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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Champ Grubbs House

other name/site number: N/A

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2. Location

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street & number: State Highway 172

not for publication: N/A

city/town: New Hope

vicinity: X

state: AR county: Drew

code: AR 043

zip code: 71655

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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>1</u>	<u>      </u>	buildings
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	sites
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	structures
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</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. Byford  
Signature of certifying official

10-12-92  
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:

- ☒ 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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Entered in the  
National Register

for \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Keeper Date  
of Action

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#### 6. Function or Use

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Historic: DOMESTIC

Sub: Single dwelling

Current: DOMESTIC

Sub: Single dwelling

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## 7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Other  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other Description: Dog-trot

Materials: foundation Wood/concrete roof Metal  
walls WOOD/Log other Wood posts

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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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: Locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: ARCHITECTURE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance: 1855-1859

Significant Dates: 1859

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

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Grubbs, Stephen H.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.  
X See continuation sheet.

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**Summary**

The Champ Grubbs House is a single-story, wood log residential structure of square-notched construction and a dog-trot plan (though the dog-trot has since been filled). Though the building has suffered a series of additions and minor alterations in its lifetime, it retains its original log construction, including its single log pens flanking the central hallway.

**Elaboration**

The Champ Grubbs House is a single-story, wood log residential structure of square-notched construction and a dog-trot plan (though the dog-trot has since been filled). The original dogtrot plan, constructed entirely of logs, has been augmented by a shed roof addition across the rear, though two separate shed roof rooms, attached to the rear of the two log pens, were added within the first twenty years of the construction of the house, and were connected to enclose the rear of the dogtrot passageway during the historical period (this historic structure was removed approximately ten years ago due to its advanced state of deterioration, though its replacement largely reproduces the form of the historic structure). Two exterior end chimneys rise through the gable peak. The metal roof, and the log and wood frame walls are supported by a combination of wood and concrete blocks.

The northern or front elevation consists of the filled dogtrot in the center, which is accessed via a central, single-leaf door that is flanked by two modern four-over-four windows, and two openings in the center of each of the log pens. The eastern log pen retains its original function as a single-leaf entry, while the opening in the center of the western pen has been converted more recently into a window. Sheltering this entire facade is a sloping, single-story shed porch that is supported upon a total of five wood posts. The southern elevation opposite consists entirely of the board-and-batten shed addition, which is fenestrated by two one-over-one sash windows and a pair of windows placed toward the eastern end.

The eastern and western elevations are similar, in that the central chimney in the gable end is flanked on both elevations by two four-over-four wood sash windows, with the only difference being that the eastern elevation of the shed roof section is accessed via a single-leaf entrance while the western elevation opposite is fenestrated with a one-over-one sash window.

The significant exterior details are limited to the square-notching of the logs and the absence of chinking between the logs, a condition that appears to be original.

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The interior of the log pens has largely been refinished with modern vertical wood paneling, with the notable exception of the central passageway, in which the logs are visible.

With the filling of the central passageway, the conversion of the western pen's front door into a window, the necessary rebuilding of both chimneys, and the refinishing of the interior of the original log pens, significant alterations have occurred to the Champ Grubbs House; however, its original construction remains intact, as the logs remain visible both inside and out, and the overall form of the house -- the two log pens flanking the central hallway with the historic shed roof section on the rear -- remains the same.

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**Summary**

**Criterion C, local significance**

The Champ Grubbs House, constructed c. 1859 (builder unknown), is significant by virtue of its status as one of the few extant, single-story log dog-trot residences remaining from the antebellum period in Drew County. It is thus being nominated under Criterion C with local significance for its construction.

**Elaboration**

The first documented European settlement in the area that comprises the present-day land mass of Drew County occurred in 1832, when the first immigrants came from Louisiana and settled on the banks of Bayou Bartholomew. At the time of the official formation of Drew County -- November 26, 1846 -- the county was divided into six principal townships; by 1850, the county boasted a population of 3,276, with the county seat being firmly established at Monticello.

Though known as the Champ Grubbs House -- after Elisha Champion Grubbs, who served the Veasey Township as justice of the peace for forty-two years (1889-1931) -- this residence was actually constructed by his father, Stephen H. Grubbs, who came to this area from his ancestral home in Milledgeville, Georgia with his wife, Elizabeth Jackson Grubbs. The deed abstract reveals that Stephen H. Grubbs first purchased the property in 1851, though oral history maintains that they did not relocate to this site permanently until 1853 or 1854. The elder Grubbs first constructed a smaller, single-pen log residence for his family -- in addition to his wife, he already had five children before coming to Arkansas -- while he was completing the new, larger dogtrot residence. He began construction on the dogtrot in 1855, completing the construction by 1859.

Stephen H. Grubbs and his wife remained in the home for the remainder of their lives, having five more children after they settled here. Little else is known about the elder Grubbs, apart from the fact that he served the county as a coroner after he settled here. His son, Champ Grubbs, lived in the house also while he served the county in his capacity as justice of the peace, and reportedly performed many of his official duties within the walls of his home, including the hearing of court cases and the performance of marriages. The house remains in the hands of Grubbs family descendants, as the current owner, Curtis Mayo, is the great-great grandson of Stephen H. Grubbs.

The Champ Grubbs House, in spite of the considerable alterations it has suffered, retains all of

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the original log construction for which it is considered significant, and for which it is being nominated. The two log pens are eighteen feet-square, with the central passageway measuring ten feet across. The ceilings of the log pens are nine-and-one-half feet in height. The large pine logs of the interior and exterior walls -- measuring an average width of approximately eleven inches -- are completely intact, as are the stripped pine poles that form the roof rafters. Antebellum log residences of this age and structural integrity, and particularly of pine log construction, are rare indeed, and their importance transcends their outward appearance. Thus it is for the integrity and uniqueness of its construction that the Champ Grubbs is being nominated under Criterion C with local significance.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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X See continuation sheet.

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: Less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing      Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>599000</u>	<u>3708450</u>	B	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
C	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	D	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>

     See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description:      See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point on the southern edge of State Highway 172 located approximately 1,100 feet east of its intersection with the eastern edge of County Road 9, proceed southerly along a line running parallel with the house's western elevation for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the house's southern elevation; thence proceed easterly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the house's eastern elevation; thence proceed northerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the southern edge of State Highway 172; thence proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification:      See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all of the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.



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### Bibliography

Goodspeed's *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Southern Arkansas*, 1890.

Hulan, Richard, "Middle Tennessee and the Dogtrot House," *Pioneer America*, (1975).

Information provided by Curtis Mayo; 1981 and 1992.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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Name/Title: Kenneth Story, Architectural Historian

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: October 8, 1992

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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 Grubbs, Champ, House  
NAME:

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Drew

DATE RECEIVED: 10/22/92 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 11/03/92  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 11/19/92 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 12/06/92  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92001619

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

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National Register**

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 11/20/92 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_  
REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_  
DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

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CLASSIFICATION

\_\_\_count      \_\_\_resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

\_\_\_historic      \_\_\_current

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DESCRIPTION

\_\_\_architectural classification  
\_\_\_materials  
\_\_\_descriptive text

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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

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

\_\_\_acreage      \_\_\_verbal boundary description  
\_\_\_UTMs      \_\_\_boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

\_\_\_sketch maps    \_\_\_USGS maps    \_\_\_photographs    \_\_\_presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



CHAMP GRUBBS HOUSE  
NEW HOPE VIC., DREW Co., ARKANSAS  
PHOTOGRAPHED BY P. ZOLLNER  
AUGUST, 1992  
NEGATIVE ON FILE AT ANPP  
VIEW FROM NORTHWEST





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VIEW FROM NORTH





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VIEW FROM WEST



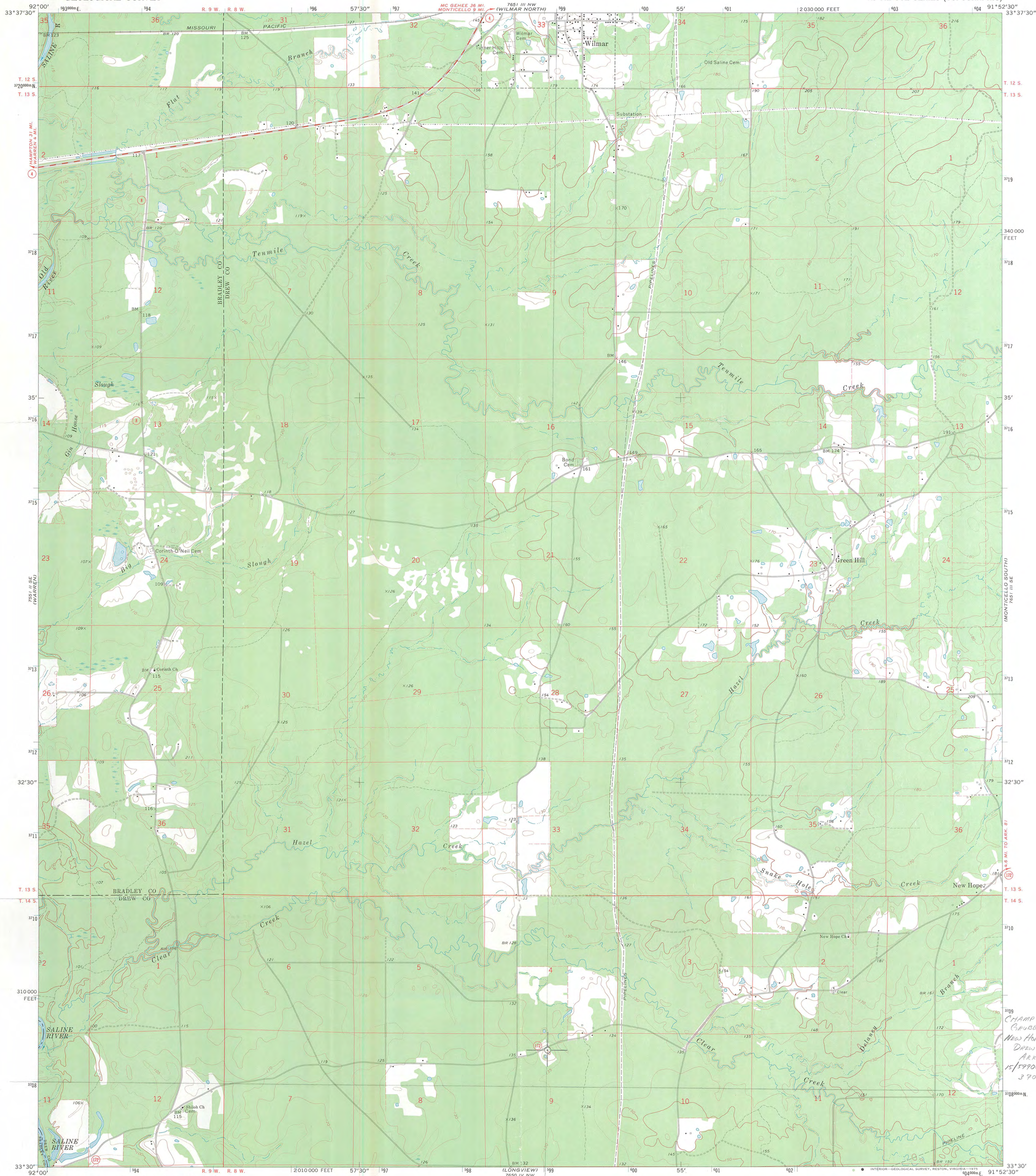


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NEW HOPE VIC, DREW CO., ARKANSAS  
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NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHPP  
NOTHING DETAIL



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ARKANSAS  
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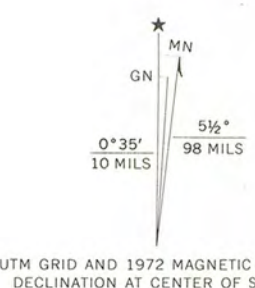
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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1972. Field checked 1972

Projection and 10,000-foot grid ticks: Arkansas coordinate system, south zone (Lambert conformal conic) 1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 15, shown in blue. 1927 North American datum

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



SCALE 1:24 000

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
DOTTED LINES REPRESENT 5-FOOT CONTOURS  
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
	State Route

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CHAMP GRUBBS HOUSE  
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ARKANSAS  
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October 13, 1992

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

RE: Champ Grubbs House  
New Hope, Drew 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  
State Historic Preservation Officer

CB:kg

Enclosures

