

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

**1 NAME**

\* HISTORIC *wh*  
Modern News Building  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

216 North Main

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Harrisburg

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

First

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Arkansas

05

Poinsett

111

**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:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

L.D. Freeman and Mrs. Ewell H. Freeman

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 375

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Arkansas

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Poinsett County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Arkansas

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Modern News office is a single-storey, header-bond brick building constructed in a simplistic rectangular fashion. Built in 1888 by L.D. Freeman, Sr., the structure has a flat roof, while the tops of the side walls are covered with tile. The tops of these two walls descend front-to-rear in stairstop fashion. Tile caps the wall of the facade just above the lettering that spells out the words "The Modern News - Established 1888".

The windows toward the front in the side elevations are recessed; the tops of the openings are segmental arches. All the windows are double-hung and have plain molding with slipsills. A double-leaf, single-panel door forms the main entry, while a large, two-tone, metal awning extends across the facade above this entry.

The original building was constructed by W.C. Pratt to provide housing for the newspaper business of L.D. Freeman, Sr. As the paper's circulation increased and more space was needed, an additional fifteen feet was added to the rear of the building in 1910. Another addition occurred in 1952, with approximately fifteen more feet added to the 1910 addition. The only other major change that was made to the building came in 1953 when brick was laid across the front to give the facade the appearance of having been newly constructed.

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Modern News Building, Harrisburg, Poinsett County, Arkansas

Mrs. L. D. Freeman  
Harrisburg, Arkansas

# 8 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"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Journalism
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES      1888 - Present      BUILDER/ARCHITECT      L.D. Freeman, Sr.

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the Modern News building derives from the significance of the newspaper which the building represents. This newspaper, the Modern News, has come to be a symbol of the history of Harrisburg, Arkansas. The long and consistent service of the Modern News has earned this standing for the newspaper. The newspaper's longevity of publication has also earned for the paper a certain statewide and, possibly, even a certain national distinction within the journalism field.

The Modern News newspaper was established by L.D. Freeman, Sr., in November, 1888, and has continued uninterrupted operation since that time by the Freeman family. The paper is one of the oldest established weekly newspapers in Arkansas. Several sources, including Who is Who in Arkansas, assert that the Modern News is the oldest weekly newspaper in the nation to be "operating under the founder's family name and continuously owned and published by a member of the original family." According to L.D. Freeman, Jr., the Modern News has never missed an issue and has been one day late only four times.

L.D. Freeman, Sr., moved to Arkansas from Alabama with his family at age five. He began serving his apprenticeship at age fifteen. One of the newspapers for which Freeman worked and which gave him valuable journalistic experience was the Memphis Avalanche.

In 1888 Freeman bought a printing business in Harrisburg, Arkansas, from H.M. Phelps. Phelps had printed the Arkansas Tribune. This paper had been the first to be printed in the Harrisburg vicinity. Its editor had been Foster Freeman, the brother of L.D. Freeman, Sr. The new owner changed the name of the paper to the Modern News and had the present-day Modern News office built. He started printing under the new name in November, 1888.

Freeman acquired his first typesetting machine in 1895. It was one of the first typesetters ever made, and Freeman found the machine impossible to operate. After months of confused frustration, Freeman decided to rid himself of the folly. Unable to move the assembled monstrosity, he tore out the wood floor in the Modern News building, dug a hole large enough to accommodate the huge machine, and buried it underneath a layer of concrete which still serves him as a sturdy floor for his shop.

In 1910 Freeman bought a Stover gasoline engine to furnish the power for the operation of his printing press. Local sources report that it was

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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D 

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul McCormack, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE

December 9, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

300 West Markham

TELEPHONE

(501) 371-1639

CITY OR TOWN

Little Rock

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

12-9-75

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

Acting

DIRECTOR OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

6/18/76

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

5-3-76

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the first gasoline engine to make an appearance in Poinsett County and that people came from miles around Harrisburg to observe the operation of the new gadget.

Freeman's sons, Ewell Freeman and L.D. Freeman, Jr., stayed with the newspaper that had been so much a part of their lives as youths. After completing their formal education, Ewell joined his father as partner in 1919, and L.D. Freeman, Jr., became a partner in 1923.

Following the death of their father in 1934, the brothers continued the Modern News, together with a commercial printing plant. They operated as partners under the name of "Freeman Brothers." Ewell H. Freeman died in 1949, and since that time ownership of the newspaper has been jointly held by Mrs. Ewell Freeman and L.D. Freeman, Jr., with L.D. Freeman, Jr., serving as the newspaper's editor.

The cost of a year's subscription to the paper has increased over the years. Starting with \$1.00 for a year's subscription, the amount had increased to \$2.00 per year by 1960 and today is \$4.00 per year. This price change is reflective of the newspaper's many decades of service.

In 1962, after searching unsuccessfully for help to operate the press, L.D. Freeman, Jr., started using the services of other printers. From 1962 to 1973 the Modern News was printed at Wynne, Arkansas, and for the last two years it has been printed at Newport. The offices and nerve center of the paper, though, have not left Harrisburg.

Printed on Wednesdays and delivered on Thursdays, the Modern News has served the information needs of the Poinsett County area for 86 years. News has been circulated to people in rural Arkansas, as the paper has met over 4,500 deadlines.

Such is the significance of the Modern News. For 87 years it has been a part of the history of Harrisburg and Poinsett County. It is one of the oldest weekly newspapers in Arkansas and, in the category of weekly papers still published by the same families which founded them, it is probably the oldest in the United States. The building in which this paper is printed is indeed very humble in appearance, but the building has housed the paper since its inception and thus shares in the very considerable significance of the Modern News.

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Property Modern News Building

Poinsette Co.  
76000447

State Arkansas

Working Number 15,29,75,2218

**TECHNICAL**

Photos 2

Maps 1

**CONTROL**

OK <sup>pl</sup> 1.5.76

**HISTORIAN**

Accept or ~~Conf~~  
E. Smith  
1-21-76

Has significant ~~in~~ local history. The front facade is covered with ~~brick~~ brick laid in 1953 in order to give ~~that~~ facade a more modern look. Will defer to architectural historian's opinion on alteration.

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

Since only nominated for historic significance, I am unconcerned with additions + alterations.

ACCEPT  
LEBOVITZ  
1-28-76

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_

Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

Accept  
Cole  
4/28/76

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

Not attractive, but historic significance ~~is~~ is important locally.

Hunt  
5.3.76

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_

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Federal Register Entry \_\_\_\_\_

Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

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Modern News  
Harrisburg, Arkansas  
Poinsett County

Form No. 10-301a  
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CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

\_\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Arkansas

COUNTY

Poinsett

**3 PHOTO REFERENCE**

PHOTO CREDIT

Paul McCormack

DATE OF PHOTO September, 1975

NEGATIVE FILED AT

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**4 IDENTIFICATION**

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

West (front) and north elevations viewed from northwest

PHOTO NO.

1 of 2

THE MODERN NEWS

ESTD 1934



(2)

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Harrisburg, Arkansas

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Facade viewed from the west

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**2 LOCATION**

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Poinsett

STATE

Arkansas

**3 MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE United States Geological Survey

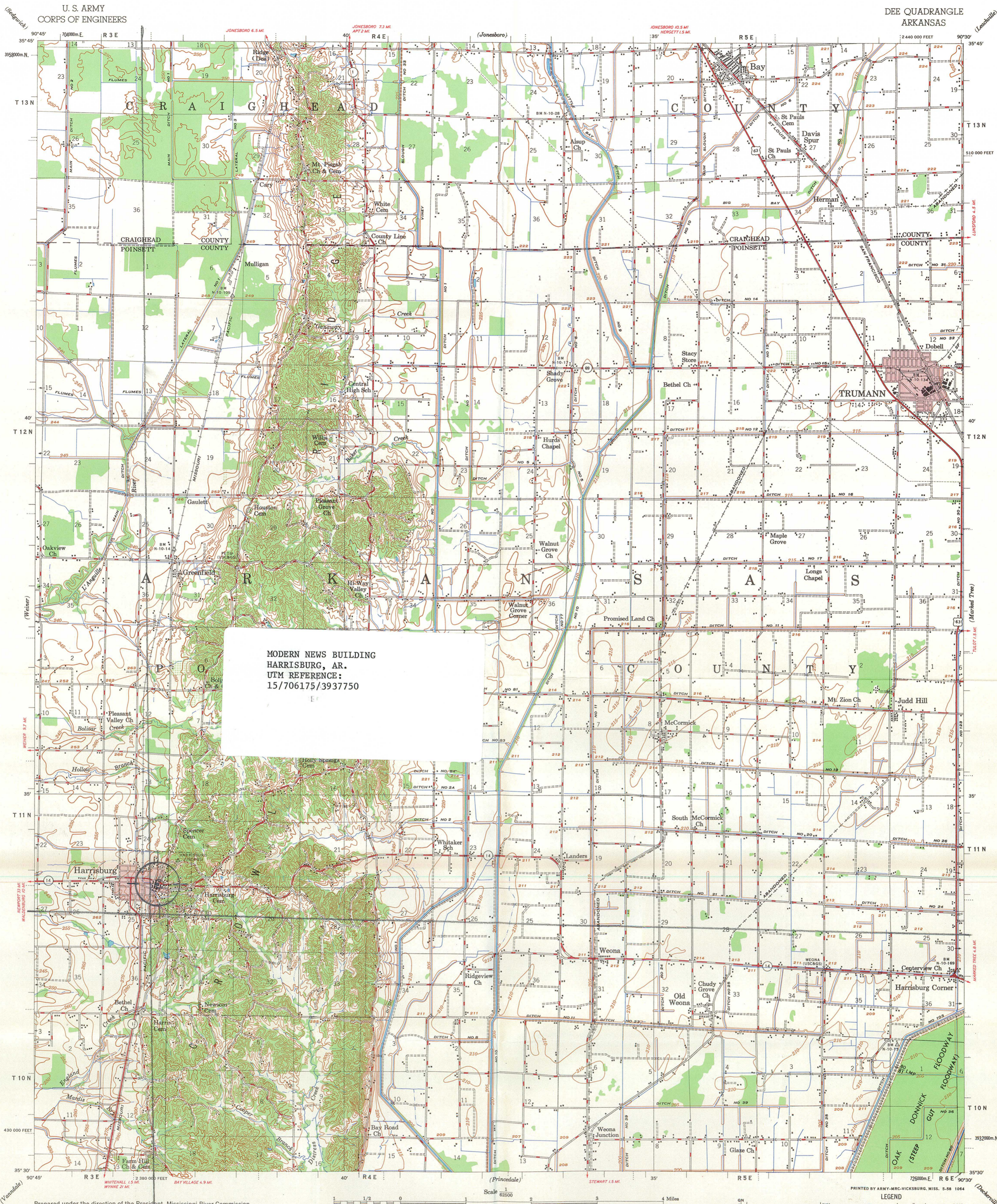
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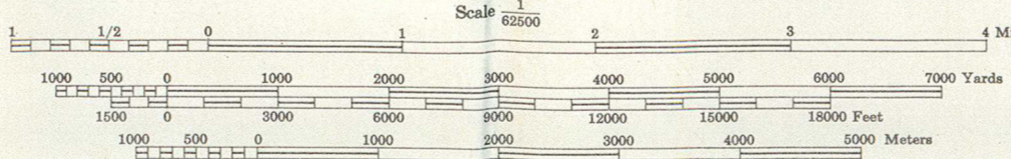
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TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

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



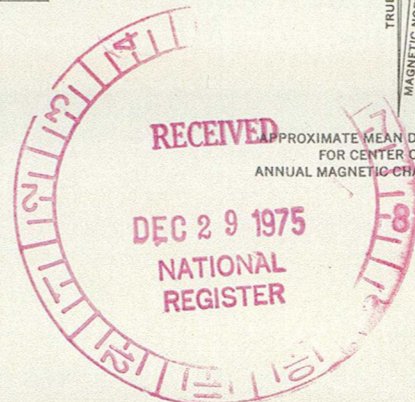
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Hard surface, heavy duty  
Hard surface, medium duty  
Loose surface, graded and drained, or narrow hard surface road  
Improved dirt road or street  
Unimproved dirt road; trail  
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE     **ARKANSAS**

Date Entered     **JUN 18 1976**

Name

Location

**Modern News Building**

**Harrisburg  
Poinsett County**

Also Notified

**Hon. John L. McClellan  
Hon. Dale Bumpers  
Hon. Bill Alexander**

**cc: Regional Director,  
Southwest Region**

**State Historic Preservation Officer  
Ms. Anne Bartley  
Acting Director, Department of Natural  
and Cultural Heritage  
The Old State House  
300 West Markham  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201**

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## ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM



FIRST STATE CAPITOL • 300 WEST MARKHAM • LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201

September 28, 1976



Dr. William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register  
National Park Service - National Register  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D. C. 20240

Re: Modern News Building  
Harrisburg, Poinsett County

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Please change the owner of the Modern News Building to reflect only Mrs. L. D. Freeman.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Anne Bartley  
State Historic Preservation Officer

AB:cm

Enclosure

# NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: **MODERN NEWS BUILDING** 2 OTHER NAMES: 3 date of entry: **6.18.76** 4 county code: **111**

5 LOCATION street & number: **216 N. MAIN St.** city / town: **HARRISBURG** vicinity of: state: **AR** county: **Poinsett** 6 NPS REGION: **Sw**

7 OWNER ☒ PRIVATE ☐ STATE ☐ MUNICIPAL ☐ COUNTY ☐ MULTIPLE ☐ FEDERAL (agency name): 8 ADMINISTRATOR:

9 EXISTING SURVEYS ☐ HABS ☐ HAER ☐ NHL 10 FUNDED? ☐ YES ☐ NO 11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT: **1st** 12 SOURCE of NOMINATION ☒ STATE ☐ FEDERAL

13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ YES, NAME: 14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? ☐ YES, NAME: 15 ACREAGE: **< 1** 16 if state who prepared form? **JPH** ☐ LOCAL ☐ PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

16 CONDITION ☒ excellent ☐ good ☐ fair ☐ deteriorated ☐ ruins ☐ unexposed ☐ unexcavated ☒ altered ☐ unaltered ☐ reconstructed ☐ excavated ☒ original site ☐ moved ☐ unknown 17 features: ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☒ UNKNOWN-4 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-7 ☒ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-5 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-8 ☒ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☒ UNKNOWN-6 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-9

18 ACCESS ☒ YES - Restricted ☐ YES - Unrestricted ☐ No Access ☐ Unknown 19 ADAPTIVE USE ☐ YES ☒ NO 20 SAVED? ☒ YES ☐ NO IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ yes ☒ no

21 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: ☐ ARCHEOLOGY - prehistoric-2 ☐ COMMERCE-6 ☒ ARCHEOLOGY - historic-1 ☒ COMMUNICATIONS-7 ☐ AGRICULTURE-3 ☐ CONSERVATION-8 ☐ ARCHITECTURE-4 ☐ ECONOMICS-9 ☐ ART-5 ☐ ENGINEERING-11 ☐ ENTERTAINMENT-26 ☐ EXPLORATION-12 ☐ HEALTH-27 ☐ INDUSTRY-13 ☐ EDUCATION-10 ☐ LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 ☐ LAW-16 ☐ LITERATURE-17 ☐ MILITARY-18 ☐ MUSIC-19 ☐ PHILOSOPHY-20 ☐ POLITICS / GOVT.-21 ☐ RELIGION-22 ☐ SCIENCE-23 ☐ SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN-24 ☐ SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30 ☐ TRANSPORTATION-25 ☐ RECREATION-28 ☐ SETTLEMENT-29 ☐ URBAN PLANNING-31 ☒ OTHER (SPECIFY) **JOURNALISM** 22 CLAIMS: explain 'first' ☐ 'oldest' ☐ 'only' ☐

23 functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: **NEWSPAPER** CURRENTLY: **NEWSPAPER** 24 dates of initial construction: **1888** major alterations: **1910, 1952, rear additions; 1953 facade** historic events: **rebuilt** 25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

26 architectural style(s): **VERNAULAR** 27 architect: 28 master builder: 29 engineer:

30 landscape architect / garden designer: 31 interior decorator: 32 artist: 33 artisan: 34 builder / contractor:

35 NAMES give role & date PERSONAL: EVENTS: INSTITUTIONAL:

36 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP Brick, 1-story, rectangular, stepped flat roof sections, front center double-door entrance flanked by double sash windows under an aluminum awning; **1910, 1952; rear additions; 1953 facade rebuilt** Vernacular. Home of **Modern News**, one of the oldest weekly newspapers in Arkansas. **ARO**

reviewers initials: date: IF ADDITIONAL SPACE NEEDED, NUMBER & PUT ON REVERSE