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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

\*\* Perry County Courthouse  
AND/OR COMMON

## 2 LOCATION

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Main and Pine Streets

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Perryville

VICINITY OF

Third

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Arkansas

05

Perry

105

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

## CATEGORY

## OWNERSHIP

## STATUS

## PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

X PUBLIC

X OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

X STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

X GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

X YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Perry County (Melvin Brand, County Judge)

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Perry County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Perryville

VICINITY OF

Arkansas

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk's Office

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Perry County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Perryville

Arkansas

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1888

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The largest number of architecturally significant public buildings in Arkansas are the county courthouses. As the center of local politics, the courthouse is often the largest and most costly building in the county. The Perry County Courthouse in Perryville is the most important public historic structure in the county.

Perry County, located in central Arkansas, was created by the state legislature on December 14, 1840. The new county was formed from the portion of Conway County which lay south of the Arkansas River, and was named for an American naval hero in the War of 1812, Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry.

The first county seat was in the log home of John L. Houston. In 1841 Houston and John Greathouse agreed to donate land on which to build a courthouse in the newly founded town of Perryville. The county seat was established in Perryville in 1841, and a log building was constructed to house court offices. Following a fire in 1850, a second log courthouse was constructed on the same site.

In 1872 a large frame building replaced the log courthouse. Located about one-half mile distant from the log courthouse, this building was situated on the third and final courthouse site. Successive fires plagued the county courthouse, but each replacement was located on the 1872 site.

Since its construction in 1888 the present Perry County Courthouse has been enlarged with additions, but has not been greatly altered. The two-story brick structure is of a simple rectangular floor plan and features a truncated hip roof. The architectural style is extremely simple with an undecorated cornice, plain windows set in wood frames and an entablature over the two main entries. The building rests on the Perry County court square.

Despite its central Arkansas location and proximity to the state's most populous county (Pulaski), Perry County has always been among the least populated of Arkansas' seventy-five counties. Very few historic or architecturally significant structures remain in the area, thus increasing the importance of the courthouse.

Among the very small number of historic structures still standing in Perry County, the courthouse is decidedly the most significant. The building dominates the Perryville business district, and is the most important historic man-made landmark in Perry County.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Brand, Melvin. Interview at Perry County Courthouse, Perryville, Arkansas, February 2, 1976.

A Survey of Arkansas Courthouses. Compiled by the National Society of Colonial Dames of America in the State of Arkansas. Mrs. W. G. McDonald, Chairman, Historical Activities Committee. Arkansas Room, Little Rock Public Library.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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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

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Dianna Kirk, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

STREET & NUMBER

300 West Markham

CITY OR TOWN

Little Rock

DATE

3-9-76

TELEPHONE

501-371-1639

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 Anne Bartley

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 3-9-76

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

Acting

DATE

7/6/96

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

7-1-76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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ITEM NUMBER 9 PAGE one

Works Progress Administration. Perry County, c. 1940. Place file, Archives,  
Arkansas History Commission.



Property

Perry County Courthouse

State ARK

Working Number 3.31.76.2903

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## TECHNICAL

Photos 2Maps 1

## CONTROL

cm

OK 4.6.76

Better than some other Arkansas Courthouses.

## HISTORIAN

ACCEPT

L. Engood

30 June 76

Too bad about the white paint  
& those green shutters! Some people  
can't leave good enough alone without  
"fixing it up."

## ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept  
D. Look

23 June 1976

## ARCHEOLOGIST

## OTHER

## HAER

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_

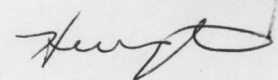
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## REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept  
Colz  
7.1.76

## BRANCH CHIEF

## KEEPER

  
7.1.76

National Register Write-up

Federal Register Entry

8-3-76

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_

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Perry County Courthouse

Form No. 10-301a  
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Perry County Courthouse

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

CITY, TOWN

Perryville

\_\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

COUNTY  
Perry

STATE  
Arkansas

**3 PHOTO REFERENCE**

PHOTO CREDIT Dianna Kirk

DATE OF PHOTO February, 1976

NEGATIVE FILED AT Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

**4 IDENTIFICATION**

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET  
South elevation, viewed from the southeast

PHOTO NO.

1 1/2

from the southeast

1 1/2







Perry County Courthouse  
Perryville, Arkansas

2. north elevation, viewed from the north

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North elevation, viewed from the north

PHOTO NO.

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HISTORIC

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AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

COUNTY

STATE

Perryville

Perry

Arkansas

**3 MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE U. S. G. S., Perryville Quadrangle

SCALE 1:24,000

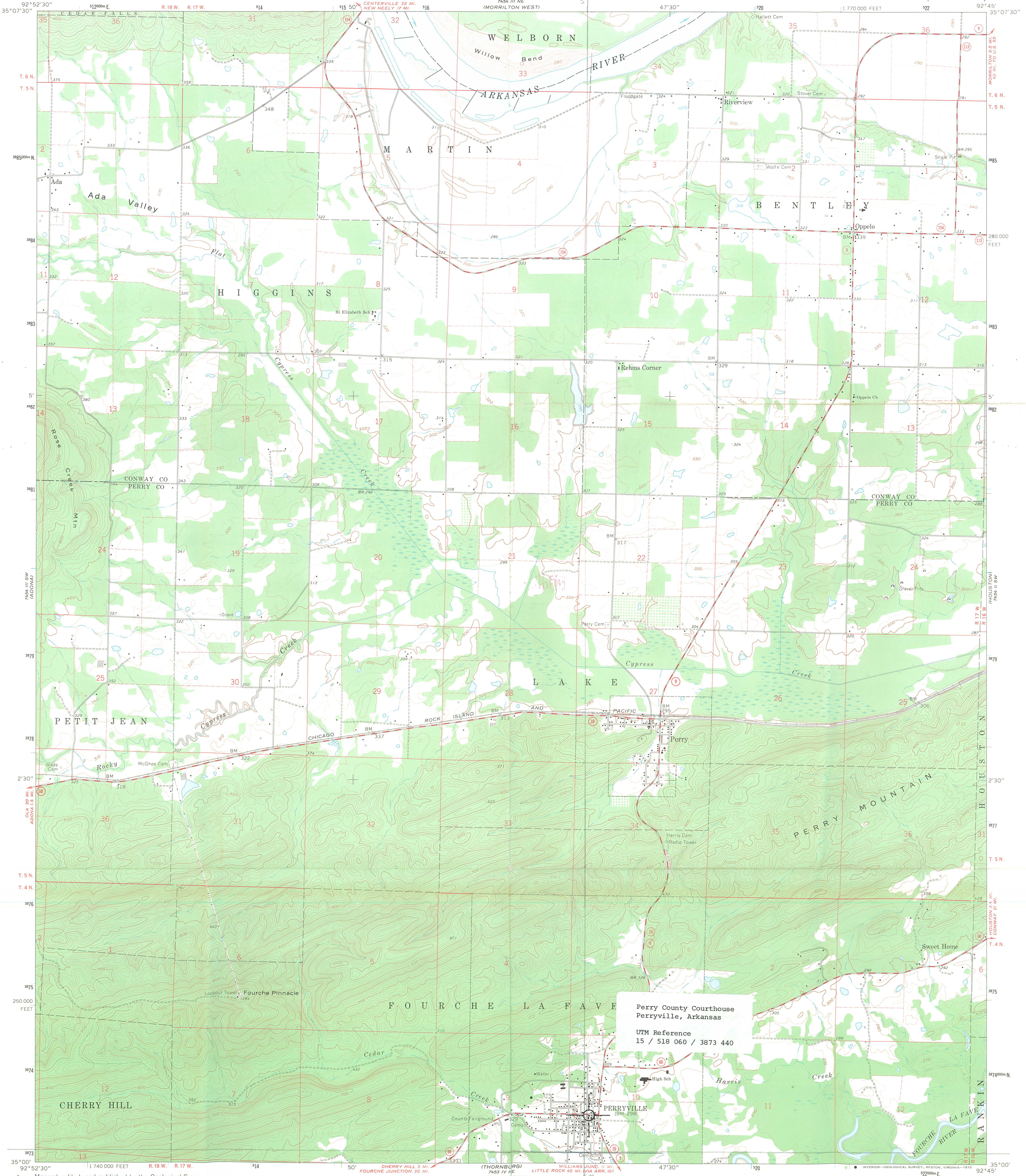
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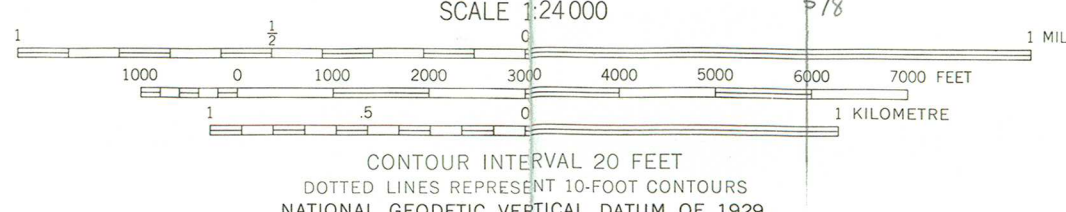
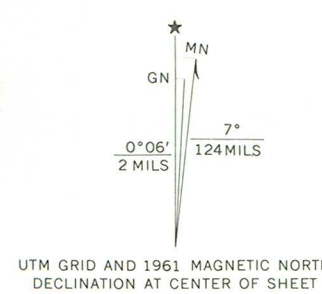
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

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





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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial  
photographs taken 1958. Field checked 1961  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, north zone  
1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 15, shown in blue  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092  
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Medium-duty ——— Light-duty ———  
Unimproved dirt - - - - -  
State Route ○

PERRYVILLE, ARK.  
N3500-W9245/7.5  
1961  
AMS 7454 III SE-SERIES V884



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ARKANSAS

Date Entered JUL 6 1976

Name

Location

Stobaugh House

Choctaw vicinity  
Van Buren County

Perry County Courthouse

Perryville  
Perry County

Also Notified

Hon. John L. McClellan  
Hon. Dale Bumpers  
Hon. Bill Alexander  
Hon. John P. Hammerschmidt  
Regional Director, Southwest  
Region

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Ms. Anne Bartley  
Acting Director  
Department of Natural and  
Cultural Heritage  
The Old State House  
300 West Markham  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

PR MMott/row 7/12/76



DATE: 25 JUNE 1976  
Reviewer INITIALS: S. Look

NR DOE  
JUL 6 1976

# NR Data Sheet

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: <sup>①</sup> PERRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE

OTHER NAMES:

## LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER MAIN AND PINE STREETS

CITY/TOWN PERRYVILLE

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3RD

STATE ARKANSAS 05

VICINITY OF

COUNTY PERRY code 105

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	EXTERIOR	ENVIRONS
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☐ Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION -	EXCELLENT	DETERIORATED	UNALTERED	ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD		RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED
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		Unexcavated	<input type="checkbox"/> Excavated	

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- GOVERNMENT, COURTHOUSE

now- GOVERNMENT, COURTHOUSE

## SIGNIFICANCE:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC		<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
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	<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

## Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: ELEMENTS OF FEDERAL

architect/m.builder: —

engineer: —

landscape/garden designer: —

artist/artisan: —

interior decorator: —

builder/contractor: —

ETHNIC GROUP: —

NAMES:

personal —

(label role

&

appropriate date)

events —

institutional PERRY COUNTY

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1888

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS: —

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S): 1

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre) 1

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

2-STORY BRICK RECTANGULAR, 2-story main block with 1-story wings, off-center front entrance with transom, END ADDITIONS WITH side lights, and small porch; side additions, have appearance of Federal and Greek Revival elements. ~~STRUCTURE IN TRUNCATED HIP ROOF; END ADDITIONS WITH FLAT ROOFS. NORTH ELEV. IS SYMMETRICAL WITH 5 BAYS; SOUTH ELEV. HAS ONLY 4 BAYS IN ORIGINAL SECTION. WOOD DOUBLE HUNG SASH WINDOWS, 2 OVER 2. IN 1962 GREEN SHUTTERS ADDED & RED BRICK PAINTED WHITE. (ONE WINDOW PER BAY EXCEPT BAY LEFT OF ENTRANCE ON SOUTH ELEV.) ENTRANCE RECESSED WITH CLASSICAL ENTABLATURE.~~

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

THE PERRY COUNTY COURT HOUSE IN PERRYVILLE IS THE MOST <sup>most</sup> IMPORTANT <sup>crucial</sup> PUBLIC <sup>public</sup> HISTORIC STRUCTURE; IN THE COUNTY. <sup>reputedly</sup> IT IS <sup>made constructed</sup> THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN BUILT OF BRICK MADE FROM COUNTY SOIL.

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: ELEMENTS OF FEDERAL

architect/m.builder: —

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~~STRUCTURE IN~~ ~~FLAT ROOFS.~~ ~~TRUNCATED HIP~~ ~~ROOF;~~ ~~END ADDITIONS WITH~~ ~~NORTH ELEV. IS SYMMETRICAL WITH~~ ~~2-STORY~~ ~~BRICK, RECTANGULAR,~~ ~~off-center front entrance with transom,~~ ~~late appearance of Federal and~~ ~~side lights, and small porch; side additions~~ ~~with 1-story wings,~~

Brick, 2-story main block with 1-story wings, rectangular, hipped roof; off-center front entrance with transom, sidelights, and small porch; side additions. Late

appearance of Federal and Greek Revival elements. Most important county public structure, reputedly constructed of brick made from county soil.

PERRYVILLE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PUBLIC HISTORIC STRUCTURE; IN THE COUNTY. IT IS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN BUILT OF BRICK MADE FROM COUNTY SOIL.