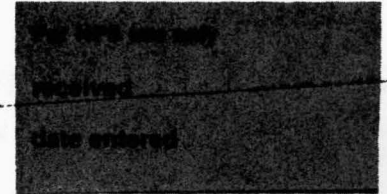


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



Continuation sheet 43

Item number 1, 2, 4, 6 & 10 Page 1

INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

General Description

Code: DE-014

Congressional District: Fourth

✓ Name: Merchants & Farmers Bank

Current Owner: Merchants & Farmers Bank
Mr. C. T. Frank, President

✓ Address: Waterman & Main Sts.
Dumas, Arkansas

Address: P.O. Drawer D
Dumas, Arkansas 71639

✓ County: Desha

Architectural Information

Architectural Firm: Charles L. Thompson

Date of Construction: 1913

Stylistic Influence: Classical Revival

Original Use: Commercial/Bank

Present Use: Vacant

Geographical Information

UTM Reference: 15 639500/3750500 Acreage: Less than one

Verbal Boundary Description: Evan's Addition
Block 1, 36' South part of Lot 36 fronting 23' on
Railroad and right of way, and back to alley.

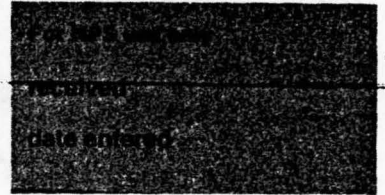
Condition

____ Excellent
x ____ Good
____ Fair

____ Deteriorated
____ Ruins
____ Unexposed

x ____ Unaltered
____ Altered

EXP. 12/31/84

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

Continuation sheet 44

Item number 7 & 8

Page 2

Code: DE-014 (Waterman & Main Streets, Dumas, AR)

Physical Description

Anchoring the corner of a street lined with rather ordinary late-nineteenth and early-twentieth-century commercial buildings is this formal and distinctive Classical Revival bank designed in 1913. This one-story rectangular, flat roofed structure is constructed of dark red brick laid in Flemish bond and crowned by a parapet outlined with stone coping. The entrance is distinguished by a narrow porch and two marble Ionic columns in antis flanked by brick piers with simple stone bases and capitals. Surmounting these supporting members is a plain stone architrave, a wide, paneled brick frieze and a projecting stone cornice embellished with dentils. This cornice wraps both front and side elevations. The slightly elevated central panel of the parapet features a stone panel inscribed with the name of the bank and the date. A simple molded stone architrave and cornice supported by plain brackets surround the single leaf door. The windows feature flat brick arches, stone sills and multi-paned lights.

Statement of Significance

Charles L. Thompson's 1913 design for the Merchants and Farmers Bank in Dumas, Arkansas is one of his most well-integrated and refined Neo-Classical designs. Located on a corner of the main downtown business district in this small southern Arkansas city, the bank is a dignified anchor to the streetscape. While the use of classical detailing in commercial buildings was a common practice of Thompson's, the bank's Classical Revival elements are quite uncommon in the Dumas streetscape. More formal in style than the Bank of Waldo (CO-008) or the Bank of Carthage (DA-013), the Merchants and Farmers Bank in Dumas is a rectangular brick structure featuring a classically detailed facade. The two marble Ionic columns placed in antis marking the entrance create one of the firm's most refined commercial building entrances. A stone cornice with dentils wraps around the west and south elevations. An elevated central panel of the facade parapet features a stone panel inscribed with the name and date of the building. One of the more important historic buildings in this small town, the Merchants and Farmers Bank of Dumas is a fine example of the firm's ability to design an elegant but affordable building for a small town establishment.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only

received

date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

Page 2 of 15

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

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

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Waters House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melona Byers 12/22/82

Attest

12. Bank of Carthage

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melona Byers 12/22/82

Attest

13. Merchants & Farmers Bank

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce Lee Boyd 12/22/82

Attest

accept Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

14. Thane House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melona Byers 12/22/82

Attest

15. Smith, S. G., House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melona Byers 12/22/82

Attest

16. Brown House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce Lee Boyd 12/22/82

Attest

accept Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

17. Galloway Hall
NR docs

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce Lee Boyd 12/22/82

Attest

Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

18. President's House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melona Byers 12/22/82

Attest

19. Martin Hall

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce Lee Boyd 12/22/82

Attest

Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

20. Farmers State Bank

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melona Byers 12/22/82

Attest

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Substantive Review

Merchants & Farmers Bank (Thompson, Charles L.,
Design Collection TR)
Desha 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 accept-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"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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 _____

USGS 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: DE-014 (Merchant's and Farmer's
Bank)

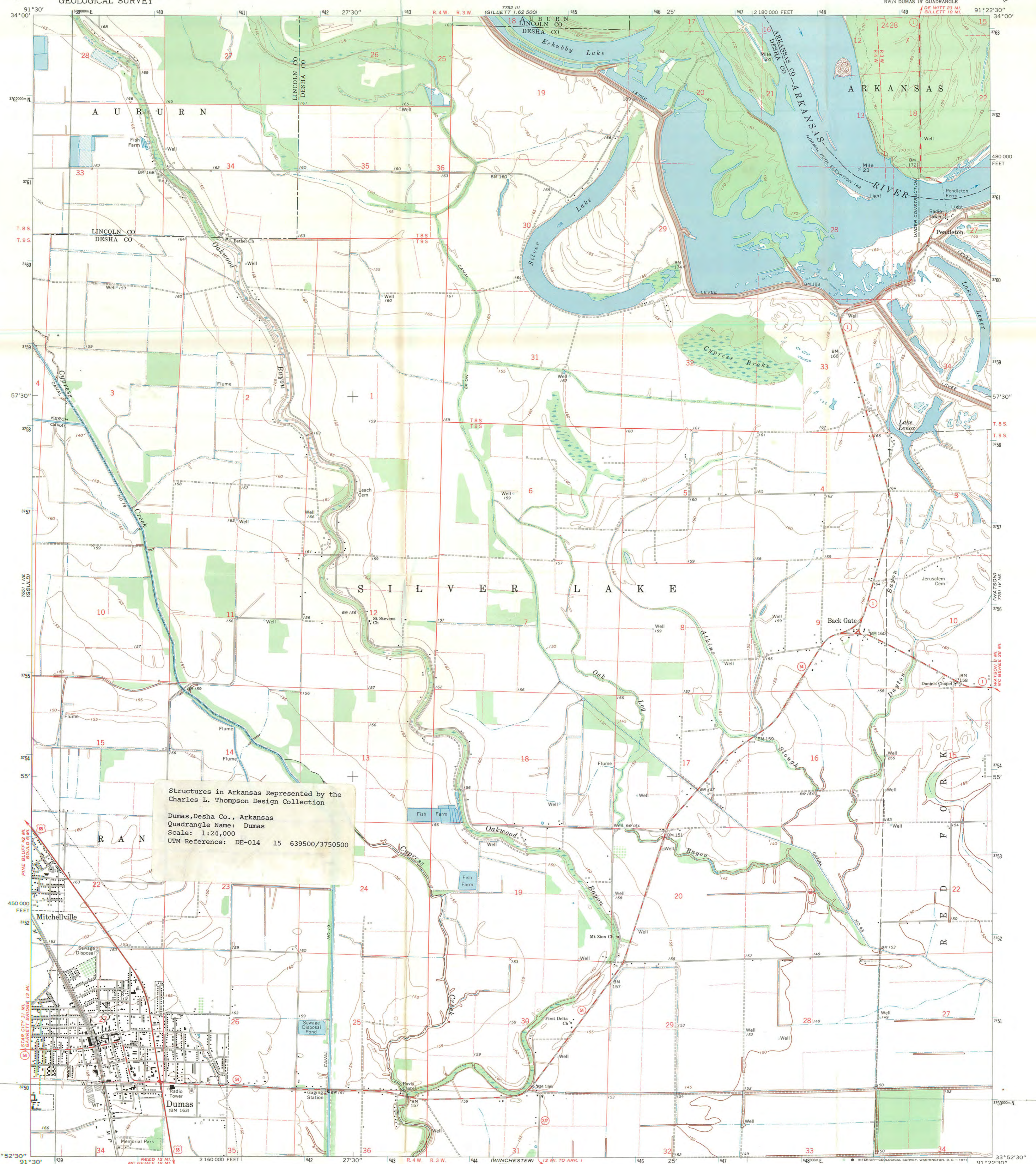
Waterman and Main, Dumas, Arkansas

Photographed by: Greg Hursley

May, 1982

Negative on file at AHPP

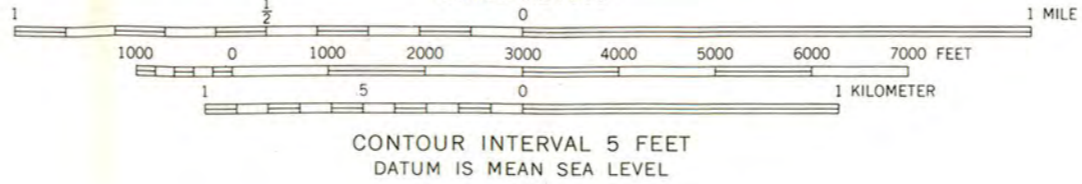
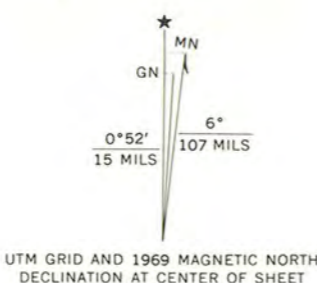
Viewed from the Southwest



Structures in Arkansas Represented by the
Charles L. Thompson Design Collection
Dumas, Desha Co., Arkansas
Quadrangle Name: Dumas
Scale: 1:24,000
UTM Reference: DE-014 15 639500/3750500

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS

Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1966. Topography by planetable surveys 1969
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



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
Primary highway, all weather, hard surface
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface
Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Unimproved road, fair or dry weather
U. S. Route
State Route

DUMAS, ARK.
NW 1/4 DUMAS 15' QUADRANGLE
N3352.5—W9122.5/7.5

1969

AMS 7751 IV NW—SERIES V884

(GOURD)
7651 1 SE



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey

Control by USGS and USC&GS

Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1966. Topography by planetable surveys 1969

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

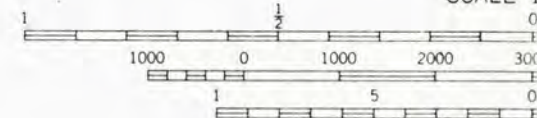
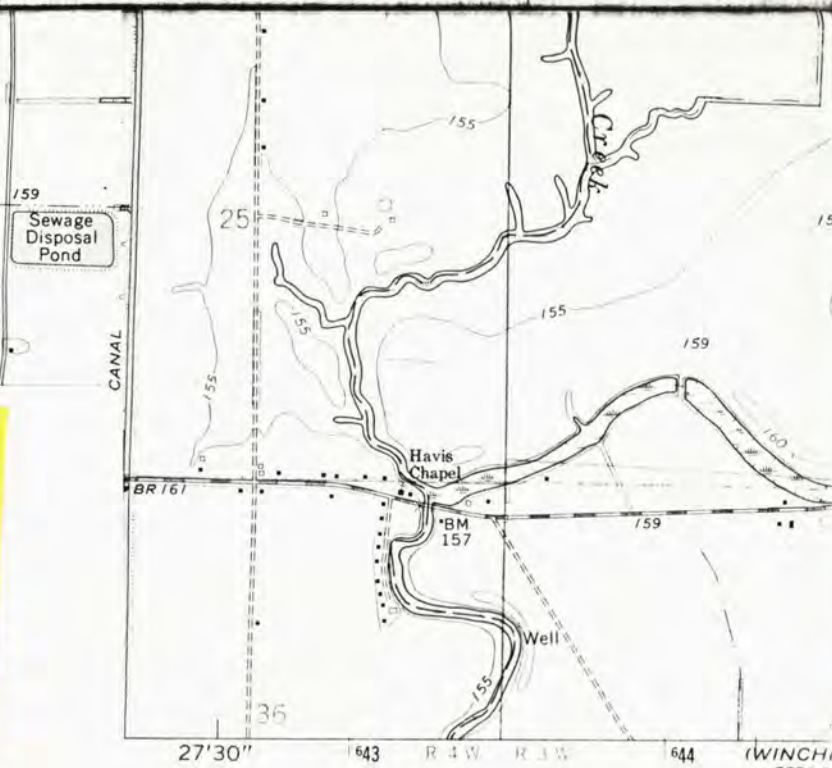
Structures in Arkansas Represented by the
Charles L. Thompson Design Collection

Dumas, Desha Co., Arkansas

Quadrangle Name: Dumas

Scale: 1:24,000

UTM Reference: DE-014 15 639500/3750500



CONTOUR INT
DATUM IS MEA

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATION
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER
AND BY THE ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL COM
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS