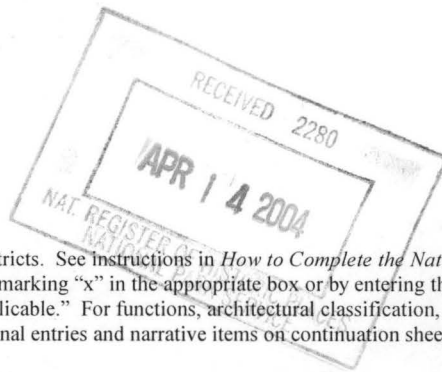


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National Park Service

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 Putman Cemetery

other names/site number Site #BE3616

2. Location

street & number 3504 Magellan Boulevard

☐ not for publication

city or town Bentonville

☒ vicinity

state Arkansas code AR county Benton code 007 zip code 72712

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.)

Cathy Matthews  
Signature of certifying official/Title

4/8/04  
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

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  
Signature of the Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Action

Daniel J. Hill

5/24/04

Putman Cemetery  
Name of Property

Benton County, Arkansas  
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

		buildings
1		sites
	1	structures
		objects
1	1	Total

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

Historic and Architectural Resources of Benton County, Arkansas

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

## 6. Function or Use

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

FUNERARY/Cemetery

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

FUNERARY/Cemetery

## 7. Description

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

N/A

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A  
walls N/A  
  
roof N/A  
other STONE

## Narrative Description

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

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National Park Service

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**SUMMARY**

The Putman Cemetery, which contains 14 marked graves, is located at 3504 Magellan Boulevard near Bentonville in Benton County, Arkansas. The small cemetery is surrounded by a modern ornamental iron fence with a large arch bearing the name Putman. The fast-paced growth of Benton County has meant that modern development now surrounds the cemetery, which until recently sat in a rural setting.

**ELABORATION**

The Putman Cemetery is located in Bentonville, three miles west of downtown Rogers. Located at the busy intersection of Interstate 540 and Walton Boulevard, the cemetery is surrounded by three modern hotels, four upscale restaurants and an Automated Teller Machine. The picturesque cemetery sits as an oasis in the midst of fast-paced development, and is a rare remnant of the area's rural past. Large deciduous trees are scattered throughout the cemetery. To blend in with the surrounding area, an iron ornamental fence was built around the cemetery, with a large arch bearing the name Putman.

The Putman Cemetery has gravestones ranging from tablets to a monument type stone, and slabs cover many of the graves. All stones are sculpted with decorative script and pictures, which include weeping willow trees, roses and vines, a lamb and clasped hands holding a Bible. Verses and sayings are added to many of the stones, in script popular in the nineteenth-century. In addition, some of the stones are signed by the carvers, which include M. L. Kelly of Garfield, Arkansas, and the McWhirter Brothers.

The Putman Cemetery was mapped by Benton County Cemetery Preservation Group with the assistance of Jerry Hilliard, Archaeology Department at University of Arkansas, on July 12, 1997. The first dated burial was 1863 and the last was in 1892. Current by-laws state no further burials will be allowed in the cemetery.

This is a breakdown of burials by decade of the 14 marked graves:

1860s - 2

1870s - 4

1880s - 7

1890s - 1

In addition to the 14 marked graves, a number of unmarked graves are also present.

**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** birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance.
- ☒ **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)

Politics/Government

Exploration/Settlement

Architecture

**Period of Significance**

1863-1909

**Significant Dates**

1863-1909

**Significant Person** (Complete if Criterion B is marked)**Cultural Affiliation** (Complete if Criterion D is marked)**Architect/Builder****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 Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

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

Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_



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National Park Service

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### SUMMARY

The Putman Cemetery is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with **local significance** under **Criterion A** for its association with early settlement in Benton County. Members of the Putman Family, including Jahu Putman who fought in the War of 1812 and his son James Pervine Putman who served in the legislature, were early settlers in the Benton County area. The cemetery represents the most significant remaining site associated with the Putman family. As a result, it is also being nominated under **Criterion B** along with **Criteria Consideration C: birthplaces or graves**. The cemetery also represents a good example of a nineteenth-century rural cemetery, and is therefore also being nominated with **local significance** under **Criterion C**. The cemetery is also being nominated under **Criteria Consideration D: cemeteries**, and under the multiple property listing "Historic and Architectural Resources of Benton County, Arkansas."

### ELABORATION

Jahu Putman, who was born March 2, 1794, in Wilson County, Tennessee, is likely the most prominent person buried in the Putman Cemetery. Jahu Putman and his father Joseph Putman fought side-by-side in the War of 1812, serving in Captain Moorhead's South Carolina Volunteers. Together they went to join General Andrew Jackson, but got there too late to fight in the Battle at Horseshoe Bend, which only lasted an hour or two, so they were sent to fight against Creek Indians, who had allied with the British. On March 27, 1814, at the "horseshoe bend" on the Tallapoosa River, Jackson's troops broke the power of the Upper Creek Indian Confederacy, opening large parts of Alabama and Georgia to settlement. In 1817 Jahu Putman married Rachel Bond. Jahu and Rachel had ten children, who, except for the eldest, Joseph, all moved to northwest Arkansas. Joseph remained in Tennessee. In 1871, at age 77, Jahu Putman applied for and began receiving a pension of \$8 per month from the federal government.

Like his children, Jahu Putman eventually migrated to Benton County, Arkansas, where he died on January 17, 1880. At the time of his death, Jahu Putman was living with his son, James Pervine Putman. He was buried on a plot of ground on James' farm next to his wife, Rachel Bond Putman, who died on March 20, 1876.

James Pervine Putman, who was Jahu's third son, was also a prominent member of the Putman family. He served the State of Arkansas as a state representative from Benton County in the 13<sup>th</sup> session of the Arkansas House of Representatives in 1860-1861. During this time the House appointed a committee, and that committee voted to secede from the Union. He served again in the 20<sup>th</sup> session of the House of Representatives in 1874-1875. He died of typhoid fever July 31, 1882, and was buried beside his first wife, Miranda Patterson Putman. Her burial on November 27, 1863, was the first in the Putman Cemetery that had a dated stone.

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In 1884 James Pervine Putman's heirs, which included six children, their spouses and his second wife, sold his farmland. However, they retained the .225 acre of land on which the cemetery is located.

In addition to James Pervine Putman's and his wife's graves, situated behind the three graves of Jahu Putman, Rachel Bond Putman and their youngest daughter Sarah Dwyer, other stones are those of James Pervine Putman's daughter, Josephine DeHart and her baby and some members of the Puckett family, a family that James' sister, Julia, married into.

The last burial to occur in the Putman Cemetery was in 1909. The current by-laws state that no further burials will be allowed in the cemetery, therefore allowing all of the burials in the cemetery to remain historic.

Jahu Putman's great-great grandson, Thomas Jerry Putman, became the Putman Cemetery caretaker when he was named president of the Putman Cemetery Association. The Putman Cemetery Association was formed on June 23, 1997, to ensure uninterrupted maintenance and protection of ancestral burial sites and protect access to family burial sites. This was the first cemetery association in Benton County that the Benton County Cemetery Preservation group helped form.

Although Bentonville has grown tremendously in recent years, the Putman Cemetery remains as a reminder of the early history of Benton County. In addition, the cemetery is important as the final resting place of many members of the prominent Putman Family.

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Putman Cemetery is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with **local significance** under **Criterion A** for its association with early settlement in Benton County. Members of the Putman Family, including Jahu Putman who fought in the War of 1812 and his son James Pervine Putman who served in the legislature, were early settlers in the Benton County area. The cemetery represents the most significant remaining site associated with the Putman family. As a result, it is also being nominated under **Criterion B** along with **Criteria Consideration C: birthplaces or graves**. The cemetery also represents a good example of a nineteenth-century rural cemetery, and is therefore also being nominated with **local significance** under **Criterion C**. The cemetery is also being nominated under **Criteria Consideration D: cemeteries**, and under the multiple property listing "Historic and Architectural Resources of Benton County, Arkansas."

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### BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 1) The Historical Report of the Secretary of State, Sesquicentennial Edition, 1986, p. 338.

Lists J.P. Putman as serving in the Thirteenth General Assembly of Arkansas House of Representatives 1860-1862. When the Civil War began, April 12, 1861, Governor Henry M. Rector refused to provide troops for the Union side. The governor instead sent a force to take the Fort Smith Arsenal, having already captured the Little Rock Arsenal in February of that year. On May 6, 1861, at Little Rock, a Secession Convention adopted an Ordinance of Secession by a final vote of 69 to 1. It is probable that James Pervine Putman was at this Secession Convention and cast a vote for this ordinance. "On May 20, 1861, Arkansas became one of the Confederate States of America." (Page 16) Arkansas seceded from the Union May 8, 1861; readmitted to the Union June 22, 1868.

Also lists (p. 350) the same James Putman of Benton County served on the Twentieth General Assembly of the House from November 10, 1874 to March 5, 1875 and November 1 to December 10, 1875.

- 2) Note from great granddaughter Cora Scoggins.

"James Pervine Putman was born in Tennessee. Miranda, his wife died at the beginning of the Civil War, leaving him with six children, ages 1 ½ - 14 years... James was a Mason, and was buried on his land by the Masons. His father and mother died at his home and were also buried in the family burying place (Putman Cemetery), along with his sister, Sarah Dwyer and daughter Josephine DeHart. James Pervine gave each of his children 40 acres of land, or the value of it, and some money besides. After his death, the land was sold, signed by each child and son-in-law or daughter-in-law. The Putman Cemetery was not sold, was retained by Putmans." (Note in Jerry Putman's possession.)

- 3) Mapping by Benton County Cemetery Preservation Group, assisted by Dr. Jerry Hillard of the University of Arkansas Archaeology Department July 12, 1997.

They noted depressions in the ground, likely from graves, and many fieldstones, probably of pre-Civil War era.

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- 4) Form: Declaration of Surviving Soldier for Pension Act of February 14, 1871, Jahu Putman. (Copy in Jerry Putman's possession)
- 5) Marie Putman's interview with Grace Cole 2 February 1998.

Grace's grandmother, Elvira Sophroni "Frone," born July 2, 1856, was James Pervine and Marinda Patterson Putman's daughter and Jahu's granddaughter. She told of living in a large house down the hill from the Putman Cemetery.

Putman Cemetery  
Name of Property

Benton County, Arkansas  
County and State

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 0.225 acres

### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing  
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☐ See continuation sheet

### Verbal Boundary Description

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

### Boundary Justification

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

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Ralph S. Wilcox, National Register & Survey Coordinator  
organization Arkansas Historic Preservation Program date February 12, 2004  
street & number 1500 Tower Building, 323 Center Street telephone (501) 324-9787  
city or town Little Rock state AR zip code 72201

### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

#### Continuation Sheets

#### 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.

#### Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

### Additional items

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

### Property Owner

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

name  
street & number telephone  
city or town state zip code

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Putman Cemetery  
Name of Property

Benton County, Arkansas  
County and State

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### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

W 1/2 of SW 1/4, and SW 1/2 of NW 1/4, Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 30 West. It encompasses .225 acres land.

There is reserved out of the above land the Putman Cemetery described as follows: Viz at a sandstone which is 49 degrees East and 33 Rods and 5 Links distance from quarter section corner on West boundary of Section 9, thence 9 Rods East, thence South 4 Rods, thence West 9 Rods, thence North 4 Rods to beginning.

### BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary includes of the property historically associated with the Putman Cemetery.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD**

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Date of Listing: May 24, 2004

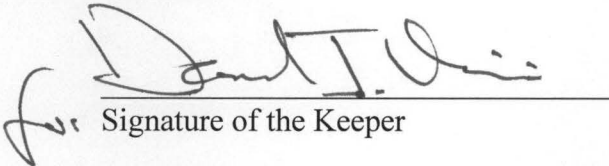
Property Name: Putman Cemetery

County: Benton

State: Arkansas

Benton County MRA  
Multiple Name

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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

May 24, 2004  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Section 8. Statement of Significance

Criterion B is hereby added to reflect the property's association with the Putman Family.

The following are hereby added as significant persons: Putman, Jahu; and Putman, James Pervine.

Criteria consideration C is hereby added.

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The Arkansas State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment.

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**DISTRIBUTION:**

**National Register property file**

**Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)**

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Putnam Cemetery

MULTIPLE NAME: Benton County MRA

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Benton

DATE RECEIVED: 4/14/04  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 5/22/04

DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/07/04  
DATE OF 45TH DAY: 5/28/04

DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 04000510

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

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

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Locally significant example of a rural cemetery. Includes the graves of John Putnam, a veteran of the War of 1812 and the Creek Indian wars, and his son James Perrine Putnam, who served in the Arkansas legislature. Property meets criteria A, B, and C and criteria considerations A and C.

RECOM./CRITERIA

A, B, C

REVIEWER

Daniel Vivian

DISCIPLINE

Historian

TELEPHONE

(202) 354-2252

DATE

5/24/04

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 National Park Service.







1. Pittman Cemetery
2. Benton County, AR
3. Zac Cuthren
4. January 2004
5. Office of AHPP
6. View looking SE from NW corner
7. #1







1. Putman Cemetery
2. Benton Co., AR
3. Zac Cothren
4. January 2004
5. Office of AHDP
6. View looking NW from SE corner
7. #2





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JAHU PUTMAN  
MOREHEADS CO  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
WAR OF 1861-65  
MAR 2, 1894



1. Putman Cemetery
2. Barton Co., AR
3. Zac Cochran
4. January 2004
5. Office of AHTD
6. View looking N from S
7. #3







1. Putman Cemetery
2. Benton Co., AR
3. Zac Cochren
4. January 2004
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6. View looking NW from SE corner
7. #4

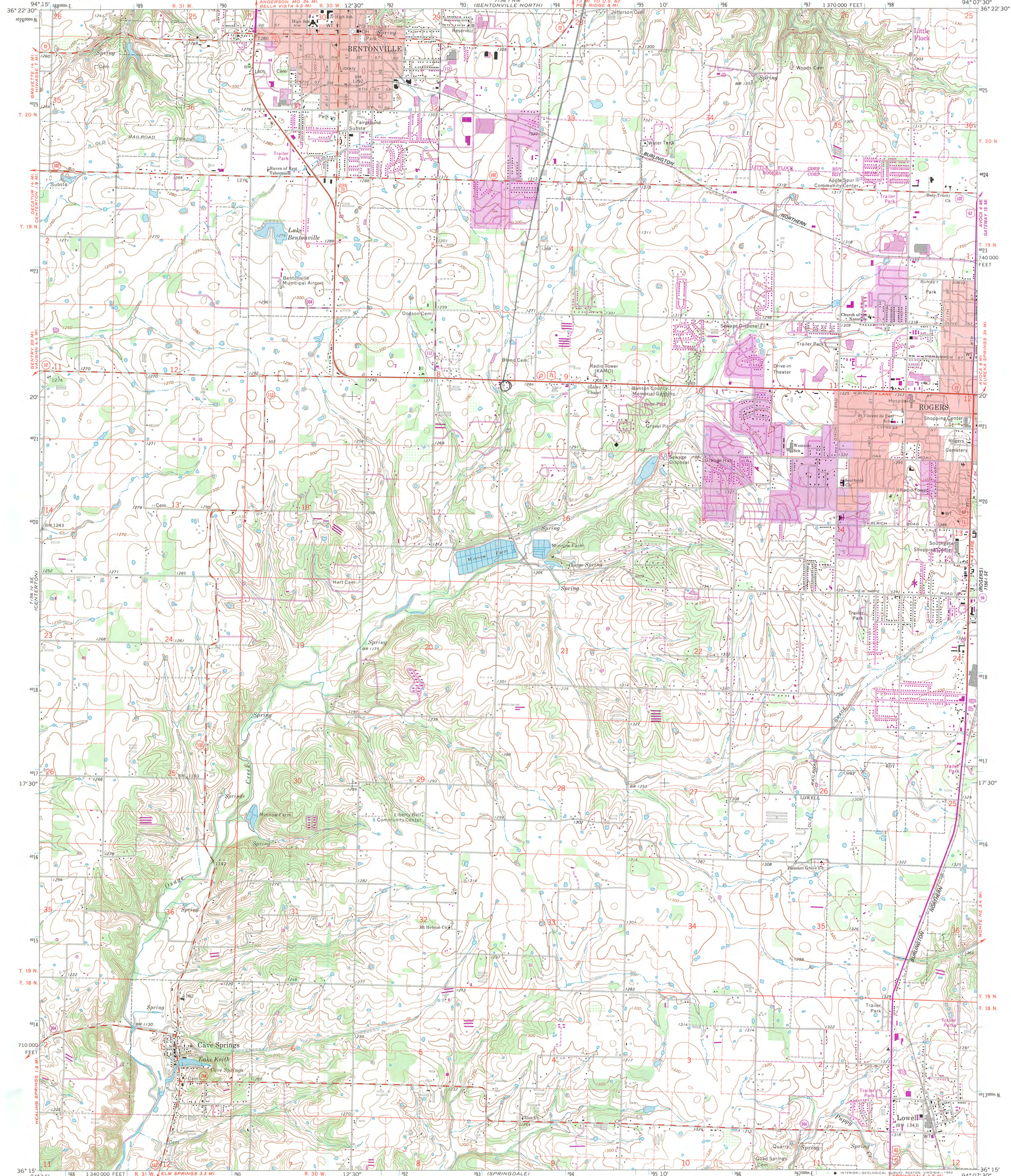




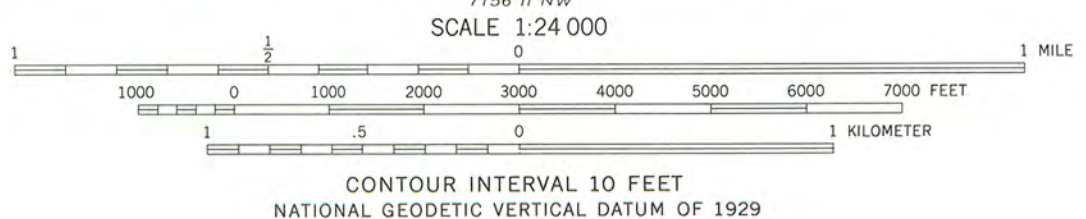
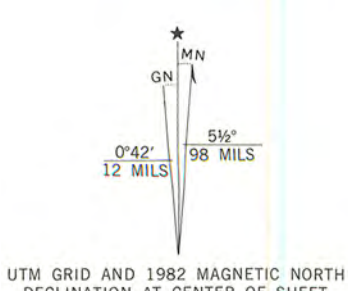


1. Putman Cemetery
2. Benton CO., #12
3. Zac Cahren
4. January 2004
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6. view looking NW
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U. S. Route  
State Route

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1201 Eye Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20005

RE: Putman Cemetery-Bentonville, Benton County

Dear Carol,

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

If you need further information, please call Ralph S. Wilcox of my staff at (501) 324-9787. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathie Matthews  
State Historic Preservation Officer

CM:sj

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