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1. Name of Property		
historic name Old U.S. 64, Menifee Segn	ment	
other names/site number Site #CN0118	3, Highway A-1, Canal Road	
2. Location		
street & number	approximately 0.5 miles southeast of U.S	S. 64 not for publication
city or town Menifee		⊠ vicinity
state Arkansas code A	AR county Conway	code <u>029</u> zip code <u>72107</u>
3. State/Federal Agency Certification		
does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommendate the National Register Criteria.	Date	65
Signature of certifying official/Title	Date	100
State or Federal agency and bureau		
4. National Park Service Certification	104	
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.	Cason H. De	Date of Action 3 2 0 6
other, (explain:)		

Name of Property	County and State		
5. Classification			
Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply) Category of Property (Check only one box)	Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in count.)		
 □ private □ building(s) □ public-local □ public-State □ site 	Contributing Noncontributing buildings		
☐ public-Federal ☐ structure ☐ object	sites 1 structures objects		
Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)	1 Total Number of Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register		
Arkansas Highway History and Architecture, 1910-196			
6. Function or Use			
Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)		
TRANSPORTATION/road-related (vehicular)/highway	TRANSPORTATION/road-related (vehicular)/highway		
7. Description			
Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)		
OTHER/Highway	foundation N/A walls N/A		
	roof N/A		
	other CONCRETE		

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

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SUMMARY

The bypassed 1931 alignment of U.S. 64 in the Menifee vicinity is a two-lane concrete highway. It follows an alignment to the southwest of the current U.S. 64 curving south out of Menifee to the former Missouri Pacific Railroad line. The current U.S. 64 alignment, constructed in 1961, follows a straighter route to the northeast of the old highway. The nominated highway retains its original 1931 concrete pavement throughout, although small portions have been patched with either asphalt or concrete. The highway retains its original roadway width.

ELABORATION

This bypassed section of 1931 alignment of U.S. 64 is approximately 0.5 miles long and begins at the intersection of U.S. 64 and Canal Road in Menifee and proceeds in a generally southeasterly direction from Menifee to the former Missouri Pacific Railroad line. The concrete pavement of the segment ends as the road begins to parallel the railroad line.

The 1931 alignment of U.S. 64 has a width of 18 feet for two lanes of travel. The section has no paved shoulders. (For comparison, the current American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials Green Book indicates that a lane width of 11 feet 9 inches is desirable.) Each section of pavement is 9 feet wide and 50 feet long, and is composed of a tan stone aggregate mixed in the concrete.

INTEGRITY

Overall, the bypassed 1931 alignment of U.S. 64 in the Menifee vicinity has remarkable integrity. The original 1931 pavement remains throughout the segment, and it retains its original dimensions. The pavement of the highway has been patched with asphalt or concrete in some locations, but it is still drivable, and the entire 1931 alignment possesses a strong sense of continuity. Additionally, the part of Conway County in which the highway is located retains its rural and small town settings, and the surroundings still reflect the period of significance from 1931-1956.

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Levels of Significance (local, state, national) Local
Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions) Transportation
Engineering
Period of Significance 1931-1956
Significant Dates 1931-1956
Similar at Paragraph
Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked)
Cultural Affiliation (Complete if Criterion D is marked)
Architect/Builder
Ziegler Construction Company (Nashville, TN), builder
or more continuation sheets.)
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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SUMMARY

old U.S. 64, Menifee Segment, is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with local significance under Criterion C for its engineering. Old U.S. 64, Menifee Segment, is the longest and most intact portion of the 1931 alignment of U.S. 64 in Conway County. The Menifee segment of U.S. 64, which is approximately 0.5 miles long, still retains its original 1931 concrete pavement. The highway section was the main automobile route in that part of Conway County from the time of its construction in 1931 until the current U.S. 64 was built to the northeast of it in 1961. As a result, it is therefore eligible for nomination under Criterion A for its association with the development of Arkansas highway culture. Old U.S. 64, Menifee Segment, is being submitted to the National Register of Historic Places under the multiple property listing "Arkansas Highway and Transportation Era Architecture, 1910-1965" in conjunction with the historic context "Arkansas Highway History and Architecture, 1910-1965."

ELABORATION

Some of the earliest settlement in Conway County began southeast of the Menifee vicinity in the Cadron Creek Valley. In 1778 John Standlee and some others explored the area near the mouth of Cadron Creek, and he selected a place that he wished to return to to live. He eventually returned to the site in 1814 and lived there until his death in August 1820. Settlement continued in the area in the 1810s and 1820s with the arrival of John C. Benedict and his family in the spring of 1818 and B. F. Howard who settled on the Arkansas River above the mouth of Cadron Creek in 1828.

By the 1820s there were enough people in the area for the creation of Conway County, which occurred in October 1825. Conway County was named for the Conway family, and at the time of its creation by the Territorial Legislature, included parts of Faulkner, Van Buren, Pope, Perry and Yell counties. The first county seat was at Cadron.²

As settlement increased in the area, the need to travel between settlements and communities became more important. The beginnings of a transportation network were in place through the present Menifee area by 1839 with a road that linked Cadron with Little Rock to the east and Lewisburg to the west.³ Transportation through the area was further aided with the completion of the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railroad through

¹ Historical Reminiscences and Biographical Memoirs of Conway County, Arkansas. Little Rock, AR: Arkansas Historical Publishing Company, 1890, p. 20.

² *Ibid*, p. 11.

³ David. H. Burr. Map of Mississippi, Louisiana & Arkansas exhibiting the post offices, post roads, canals, rail roads, &c. Map. London: J. Arrowsmith, 1839.

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Conway County in 1872, which had stops at Menifee, Plumerville (Plummers on some maps), Morrilton, Ward's Switch, Germantown, and Blackville.4

It was likely the construction of the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railroad through the area that brought about the settlement of Menifee. According to the Historical Reminiscences and Biographical Memoirs of Conway County, Arkansas, "Menifee is a station on the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railroad, near the eastern line of the county. It derives its name from Dr. Menifee, who made a settlement in that section years ago. A post office was established in 1880, with J. A. Mattingly, Postmaster; he was also a merchant at that place. Business is conducted there now by a colored man, who is also Postmaster." Since its founding, Menifee has remained a small community. In fact, it was not until 1965 that Menifee was incorporated as a town with a Mayor/Alderman form of governance. In 1966, the town hired its first town marshal and established the Menifee Waterworks and in the 1970s the town's gravel lanes became paved streets with street signs.⁶

By 1924, the highway through Menifee was designated Highway A-1, which connected Fort Smith on Arkansas's western border with Marion on the east side of the state. (Today, the route of Highway A-1 is comprised of AR 365 and U.S. 64 west of Little Rock and U.S. 70 east of Little Rock.) The highway was redesignated U.S. 64 by 1926. The WPA Guide to 1930s Arkansas described U.S. 64, in general, as "...the most direct route across the middle of Arkansas. From the Delta it runs directly west to intersect US.. 67, which it follows southwest for some 30 miles. It then turns west again, reaches the Arkansas River near Conway, and follows the northern valley wall to Fort Smith."8 With respect to the section of highway west of Conway, which included the road through Menifee, the guide stated that, "Between Conway and Fort Smith US 64 runs along the north valley wall of the Arkansas River, a natural westward path that was used for centuries by Indians and white hunters and trappers before the first trading towns sprang up along it and steamboats began to ascend the river."9

During the late 1920s and early 1930s, the Arkansas State Highway Commission began a concerted effort to upgrade and improve many of the state's highways to asphalt or concrete pavement, and U.S. 64 was no

⁴ Historical Reminiscences and Biographical Memoirs of Conway County, Arkansas, p. 18, and Maps showing Arkansas Central, the Helena & Corinth, and the Pine Bluff & Southwestern Railroads together forming the Texas & Northeastern Railway. Map. New York, G.W. & C. B. Colton & Co., 1872.

⁵ Historical Reminiscences and Biographical Memoirs of Conway County, Arkansas, p. 39.

⁶ Jerry Coleman. "Menifee High School Gymnasium, Menifee, Conway County, Arkansas." National Register of Historic Places Registration Form. From the files of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, 2001, section 8, page 1.

Arkansas State Highway Commission road maps of Arkansas, 1924 and 1926. In the files of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department and the files of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program.

⁸ Elliot West. The WPA Guide to 1930s Arkansas. Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas, 1987 reprint of 1941 publication, p. 237.

Ibid, p. 244.

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exception. Initially, U.S. 64 between Plumerville and the Conway area was upgraded to asphalt paving, with the work completed by the Newell Contracting Company of Little Rock late in 1929. 10 By the early 1930s, U.S. 64 between Plumerville and Menifee was once again targeted for improvement with upgrading to concrete pavement.

The portion of the highway between Plumerville and Menifee was referred to as Section 7 of U.S. 64 by the State Highway Commission at the time. The State Highway Commission advertised for proposals in 1931, and hired Ziegler Construction Company of Nashville, Tennessee, for the job, which was State Job No. 8154. (Like many paving projects of the time, the paving of U.S. 64 in the Menifee area was also a Federal Aid Project [FAP], and was FAP #51 and 261-A.) Ziegler Construction Company's proposal, which was received February 27, 1931, quoted a price of \$104,042.31 for 5.704 miles of concrete pavement, grading, and drainage structures between Plumerville and Menifee. In addition, the State proposed to provide an estimated \$34,446.50 worth of material for a total estimated cost of \$138,488.81. Ziegler Construction Company also estimated that it would take 150 calendar days to complete the work. Although it is not known how long the paving actually required, it is known that the state's final payment to Ziegler Construction was \$101,790.36 with the cost of material provided by the state totaling \$27,782.61 for a final cost of only \$129,572.97.11

In Arkansas, U.S. 64 was the main highway between Conway and Fort Smith across the west central part of the state. The fact that this portion of U.S. 64 was the main route between Conway (and later Marion) and Fort Smith, and ultimately Teec Nos Pos, Arizona, meant that it was also a highly traveled road for both automobile and truck traffic. 12 The amount of traffic using U.S. 64 ultimately led to the construction of the current U.S. 64 to the northeast of the 1931 alignment. The new highway was opened to traffic in 1961.

Today the 1931 alignment is still used as a county road and it is also still possible to drive the 1931 alignment for its entire length. Remarkably, all of the alignment retains the original 1931 concrete pavement, although small portions have been patched with asphalt or concrete in some locations. The entire 1931 alignment still possesses a strong sense of continuity.

¹⁰ Arkansas State Highway Commission. Ninth Biennial Report of the Arkansas State Highway Commission. Russellville, AR: Russellville Printing Company, 1930, pp. 190-191.

¹¹ Arkansas State Highway Commission. Tenth Biennial Report of the Arkansas State Highway Commission, 1931-1932. Russellville, AR: Russellville Printing Company, 1933, pp 80-81.

¹² From 1926-1930, U.S. 64 connected Conway, Arkansas, with Capulin, New Mexico. In 1930, the eastern terminus was changed to Marion, Arkansas. In 1932, the termini were moved again and U.S. 64 then connected Chattanooga, Tennessee, with Santa Fe, New Mexico. In 1933, the eastern terminus was moved yet again to Ft. Landing, North Carolina, and then moved for the final time in 1951 to near Nags Head, North Carolina. U.S. 64's western terminus was moved to Farmington, New Mexico, in 1974 and then ultimately to Teec Nos Pos, Arizona, in 1989.

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U.S. 64 is currently one of the main highways between Conway and Fort Smith, and has been for many years. Due to the amount of traffic that uses the highway, much of the road has been upgraded to current highway standards. Early sections of the highway are rare, especially ones that are still drivable. As a result, the 1931 alignment of U.S. 64 in the Menifee vicinity remains an extremely intact example of early highway design and construction, and a tangible reminder of early highway travel in Conway County.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Old U.S. 64, Menifee Segment Name of Property Conway County, Arkansas County and State	
10. Geographical Data	
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Acreage of Property Approximately 1 acre.	
UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)	
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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 Coordinate	
organization Arkansas Historic Preservation Program	date
street & number 1500 Tower Building, 323 Center Street city or town Little Rock	telephone (501) 324-9787 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 proper	rty's location
A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having lar	rge acreage or numerous resources.
Photographs	
Representative black and white photographs of the propert	ty.
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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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at the south side of the U.S. 64 and Canal Road intersection in Menifee, the 1931 alignment follows Canal Road for approximately 0.5 miles to the southeast to the end of the concrete pavement. The width of the boundary includes 10 feet on either side of the 1931 highway centerline.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

This boundary contains the most intact portion of the 1931 U.S. 64 highway alignment in the Menifee vicinity.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY US 64, Menifee Segmen NAME:	t, Old
MULTIPLE Arkansas Highway Hist NAME:	ory and Architecture MPS
STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Conwa	У
DATE RECEIVED: 1/17/06 DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/18/06 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:	DATE OF PENDING LIST: 2/03/06 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/02/06
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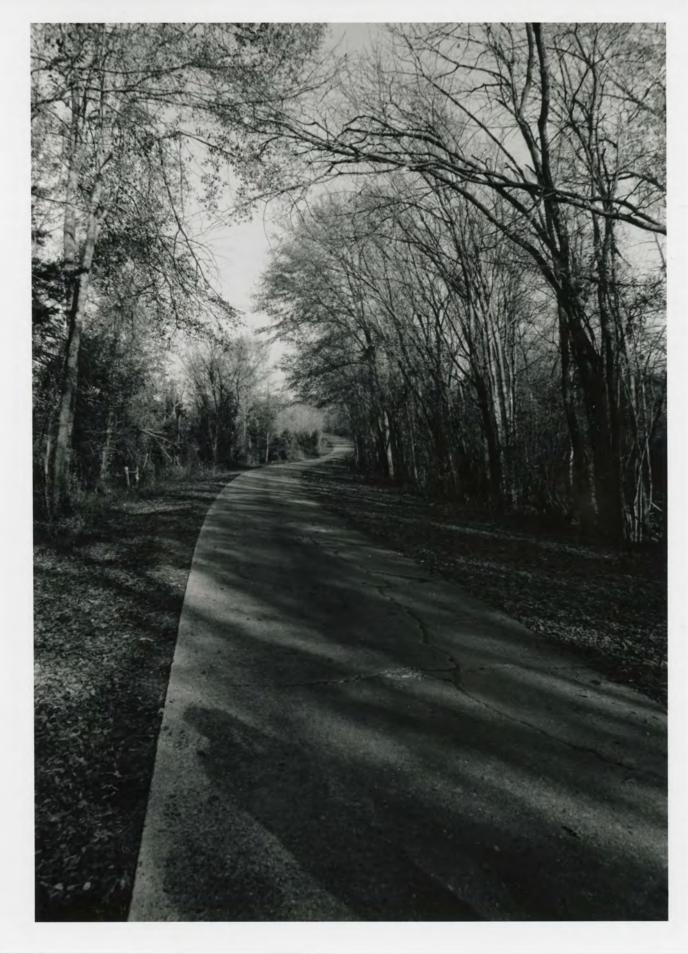
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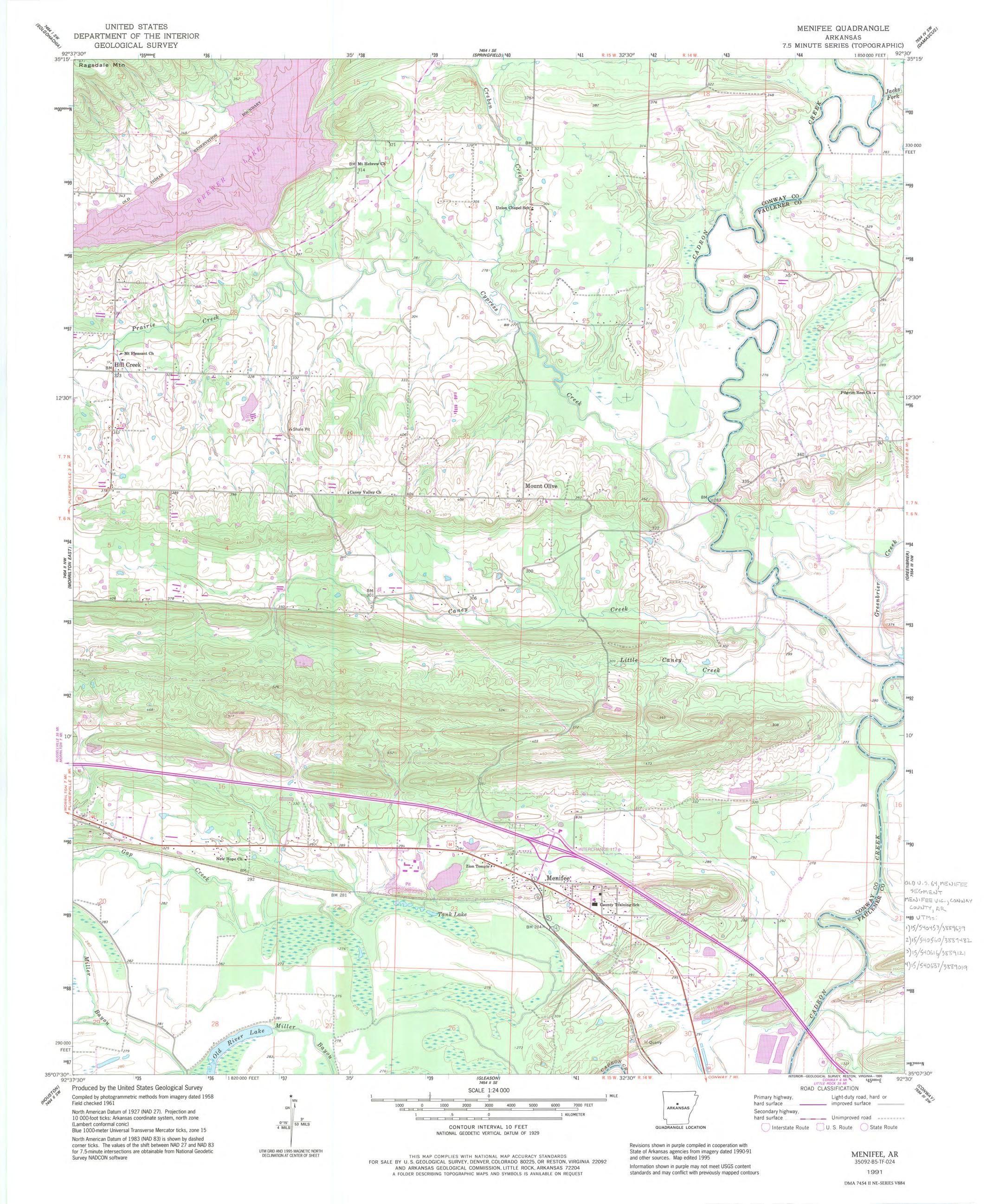
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DECEMBER 2002

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM, LITTLE ROCK, AR NEW NORTHWEST FROM LOCATION #3.





The Department of Arkansas Heritage

December 7, 2005



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Mosaic Templars Cultural Center

Old State House Museum

RE: Old U.S. 64, Menifee Segment – Menifee vic., Conway County, Arkansas

Dear Dr. Matthews:

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,



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