

United States Department of the Interior

National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places

Continuation Sheet

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New Documentation on Lutherville School, Lutherville, Johnson County.

Updated information on Lutherville School reveals that the proper name of the building was St. Paul Lutheran School.

On Page 6, Section 8, first paragraph, the nomination states that the original handmade font and altar from the building were moved to Grace Lutheran Church in Clarksville, AR. Both objects were returned in fall, 2006 to St. Paul's Lutheran School and have been encased in a plexiglass frame in the center of the stage.

Acreage of the building encompasses 1.54 acres, rather than less than one acre and County Road 418 has been changed to Johnson County Road 3805.

Cardinal direction of the front façade was initially determined to be on the south as the building is situated at an angle; however, the constituent feels that the front should be considered west. As the difference is negligible we will accommodate the constituent. The front façade will be west, rear will be east.

New information provided by Leo Knoernschild, Lamar, AR, 2009.
1068 Leo Lane.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY St. Paul Lutheran School
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Johnson

DATE RECEIVED: 1/12/10 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/26/10
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 99000228

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 2.24.10 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Additional Documentation Approved

RECOM./CRITERIA

REVIEWER

DISCIPLINE

TELEPHONE

DATE

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



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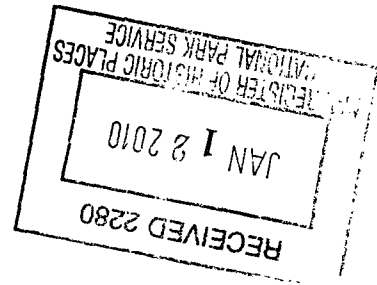
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January 7, 2010

Jim Gabbert
United States Department of the Interior
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
1201 Eye Street NW
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Gabbert:

Please find enclosed a continuation sheet for corrections to the National Register nomination of the Lutherville School, Lutherville, Johnson County, AR. Listed March 5, 1999.

If you have any questions contact Holly Hope.

Thank you,

Holly Hope

Holly Hope
Special Projects Historian
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
1500 Tower Building, 323 Center Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 99000228

Date Listed: 3/5/99


Lutherville School
Property Name

Johnson
County

AR
State

N/A
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.


Signature of the Keeper

3/5/99
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Common Name:

The name *St. Paul's Lutheran School* is added under common/other name.

This information was confirmed with H. Hope of the Arkansas SHPO.

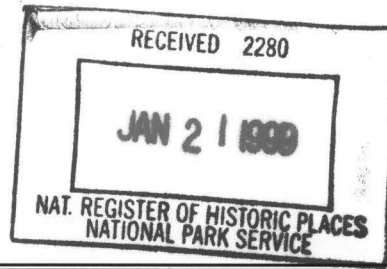
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National Register property file

Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM



1. Name of Property

Historic Name: Lutherville School

Other Name/Site Number: J00099

2. Location

Street & Number: County Road 418

Not for Publication: N/A

City/Town: Lamar

Vicinity: X

State: AR County: Johnson Code: 071 Zip Code 72846

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u> </u>	Buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination _____ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria.

Carthage A. Slater
Signature of certifying official

1-7-99
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property _____ meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

☒ entered in the National Register P.B. Lujan 3/5/99
_____ determined eligible for the National Register _____
_____ determined not eligible for the National Register _____
_____ removed from the National Register _____
_____ other (explain): _____

Signature of Keeper Date
Of action

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6. Function or Use

Historic:	<u>Education</u>	Sub:	<u>School</u>
	<u></u>		<u></u>
Current :	<u>Social</u>	Sub:	<u>Meeting hall</u>
	<u></u>		<u></u>
	<u></u>		<u></u>

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Vernacular
Plain/Traditional

Materials: foundation Stone roof Metal
walls Weatherboard other

Describe present and historic physical appearance:

Lutherville School in Johnson County, is located on rural County road 418 nine miles east of Lamar. The building sits just off the dirt road at the edge of a field and follows the typical rectangular, gable-roofed plan of rural one-room schoolhouses. Lutherville School has been largely unaltered since its construction in circa 1904 and still retains its original weatherboard sheathing and continuous stacked stone foundation. The only changes to the exterior of the building are the removal of a brick chimney from the roof to the rear of the school at an unknown date and replacement of a shingled roof with tin, also at an unknown date. The school building has been maintained in excellent condition by the current owner.

Elaboration

The turn-of-the-century Lutherville School was constructed in circa 1904 on County road 418 in the vicinity of Lamar. The schoolhouse is a vernacular weatherboard structure on a stacked stone foundation with a tin gabled roof. Lutherville School is a remnant of a late 19th century German settlement in western Arkansas, known before the turn of the century as Lutheran Colony. The only other extant structures dating from the time of the settlement are a chicken house and garage associated with the parsonage building for St. Paul's Church, which stood to the west of the school. The church was torn down in 1965, but St. Paul's cemetery to the southeast of the school remains.

The southern, or front, elevation of the schoolhouse contains the entry in the gable end. It consists of a single wooden paneled door reached by one stone step with a plain metal handrail to the west of the entrance. A small sign above the door reads, "ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL 1904-1951." The door is flanked by a pair of two-over-two wooden windows.

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The eastern elevation is simply a row of four evenly spaced two-over-two windows. The rear, or northern facade contains a single batten door at the western corner of the building. Two concrete steps reach the door on this elevation. The western facade mirrors the eastern.

The interior walls and ceiling are sheathed in beaded board. A raised stage runs the length of the north end of the room and a blackboard remains on the wall above the stage. Sockets for bare bulbs provided light in later years; however, hooks for kerosene lanterns are still present in the ceiling. The original desks were sold, but picnic tables are stored inside for use during special picnics and homecoming events.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Local

Applicable National Register Criteria: C,A

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: Architecture
Ethnic Heritage - German

Period(s) of Significance: 1904-1951

Significant Dates: 1904

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: N/A

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and period of significance noted above:

Lutherville School is a remainder of a once thriving German community on Colony Mountain in the Lamar vicinity. Missouri Pacific Railroad offered a parcel of land on the mountain for sale in the early 1880s which attracted families from the German provinces of Hanover, Baden, Bavaria, Schwabia, Saxony, Prussia and Schleswig. One hundred German families had immigrated to Lutherville, then known as Lutheran Colony by 1883. As the only extant

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building related to the early social life of the German community in Lutherville, the schoolhouse is being nominated to the National Register with local significance under Criterion A. It is also being nominated to the National Register with local significance under Criterion C as an intact example of a turn-of-the-century Plain/Traditional one-room schoolhouse.

Historical Background

After the Civil War Arkansas had to face the burden of righting itself and filling the economic void left by death and dislocation. The labor force and the voting population had been decimated so political leaders in the state hit upon the idea of attracting immigrants to work the plantations and grow food for those who were left. Efforts to attract immigrants were concentrated on Germans because there was already a large German population in Little Rock. Several immigrant aid societies were formed by private organizations, American and German, during the 1860s to offer aid and assistance. In 1867 state newspapers, which had been heavily in favor of increased immigration since the end of the war, pushed for the creation of a state bureau of immigration. Various bills were introduced, some passed, that would provide incentives and encouragement to immigrants during and after Reconstruction. With a new governor and clear legislative status in 1868, the General Assembly pushed for a bill to create an immigration bureau. However, interest in immigration waned due to other pressing factors such as the Brooks-Baxter war and incompetency on the part of the commissioners of immigration and state lands until 1873 when rail routes were completed in the state. The railroads desired to encourage immigration in order to sell grants of land. Just through making travel to the interior of Arkansas easier, they promoted settlement. To make land offers more attractive, the railroads would deduct the cost of a train ticket from any area along the rail route that was purchased. Arrangements could be made for payments over a number of years at a low interest rate on the price of land. The push to bring foreign settlers into Arkansas had its effect, but most influx between 1860 and 1880 was from within the States.

Lutherville, in western Arkansas, was first settled by Germans in the early 1880s when the Missouri Pacific Railroad placed a tract of land on Colony Mountain up for sale. In 1883 the area was known as Lutheran Colony and there was a population of one hundred families from Germany. Some of the residents had come to America before the 1880s to other states like Kansas, Missouri, Maryland and Nebraska before moving to Arkansas.

The town was still small, but was growing by 1883 when Gustav Hentschel, a German resident of Lutherville wrote home to his brother August. Gustav wrote that the town consisted of thirteen buildings including a church, a steam powered sawmill and plank houses where just a year and a half ago there was only a log farm building. The community was sustained by farming, growing crops of corn, cotton, potatoes and tobacco. Mr. Hentschel described the hunting as bounteous despite the tendency of the Americans to overhunt. The Hentschels lived on one hundred twenty acres outside of Lutherville but he wrote that they wanted to build a house in town so his children could go to school. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, one of two in the community was built in 1882 and was located west of the school house on County Road 418. The church was active until the 1960s when membership began to decline due to a lack of work in the community. The building was torn down in 1965, but the original

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handmade font and altar were moved to Grace Lutheran Church in Clarksville. The school building was utilized until 1951, when student attendance had decreased so much that classes were consolidated with Lamar public schools. Gustav describes the church and school in 1883 as being 600 paces from his building site; however, the recorded construction date of the Lutherville School building being nominated is c. 1904. It is not clear whether another building on the site was destroyed prior to the construction of the current one, or whether there were two schools as well as two churches as stated by Gustav Hentschel in his letter.

Lutherville School is an intact example of vernacular one-room construction dedicated to social activities in the rural German town of Lutherville. The building's simple lines have not been altered with any additions since its c. 1904 construction. The architectural type seen in the schoolhouse is one that is rapidly disappearing in rural areas of the state, so as an excellently maintained example of a Plain/Traditional one-room rural schoolhouse, the Lutherville School is being nominated to the National Register with local significance under Criterion C. The building is also being nominated to the National Register with local significance under Criterion A as the only extant structure related to the early influx of German settlers to the area known as the Lutheran Colony during the 1880s. The Germanic colony was the result of a larger statewide effort by the railroads and political leaders to buoy up the economy of Arkansas after the devastation of the Civil War.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Hentschel, Gustav, to August Hentschel, November 1883. Translated by Ruby Hentschel Hahn, Denver, Colorado, October 1977.

Information submitted by Edmund Drittler, Lamar, September 1998.

Wolfe, Jonathan James. "Background of German Immigration, Part I." Arkansas Historical Quarterly, Vol. XXV, No. 2 (Summer 1966): 151-182.

Park, Sue. "Lutheran Colony, Home of St. Paul's Church," The GRAPHIC June 4, 1997.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary Location of Additional Data: _____

- ☒ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other state agency
- ☐ Federal agency

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☐ Local government
☐ University
☐ Other -- Specify Repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one acre.

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>474940</u>	<u>3925980</u>	B	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
C	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	D	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at a point on the east side of County Road 418 diagonally 80' from the southeast corner of the Lutherville School, proceed north 150' along the eastern wall of the school building to the rear property line. Then proceed west 75' along the rear property line of the Lutherville School, turning south 150' along the north curb of County Road 418. Then proceed east to the point of origin.

Boundary Justification:

This nomination includes property historically associated with the Lutherville School and sufficient setting to convey its rural character.

11. Form Prepared By

Name/Title: Holly Hope/Survey Historian

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 11/02/98

Street & Number: 1500 Tower Bldg., 323 Center St. Telephone: (501) 324-9880

City or Town: Little Rock State: AR ZIP: 72201

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Lutherville School *Changed to:*

MULTIPLE NAME:

St Paul Lutheran School 2.24.10

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Johnson

DATE RECEIVED: 1/21/99 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 2/02/99
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/18/99 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/07/99
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 99000228

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

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

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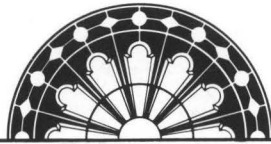
The Lutherville School is significant under NR Criteria A and C in the areas of Ethnic Heritage-European (German) and Architecture. The modest wood-frame school is a well-preserved local example of vernacular one-room schoolhouse design from the early twentieth century. The school is one of the few extant resources associated with the late nineteenth and early twentieth-century German agricultural settlement of Lutherville/Lutheran Colony in western Arkansas.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept Criteria A+C

REVIEWER PAUL LUDIGMAN DISCIPLINE HISTORIAN

TELEPHONE _____ DATE 3/5/99

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



ARKANSAS
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PROGRAM

January 7, 1999

Carol D. Shull
Chief of Registration
United State Department of the Interior
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
800 North Capitol Street, Suite 250
Washington, D.C. 20002

RE: Lutherville School - Lamar Vicinity, Johnson County.

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review the nomination of the above referenced property. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathy Buford Slater
State Historic Preservation Officer

CBS:rm

Enclosures





Lutherville School
Lamar vic, Johnson Co

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View from South



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Lamar Vic, Johnson Co

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View from west



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View from North

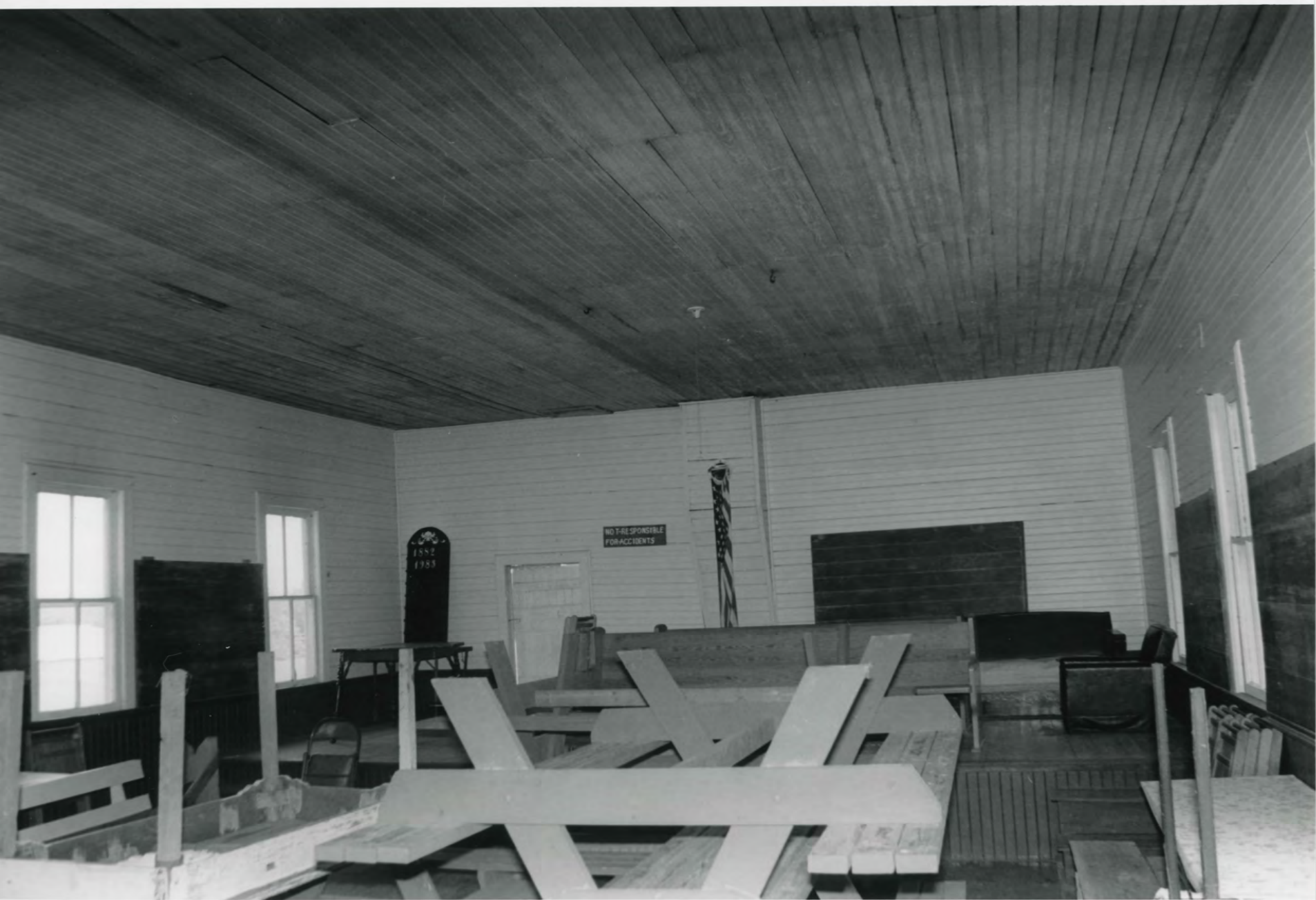


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View of interior

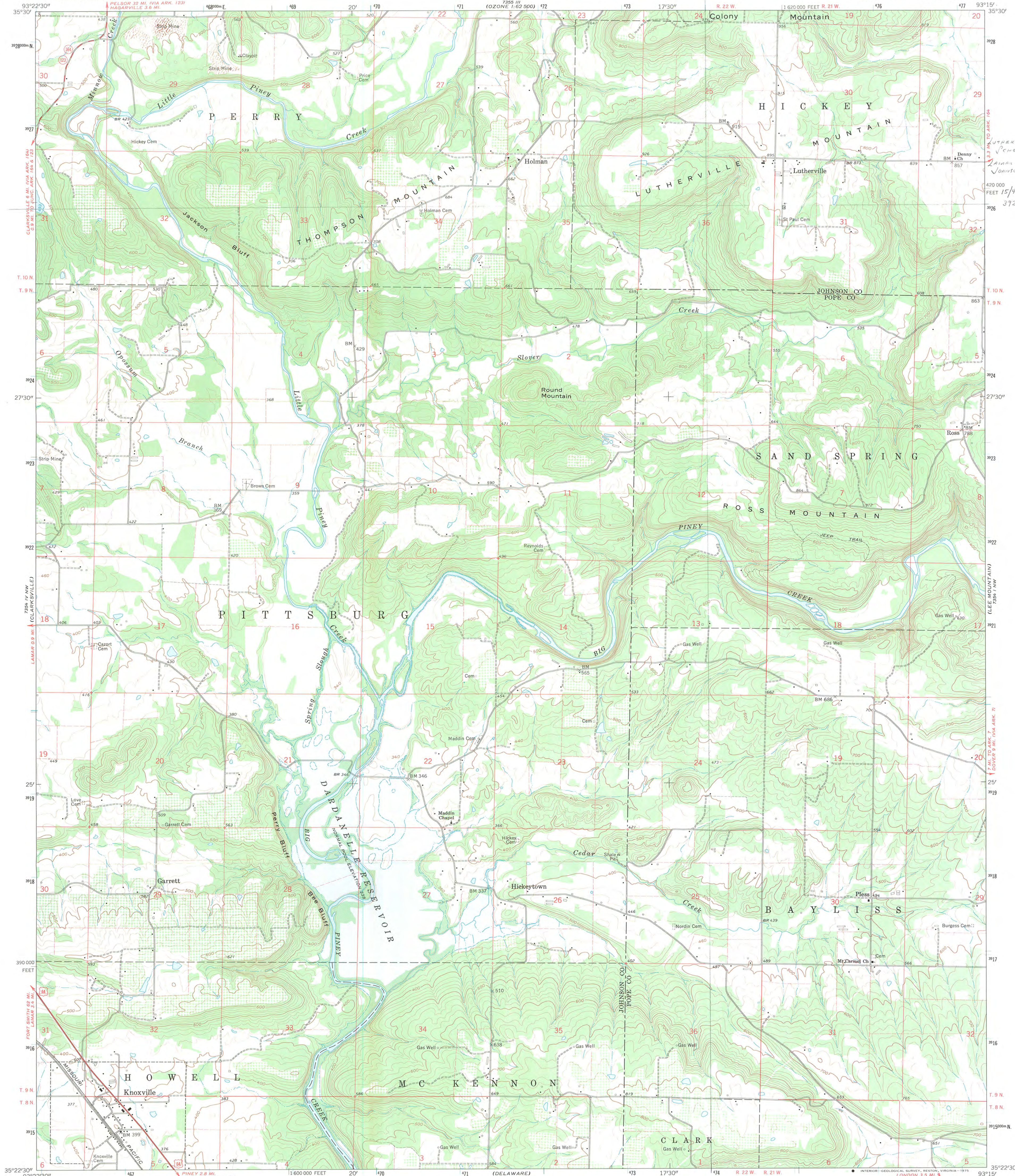


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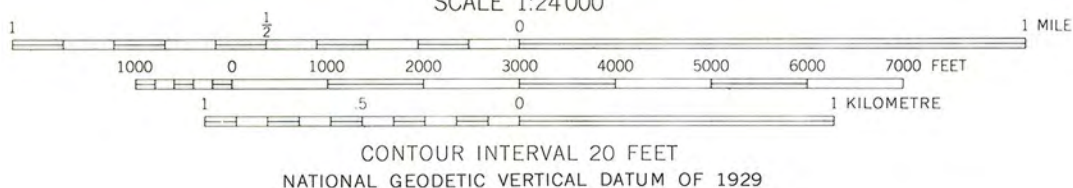
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ARKANSAS
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(Resource Name)

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