

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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received OCT 3 1984
date entered NOV 1 1984National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination FormSee instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Yell Masonic Lodge Hall

and/or common Carrollton Masonic Lodge

2. Location

street & number

off AR 68

N/A not for publication

city, town Carrollton

N/A vicinity of

state Arkansas

code

05

county

Carroll

code

015

3. Classification

Category

☒ district
☐ building(s)
☐ structure
☐ site
☐ object

Ownership

☐ public
☒ private
☐ both

Public Acquisition

☐ in process
☐ being considered

N/A

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: Vacant

4. Owner of Property

name Carroll County Historical Society

street & number P. O. Box 249

city, town Berryville

N/A vicinity of

state Arkansas

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll County Courthouse, Eastern District

street & number

city, town Berryville

state Arkansas

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no N/A

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

SUMMARY

Located on a hill above the original settlement of Carrollton in Carroll County, the Yell Masonic Lodge Hall, constructed in 1876, remains as an excellent intact example of a nineteenth century rural community meeting structure. Rectangular in plan, this two story frame building was designed to accomodate use as a church on the first floor and a Masonic lodge on the second floor. The gable roof is pierced by a belfry that gives the exterior of this dual-function building a religious overtone.

ELABORATION

Sited next to the community cemetery that pre-dates the 1876 construction of the Yell Masonic Lodge Hall, this frame structure is covered with wide pine weatherboards, some of which have, over the years, been replaced. The heavy hewn oak floor joists and sills are held firmly together with pegs and rest on a continuous stone foundation. The rectangular building is approximately fifty feet long and thirty-five feet wide. The gable roof is covered with wood shingles and is pierced on its west slope by a brick stove flue. The belfry that straddles the south (front) end of the roof ridge is square with louvered vents, pilasters at each corner and a pyramidal roof capped with the remains of a weathervane. The bell was removed from the belfry several years ago by the local Masons.

The simple front facade (south) has a double-doored entrance, which is slightly off-center due to the location of the interior stair. Flush wood doors replace the originals. The east side elevation has a single door entrance, off-center due to the stair placement, and seven four-over-four double-hung windows. The west elevation is penetrated on each floor by four equally spaced windows. The rear elevation has two windows on the first floor.

The interior has pine floors and walls covered with hand-planed horizontal pine boards. Batten ceilings are supported by four equally spaced center columns on each floor. A stairhall is positioned at the southwest corner. On the second floor, a room of equal size connects to the stairhall. Batten doors with elliptical peepholes lead from these two rooms to the large lodge hall, at the north end of which is located a stage.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1876

Builder/Architect Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

SUMMARY

Constructed in 1876, the Yell Masonic Lodge Hall occupies a prominent hilltop site in the once thriving community of Carrollton. The simple two story building served both as a meeting hall for the local Masons as well as a place for church activities. Throughout its history the building has served as a place for local citizens to gather. It has served as a community center, church, meeting hall for fraternal bodies, and as a site for political rallies.

ELABORATION

The community of Carrollton in eastern Carroll County was settled circa 1833. Its first post office was established in 1834. At its full peak of prosperity it had an academy, courthouse, jail, seven general stores, grist and flour mills, cotton gin, blacksmith shop, grade school, three livery barns, two apothecaries, three hostleries, two doctors, and a newspaper. Its decline began about 1869 after Boone County was formed. Shortly thereafter, the county seat was removed. Possibly the greatest cause of Carrollton's demise was the location of the Saint Louis and North Arkansas Railroad a few miles away from the town.

Yell Lodge Number 64 was instituted at Carrollton on November 10, 1853. The first officers were: J.F. Seaman, Worshipful Master; M. Holford, S.W. and A.A. Baker. The original lodge hall they constructed was destroyed by fire. It is said that the local Masons constructed the new lodge hall themselves.

The move of the county seat to Berryville in 1875 dealt a larger blow to the community of Carrollton than anyone had suspected. One can only assume that the Yell Lodge Masons were optimistic about the future of their town since they built their building one year following the move. Today, it stands as one of the few historic resources remaining in this once important community in northwest Arkansas.

9. Major Bibliographical References

None

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Alpena, Ark.

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 33, T 19N, R 22W (Eastern District of Carroll County, East $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 20 of now defunct town of Carrollton, Ark.)

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title O. Klute Braswell (edited by AHPP staff)

organization Carroll Co. Historic Society

date May, 1984

street & number P.O. Box 249

telephone none

city or town Berryville

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

Wilson S. Liles

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 9-28-84

For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 11-1-84

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Yell Masonic Lodge Hall
Carroll County
ARKANSAS

Working No. OCT 3 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86
Date Due: 11/1/84 - 11/17/84
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 11-1-84
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

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

Entered in the
National Register

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

Reviewer's comments:

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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

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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: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Yell Masonic Lodge
Carrollton
Carroll County, Ark.
Photographed by Don Brown
1984
Negative at AHPP
Viewed from the South



Yell Masonic Lodge
Carrollton
Carroll County, Ark.
Photographed by Don Brown
1984
Negative at AHPP
Viewed from the Northeast



Yell Masonic Lodge
Carrollton
Carroll County
Photographed by Don Brown
1984
Negative at AHPP
Interior (Lodge door)



Yell Masonic Lodge
Carrollton
Carroll County
Photographed by Don Brown
1984
Negative at AHPP
Interior (meeting room)



Yell Masonic Lodge

Carrollton

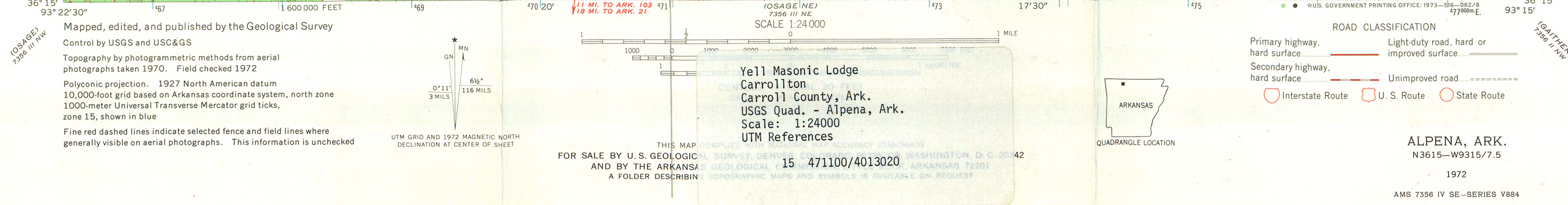
Carroll County, Ark.

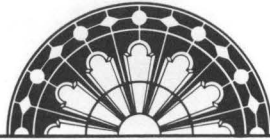
Photographed by Don Brown

1984

Negative at AHPP

Interior (Lodge meeting hall)





ARKANSAS
HISTORIC
PRESERVATION
PROGRAM

August 28, 1984

Carol D. Shull
Chief of Registration
United States Department of the Interior
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
1100 "L" Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20240

Re: Yell Masonic Lodge Hall
Carrollton, AR
Carroll County

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review the nomination for the Yell Masonic Lodge Hall. 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,

Wilson Stiles
State Historic Preservation Officer

WS/AJ/ss

Enclosure/s

