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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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DATA SHEET

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~~

Powhatan School House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

AR 25

CITY, TOWN

Powhatan

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Arkansas

CODE
05COUNTY
LawrenceCODE
075

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☒ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☒ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Community of Powhatan

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Powhatan

VICINITY OF

STATE

Arkansas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Lawrence County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Walnut Ridge

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 School House Building now known as the Powhatan School House was built in the 1880's. It is a one-story frame structure with a gable roof. The double front doors, the only entrance to the building, are located equadistant from the center of the east facade and has double doors with transoms. Four small double-hung sash windows flank the sides of the double entrance doors; two of the windows that immediately flank the entrance are smaller double windows. There are two cloak rooms, one on either side of the foyer, and two doors leading from the foyer into the classroom. A large, sliding wood partition separates the interior room into two smaller classrooms. The north and south sides of the building each have two double windows each. The west side has four windows. There are two brick flues, one at the north wall and one at the south wall of the classrooms, and two wooden stoves which are part of the original furnishings.

The roof has approximately a sixteen-twelve pitch and presently consists of tin which replaced an original roof of wooden shingles. The exterior is covered with simple corner boards, and a simply molded box cornice. The structure rests on a stone foundation. The concrete and stone front steps have eight treads and eight risers, and stone and concrete railings.

The interior contains a flat ceiling with electrical droplets that replaced the old kerosene lamps. The interior has simple and plain wood floors, walls and ceilings.

In recent years a one-room housing was added to the east side of the building to cover the pump that was used to provide water for the school.

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	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The first public school in Powhatan was established in 1854. The school was built by Captain Andrew Imboden of Powhatan for Benjamin F. Matthews, a resident of Rome, Georgia, who landed at Powhatan, after being hauled to the town of Powhatan in an ox wagon, on April 28, 1854. The school was opened on May 1, 1854, with Matthews as instructor. The school was at that time known as "The Powhatan Male and Female Academy," so named by Matthews. Mr. Matthews became an outstanding citizen of Powhatan and played an important role in establishing the town. The first school term lasted for two months. As was the custom in the early days to build a log building that was used for church and school, then perhaps a log building was used for the Powhatan Male and Female Academy. The Academy continued to serve as the learning center for the town until 1861 when the Civil War stopped everything until 1865.

The log cabin building, which either burned or was destroyed, was replaced sometime after the Civil War by a one-story frame structure which was located in Section 37 of the town of Powhatan. The school resumed after the war ended and began to grow until it included a very large area in its district. In 1871 D. L. Montgomery was hired as instructor at the Academy by the School Board Trustees Champ T. Stuart, D. L. Richey, and J. E. Thompson. In 1872 George Matthews was hired as instructor for a three month summer term and a three month winter term at \$50.00 per month salary. In 1874 Miss Fannie Jackson was instructor of the school and was paid \$270.00 from the Black River Township Fund, District #9, out of the Teacher's Fund by John N. Campbell, Trustee. Records of 1880 show that the Lawrence County Court was petitioned by the Directors of School District #9 to allow the Court Room of the Powhatan Courthouse to be used as a school room as there was "no suitable house available for school purposes." Perhaps this school building burned or was destroyed; there are no records to explain why there was no school building in 1880.

The present school house building was built around 1888. The land the present building is situated on was deeded to the School District #9 of Lawrence County, Arkansas from John A. Lindsay, a farmer and resident of Powhatan, on October 18, 1889. In 1889 the school listed 92 students, 35 white males and 57 white females, with J. F. Grant, instructor. Two of the students, Gertrude Horton, female age 15, and Charles Horton, male age 9, were classified as deaf and dumb.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Historical School Records, Powhatan Courthouse.

Journal of B. F. Matthews. On file at Powhatan Courthouse.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C

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D

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

A part of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30, Township 17 North, Range 1 West

Longitude 36° 04' 55"

Latitude 91° 07' 15"

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mrs. Bobby Flipppo, Chairperson

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Powhatan Courthouse Restoration Committee

September 17, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Lake Charles Drive

(501) 878-6387

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Powhatan

Arkansas

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

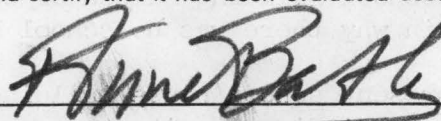
NATIONAL ☐

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 December 14, 1976

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 7-21-78
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: Walter C. Cole

DATE 7-5-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Around 1900, as many as six school districts were formed out of the Powhatan School District #9. In the same year the school became known as the Powhatan Public School with W. E. McLeod as teacher. Mr. McLeod was a highly respected educator in Lawrence County and is remembered for his published book of the history of Lawrence County. Many educators served as instructor at the school including C.H.H. Collins (1893, 1898), Maude E. McGee (1894, 1895), N.A. Moore (1895, 1896), J. F. Grant (1889, 1908), Clara Poindexter, Millie Hendrix (Music Instructor), Miss Mary Steadman, Mrs. R. B. Warner, Bill Swink, Vena Saffell Park, Ed Moore, Pauline Chaney, Mrs. Maude Brannon, Mrs. Sylvia Thomas Verkler, Miss Dot Cavenor, Ruth Hall, Jewel Verkler, Annie Alls, Thelma Gray, Eva Williams, Dula Baker, R. C. Ingram, and Farris Herren.

Many outstanding citizens, lawyers, statesmen, surveyors, and educators received their first education in the Powhatan School House. Two outstanding citizens, still living, include E. T. Wayland, outstanding minister and layman with the Methodist Church in Arkansas, and Eugene Sloan, outstanding lawyer in Northeast Arkansas.

In 1955, the Powhatan School District #9 was consolidated with the Black Rock School District #40, thus ending a long and faithful service to the community and county in the area of education. The present Powhatan School House Building is closely located to the Powhatan Courthouse, which is already on the National Register, the Powhatan Methodist Church, built in 1872, the old Jail House, the old Post Office Building and an old log cabin built in 1833. At one time a wooden walkway began at the back of the Powhatan School House, went east and then turned south, passing by the Methodist Church, Jail House, Powhatan Courthouse, and continuing down past the old log cabin and old Post Office Building, continuing to the river bank of Black River. The Powhatan School House Building stands proud and tall as a reminder of the contribution education played in the rural life of Arkansas.

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The Powhatan School House is significant in its reflection of the typical rural educational institution in Arkansas. It also reflects the foundation of many educational experiences in northeast Arkansas. An intense local interest and pride in the building is generating a future for the remaining structures in the historic rural community.

Property Powhatan School House

State Ark.

Working Number 2.4.77.192

TECHNICAL

Photos 3

Maps 1

Need more recent maps

CONTROL

pl

2.4.77

HISTORIAN

#8 is very weak. I wonder if this would fit in a potential district composed of the buildings mentioned in the last paragraph of #8

*call
B. Garavito
5/3/77*

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

*no statement of significance
Town opposes listing on grounds
that school is in poor condition
to repair.*

*(will call after
2nd review.
Labovich
4.20.77*

ARCHEOLOGIST

Hold

*spoke with
Donna
5.9.77*

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

*Return
Cole
8.24.77*

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back 8.24.77

Entered _____

Federal Register Entry _____

Re-submit 2.28.77

INT:2106-74

NAME OF PROPERTY Powhatan School House STATE Arkansas 2.28.

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE NOMINATION IS RESUBMITTED.

7

Description: _____

8

Statement of Significance: Please provide more discussion on the significance of,
rather than history, this structure.

9

Bibliography: _____

10

Geographical Data -- Acreage: _____

UTM Reference(s): _____

Verbal Boundary Description: _____

12

Certification: _____

Photographic Coverage: _____

Map Coverage: _____

Other: Return requested by Sandra Taylor

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to Bill Lebowich
on the National Register staff, telephone 202 523-5483

Thank you for your attention to the above items.

Catherine H. Cole
Chief, Branch of Registration

Date: 8.24.77

INT:2105-74

Property

Powhatan School House

2nd Control

State

Ark.

Working Number

2.4.77.192

LAWRENCE CO.

78000605

TECHNICAL

Photos

3

Maps

1

CONTROL

OK 3.6.78

HISTORIAN

Accept 4.12.78

Franklin

3-20-78

How many other "typical rural educational institutions" are there in Arkansas? If the sec. answers aren't convincing, then reject. ^{phone report}

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept

H. G. G. G.

3/9/78 4/12/78

VERY LITTLE IS SAID ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BUILDING. — THE PETITION MENTION A SCHOOL HOUSE BUILT IN 1854. (CONFUSING.)

WHY ISN'T THIS INCORPORATED INTO A DISTRICT NOMINATION? WILL AGREE W/ HISTORIAN.

SEE PHONE REPORT —

ARCHEOLOGIST

SIGNIFICANT AS AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

City opposes nomination as it claims it would be too expensive to restore

Accept

6/6/78

This is not much of bldg, but apparently very few of schools from this period are extant.

BRANCH CHIEF

Accept

7-26-78

KEEPER

7/31/78

National Register Write-up

Federal Register Entry

9.5.78

Send-back _____

Re-submit _____

Entered

JUL 31 1978

INT:2106-74



Old Jail
Powhatan
Lawrence
1976

Bob Dunn

2.

JUL 31 1978

Form No. 10-301a
(Rev. 10-74)

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1 NAME

HISTORIC Powhatan School House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Powhatan

____ VICINITY OF

COUNTY Lawrence

STATE Arkansas

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Bob Dunn

DATE OF PHOTO 1976

NEGATIVE FILED AT Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT. GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET
view of the north elevation

PHOTO NO.

2 03



School
Powhatan
Lawrence
1976

Bob Dunn

JUL 31 1978

3.

Form No. 10-301a
(Rev. 10-74)

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____ VICINITY OF

COUNTY Lawrence

STATE Arkansas

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Bob Dunn

DATE OF PHOTO 1976

NEGATIVE FILED AT Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET
view of the west elevation

PHOTO NO.

3

83

Missing Core Documentation

Property Name

Powhatan Schoolhouse

County, State

Lawrence,
Arkansas

Reference Number

78000605

The following Core Documentation is missing from this entry:

☐ Nomination Form

☒ Photographs (Photograph 1 missing)

☐ USGS Map

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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1 NAME

HISTORIC

Powhatan School House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN

Powhatan

____ VICINITY OF

COUNTY Lawrence

STATE Arkansas

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

Corps of Engineers

SCALE

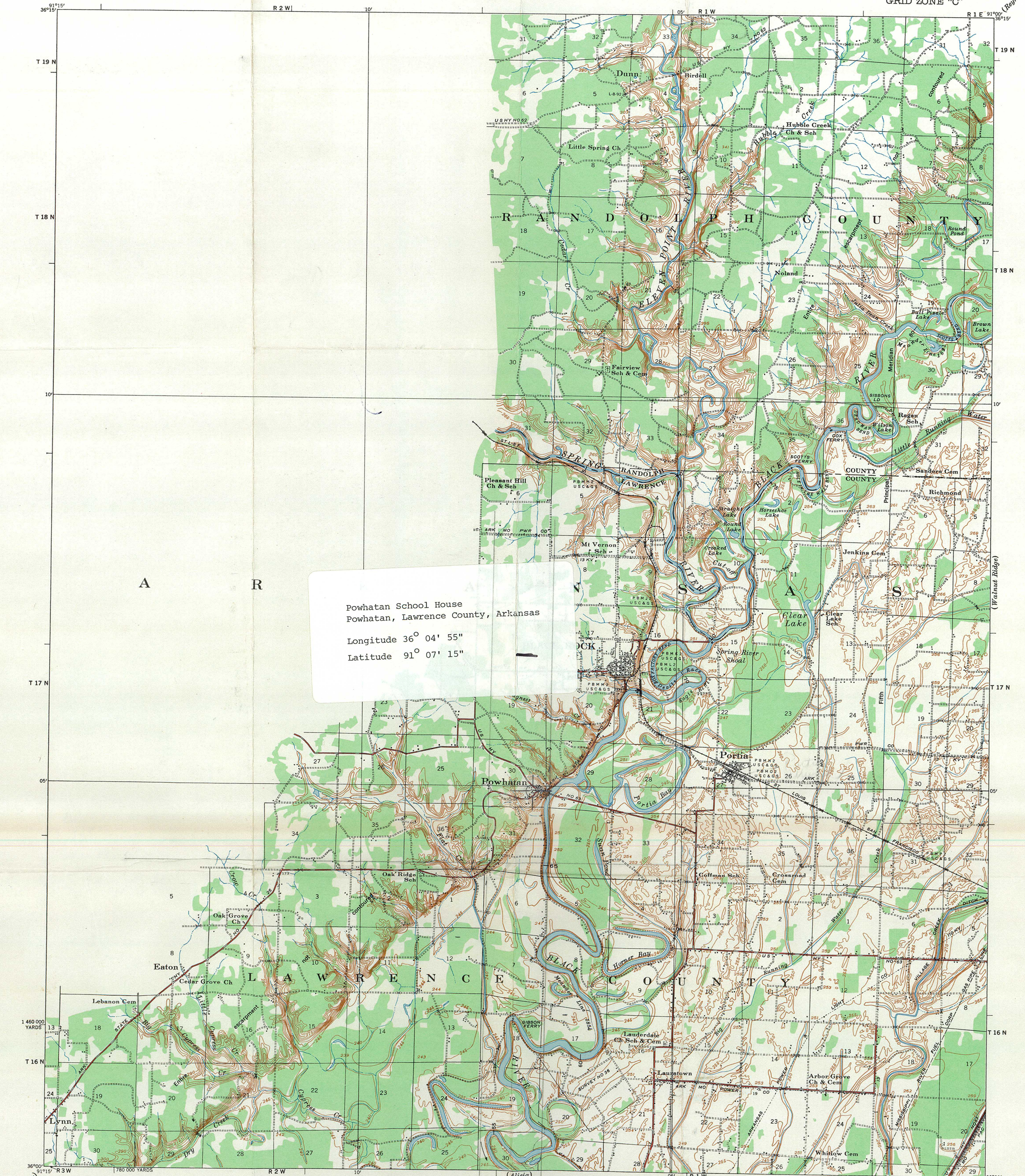
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DATE 1935

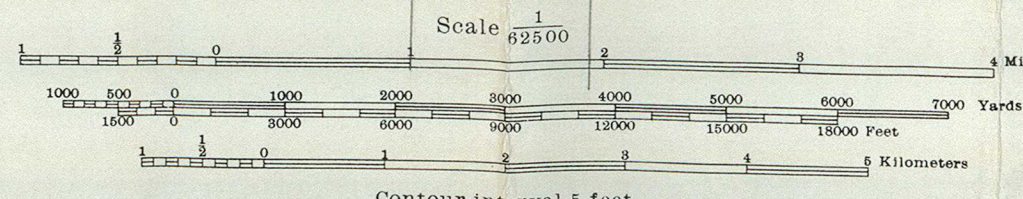
4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

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



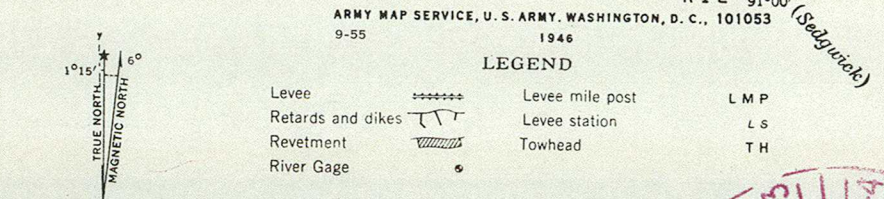
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Horizontal control by Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, Memphis District.
Vertical control by Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, Memphis District and U. S. C. & G. S.
Topography by Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, Memphis District, 1931.
Revised by Mississippi River Commission 1932-35.
Political boundaries are shown according to best available information,
and are subject to change except where established by court decision.
Area outside Alluvial Valley taken from aerial photographs and is not contoured.
Polyconic Projection, North American Datum.



Datum is mean gulf level at Biloxi, Mississippi. Elevations differ from mean sea level elevations as determined by the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, by small fractions of a foot. Persons interested may secure elevations of bench marks as determined by the latest U. S. C. & G. S. adjustment, by applying to the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

FIVE THOUSAND YARD GRID COMPUTED FROM "GRID SYSTEM FOR PROGRESSIVE MAPS" IN THE U. S. "ZONE C, U. S. C. & G. S. SPECIAL PUBLICATION NO. 59"

Additional copies may be procured from
The President, Mississippi River Commission
Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, Vicksburg, Miss.
20 cents per copy



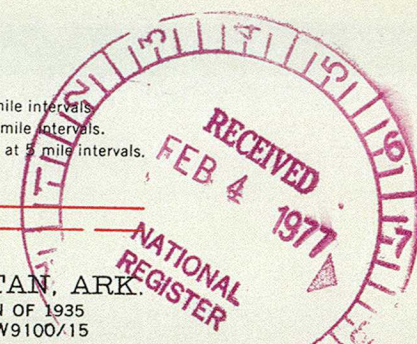
APPROXIMATE MEAN DECLINATION 1931
ANNUAL MAGNETIC CHANGE 1' DECREASE

Distances above mouth of Black River shown at 5 mile intervals.
Distances above mouth of Spring River shown at 5 mile intervals.
Distances above mouth of Eleven Point River shown at 5 mile intervals.

HARD IMPERVIOUSLY SURFACED ROADS
OTHER MAIN TRAVELED ROADS, GRAVEL

POWHATAN, ARK.
EDITION OF 1935
N3600-W9100/15

JUL 31 1978



To The Arkansas Historical Society:

The undersigned, your petitioners, respectfully representing that there is located on Block 38 of Addition to Powhatan, in the County of Lawrence, State of Arkansas, being known as the School House Block, one School House of great historical value which was established in 1854 with the possibility of being added to the National Historical Register and being restored as a one-room school house, request that the present School House Building be kept as is, added to the National Historical Register, restored as a one-room school house in connection with the Powhatan Courthouse as a tourist attraction, and not to be demolished or torn down.

Dyda McLeod Baker
W. Rainwater

L. R. Garner
Gene Zalaker
Chloe Davidson

4/12

TELEPHONE REPORT

TIME OF CALL

AM
PM

CALL ☒ TO: ☐ FROM (Name)

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

Mike Shinn

ARK STAFF

SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Powhatan School House

DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

Extant rural school facilities are rare in Ark.
Oldest education structure in Little Rock is 1890's.
Something older than that in rural areas is definitely
a rarity as funding ~~was~~ did not exist until
20th century for ~~the~~ the maintenance of these structures.

Date of Construction: 1880's

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

TITLE

OFFICE

B. Foulk

P.A.

Powhatan, Arkansas 72458
August 5, 1976



Arkansas Historical Society Commission
Little Rock, AR 72203

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to ask you to add the two public buildings
in Powhatan to the Historical Society of Buildings.
They are: School House built in 1854
Methodist Church House built in 1872

Both of these buildings are in sight of the Powhatan
Court House that has been restored and since these
buildings are in fair shape and could easily be part
of the Park Area I think they should not be destroyed
but added to the Court House & Park as they would be
Historical and of value to our children which are not
going to be seeing many of the older school & church
houses as they were in the olden days.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Winona D. Bruce



ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Suite 500, Continental Building, Main and Markham
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 Telephone: (501) 371-2763



November 12, 1976

NOV 18 1976

Mayor of Powhatan
City Hall
Powhatan, Arkansas



Re: Powhatan School and Powhatan
Methodist Church, Powhatan
Lawrence County

Dear Mayor:

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program is preparing a National Register nomination for the Powhatan School and Powhatan Methodist Church which will be presented to the Arkansas State Review Committee at their December meeting. If approved, the nomination will be submitted to the National Register for final consideration.

The National Register of Historic Places is a listing of historic sites, buildings, objects and districts from all across the country that are worthy of preservation.

Entry in the National Register is an honor which places no obligation on a private owner. It does, however, provide protection through comment by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation from federally financed, assisted or licensed projects that might affect a National Register property.

If you have any questions concerning the program or your property's nomination, please contact Donna DuVall of our staff.

Enclosed are two copies of this letter. Please complete the form below, sign and return the original to our office. The copy is for your files. We would appreciate receiving any comments you might have concerning the nomination of this property. If we do not hear from you within 30 days, your approval will be assumed.

Sincerely,

Barbara Woodard

Barbara Woodard, Deputy Director
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

BW:emf

I approve of the above property being nominated
to the National Register of Historic Places.

Yes

No

Comments: *on Back*

11-15-76
(date)

Glen Sawyer
(signature)

(over)

Dear Mrs. Woodard

Two of the trustees have already signed the deed one won't sign. But the building structure is so bad rotten termite eaten & twisted until there would be no way fixing it back in good shape would take an enormous amount of money to fix it back. we are not interested in going to all the troubles & still wouldn't have nothing any good after it was all done. A contractor said it would have to be airborn & start from under neath to fix it. Said he'd rather build two new buildings as to fix this one. If you have doubts in how bad the condition is come up & look it over and you'll see it isn't worth redoing at all. at one of our Council meetings 33 Voted to tear it down & 1 Voted against.

Sincerely Yours

Mrs. Glenn Lawson
or Ruby Lawson Recorder

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ARKANSAS

STATE

Date Entered **JUL 31 1978**

Name

Powhatan School House

Location

**Powhatan
Lawrence County**

Also Notified

Honorable Dale Bumpers

Honorable Kaneaster Hodges, Jr.

Honorable Bill Alexander

State Historic Preservation Officer

Ms. Anne Bartley

Acting Director, Arkansas Historic
Preservation Program

Suite 500, Continental Building

Markham and Main Streets

Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

NR Byers/bjr 8/4/78

NR Data Sheet

DATE:
Reviewer INITIALS:

NR DOE JUL 31 1978

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Powhatan School House

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER

AR 25

CITY, TOWN

Powhatan

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Arkansas

05

VICINITY OF

COUNTY

code

Lawrence

75

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:

INTERIOR

- Substantially intact-1
- unknown - 4
- not applicable - 7

EXTERIOR

- Substantially intact-2
- unknown - 5
- not applicable - 8

ENVIRONS

- Substantially intact-3
- unknown - 6
- Not applicable-9

Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION -

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR

- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED
- Unexcavated

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED
- Reconstructed
- Excavated

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED
- Unknown

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-

now-

SIGNIFICANCE:

ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC

ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC

AGRICULTURE

ARCHITECTURE

ART

COMMERCE

COMMUNICATIONS

CONSERVATION

ECONOMICS

EDUCATION

ENGINEERING

EXPLORATION

INDUSTRY

INVENTION

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

LAW/Gov't/politics

LITERATURE

MILITARY

MUSIC

PHILOSOPHY

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

RELIGION

SCIENCE

SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER (SPECIFY)

entertainment

health

recreation

settlement

socio/cultural

urban & commun
planning

Claims

"first" YES NO

"oldest" YES NO

"only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

architect/m.builder:

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role

&

appropriate date)

personal

events

institutional

DATES:

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

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)

COMMENTS:

(include architectural information here)

SIGNIFICANCE:

(maximum two sentences)