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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

* HISTORIC Franklin County Courthouse, Southern District

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATIONSTREET & NUMBER
AR
Highway 22

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Charleston

VICINITY OF

Third

STATE

Arkansas

CODE
05

COUNTY

Franklin

CODE
047**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTYNAME
Franklin County (Nick Gilsinger, County Judge)STREET & NUMBER
Franklin County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Charleston

VICINITY OF

STATE

Arkansas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Clerk's OfficeSTREET & NUMBER
Franklin County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Charleston

STATE

Arkansas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Franklin County Courthouse at Charleston was designed by architect Frank W. Gibb of Little Rock. Constructed in 1923, this two-and-one-half storey brick building is of simple lines with little ornamentation.

The courthouse has a basic rectangular form and rests on a full basement. Except for the cast stone water table, the red brick walls are continuous from the ground level to the roofline. Brick pilasters, each with a cast stone "T-shape" pattern at the top, divide the wall surface into a series of bays, five on the north and south elevations and three on the east and west elevations. A metal cornice surrounds the building just below the actual roofline.

All windows are paired and set in wooden frames with cast stone lug-sills. The upper sash of each window has nine lights, while each lower sash has a single large light. Basement windows are also double-hung but have six lights per sash. Horizontal panels of cast stone are set between each pair of first-and second-storey windows.

The main entry, recessed in the center bay of the north elevation, is marked by brick pilasters with cast stone heads supporting a flat arch with keystone. Secondary entries are flush with the wall surface on the east and west elevations. The double doors on the west have a geometrical pattern in the upper portion, narrow side-lights, and a wide multi-light transom above.

Second-storey fan windows are located on the east and west elevations, and on the center bays of the north and south elevations. The upper end windows on the north and south elevations have multi-light rectangular transoms.

Though the interior of the building has been thoroughly renovated, the exterior has remained basically unaltered. Several window openings have been bricked, but no structural changes have been made. The courthouse remains in good condition on its original site, a tree-shaded corner in the Charleston business district.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1923

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Frank W. Gibb

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The largest number of architecturally significant buildings in Arkansas are the courthouses located in the state's seventy-five counties. The county courthouses serve as the focal point of local political activity, and are often the most architecturally significant structures in their area.

Franklin County, spanning the Arkansas River in the western part of the state, is one of ten Arkansas counties to have two county seats. Named for Benjamin Franklin, the county was created from Crawford County on December 19, 1837. The first permanent county seat was located at Ozark, which lies north of the Arkansas River. Almost fifty years later, on March 14, 1885, a second county seat was established at Charleston to serve the southern part of the county.

In 1923 a prominent Little Rock architect, Frank W. Gibb, was hired to design a new courthouse for Franklin County's southern district. The Charleston courthouse, built by contractor E. W. Jenkins, is a simple rectangular structure of red brick. Pilasters divide the walls into a series of bays. Window treatment, with fan windows around a part of the second storey, is in harmony with the simple style of the flat-roofed building.

Located on its original site in the principal business district, the Franklin County Courthouse at Charleston is an architectural landmark in this west Arkansas community.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

A Survey of Arkansas Courthouses. Compiled by the National Society of Colonial Dames of America in the State of Arkansas. Mrs. W. G. McDonald, Chairwoman, Historical Activities Committee. Arkansas Room, Little Rock Public Library.
Works Progress Administration. Franklin County, c. 1940. Place file, Archives, Arkansas History Commission.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		
C				D					

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Dianna Kirk, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE

June 8, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

300 West Markham

TELEPHONE

(501) 371-1639

CITY OR TOWN

Little Rock,

STATE

Arkansas

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

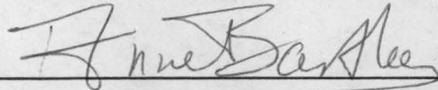
NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE Anne Bartley



TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

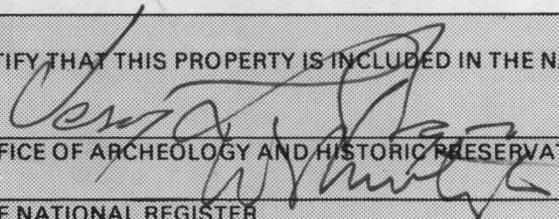
DATE June 8, 1976

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 10/18/96

ATTEST: 
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 10/14/76

76000407

Property Franklin County Courthouse, Southern District

State Arkansas Working Number 6.29.76.3681

TECHNICAL

Photos 3
Maps 1

Nothing appears incorrect 10.8.76

CONTROL

OK 7.1.76

HISTORIAN

*accept
F. Grosvenor
7/7/76*

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

*Accept
S. Olchan
7/16/76*

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

minimal statement of significance

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

*Accept
W.R. Luce
10/6/76*

BRANCH CHIEF

*Hunt
10.7.76*

KEEPER

*Wm
10/14/76*

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

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Federal Register Entry 12-7-76

Re-submit _____

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Franklin Co. Courthouse, S. Dist.

Form No. 10-301a
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1 NAME

HISTORIC Franklin County Courthouse, Southern District

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Charleston VICINITY OF COUNTY Franklin STATE Arkansas

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Sandra Taylor

DATE OF PHOTO 1976

NEGATIVE FILED AT Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

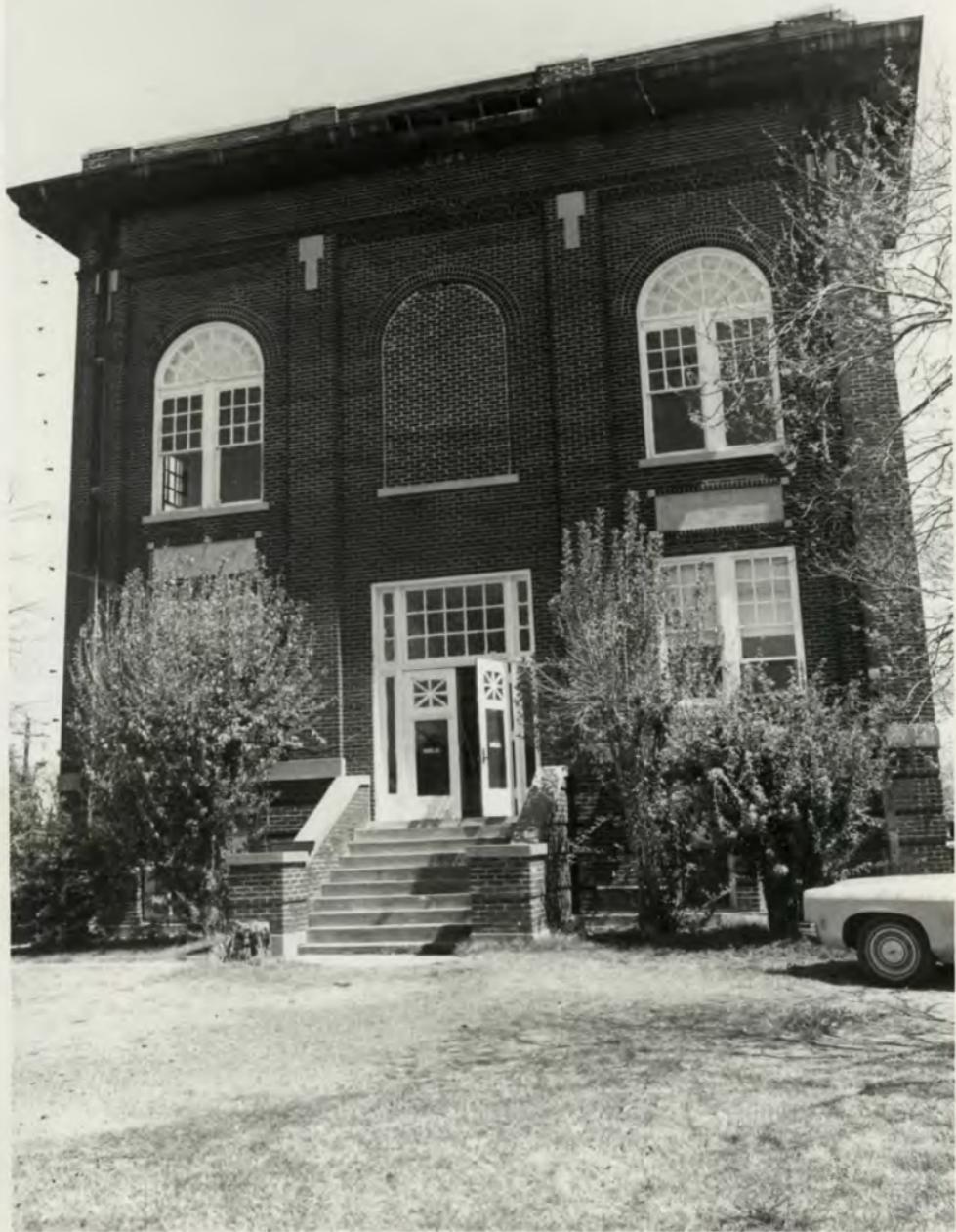
4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT. GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

PHOTO NO.

South (rear) and east elevations, viewed from the southeast

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Franklin Co Courthouse, So. Dist.
on location 10/18

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CITY, TOWN Charleston

____VICINITY OF

COUNTY Franklin

STATE Arkansas

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West elevation, viewed from the west

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1 NAME

HISTORIC Franklin County Courthouse, Southern District

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Charleston _____ VICINITY OF COUNTY Franklin STATE Arkansas

3 MAP REFERENCE

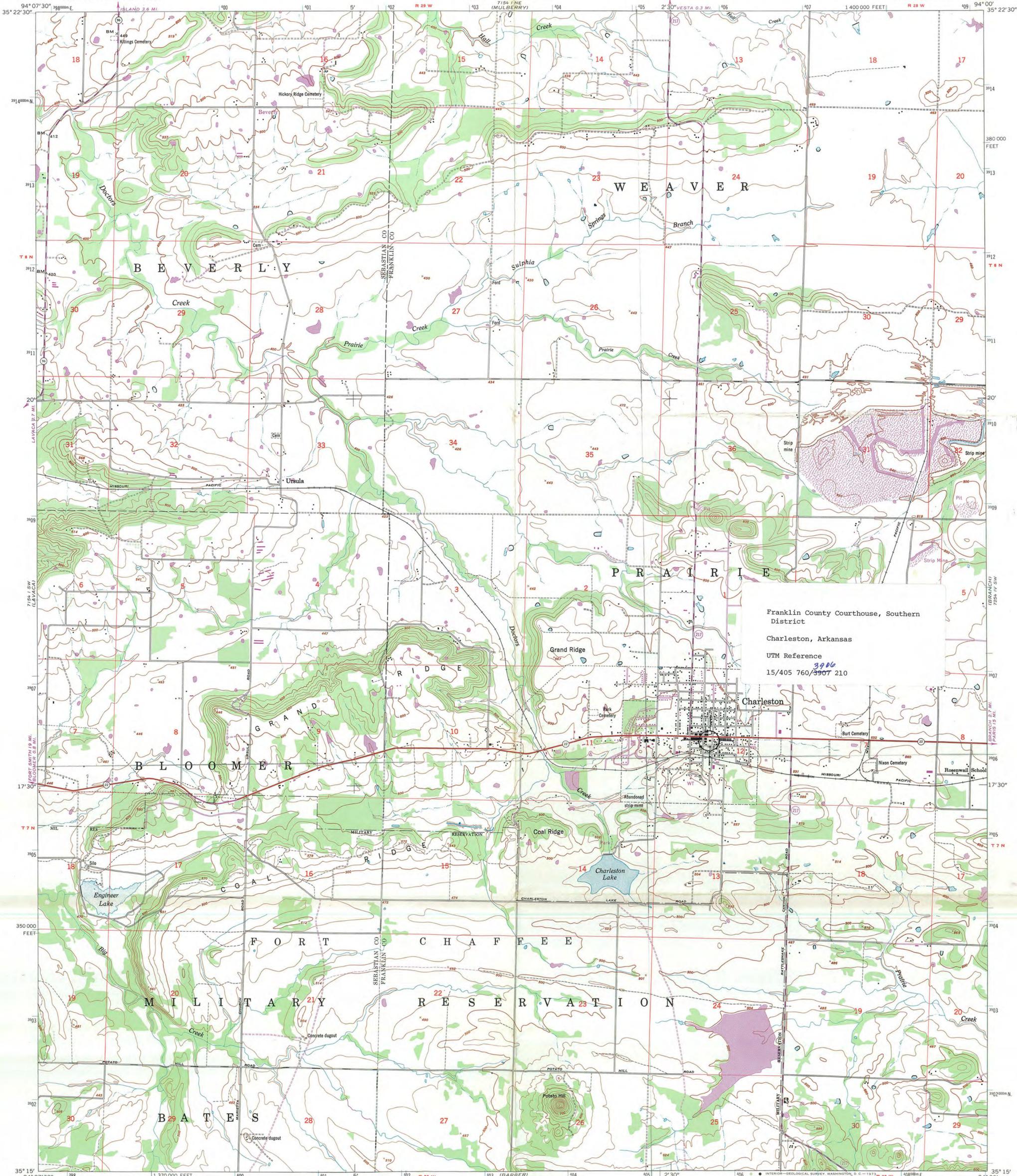
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SCALE 1:24000 DATE 1946

4 REQUIREMENTS

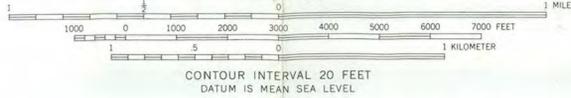
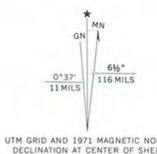
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES



Franklin County Courthouse, Southern District
Charleston, Arkansas
UTM Reference
15/405 760/390 210

Mapped by the Army Map Service
Published for civil use by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and USCE
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1946. Field checked 1946
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
No distinction is made between dwellings, barns, commercial, and industrial buildings
Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from aerial photographs taken 1971. This information not field checked



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
AND BY THE ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL COMMISSION, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
Slate Route	

CHARLESTON, ARK.
SE 1/4 LAYACA 15' QUADRANGLE
N3515-W9400/7.5

1946
PHOTOREVISED 1971
AMS 7154 1 SE-SERIES V884

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **ARKANSAS**

Date Entered **OCT 18 1976**

Name

Location

Franklin County Courthouse, Southern District **Charleston Franklin County**

Also Notified

Hon. John L. McClellan
Hon. Dale Bumpers
Hon. John P. Hammerschmidt
Regional Director, Southwest Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Ms. Anne Bartley
Acting Director, Department of
Natural and Cultural Heritage
The Old State House
300 West Markham
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

880 Mott 10/22/76

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 7/7/76
Reviewer INITIALS: 36

NR DOE OCT 18 1976

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Franklin County Courthouse, Southern District

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER AR 22

CITY/TOWN Charleston

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3rd

STATE Arkansas 05

VICINITY OF

COUNTY code
Franklin 047

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

<u>INTERIOR</u>	<u>EXTERIOR</u>	<u>ENVIRONS</u>
- Substantially intact-1	- Substantially intact-2	- Substantially intact-3
- unknown - 4	- unknown - 5	- unknown - 6
- not applicable - 7	- not applicable - 8	- Not applicable-9

not intact

- Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION -	- EXCELLENT	- DETERIORATED	- UNALTERED	- ORIGINAL SITE
	- GOOD	- RUINS	- ALTERED	- MOVED
	- FAIR	- UNEXPOSED	- Reconstructed	- Unknown
		- Unexcavated	- Excavated	

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- courthouse

now- courthouse

SIGNIFICANCE:

- ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	- CONSERVATION	- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	- RELIGION	- entertainment
- ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	- ECONOMICS	- LAW/Gov't/politics	- SCIENCE	- health
- AGRICULTURE	- EDUCATION	- LITERATURE		- recreation
- ARCHITECTURE	- ENGINEERING	- MILITARY	- SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	- settlement
- ART	- EXPLORATION	- MUSIC		- socio/cultural
- COMMERCE	- INDUSTRY	- PHILOSOPHY	- TRANSPORTATION	- urban & commun
- COMMUNICATIONS	- INVENTION	- POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	- OTHER (SPECIFY)	planning

Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Second Renaissance Revival elements

architect/m.builder: Frank W. Gibb

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor: E.W. Jenkins

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES: personal

(Label role & appropriate date)

events

institutional

DATES: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1923

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE: (OF NOMINATION) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY
OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE: (to nearest tenth of an acre)

.1-.9

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

description: brick, 2 1/2 stories over high basement, rectangular, recessed center entrance framed by brick pilasters with cast stone grosseto double-~~door~~ W entrance with large transom and narrow side lights, E entrance; paired rectangular windows on 1st and 2nd stories, some 2nd-story windows with metal semi-circular fanlights; some windows metal cornice some trim been bricked up; interior thoroughly renovated. Second Renaissance Revival elements.

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

~~The Franklin County Courthouse is a~~ Architectural landmark in the ~~west~~ ~~the~~ ~~community~~ of Charleston. principal business district