

INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

Property Name Bentonville High School Property Owner Bentonville Public Schools
Location 410 NW Second Street, Bentonville Address 400 NW Second Street
Construction Date 1928 Survey No. 0409 Bentonville, AR

DESCRIPTION

The Bentonville High School faces on N.W. 2nd Street in the form of a wide V with a two-story block containing the entry and auditorium forming the axial apex of the wide angle. Spanish details dominating the front elevation of the central block include a five-bay brick arcade flanked by two-story stair towers, the upper portion of which are hexagonal, ornamented in patterns of glazed tile, and topped by pyramids of red roof tile. Rectangular piers of the arcade are patterned with alternating courses of red brick and light colored glazed terra cotta. All roofs of the main block and the two-story wings are shingled in red Spanish roof tile. The classroom wings, which are of the double loaded corridor plan, terminate with rectangular gabled blocks. Arched entryways to these end-blocks are ornamented with alternating courses of red brick and light colored glazed tile.

The lobby in the central block is spanned by broad wood beams embellished with carving and paint patterns. Arched doorways connect the lobby with a large fixed-seat auditorium, the floor of which slopes to the wide proscenium stage. Masonry arcades on both sides of the auditorium separate the seating area from circulation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: CArea of significance: Architecture

During the 1920's Spanish Colonial, Mission and Mediterranean styles found acceptance across the nation, especially in the south and southwest. Little Rock architect John Park Almand responded to the appeal of these exotic styles and demonstrated understanding and skill in the Spanish colonial architectural language. He was commissioned by the City of Bentonville to design a new High School, completed in 1928. The same year, Almand's Lane Hotel in Rogers (No. 88) was completed. Glazed architectural terra cotta was a significant material of the 1920's, not only in Spanish colonial designs but also as simulated carved stone in other period revivals of this era. Almand exploited this versatile material well in the Bentonville High School and in much of his other work. The Bentonville

Acreage Between 2 & 3 acresVerbal Boundary Description Lots 151-156 & 160-164, Original TownQuadrangle Name Bentonville South, Ark. Quadrangle Scale 1:24000UTM Reference: Zone 15 Easting 391140 Northing 4025870

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paths leading to back stage spaces. A large room at the rear of the stage once was the school library. The space is now used for instructional purposes. Roofing of the auditorium is asphalt shingles matching the red of the Spanish tile used elsewhere. Large windows throughout the school have been replaced in recent years by wood panels over narrow bands of operable windows at sill height. Certain of these panels on the back side of the building have been expertly painted with scenes from familiar children's literature.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Continued

Criterion: _____ Area of significance: _____

High School has long been outgrown by high enrollment and the upper grades have moved on to expanded new facilities. But the original building still serves the public school system with surprisingly little modification in the 1938 design. It remains well sited on an open site. New buildings have been built on neighboring land and are discreetly connected to the old building by covered passageways.

Acreage _____

Verbal Boundary Description _____

Quadrangle Name _____ Quadrangle Scale _____

UTM Reference: Zone _____ Easting _____ Northing _____

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Benton County MRA
State Benton County, ARKANSAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| 11. Benton County Jail | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Melvin Byers</u> 1/28/88 | Attest _____ |
| 12. Bentonville High School | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Melvin Byers</u> 1/28/88 | Attest _____ |
| 13. Bertschy House | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Melvin Byers</u> 1/28/88 | Attest _____ |
| 14. Blackburn House | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Melvin Byers</u> 1/28/88 | Attest _____ |
| 15. Blackwell--Paisley Cabin | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Melvin Byers</u> 1/28/88 | Attest _____ |
| 16. Blake House | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Melvin Byers</u> 1/28/88 | Attest _____ |
| 17. Bogan Cabin | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Melvin Byers</u> 1/28/88 | Attest _____ |
| 18. Bogart Hardware Building | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Melvin Byers</u> 1/28/88 | Attest _____ |
| 19. Bolin Barn and Smokehouse | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Melvin Byers</u> 1/28/88 | Attest _____ |
| 20. Braithwaite House | Entered in the
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Bentonville High School (Benton County MRA)
Benton County
ARKANSAS

DEC 14 1987

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/89

Date Due: 1/14/88 - 1/28/88

Action: ACCEPT 1-28-88

RETURN

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	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	

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: _____



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BENTONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

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