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The attached property, the Cleveland County Courthouse, in Cleveland County, Arkansas, reference number 77000248, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the Keeper of the National Register on 04/11/1977, as evidenced by the FEDERAL REGISTER/WEEKLY LIST notice of Tuesday, February 7, 1978, Part II, Vol. 43, No. 26, page 5169. The attached nomination form is a copy of the original documentation provided to the Keeper at the time of listing.


Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places

9/12/2009
Date

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Cleveland County Courthouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Main and Magnolia

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Rison

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fourth

STATE

Arkansas

VICINITY OF

CODE
05COUNTY
ClevelandCODE
025

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☒ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Cleveland County (Raymond J. Sipes, County Judge)

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY, TOWN

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STATE

Arkansas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Circuit Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY, TOWN

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STATE

Arkansas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

—EXCELLENT
☒GOOD
—FAIR

—DETERIORATED
—RUINS
—UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

—UNALTERED
☒ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ORIGINAL SITE
—MOVED DATE _____

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Noteworthy details of the interior include brightly colored, patterned ceramic floor tiles, marble wainscoting and pressed tin ceilings in an ornamental designs. Only minor interior alterations have taken place in the structure.

As the most architecturally and politically important structure in the county, the Cleveland County Courthouse is a significant historical structure.

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	1911	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Works Project Administration "Cleveland County". 1941 Archives Arkansas History Commission.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Sandra Taylor, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE

9-14-76

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 Butler

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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STATE Arkansas

VICINITY OF
CODE 05

COUNTY Cleveland

CODE 025

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
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FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

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DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
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DESCRIPTION

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Centered atop the tower into which the arched openings of Tuscan pilasters finish.

The facade (north elevation) has a projection. The brick quoins separate the building sash with double floor windows and label stops. Tuscan columns on the portico include the star mark.

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☐ INDUSTRY
☐ INVENTION

SPECIFIC DATES 1911

BUILDING

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Cleveland County, located in southern North Carolina, the elevation of the county is almost 1,000 feet. In the county, the major industry is lumber.

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AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

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FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Sandra Taylor, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE

9-14-76

STREET & NUMBER

300 West Markham

TELEPHONE

(501) 371-1639

CITY / TOWN

Little Rock

STATE

Arkansas

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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Anne Bentley

TITLE

DATE

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CHIEF

DATE

9/14/76

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

SIGNATURE

Wm. L. Galt

MANAGER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

3-18-77

Missing Core Documentation

Property Name

Cleveland County Courthouse

County, State

Cleveland,
Arkansas

Reference Number

77000248

The following Core Documentation is missing from this entry:

☒ Nomination Form (Copies from SHPO and microfiche present)

☐ Photographs

☐ USGS Map

Duplicate

77000248

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Cleveland County Courthouse
Cleveland Co., AR

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: _____

Date Due: _____

Action: ☐ ACCEPT 4/11/77

☐ RETURN

☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

- ☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

- ☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ moved date _____

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 _____

UTM 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: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



1. CLEVELAND County Courthouse
CLEVELAND County, ARKANSAS
FACADE (North Elevation), Viewed from the North

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FACADE (North Elevation) Viewed from the north

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2. CLEVELAND County Courthouse
CLEVELAND County, ARKANSAS
EAST ELEVATION, VIEWED FROM THE NORTHEAST

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East Elevation, viewed from the northeast

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3. CLEVELAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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SOUTH ELEVATION, VIEWED FROM THE SOUTHEAST

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South Elevation, viewed from the southeast

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4. CLEVELAND County Courthouse
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WEST ELEVATION, VIEWED from the WEST
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West Elevation, viewed from the west

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5. CLEVELAND County Courthouse

CLEVELAND County, ARKANSAS

INTERIOR, MAIN LOBBY, NOTE tile floors, pressed tin ceiling, MARBLE
5 of 5 wainscotting

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Interior, main lobby, note tile floors, pressed tin ceilings,
marble wainscotting

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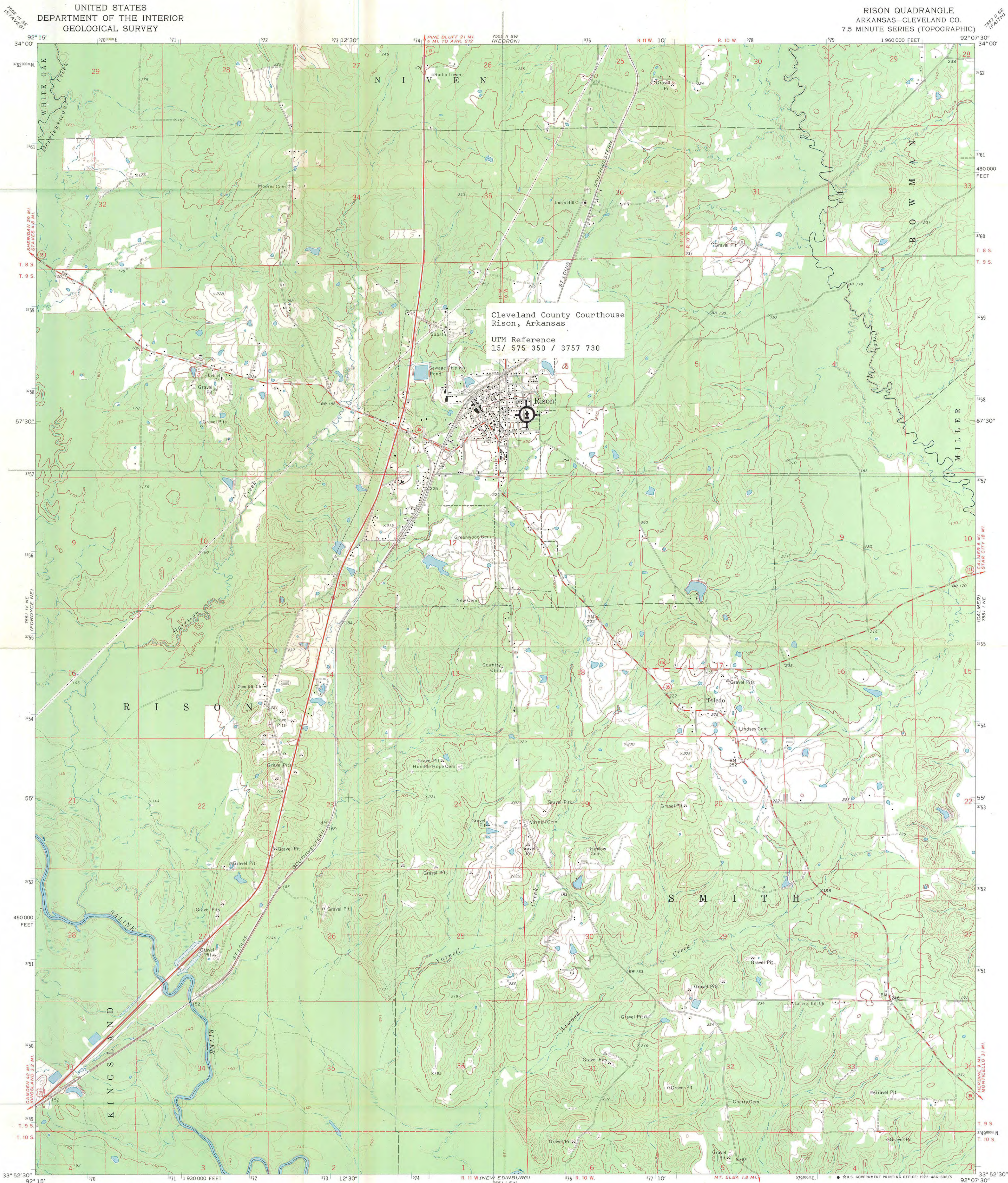
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SCALE 1:24000 DATE 1970

4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

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



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Rison, Arkansas
UTM Reference
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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

UTM GRID AND 1970 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

SCALE 1:24 000
CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DOTTED LINES REPRESENT 5-FOOT CONTOURS
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, all weather, hard surface	Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface	Unimproved road, fair or dry weather

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PROPERTY OWNER'S APPROVAL

I, Raymond J. Sipes, am the legal
 owner of the Courthouse - Cleveland Co.
 located at Main & Magnolia St, Reson, Ark.

I hereby acknowledge that I have been fully informed and
 understand the significance of having the aforementioned
 property placed on the National Register of Historic
 Places.

I hereby approve the inclusion of the aforementioned
 property on the National Register of Historic Places.

Raymond J. Sipes
 Owner

7/12/76
 Date