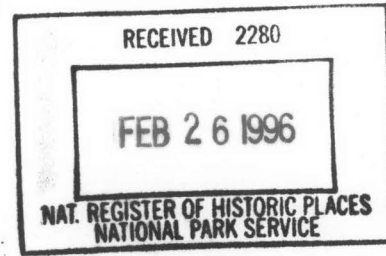


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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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Historic Name: Grubb Springs School

Other Name/Site Number: BO 0048

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2. Location

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Street & Number: NE Corner of Int. of AR Hwy. 43 & AR Hwy. 397

Not for Publication: N/A

City/Town: Harrison

Vicinity: X

State: AR County: Boone Code: AR 009 Zip Code: 72601

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	sites
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	structures
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

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**4. State/Federal Agency Certification**

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination \_\_\_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Cathryn A. Slater

Signature of certifying official

3-5-96

Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_\_\_ meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

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Signature of commenting or other official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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**5. National Park Service Certification**

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I, hereby certify that this property is:

- X 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  
\_\_\_\_\_ other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Cal R. Ferguson

3/29/96

k Signature of Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date  
of Action

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## 6. Function or Use

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Historic: Education Sub: School  
Religion Religious Facility

Current : Social Sub: Meeting Hall  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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## 7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Other: Ozark Stone Vernacular  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Materials: foundation Stone roof Asphalt  
walls Stone other Wood  
Vinyl

Describe present and historic physical appearance:

### Summary

Constructed in two phases in 1892 and 1896, the Grubb Springs School is a single-story, rectangular-plan building built of native sandstone and covered with a composition-shingled gable roof. Principal alterations include the addition of vinyl siding to the gable ends, the construction of a small porch roof, and a suspended acoustical tile ceiling in the interior. A historic outhouse and a modern outhouse associated with the school are included within the boundaries of this nomination.

### Elaboration

Located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Arkansas Highways 43 and 397, the Grubb Springs School is a single-story, rectangular-plan building measuring twenty-eight feet by forty-four feet that was constructed in two phases in 1892 and 1896. The foundation and walls are constructed of rough-faced, rectangular sandstone blocks laid in regular courses. A composition-shingled end gable roof covers the structure, and the two gable ends are currently covered with vinyl siding that approximates the width of the historic wood weatherboard. A simple gabled belfry, which is also clad with vinyl siding, is located at the end of the roof on the front elevation, and an interior brick chimney protrudes above the ridgeline in the center of the school.

The front, or southern, elevation is defined by two single-leaf entrances. Both doors have been replaced with modern, six-panelled, steel counterparts, and the corresponding transoms have been covered with plywood. The eastern door is no longer used as an entrance, and the western door is now sheltered by a small gable roof supported by triangular brackets.

Both side elevations are fenestrated by three original two-over-two, double-hung wood windows. The window openings are symmetrically placed and feature true segmental arches and substantial sandstone lintels. The rear, or northern, elevation is not fenestrated.

Original interior elements of school include the cement-plastered stone walls, pine flooring, the original bell, and a raised stage area with chalkboard at the northern end. A suspended acoustical-tile ceiling was installed in the late 1950's or early 1960's after the Grubb Springs Extension Homemakers Club acquired the building. Three chamfered wood posts help support the original-height ceiling, which consists of pressed board trimmed with battens. This ceiling is known to be historic but may not be the original. The dropped ceiling also obscures the triangular braces of the three support posts. Fortunately, the Extension Homemakers Club is planning to remove the nonhistoric ceiling.

There are two outhouses associated with the school. Although no longer in use and a near ruin, the historic wood outhouse northwest of the northwest corner of the school is considered contributing to the nomination. A modern, state-approved concrete block outhouse has been placed due east of the school. Both structures are one-holers.

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## 8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Local.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: Architecture  
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Period(s) of Significance: 1892 - 1896

Significant Dates: N/A

Significant Person(s): N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above:

### Summary

The Grubb Springs School is being nominated under Criterion C with local significance as an excellent example of a late-nineteenth century, stone-constructed, one-room school building.

### Elaboration

Very little is known about the history of the Grubb Springs community. It was named for an early settler named Grubb, who had a spring on his property (just north of the nominated boundaries). In 1892, the Methodist Church purchased three acres of land from E. A. Grubb and initiated construction of the nominated property for use as a church. The work, however, was not completed, and in 1896 the land and partially constructed building was sold to the Grubb Springs School District. The building was subsequently completed and used for forty-eight years as the Grubb Springs School with classes held for grades one through eight.

After the Grubb Springs School consolidated in 1954 and the building abandoned, the school board allowed the community to use the structure for meetings and other activities. Five years later, the Grubb Springs School was purchased by the current owners, the Grubb Spring Extension Homemakers Club. This organization continues to use the building as a community center. Other clubs and organizations also use the former school for a meeting place. An annual crafts fair was initiated a few years ago, and weddings have been held here on occasion.

Historically, the school was also used for community activities, as were most all rural schools. Church services in the school were not a regular occurrence although in 1911 the Grubb Springs Baptist Church was organized in the building. This congregation met in the school for a short time until their own church could be completed.

The Grubb Springs School is being nominated under Criterion C with local significance as an excellent example of a Plain Traditional-styled, gable-roof, one-room school building. This design was standard issue for rural school construction in Arkansas during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The Grubb Springs School is particularly distinguished by the quality of the coursed sandstone exterior walls, which are similar to other Ozark vernacular structures, the original fenestration, and the intact belfry. As such, the Grubb Springs School is the best known representative of this vernacular school design in the Harrison vicinity of Boone County.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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Information submitted by Orva Dell Cook, May 1989.

Information submitted by Darlene Lawrence, July, 1995.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- ☒ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other state agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other -- Specify Repository: \_\_\_\_\_



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**10. Geographical Data**

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Acreage of Property: Three

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing      Zone Easting Northing

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C	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	D	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>

Verbal Boundary Description:

Three acres in the extreme Southeast corner of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 7, Township 18 North, Range 20 West

Boundary Justification:

This boundary includes the school, the historic outhouse, the modern, noncontributing outhouse, and all of the property historically associated with this resource.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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Name/Title: Patrick Zollner, Architectural Historian

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: February 12, 1996

Street & Number: 1500 Tower Bldg., 323 Center St. Telephone: (501) 324-9880

City or Town: Little Rock State: AR ZIP: 72201

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Grubb Springs School  
NAME:

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Boone

DATE RECEIVED: 2/26/96 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 3/12/96  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 3/28/96 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 4/11/96  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 96000329

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

\_\_\_ACCEPT \_\_\_RETURN \_\_\_REJECT \_\_\_DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Grubb Springs School is significant under National Register Criterion C (Architecture). The modest one-story building is a well-preserved example of rural schoolhouse design from the late nineteenth century and reflects the stone building traditions of the Ozarks area of northern Arkansas.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept C

REVIEWER Paul R. Lusignan DISCIPLINE HISTORIAN

TELEPHONE 343-1623 DATE 3/29/96

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y (N)





Grubb Springs School  
Harrison vic., Boone Co., Ark.

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Nov. 1995

Neg. on file at AHPP

View from the south/southwest





Grubb Springs School

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View of the western elevation





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View ~~of~~ from the northwest





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View from the southeast





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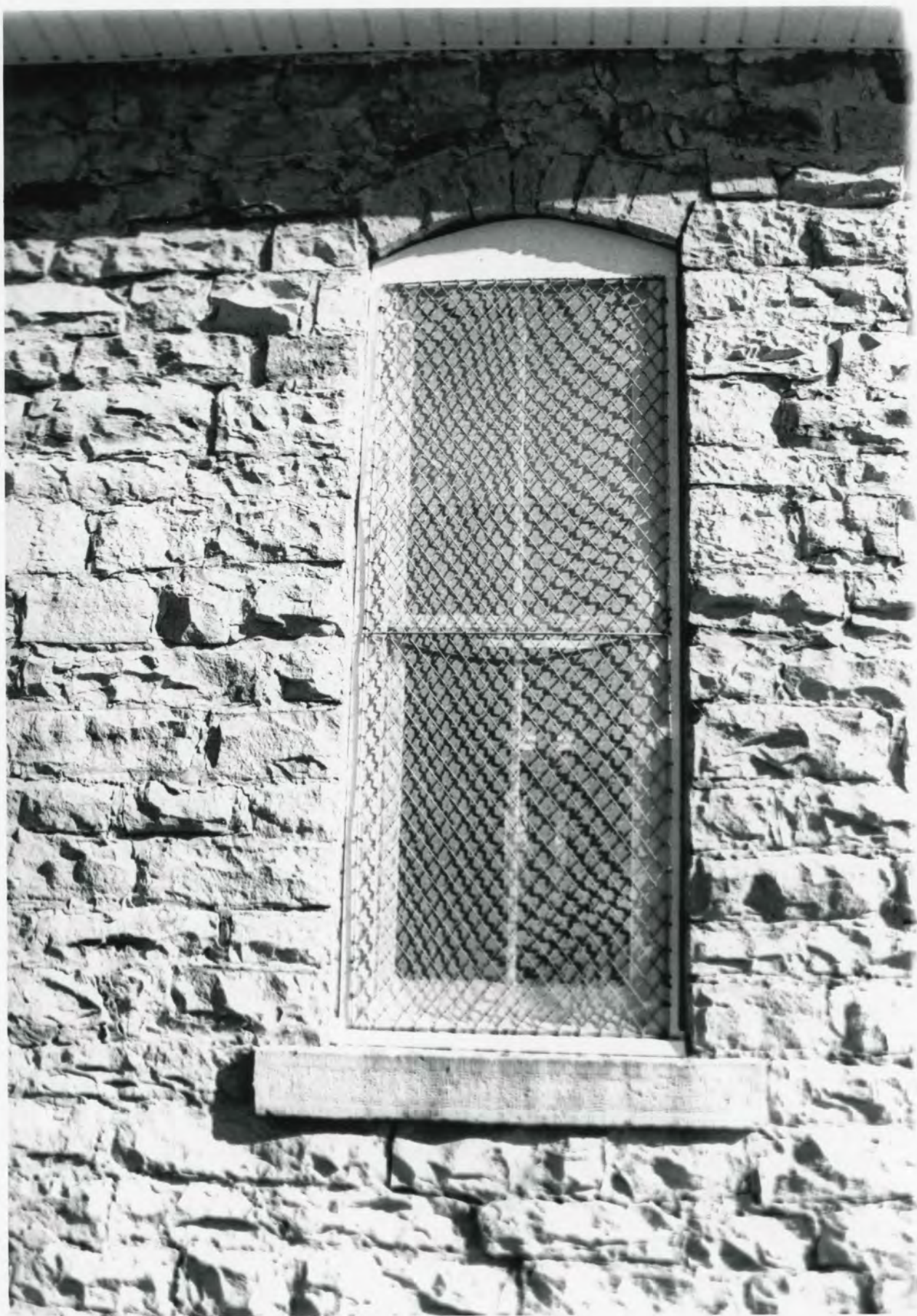
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View of interior from  
the south / southeast





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View of window from  
the west





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View of nonhistoric privy  
from the southwest





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View of historic privy from  
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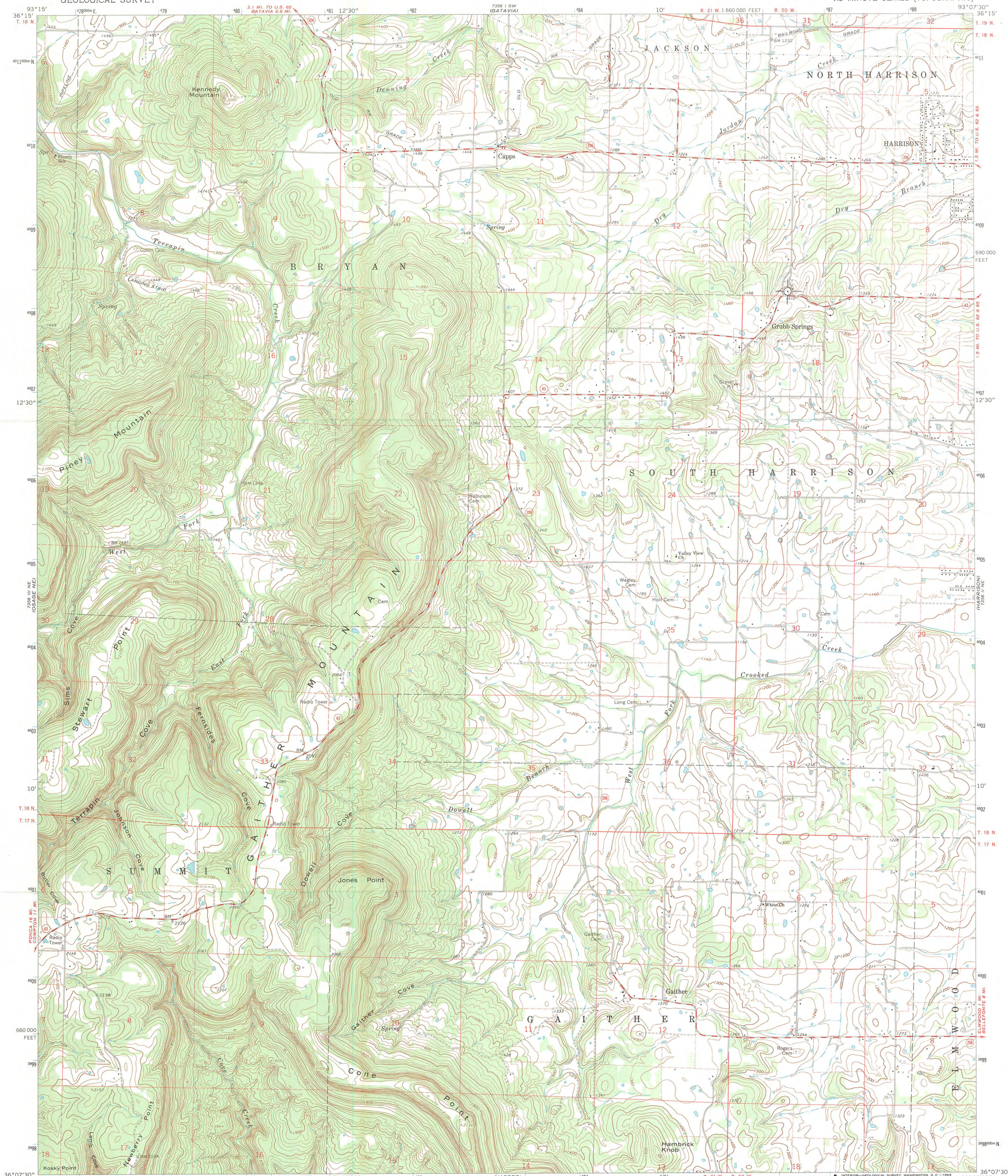
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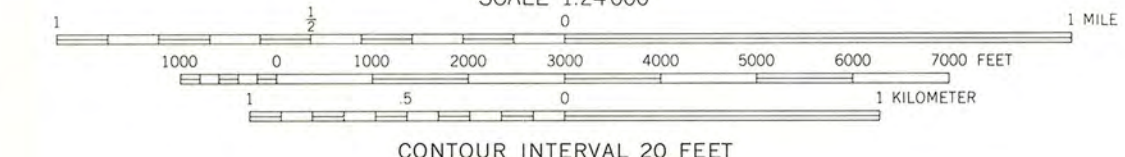
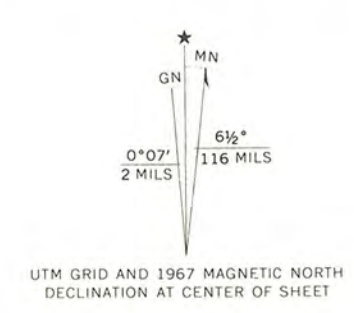
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ARKANSAS-BOONE CO.  
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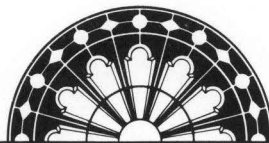


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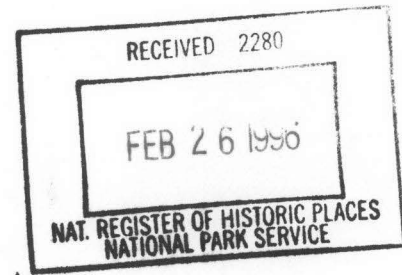




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February 14, 1996

Carol D. Shull  
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United State Department of the Interior  
National Register of Historic Places  
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RE: John Gabriel Fort House  
Driggs, Logan County

Lawrie House  
West Memphis, Crittenden County

Grubb Springs School  
Harrison, Boone County

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review the nomination of the above referenced property. 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,

Cathy Buford Slater  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosures

