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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Center Valley Well House

other name/site number: PP0047

2. Location

street & number: State Highway 124

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Center Valley

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Pope

code: AR 115

zip code: 72801

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-local

Category of Property: Structure

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>          </u>	<u>          </u> buildings
<u>          </u>	<u>          </u> sites
<u>    1    </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: Public Schools in the Arkansas Ozarks, 1920-1940

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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. Byrd  
Signature of certifying official

8-2-92  
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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**

- ☒ 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): \_\_\_\_\_

Shelene Byrd 9/1/92

for Signature of Keeper

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

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic: EDUCATION

Sub: Education-related

Current: EDUCATION

Sub: Education-related

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## 7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

LATE 19TH AND EARLY 20TH CENTURY AMERICAN MOVEMENTS

\_\_\_\_\_

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Other Description: Plain Traditional

Materials: foundation Stone roof Asphalt  
walls Stone other \_\_\_\_\_

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: A

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: EDUCATION  
SOCIAL HISTORY  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance: 1940 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates: N/A

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

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Works Progress Administration  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 Center Valley Well House is a single story, stone masonry open well house structure with an asphalt shingle hipped roof and low stone walls between the four square stone columns. The low stone walls are coped with concrete and exposed rafters project from beneath the roof deck. The continuous foundation is also constructed of stone.

**Elaboration**

The Center Valley Well House is a single story, stone masonry open well house with an asphalt shingle hipped roof and low stone walls between the four square stone columns. The low stone walls are coped with concrete and exposed rafters project from beneath the roof deck. It is a completely symmetrical structure from any perspective, and without a principle axis of any kind.

Constructed as a well shelter for the school water supply, it continues to serve this function today.

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**Center Valley Well House**

Center Valley, a tiny community north of Russellville, was dependent on its larger neighbor as an economic locus; coal mining remained the primary economic force and helped to revive the region's economy as the nation geared up for war in the 1940's. In 1940, however, the Depression held sway, and the W.P.A. authorized construction that year on a new school for the Center Valley School District as a means of alleviating unemployment and underemployment in Pope County. The Center Valley Well House was erected in that same year as an afterthought, a companion to the new school building and its campus, utilizing leftover construction materials and mimicking the design of the school itself.<sup>1</sup>

The Center Valley Well House, constructed during the period covered by the historic context *The Evolution of the Public School System in the Arkansas Ozarks, 1920-1940*, is a representative example of a small stone school building constructed for a rural school district. Its documented construction by the W.P.A. and its use during this period as a local school building clearly identify it with this historic context and with this property type. It is significant locally under Criterion A through its direct associations with both the history of the evolution of the public school system in the Ozark Mountain region of the state during this period and the W.P.A.

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<sup>1</sup>Dallas T. Herndon, ed., Annals of Arkansas, 1947 (Little Rock, Arkansas: The Historical Record Association, 1947), p. 487.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See "Public Schools in the Arkansas Ozarks, 1920-1940" Multiple Property Form, Section H.

\_\_\_ 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:

- X 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>492210</u>	<u>3909400</u>	B	___	___	___
C	___	___	___	D	___	___	___

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of a line running along the northern edge of State Highway 124 with a perpendicular line running parallel with the well house's eastern elevation and located approximately 25 feet to the east thereof, proceed northerly along said line for a distance of approximately 100 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the well house's northern elevation; thence proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approximately 100 feet to its intersection with a line running parallel to the well house's western elevation; thence proceed southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 100 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the northern edge of State Highway 124; thence proceed easterly along said line for a distance of approximately 100 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes both the historic resource and all the surrounding property known to have been historically associated therewith that retains its integrity.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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Public Schools in the Ozarks MPS  
ARKANSAS

Date Listed

COVER	Substantive Review	Date Listed
92001115	Aggie Hall	9/4/92
92001113	Aggie Workshop	9/4/92
92001098	Agriculture Building--University of Arkansas, Fayetteville	9/4/92
92001125	Alco School	9/4/92
92001203	Bergman High School	9/10/92
92001214	Berryville Agriculture Building	9/10/92
92001215	Berryville Gymnasium	9/10/92
92001178	Boswell School Substantive Review	9/4/92
92001112	Bruno School Building	9/4/92
92001128	Buford School Building Substantive Review	9/4/92
92001099	Business Administration Building--University of Arkansas, Fayetteville	9/4/92
92001194	Cafeteria Building--Cleveland School	9/10/92
92001200	Calico Rock Home Economics Building	9/10/92
92001213	Caraway Hall--Arkansas Tech University	9/10/92
92001217	Cedarville School Building	9/10/92
92001206	Center Valley Well House	9/10/92
92001100	Chemistry Building--University of Arkansas, Fayetteville	9/4/92
92001101	Chi Omega Greek Theatre--University of Arkansas, Fayetteville	9/4/92
92001202	Clarksville High School Building No. 1	9/10/92
92001123	Coal Gap School	9/4/92
92001122	Damascus Gymnasium	9/4/92
92001118	Dodson Memorial Building	9/4/92
92001121	Durham School	9/4/92
92001192	Enterprise School	9/10/92
92001110	Eros School Building	9/4/92
92001205	Everton School	9/10/92
92001116	Fairview School Building	9/4/92
92001120	Fishback School	9/4/92
92001212	Girls' Domestic Science and Arts Building--Arkansas Tech University Substantive Review	9/4/92
92001196	Guy High School Gymnasium	9/10/92
92001197	Guy Home Economics Building	9/10/92
92001114	Hirst--Mathew Hall	9/4/92
92001102	Home Economics Building--University of Arkansas, Fayetteville	9/4/92
92001210	Hughes Hall--Arkansas Tech University Substantive Review	9/4/92
92001106	Jamestown School	9/4/92



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Center Valley Well House

MULTIPLE NAME: Public Schools in the Ozarks MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Pope

DATE RECEIVED: 8/07/92

DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/21/92

DATE OF 16TH DAY: 9/06/92

DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/21/92

DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92001206

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

9/10/92

DATE

Entered in the  
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA  
REVIEWER  
DISCIPLINE  
DATE

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

CLASSIFICATION

\_\_\_count \_\_\_resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

\_\_\_historic \_\_\_current

DESCRIPTION

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

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

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

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Phone

Signed

Date



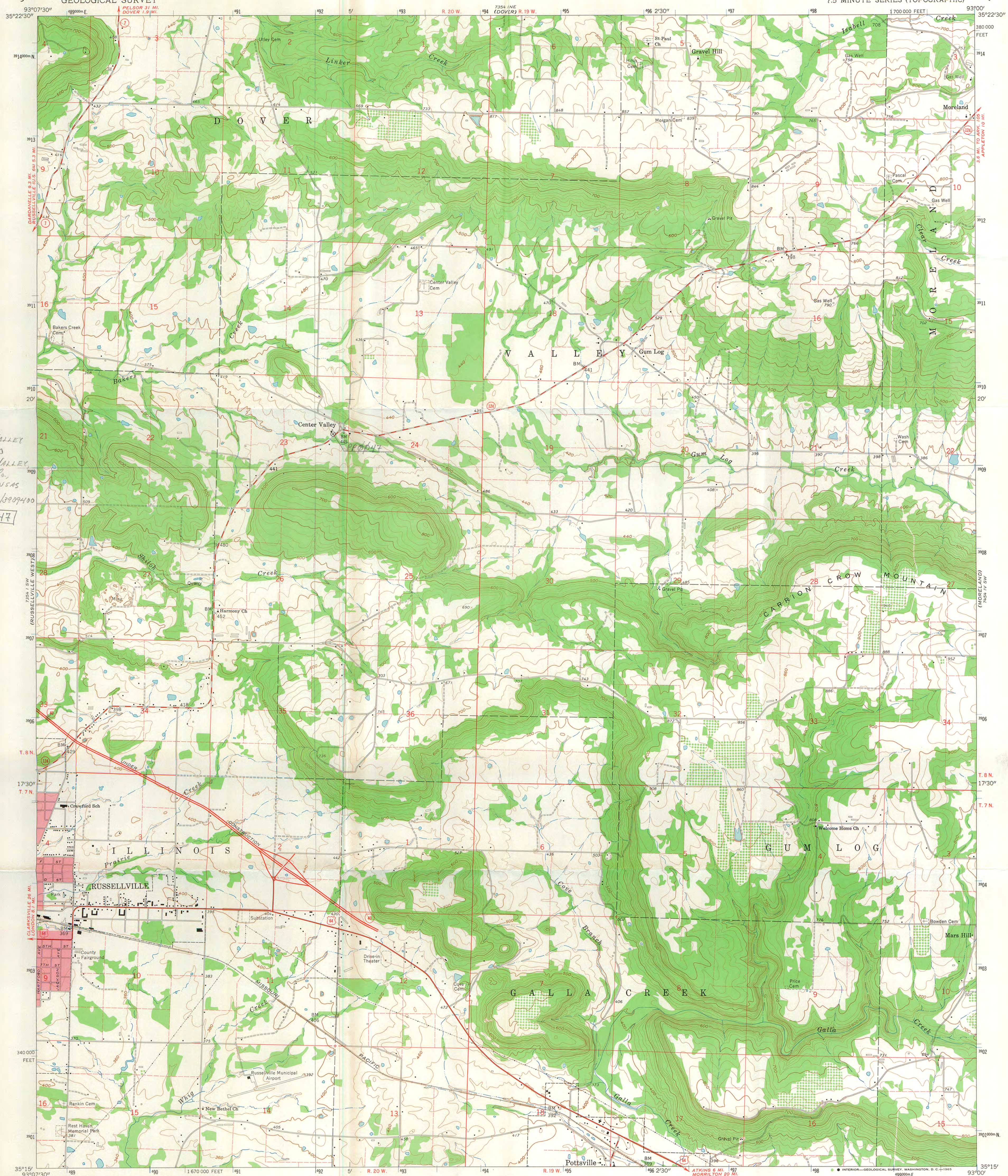
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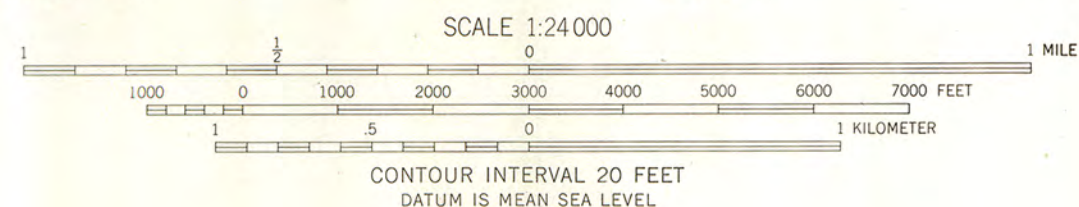
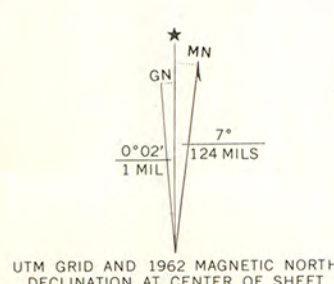
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Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———  
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———  
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