

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Woodrow Store

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number Arkansas Highway 263

☐ not for publication

city or town Woodrow

☐ vicinity

state Arkansas code AR county Cleburne code 023 zip code 72130

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ 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 for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐  
does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  
☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Cecilia Martinez  
Signature of certifying official/Title

11/14/00  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See Continuation sheet for additional comments.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official/Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

☒ entered in the National Register.

☐ See continuation sheet

☐ determined eligible for the  
National Register.

☐ See continuation sheet

☐ determined not eligible for the  
National Register.

☐ removed from the National  
Register.

☐ other, (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

for  
Edson H. Beall  
Signature of the Keeper

1.4.01  
Date of Action

Name of Property

County and State

## 5. Classification

### Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private  
☐ public-local  
☐ public-State  
☐ public-Federal

### Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)  
☐ district  
☐ site  
☐ structure  
☐ object

### Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in count.)

Contributing

Noncontributing

1

buildings

sites

structures

objects

1

Total

### Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Arkansas Highway and Transportation Era Architecture,  
1910-1965.

### Number of Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

## 6. Function or Use

### Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE: Specialty Store

### Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

VACANT/NOT IN USE

## 7. Description

### Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: Craftsman

### Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

walls Weatherboard

roof Metal

other Brick

### Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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## Continuation Sheet

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### SUMMARY

The Woodrow Store is located on a hill less than twenty feet south of Arkansas Highway 263 in the small community of Woodrow, Arkansas, in Cleburne County. This Craftsman style building with a gable roof and parapet now sits vacant displaying no additions and minimal alterations. Located at the bottom of the parapet and accented with a historic light fixture is a faded sign that reads "Woodrow Store."

### ELABORATION

The building has a rectangular floor plan and rests on stone piers that have been in-filled with fieldstone. The exterior of the store is covered with narrow weatherboard siding. All original doors and windows remain intact with the exception of one small transom window located in the rear of the building, which has been boarded up. The gas pumps, which were located directly to the right of the store, were removed in the early 1970s. The gable roof is covered with a corrugated metal roofing material and is hidden by a parapet wall. A brick chimney located at the interior end of the building rises through the roof and remains largely intact.

The building's front (northeastern) elevation features a recessed centrally located entryway. Access to the building is through a four light, three paneled wooden door. In each beveled side of the recessed entryway is a four over two wood frame window. The entryway is flanked on each side by three four-over-one windows. The full front porch is supported by three battered columns on concrete piers and is topped with a gable roof.

Both the northwestern and southwestern elevations of the building are identical. Both feature small transom windows located three-quarters of the building's length from the front of the store.

The buildings rear (southwestern) elevation features a centrally located wooden door that was used as a loading area for livestock feed and other supplies. It is flanked to the west by a transom window that has been broken out at some point and has been covered with plywood.

### Integrity

The Woodrow Store maintains a strong sense of integrity since it has had an extremely minimal amount of alteration since its date of construction. It also maintains its integrity of location and setting, as it is still located in the rural setting in which it was first built. The Woodrow Store is the best example of an intact, Craftsman style building associated with the development of Arkansas Highways, in the northwestern portion of Cleburne County.

**8. Statement of Significance****Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** moved from its original location.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Levels of Significance** (local, state, national)

Local

**Areas of Significance** (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

TRANSPORTATION

**Period of Significance**

Ca. 1927-1950

**Significant Dates**

1927

**Significant Person** (Complete if Criterion B is marked)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation** (Complete if Criterion D is marked)

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Unknown

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References****Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**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

**Primary location of additional data:**

- ☐ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State Agency
- ☐ Federal Agency
- ☐ Local Government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository:

Record # \_\_\_\_\_

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### Summary

The Woodrow Store located on U.S. Highway 263 in Woodrow, Arkansas, in Cleburne County is the oldest remaining gas station/general store in the immediate area. The store looks almost exactly like it did at the time of its construction in 1927. For the past seventy-three years the store has remained in the same family even after the family built a new store less than a mile away. The Woodrow Store is the best example of a Craftsman style general store in the northwestern part of the county and is the only building in the area to feature a parapet. The Woodrow Store is being nominated for its **local significance** under **Criterion C** for its Craftsman architecture and also under **Criterion A** as it contributes to the historic context "Arkansas Highway History and Architecture, 1910-1965."

### Elaboration

Present day Cleburne County was first settled in 1815 by the John Standlee family. The family homesteaded and built a ferry near the mouth of the Devil's Fork of the Little Red River. The area along the river was settled rather quickly due to the flat fertile soil in the river bottom. Most of the early residents came to the area traveling the Batesville to Clinton Military Road, which ran through the northern part of the county. However, it was not until around the mid 1800s that Woodrow was first settled.

Woodrow lies in the hilly northwest corner of the county where roads were almost non-existent. Unlike the cotton farmers that lived along the river, these hill country people grew corn and were generally self-sufficient. While towns were developing in the lowlands the area around Woodrow was still rural, containing a scattered group of cabins and homesteads.

On February 20, 1883, Cleburne County became the seventy-fifth and final county established in Arkansas. It was created from land annexed from Van Buren, White and Independence Counties. The area around Woodrow steadily began to grow as better roads were cut through the treacherous hills that had isolated the location from the rest of the county.

In 1894 a simple one- room school was built in Woodrow symbolizing the formation of a community. The year 1914 would bring two very important changes to the town. First the town received its own post office; and second, later that same year Lee and Harvey Hipp built a store in the town. These two changes made goods more accessible for people in the community although the town remained widely isolated.

In 1927 Arie Hipp opened the Woodrow Store. The store was located along present day U.S. Highway 263 less than 100 yards from where the Woodrow post office was located. The building served as the community's only general store and was the only location in the Woodrow community where gasoline could be purchased.

The only road that went to the town ran along present day U.S. Highway 263 and crossed the Little Red River. By 1925 the road had been improved somewhat, but there was no bridge crossing the river. When the spring rain came



the water levels would rise and the river was nearly impossible to cross. Although the roads were rough and the river unpredictable the Woodrow community, like the rest of the nation, had been struck with automobile fever, but there was still no dependable crossing at the Little Red River.

When the Great Depression struck the country programs such as the Works Progress Administration and the Civilian Conservation Corp were created to provide jobs for unemployed citizens. One WPA project implemented in Cleburne County was the construction a bridge across the Devil's Fork. The concrete bridge was completed and served the area until it was covered by Greers Ferry Lake in the early 1960's. The road running into Woodrow remained unpaved, but was still thought of as being "greatly improved" because of the reliable crossing. The Woodrow Store was owned by Arie Hipp throughout its years of operation. His business prospered and was the only gas station to serve the community of Woodrow. Through his store and sawmill he became one of the most prominent members of the community. When the road was finally paved in the early 1960's his store was still in operation and served motorists that traveled through the hills of northern Cleburne County as a Mobil Oil Filling Station. Throughout the store's years of operation it was the only place to buy gasoline in the town. Without the Woodrow Store, there would not have been any gas station to meet the growing needs of the automobile users in the community of Woodrow. The improvements made to the highway furthered insured the success and longevity of the store.

The business was moved in the early 1970's to a location and building barely one quarter of a mile away, but the old store was left in its original location. The old building, which had served as the town's only gas station and store for more than half a century, still stands in the same location and maintains the same basic appearance that it has had for over eighty years. Today there is still only one gas station in the town. It is owned by Juel Hipp, Arie's son, continuing the family's legacy.

## **SIGNIFICANCE**

The Woodrow Store is significant under **Criterion C** as the best extant Craftsman building in Woodrow, Arkansas. However, it is as importantly significant for the role it played in the development of automobile transportation in the small Ozark Mountain town of Woodrow and the surrounding hills. Today the store is used for storage, yet to people who drive down U.S. Highway 263 it stands as a reminder of days gone by. The Woodrow Store is also being nominated with **local significance** to the National Register of Historic Places under **Criterion A** as contributing to the multi property context "**Arkansas Highway History and Architecture, 1910-1965.**"

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### BIBLIOGRAPHY

Berry, Evalena. *Time and the River: A History of Cleburne County*. Cleburne County Historical Society, (Heber Springs) 1982.pp.61, 131,134-137,145, 221, 236.

Interview with Audrey Hipp, July 2000.



Name of Property

County and State

<b>Acreage of Property</b>	Less than one acre.
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(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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	Zone	Easting	Northing
2			

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 Zone Easting Northing  
 4 \_\_\_\_\_

☐ See continuation sheet

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of a line running parallel with the building's northeast elevation located 10 feet to the northeast thereof running adjacent to Arkansas Highway 263 with a perpendicular line running parallel to the building's northwest elevation located 20 feet northwest thereof, proceed southwesterly along the latter line for a distance of approximately 80 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the building's southwestern elevation located 20 feet to the southwest thereof; thence proceed approximately 70 feet southeasterly along said line to its intersection with a line running parallel to the building's southeast elevation; thence proceed northeasterly along said line for approximately 80 feet to the intersection of the line running parallel to the building's northeast elevation; thence proceed northwesterly along said line for a distance of approximately 70 feet to the point of beginning.

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

This boundary includes all property historically associated with the property that retains its integrity.

name/title      Zac Cothren

organization	Arkansas Historic Preservation Program	date	8/23/00		
street & number	1500 Tower Bldg. 323 Center Street	telephone	501-324-9789		
city or town	Little Rock	state	AR	zip code	72201

Submit the following items with the completed form:

## Maps

**A USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Representative **black and white** photographs of the property.

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name \_\_\_\_\_

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Woodrow Store  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Arkansas Highway History and Architecture MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Cleburne

DATE RECEIVED: 11/28/00 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 12/11/00  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 12/27/00 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 1/12/01  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 00001592

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 1.4.01 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the  
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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





1. Woodrow Store
2. Cleburne Co., AR
3. ZaeLothron
4. June 2000
5. Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
6. Southwest side facade (view facing west)
- 7.4





1. Woodrow Store
2. Cleburne Co., AR
3. Zac Cothren
4. June 2000
5. Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
6. Rear Elevation (view facing Northeast)
7. 1



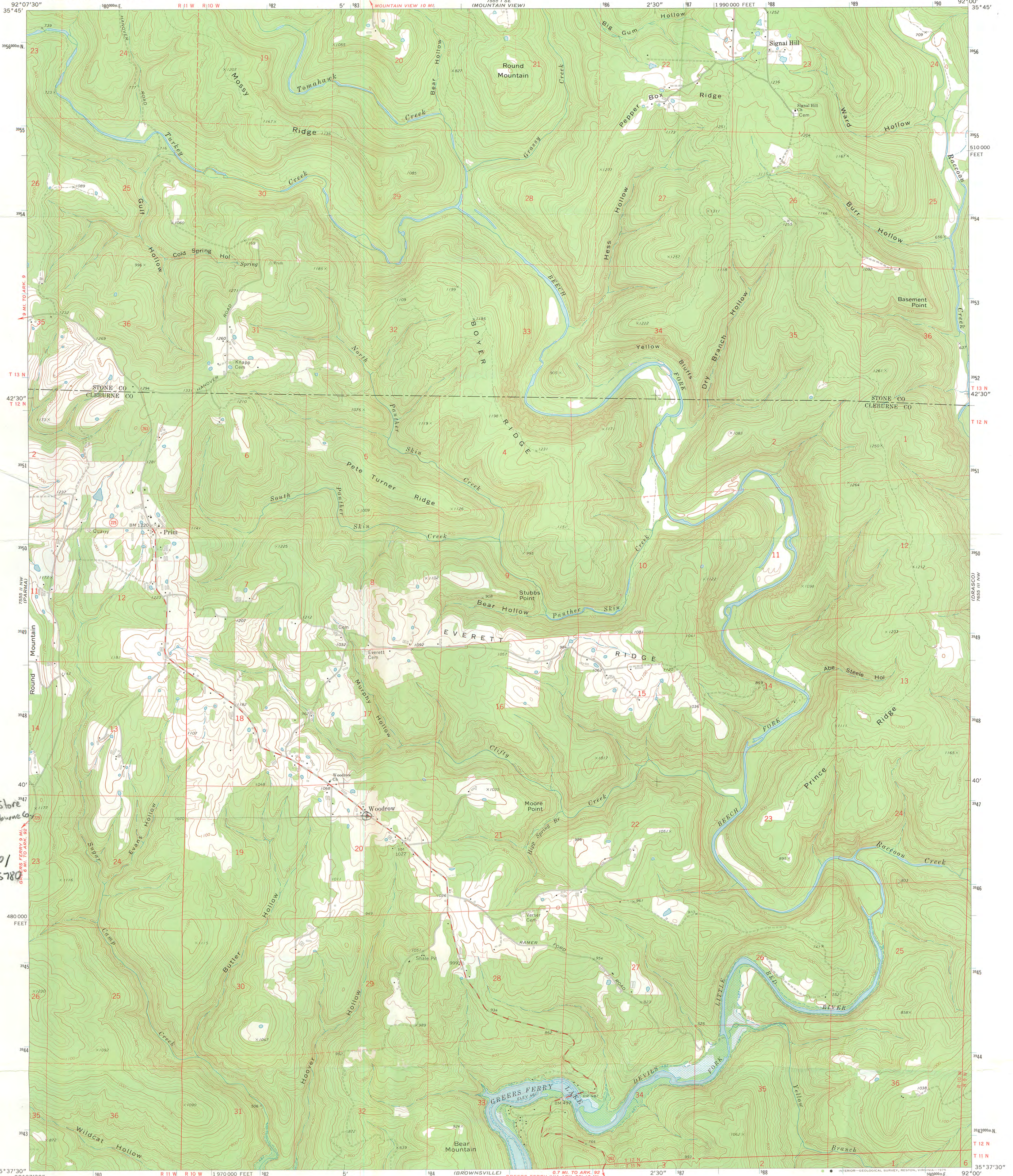
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5. Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
6. Front Facade (view facing Southwest)
- 7.2





1. Woodrow Store
2. Cleburne Co., AR
3. Zac Colwen
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6. North ~~west~~ side facade (view facing ~~east~~ st)
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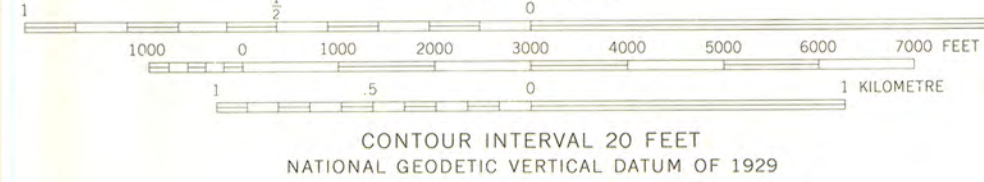
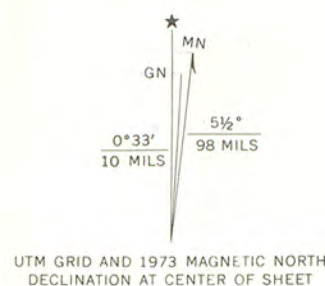
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION	
Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
	State Route

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Washington, DC 20002

RE: Woodrow Store, Woodrow, Cleburne Co., Arkansas.

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,

Cathie Matthews  
State Historic Preservation Officer

Enclosure

CM: zc

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