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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

NAME

HISTORIC

**

Flanagin Law Office

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

320 Clay Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Arkadelphia

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

04

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

COUNTY

Clark

CODE

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

__DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

__STRUCTURE

__SITE

__OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

__PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

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PUBLIC ACQUISITION

__IN PROCESS

__BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

__UNOCCUPIED

__WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

__YES RESTRICTED

☒ YES UNRESTRICTED

__NO

PRESENT USE

__AGRICULTURE

__MUSEUM

☒ COMMERCIAL

__PARK

__EDUCATIONAL

__PRIVATE RESIDENCE

__ENTERTAINMENT

__RELIGIOUS

__GOVERNMENT

__SCIENTIFIC

__INDUSTRIAL

__TRANSPORTATION

__MILITARY

__OTHER

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

B. W. Sanders

STREET & NUMBER

Hearn Community

CITY, TOWN

Arkadelphia

VICINITY OF

STATE

Arkansas

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Clark County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Arkadelphia

STATE

Arkansas 71923

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY ☒ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Clark County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Arkadelphia,

STATE

Arkansas

1923

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FORMS

PUBLICATION
LOCAL DISTRICT

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PRESENT USE

CULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
 COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
 RESIDENTIAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
 GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
 INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER ☐ OTHER

STATE

Arkansas

STATE

Arkansas 71023

LOCAL

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Arkansas 1923

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT ☐ DETERIORATED
☐ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The small brick-stucco building at 320 Clay Street (directly across Clay Street from the present Clark County Courthouse) is known as Governor Harris Flanagin's law office. It has been used as a law office by many highly respected Arkadelphia lawyers and is now (1976) owned and occupied by Judge B. W. Sanders, young Arkadelphia attorney and city judge.

Originally the office consisted of two brick rooms with a porch extending across the rooms with an entrance from the West end of the porch. No distinctive architecture is featured. It was built as a law office and has no special features. There was no door between the two rooms, only outside doors which opened to the porch. Each room has a chimney and fire place. The brick walls are eight inches thick. Plastered strips of lathing covered the interior walls and ceiling.

After Governor Flanagin's death in 1874, the Flanagin family added some wooden rooms to the law office in order to rent it as a private residence. A door was cut between the two brick rooms and the building became rent property until 1903 when Judge J. H. Crawford bought it and restored it to its original use.

Judge Sanders acquired the property in 1974, and has restored the old building to its former dignified appearance with few changes. It continues to be a law office and the meeting place of politically-minded citizens. It is now known as Judge Sanders' law office, a fitting successor to Governor Flanagin's law office.

Judge Sanders is president of the Clark County Historical Association.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

☐ PREHISTORIC ☐ ARCHAEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
☐ 1400-1499 ☐ ARCHAEOLOGY-HISTORIC
☐ 1500-1599 ☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ 1600-1699 ☐ ARCHITECTURE
☐ 1700-1799 ☐ ART
☒ 1800-1899 ☒ COMMERCE
☐ 1900- ☐ COMMUNICATIONS

SPECIFIC DATES 1855

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The office Witherspoon, an attorney, builder, lists in his book to Major Witherspoon 13,990 bricks to Major Mr. O'Baugh built the Major Witherspoon.

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In 1877, Governor Flanagin filled an unexpired term of service in this office. Justice of the Arkansas Governor Flanagin (in the Civil War) was a loyal Democrat with the Confederacy to fight the South. Colonel Dandridge Mc later placed him in Arkansas. He was part of the Arkansas Infantry.

Governor Flanagin attended a Quaker School in Illinois, and moved to Clark County in 1842.

Clark County legislature in 1842. Martha Nash of Washington Major Witherspoon's constitutional convention. Second Arkansas Mounted Commander McIntosh. He fought in the Mexican

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SIGNIFICANCE

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PREHISTORIC	ARCHAEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION
1400-1499	ARCHAEOLOGY-HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LAW	SCIENCE
1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE
1600-1699	ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	TRANSPORTATION
1900-	COMMUNICATIONS	INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	OTHER (SPECIFY)
		INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1855

BUILDER/ARCHITECT J.H. O'Baugh

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The office was built before the Civil War by Major J.L. Witherspoon, an attorney. J.H.O'Baugh, a local brick maker and builder, lists in his account book a note for \$70.00 which he owed to Major Witherspoon and a later entry (1855) shows his sale of 13,990 bricks to Major Witherspoon for \$11.92. Legends claim that Mr. O'Baugh built the office in payment for a debt which he owed to Major Witherspoon.

The two front rooms or brick portion of the office is thought to have been built between 1855 and 1860, likely 1858.

In 1877, Governor Garland appointed Major Witherspoon to fill an unexpired term as the Arkansas Attorney General. After his service in this office, Major Witherspoon was appointed Associate Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court. Both Major Witherspoon and Governor Flanagin (who became Major Witherspoon's partner before the Civil War) were Whigs. When the party declined, both men became loyal Democrats. Both were doubtful of secession but went with the Confederacy when President Lincoln called for soldiers to fight the South. Both served in the Confederate Army. In 1862, Colonel Dandridge McRae made Witherspoon recruiting officer and later placed him in charge of recruiting in District 2 at Paracliffa, Arkansas. He was promoted to major of the 10th battalion of the Arkansas Infantry.

Governor Flanagin was born in Cumberland County, New Jersey, attended a Quaker School, taught and studied law in Pennsylvania and Illinois, and moved to Greenville, Arkansas, in 1839 to practice law. He moved to Arkadelphia when the town became the county seat of Clark County in 1842.

Clark County elected Flanagin a representative to the state legislature in 1842, and a state senator in 1848. In 1851, he married Martha Nash of Washington, Arkansas. A few years later he became Major Witherspoon's law partner. He represented Clark County to the constitutional convention of 1861. The same year (1861) he joined the Second Arkansas Mountain Rifles and was commissioned a captain. When Commander McIntosh was killed at Elk Horn, Flanagin was made colonel. He fought in the Kentucky campaign under Kirby Smith.

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Harris Flanagan was in camp at Knoxville, Tennessee, when he was informed of his nomination and election as Confederate Governor of Arkansas. He was inaugurated on November 15, 1862. When the Union forces threatened Little Rock, he moved the state government (and his family) to Washington in Hempstead County. When the war was over, he lost the right to vote and to hold office and did not regain the privilege until 1872. In 1874, he represented Clark County at the constitutional convention and he was made chairman of the Judiciary Committee. He became ill at the convention, returned home and died at Arkadelphia on October 23, 1874.

After the Civil War, both men practiced law and used the small building as their office. During reconstruction, the regions around Clark County Courthouse was known as the Ra' Hole. The work "carpet-bagger" was not used in Arkadelphia. The northern invaders were known as Radicals or Rads. One can imagine Witherspoon and Flanagan in the midst of the Rads' nest. Through it all they remained good citizens and protected the interest of the Arkadelphia citizens.

Governor Flanagan bought the small office from Major Witherspoon. When the former governor died in 1874, his son, Duncan Flanagan, inherited the office. He added the frame addition at the back and rented the property as a residence. In 1903, he sold the building to Judge John H. Crawford who practiced law there until his death in 1930. The building passed to Judge Crawford's son, Dwight H. Crawford, a prominent lawyer of Arkadelphia.

When Mr. Crawford died in 1908, the office went to his widow, Mrs. Kathleen Crawford, and later to their daughter, Mrs. Margaret Crawford Kauffman. Mrs. Kauffman rented the office to Judge Earnest Still, Arkadelphia city judge. After Judge Still died, the office remained vacant for a short time. It was sold to Judge Bob Sanders in 1974 and he has restored the old building.

The Woodmen of the World have placed a plaque on the building denoting its noble history. Arkadelphia citizens are very proud of the small office and point to it with pride.

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As the designator

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STATE HISTORIC

TITLE

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THREE

ORIGINAL

ATTACHED

DATE

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Southern Standard, weekly newspaper; Interviews with Flanagin, Crawford, and Sanders families;
Biographical Dist. of SW Arkansas; O'Baugh family records
 Farrar Newberry in Daily Siftings;

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre
 UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Amy Jean Greene, Executive Secretary

ORGANIZATION

Clark County Historical Association

STREET & NUMBER

414 Courthouse Square

CITY OR TOWN

Arkadelphia,

DATE

TELEPHONE

246-2154

STATE

Arkansas 71923

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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 3-8-77

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

DATE 12/22/77
 DATE 12-16-77

Missing Core Documentation

Property Name

Flanagin Law Office

County, State

Clark, Arkansas

Reference Number

77000245

The following Core Documentation is missing from this entry:

☒ Nomination Form (original missing, microfiche copy present)

☐ Photographs

☐ USGS Map

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Flanagin Law Office
Clark Co., AR

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: _____

Date Due: _____

Action: ☐ ACCEPT 12/22/77

☐ RETURN

☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____

Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____

date _____

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



Flannagan Building

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Arkadelphia

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COUNTY
Clark

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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
west and south elevations viewed from the southwest

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east elevation viewed from the east

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Flanagan Law Office
Arkadelphia

Flanagan

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west elevation, viewed from the northeast

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1 NAME

HISTORIC Flanagan Law Office

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Arkadelphia

____ VICINITY OF

COUNTY Clark

STATE Arkansas

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE U.S.G.S., Arkadelphia Quadrangle

SCALE 1:24,000

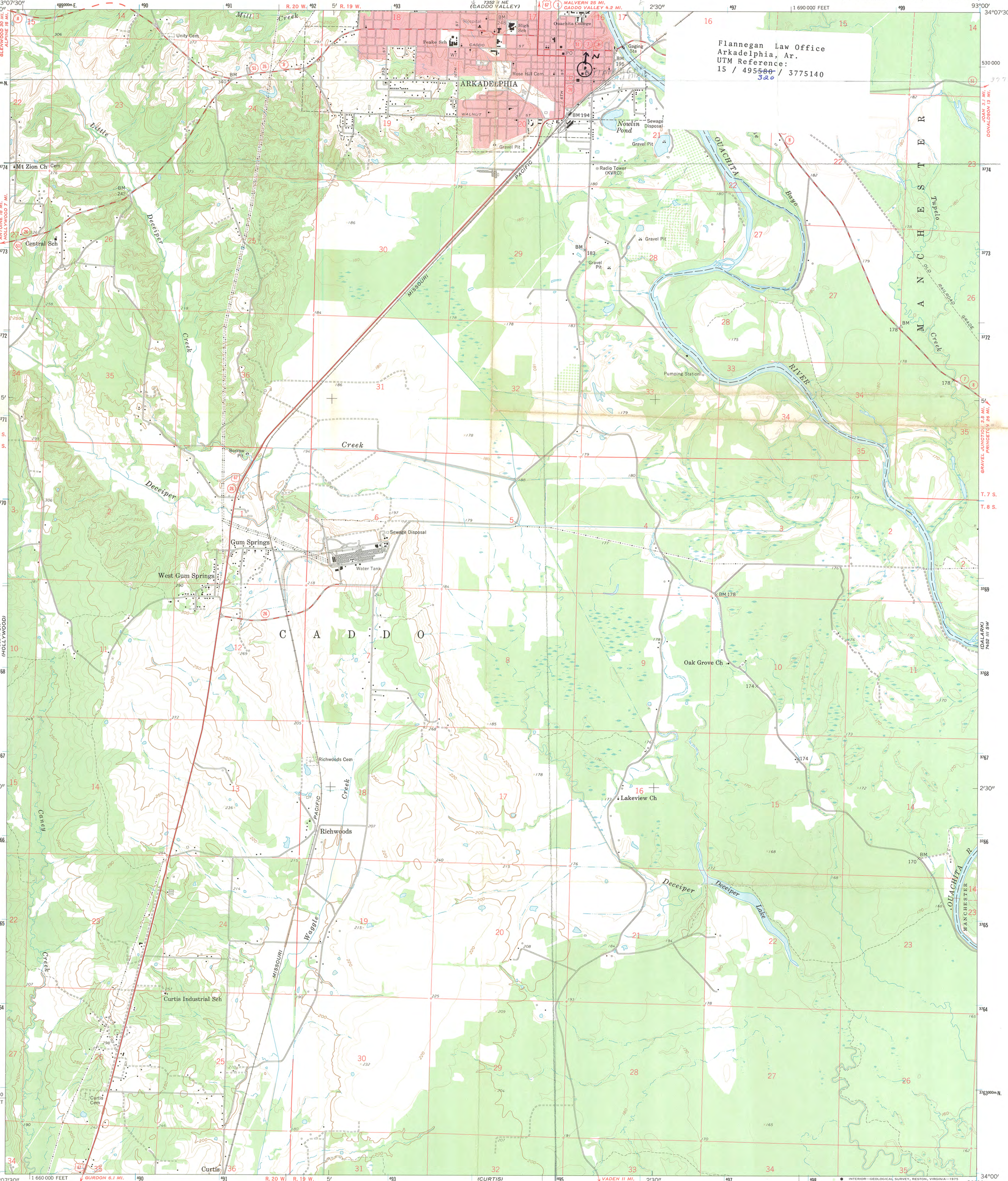
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4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

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

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Arkadelphia, Ar.
UTM Reference:
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Aerial photographs taken 1958. Field check 1959

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum

10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, south zone

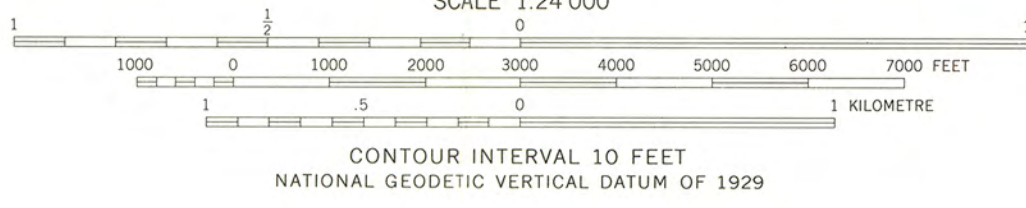
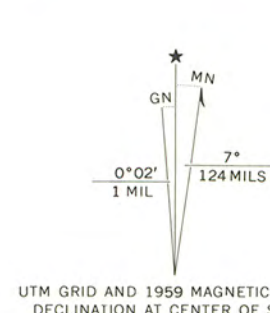
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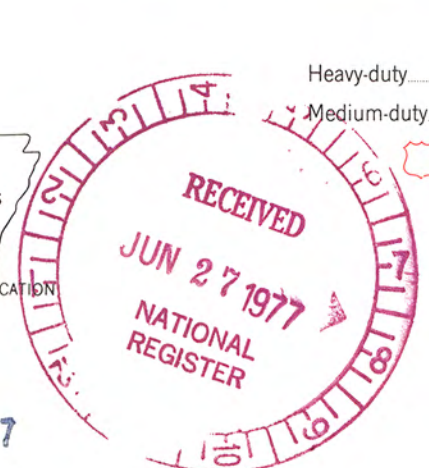
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landmark buildings are shown

Dashed land lines indicate approximate locations



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ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
U. S. Route ——— State Route ———

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