

INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

Property Name Rocky Branch School Property Owner Rocky Branch Farms, Inc.
Location 200' N. Hwy. 303, near Prairie Creek Address 200 East First Street
Construction Date c. 1914 Survey No. 0842 Suite 100
Wichita, KS 67202

DESCRIPTION

The Rocky Branch School building, facing east on a sloping site, is a one-room frame building with twin entry doors in the east end. A concrete entrance platform is mounted by concrete steps at either end. The simple gabled rectangle, 3 window bays long, is a classic one-room school building form found throughout Arkansas. It is without ornament. A brick chimney serving a wood burning stove rises from the rear end of the roof ridge. A few old school desks, some wood benches, and a piano are found in the interior. Portraits of Washington, Lincoln and J.F. Kennedy hang on the wall. Five light fixtures hang from the ceiling. A school bell hangs in under a small wooden bell tower, a four-posted support with pyramid roof standing a few feet north of the building.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: CArea of significance: Architecture

The Rocky Branch School, built in 1914 near La Rue, Arkansas, was moved to its present site c. 1960 to avoid inundation by Beaver Lake, newly formed by the damming of White River. For many years before and after moving, the building was painted white. In recent years (c. 1978) it has been painted red, presumably emulating its original color. Classes were discontinued in this building c. 1962. Since that time it is used periodically for social and political events. The building is significant as an excellent and unaltered example of the country schoolhouse which was once so common.

Acreage less than 1 acreVerbal Boundary Description From the intersection of State Highways #303 and #12, proceedQuadrangle Name War Eagle, Ark. Quadrangle Scale 1:24000UTM Reference: Zone 15 Easting 415510 Northing 4020320

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VERBAL BOUNDARY CONTINUED

northeast on State Highway #303 1.9 miles. Proceed 70 feet west to the southeast corner of the property and the point of beginning. Proceed West 80 feet, then proceed north 90 feet, then proceed east 80 feet, and then proceed south 90 feet to the point of beginning.

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Criterion: _____ Area of significance: _____

Acreage _____

Verbal Boundary Description _____

Quadrangle Name _____ Quadrangle Scale _____

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3/15/88

12/14/87

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Benton County MRA
State Benton County, ARKANSAS

Nomination/Type of Review _____ Date/Signature _____

81. Rocky Branch School

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper Melous Byers 3/25/88

Attest _____

82. Rogers City Hall

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

Attest _____

83. Rogers Post Office Building

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84. Roy's Office Supply Building

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85. Sellers Farm

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86. Shady Grove School

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87. Shiloh House

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88. Shores Warehouse

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89. Siloam Springs Train Station

Entered in the
National Register

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Attest _____

90. Spavinaw Creek Bridge

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National Register

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Attest _____

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Rocky Branch School (Benton County MRA)
Benton County
ARKANSAS

Working No. DEC 14 1987

Fed. Reg. Date: 1/14/88 - 1/28/88

Date Due: 1-28-88

Action: ACCEPT

☒ RETURN 1-28-88

☐ 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 _____

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 ☐ deteriorated
☐ good ☐ ruins
☐ fair ☐ 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

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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 *Delores Byers*

Date *1/28/88*

Phone: _____

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Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



NO. 45
ROCKY BRANCH SCHOOL - 0842

VIC. PRAIRIE CREEK

BENTON CO. MRA

PHOTO'D BY M. MADDEN, June 1987

NEGATIVES on FILE at AHPP

12/18/17



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and USCE
Topography from aerial photographs by Kelsh plotter
Aerial photographs taken 1957. Field check 1957
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, north zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue

TRUE NORTH
MAGNETIC NORTH
APPROXIMATE MEAN
DECLINATION, 1957

SCALE 1:24000
1 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 7000 FEET
1 5 0 1 KILOMETER
CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



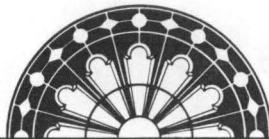
ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Light duty ————— Unimproved dirt —————
State Route

WAR EAGLE, ARK.
N 3615-W 9352.5/7.5

1957

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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ARKANSAS
HISTORIC
PRESERVATION
PROGRAM

March 7, 1988

Ms. Carol D. Shull
Chief of Registration
United States Department of the Interior
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
1100 "L" Street
Washington, D.C. 20240

RE: Rocky Branch School
Adar House
Benton County Multiple Resource Area

Dear Carol:

Enclosed are nominations for the above-referenced properties, which were returned to us for technical corrections. We have completed the verbal boundary descriptions as instructed.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathy Buford
State Historic Preservation Officer

CB/TJ/bjm

Enclosures

MAR 15 1988

