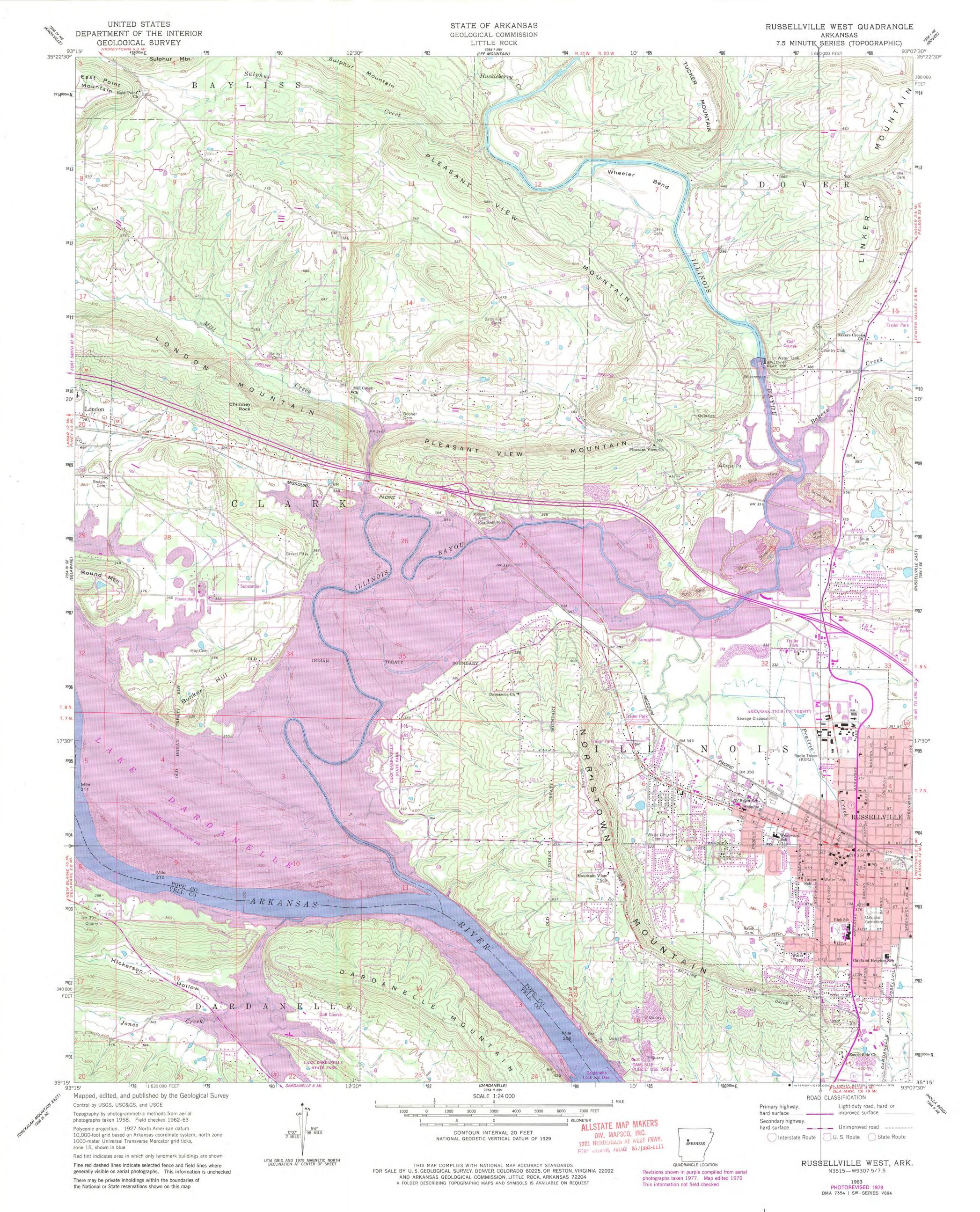
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## Facts About Russellville

Russellville blends just the right amounts of town and country into an ideal place to call home.

Nestled between the Ozark Mountains and National Forest to the north and the Ouachita Mountains and National Forest to the south and midway between the state's two largest cities, Little Rock and Ft. Smith, Russellville is the hub of the Arkansas Valley Region of West Central Arkansas.

With a population of almost 17,650, Russellville serves as seat for Pope County (pop. 39,003 in 1980). Situated on the Arkansas River Navigation System, on the Interstate 40 route and on the rail-lines of Missouri-Pacific and Dardanelle-Russellville Short Line, Russellville is the obvious crossroads between West and Central Arkansas.

People are attracted to Russellville for different reasons.

Businesses like the retail possibilities of an area that is home to more than 72,000 residents within a readymade commercial range. Such industrial giants as Dow Chemical, Firestone, International Paper, Tyson and others attest to this vantage.

In addition, transportation is no obstacle. Russellville's site on the navigable Arkansas River offers water transport to almost anywhere in the world. With state highways 22, 7, 124 and 64 crossing here, plus the Interstate and ten franchised interstate motor carriers close by, overland transportation is also easy and convenient. Municipal Airport boasts a 4,450 ft. runway with available charter service and a mechanic on duty.

Other people come to Russellville because of such intangible advantages as climate, education, a progressive local government and access to recreational facilities.

With an average daily high of 73 degrees and a low of 51 degrees, Russellville enjoys a comfortably mild

# Welcome to Russellville



City, County and Campus Map

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climate. The area averages 45.3 inches of rainfall per year.

The highly regarded public school system of Russellville is accredited by the North Central Association of Schools. The grades 1-12 programs consist of five elementary schools, a middle school, a junior high, a high school and a parochial school. Since personalized attention is considered important, the student-teacher ratio is approximately 20-1.

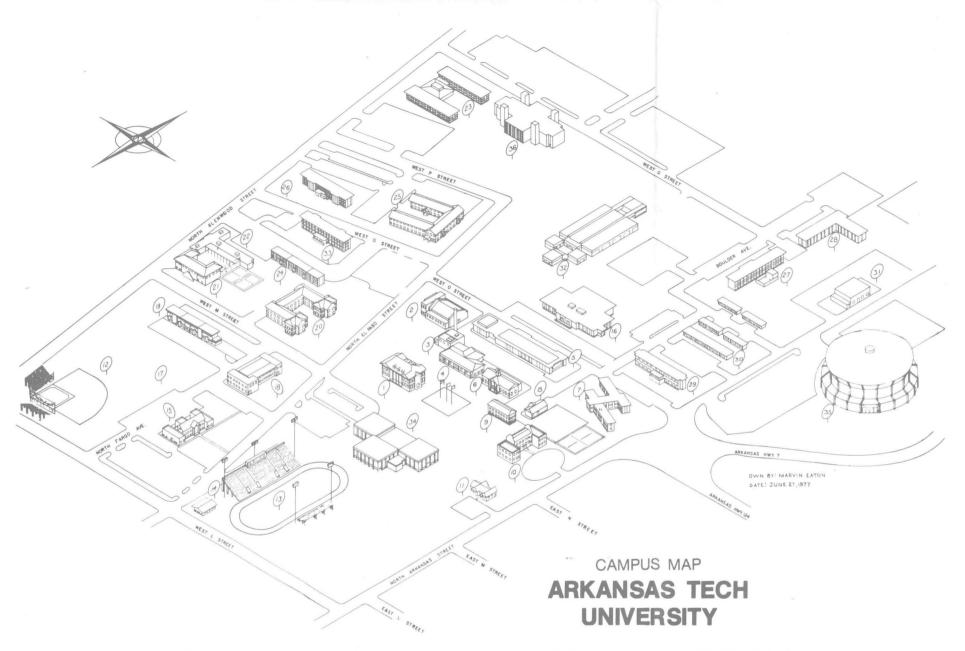
Russellville also accommodates Arkansas Tech University. The four-year state institution is also accredited by North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. It grants the BA, BS, the Associate in Science and now the M.Ed. degrees.

For recreational outlets, Russellville has few if any equals. Whether it be fishing in massive Lake Dardanelle, or hunting in the natural setting of the Ozarks, or camping in the mountains of nearby Petit Jean or Mount Nebo state parks, or participating in the city's all-ages parks and recreation program of almost every kind of sport and activity, the Russellville resident finds himself surrounded with enjoyable things to do, interesting places to go and breath-taking sights to see.

The Country Club at Russellville can add that extra touch of class to your lifestyle. Offering an 18-hole golf course and a home-away-from-home clubhouse, the facilities also provide for swimming, tennis and arrangements for private get-togethers. Another country club, Bay Ridge, is just ten miles south of town.

Russellville is adequately supplied with medical doctors and facilities. Physicians comprise the local staff, with specialties in cardiology, gastroenterology, internal medicine, gynecology, ophthalmology, surgery, orthopedics, pathology, radiology, urology and psychiatry. In addition, there are dentists, chiropractors, optometrists, pharmacies and mental health clinic. St. Mary's, a fully-staffed general hospital, is an accredited 144-bed facility.

Whatever your chief concern is considering a new home, business location or investment possibility, Russellville has everything necessary to make your effort an enjoyable, rewarding experience. Russellville is what every American small city ought to be...a nice place to visit, but more important, a perfect place to call home.



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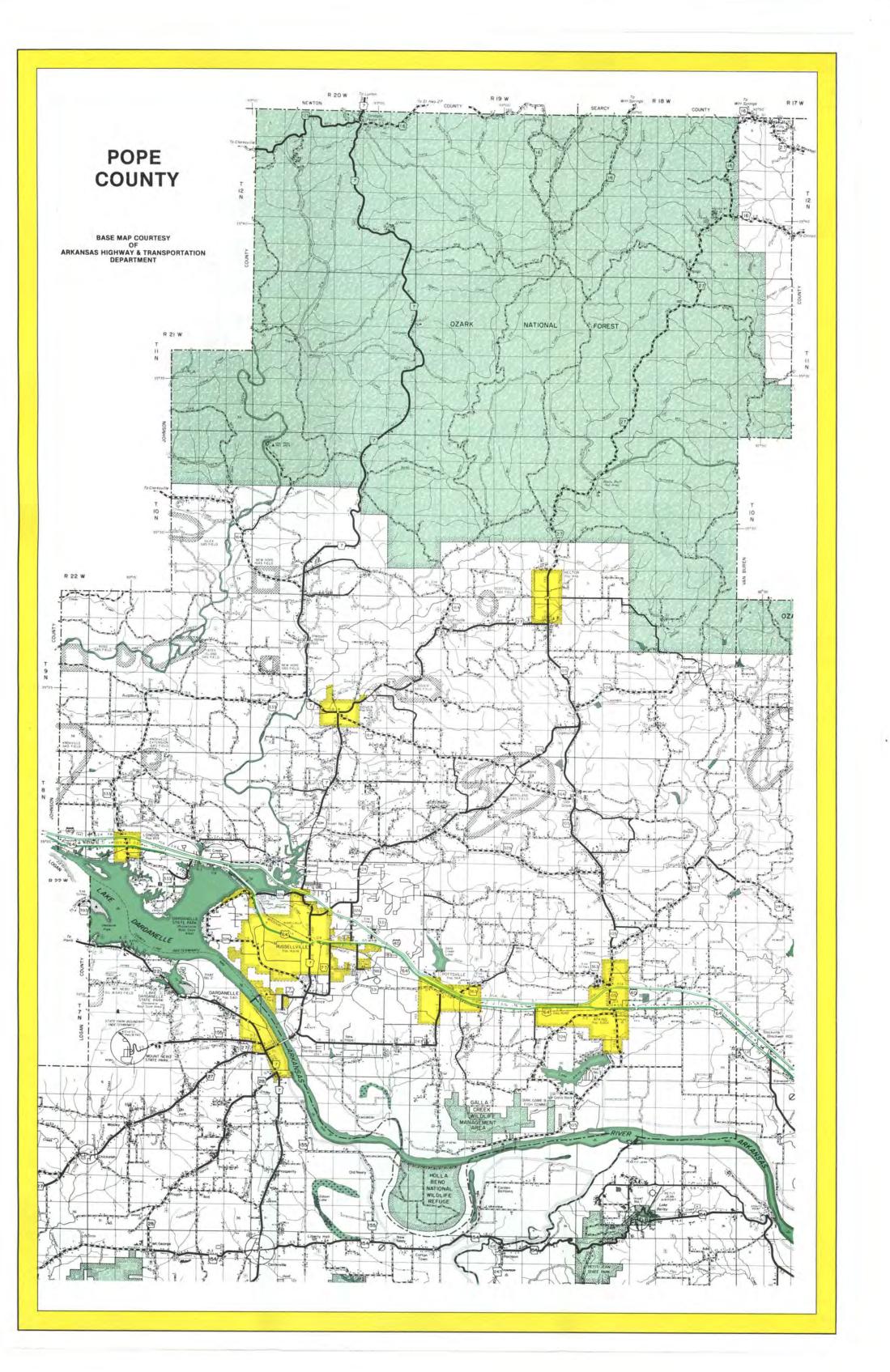
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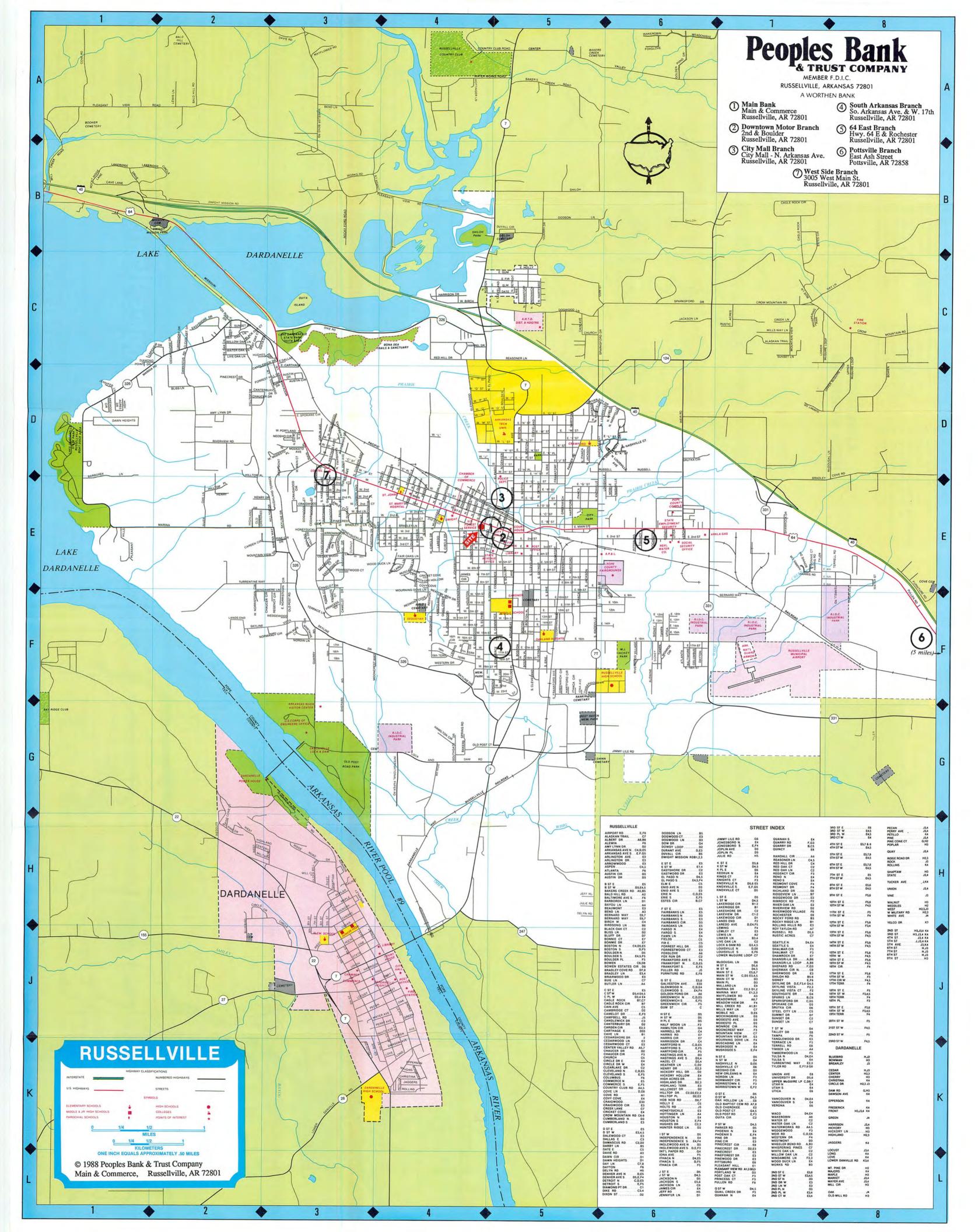
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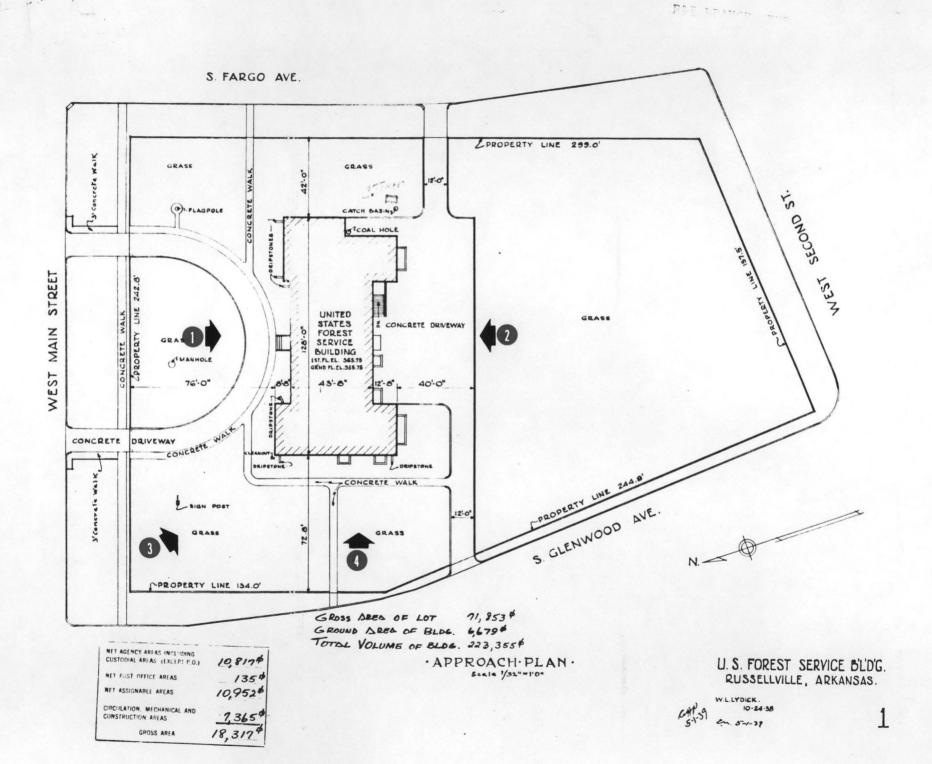
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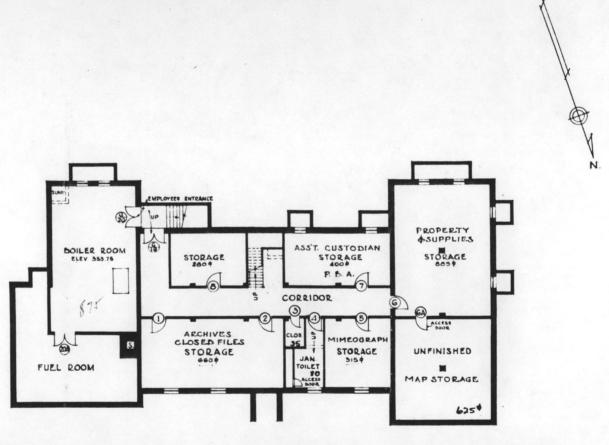
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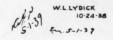


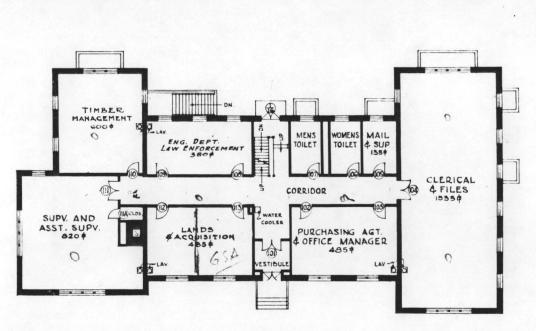
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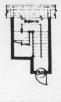
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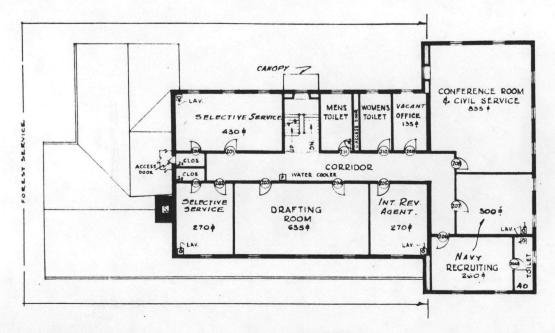
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Keeper of the National Register National Park Service U. S. Department of the Interior P. O. Box 37127 Washington, DC 20013-7127 SEP 0 6 1989 NATIONAL REGISTER

#### Dear Keeper:

In accord with 36 CFR Part 60, enclosed is a copy of the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form for the Henry R. Koen Forest Service Building, Russellville, Pope County, Arkansas. It is considered eligible for nomination under National Register Criteria A and C. This has been certified by the General Services Administration (GSA) and Ms. Cathy H. Buford of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program.

Please contact me on FTS 334-2531 if there is any other information required.

Sincerely.

Howard Cappel

Regional Historic Preservation Officer

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