

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service



**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

1. Name of Property

Historic Name: Noricks Chapel School

Other Name/Site Number: ST0303

2. Location

Street & Number: County Road 28, Misenheimer Road

Not for Publication: N/A

City/Town: Mountain View

Vicinity: X

State: AR County: Stone

Code: AR137 Zip Code: 72560

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-Local

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>2</u>	_____	Buildings
_____	_____	Sites
_____	_____	Structures
_____	_____	Objects
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

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

Name of related multiple property listing: History and Architectural Heritage of Stone County

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County and State

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.

Cathryn A. Slater
Signature of certifying official

4-17-98
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

Paul R. Fugate

6/4/98

_____ determined eligible for the National Register

_____ determined not eligible for the National Register

_____ removed from the National Register

_____ other (explain): _____

Paul R. Fugate Signature of Keeper Date
Of action

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6. Function or Use

Historic: Education Sub: School
Religion Religious facility

Current : Social Sub: Meeting Hall

7. Description

Architectural Classification:
Plain/Traditional

Materials: foundation Stone roof Metal
walls Weatherboard other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance:

Summary

Constructed c. 1907, Noricks Chapel School is a Plain Traditional-style, one-room frame building. The school is located on County Road 28 in the Noricks Chapel Community near Mountain View. Its one-story rectangular plan rests on a continuous stone foundation and it is covered by a corrugated-metal gable roof. The building is unchanged except for the removal of the belfry, replacement of doors, addition of electricity and new floor covering. Through the efforts of local community members, the structure has been stabilized; however, it is in need of maintenance to the exterior and interior.

Elaboration

Noricks Chapel School is a Plain Traditional one-room frame building on a fieldstone foundation that is covered with a corrugated-metal gable roof. The building is north of County Road 28 in the rural community of Noricks Chapel in the Mountain View vicinity. An active cemetery, which is not included in the nomination, is located to the northeast of the school. The remains of a wood outhouse lie to the north. This is not the original location as the facility was moved several times. Historically, there were two outhouses, one for boys and one for girls.

The front, or eastern, elevation features two symmetrical entry doors. The paneled southern door is historic and is accessed by three concrete steps. The northern door has been replaced with a modern wood door. Due to the slope of the land there are only two concrete steps to this entrance.

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The northern and southern facades are fenestrated with four double-hung, four-over-four wood windows. Wire shields have been placed over the windows to prevent vandalism. The rear, or western, elevation contains no windows or doors.

8. Statement of Significance

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

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: c.1899-1947

Significant Dates: c.1899

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown

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

Summary

Noricks Chapel School is being nominated as an amendment to the History and architectural Resources of Stone County multiple property nomination under Criterion C with local significance as the best example of a Plain Traditional, one-room school building in the Mountain View vicinity of Stone County.

Historical Background

The community of Noricks Chapel, named for settler James Noricks, lies southeast of Mountain View in Stone County. Through the first decades of the

nineteenth century present-day Stone County was essentially uninhabited until the area was designated a Cherokee Reservation from 1817 to 1828. Settlement outside the Indian reservation did not begin until the early 1830s.

Early passage to the region was largely on the White River, but the mountainous topography impeded travel through the interior. Thus migration, major transportation and commercial development were slow to ensue. In 1873, Independence, IZard, Searcy and Van Buren Counties all contributed townships toward the formation of Stone County which provided the impetus for population and economic growth.

Initial settlement was along the bottom lands of the waterways and land of the plateaus and valleys by agrarian families. Scotch-Irish from Tennessee and other areas of Arkansas made up the bulk of pioneers to the county, but there was also an influx of farmers from Alabama, Georgia and North Carolina. Seclusion and predominance of a homogeneous group contributed to a close-knit atmosphere that persisted into the twentieth century.

Mr. & Mrs. William White deeded the property for Noricks Chapel School to the director of school district number 40 in 1907. Its purpose was primarily to hold classes for local children but in time it came to be reflective of the tradition of assembling one structure to house both religious and educational activities in rural communities. In its religious capacity, it was used predominately for Pentecostal denominations but the Church of Christ has also utilized the building. Classes were held in Noricks school until 1947. Since that time, the building has been used occasionally for memorial services and community events.

Good examples of the traditional one-room church/school of rural areas are becoming scarce. Noricks Chapel School is a relatively intact example of this vernacular architecture that descended from rectangular log structures. For this reason, it is being nominated as an amendment to the History and architectural Resources of Stone County multiple property nomination under Criterion C with local significance as the best surviving example of a one-room Plain Traditional school building in this area of Stone County.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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

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- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one (1)

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>588570</u>	<u>3960400</u>	B	_____	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____	_____

Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the North edge of Co. Road 28 and a line formed by yet 20 feet from, the Eastern elevation of that school, then proceed North along said line to its intersection with a line formed by, yet 5 feet from, the North elevation of the outhouse, then proceed West along said line to the intersection with a line formed by, yet 15 feet from, the West elevation of the school then proceed South along said line to the intersection with the North edge of Co. Road 28, then proceed East along the edge of the road to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification:

This boundary includes the historic school, outhouse, and most of the property historically associated with this resource.

11. Form Prepared By

Name/Title: Holly Hope/Survey Historian

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 03/31/98

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

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 98000615

Date Listed: 6/4/98

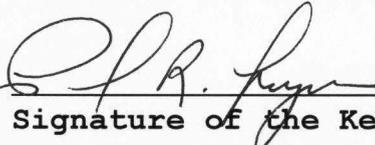
Noricks Chapel School
Property Name

Stone
County

AR
State

Stone County MPS
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

6/4/98
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Period of Significance:

The Period of Significance is revised to read: 1907.

[The period of significance cannot predate the resource being nominated, therefore the start date must be circa 1907. In addition, the period of significance for architecturally significant properties is normally the date of construction and/or dates of any significant alterations and additions. Since no significant additions were identified in the narrative, the period of significance under Criterion C should be drawn at 1907.]

Criteria Consideration:

Criteria Consideration A should be checked.

[The property meets criteria consideration A as a historic property used for religious purposes that derives its primary significance from architectural distinction.]

This information was confirmed with the Arkansas SHPO.

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: Noricks Chapel School

MULTIPLE NAME: Stone County MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Stone

DATE RECEIVED: 5/08/98 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/18/98
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/03/98 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/22/98
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 98000615

NOMINATOR: STATE

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: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

 ACCEPT RETURN REJECT DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Noricks Chapel School is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C in the area of Architecture. The vernacular wood-frame building is a rare intact example of rural turn-of-the-century schoolhouse construction in Stone County, Arkansas.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept Criterion C

REVIEWER PAUL R. LUSIGNAN DISCIPLINE HISTORIAN

TELEPHONE _____ DATE 6/4/98

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



NORICKS CHAPEL SCHOOL

STONE CO, AR

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VIEW FROM WEST



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VIEW FROM NORTH



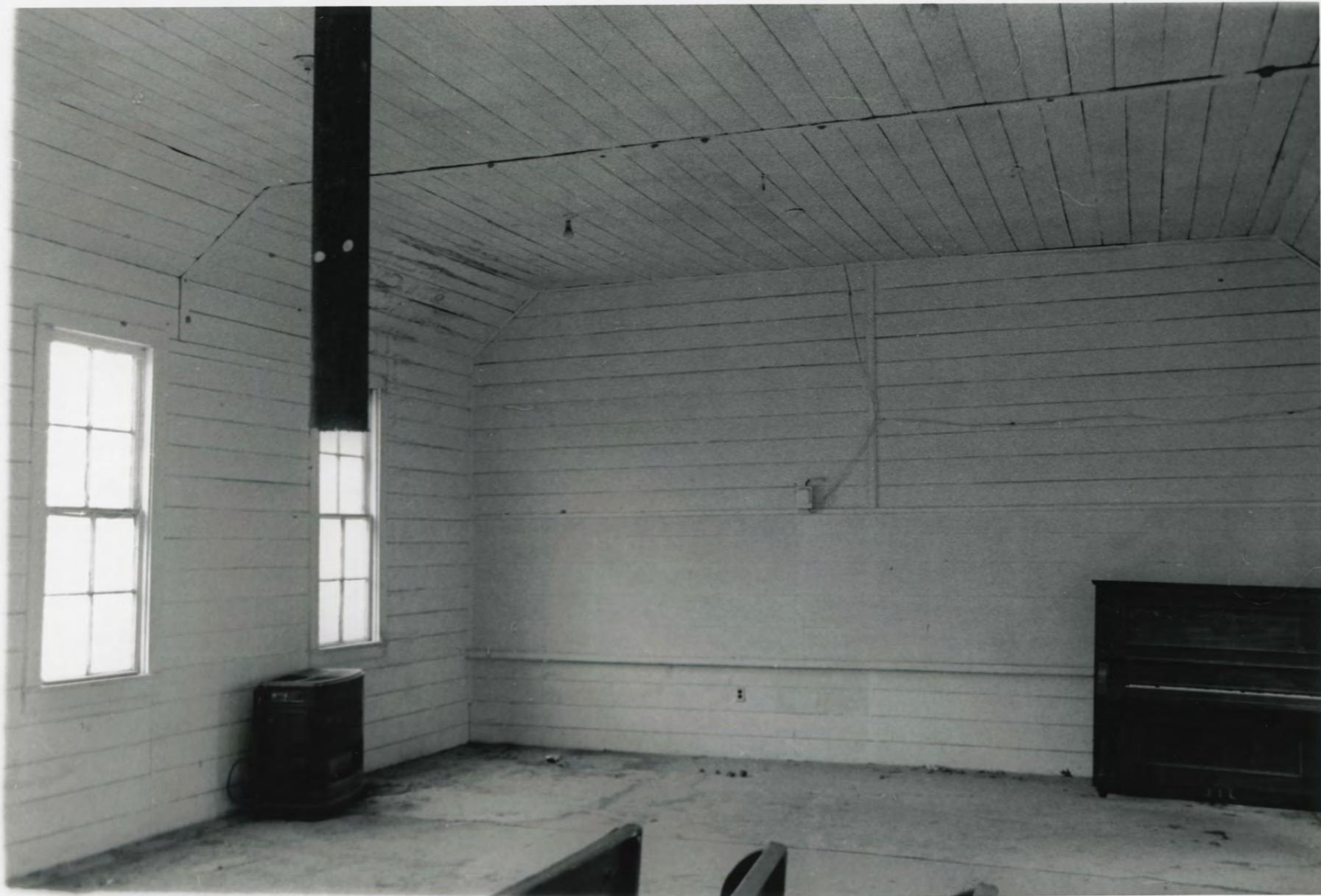
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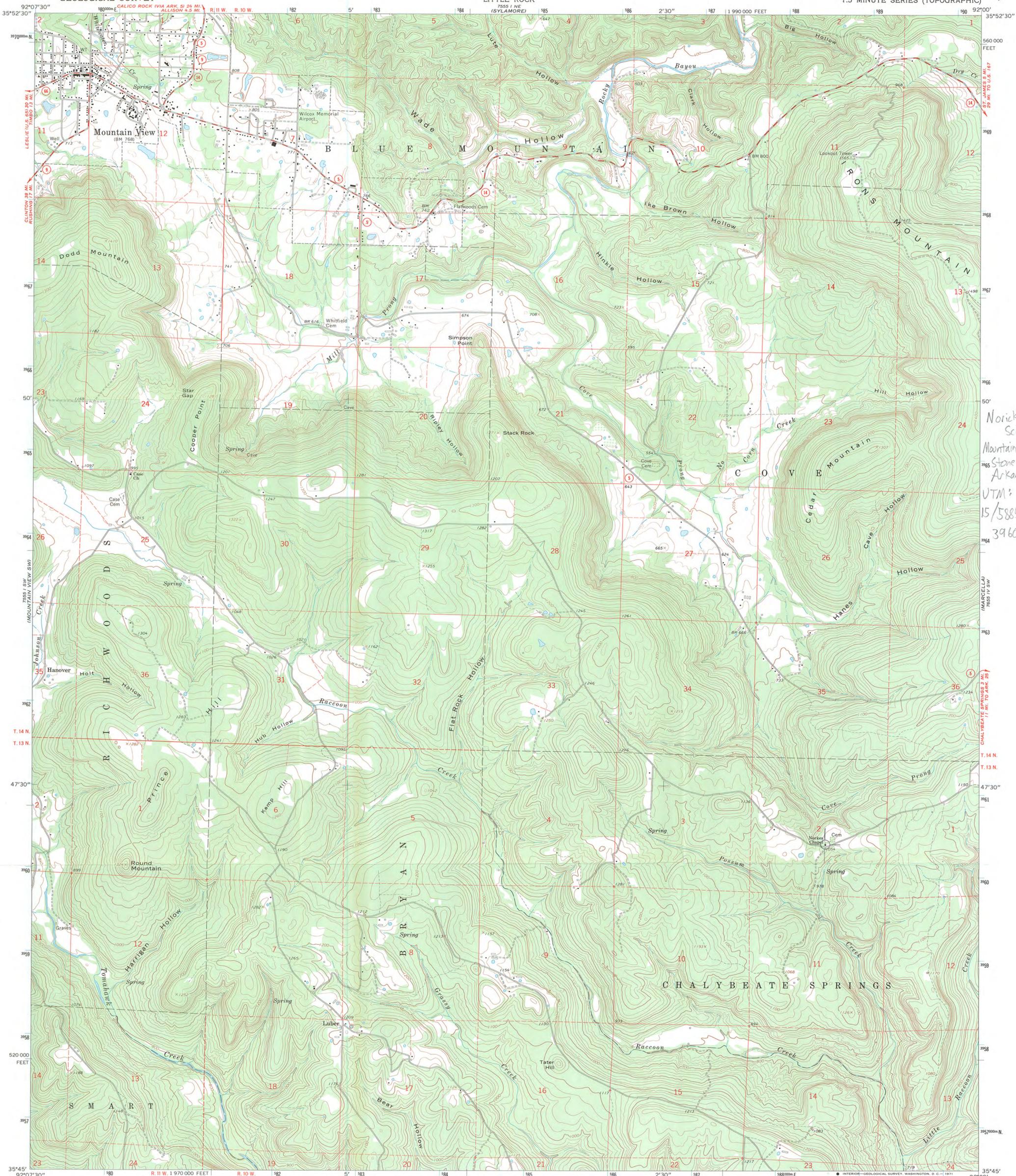
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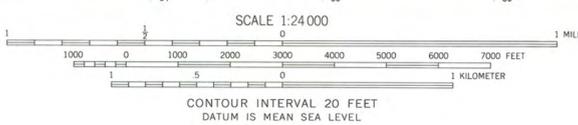
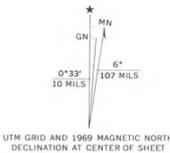
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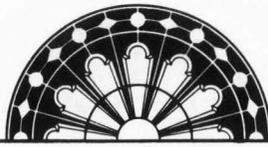
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1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface
Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Unimproved road, fair or dry weather
State Route

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ARKANSAS
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PROGRAM

April 15, 1998

Carol D. Shull
Chief of Registration
United State Department of the Interior
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
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Washington, D.C. 20002

RE: Noricks Chapel School. Mountain View Vicinity, Stone County, Arkansas.

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review the nominations 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:br

Enclosures

