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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

historic name: Woodlawn School Building

other name/site number: N/A

2. Location

street & number: NW of int. of Bizzell Road and State Route 31

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Woodlawn

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Lonoke code: AR 085 zip code: 72007

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

| Contributing | Noncontributing |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| <u>1</u> | <u> </u> buildings |
| <u>1</u> | <u> </u> sites |
| <u>1</u> | <u> </u> structures |
| <u>2</u> | <u> </u> objects |
| | <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. Byrd
Signature of certifying official

1-25-93
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
_____ 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): _____

~~Entered in the~~
~~National Register~~

Adrian Byrd 2/25/93

Signature of Keeper

Date
of Action

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6. Function or Use

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Historic: Education

Sub: School

Current : Social

Sub: Meeting Hall

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Craftsman

Other Description: N/A

Materials: foundation Concrete roof Asphalt
walls Weatherboard 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: Local.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: 1921

Significant Dates: N/A

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Prior, John

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 Woodlawn School Building is a single-story, wood-frame school building of a modified rectangular plan constructed in 1921 in the Craftsman style of architecture. The foundation is composed of concrete piers, and the frame walls, which are fenestrated by large three-over-three windows, are clad with false-bevel novelty siding. The building is covered by a composition-shingled gable-on-hip roof with a gable-roof projection at the northern end of the front elevation. Other than the windows, the Craftsman influence is reflected in the use of exposed rafters, gable-end knee braces, and unusual wood ornament on the front porch. The interior reflects the Plain Traditional building practices of the time in the use of double-beaded board siding and simple door and window moldings. Significant interior detail includes two folding-partition walls and a later WPA-constructed stage. Located northwest of the intersection of Bizzell Road and State Route 31, the school fronts the highway and is set back behind a grove of large oak trees. A historic well, with the original hand pump, is located a short distance southeast of the southeast corner of the building. The Woodlawn School Building is in good condition and has not been significantly altered.

Elaboration

The Woodlawn School Building is a single-story, white-painted wood-frame school building of a modified rectangular plan constructed in 1921 in the Craftsman style of architecture. The foundation is composed of concrete piers, and the frame walls are sheathed with false-bevel novelty siding. A composition-shingled gable-on-hip roof, punctuated by two interior brick chimneys, covers the structure. A large projecting gable roof extends from the main roofline on the northern end of the front, or eastern, elevation. The Craftsman influence is evident by the generous use of large three-over-three windows, exposed rafters, gable-end knee braces, and unusual wood ornament on the front porch. The decorative knee braces, three of which are found on either end of the gable-on-hip roof, are jigsawed with a slight outward curve as opposed to the more common straight-edge braces. On the porch, there are four square wood ornaments, each filled with diagonal stick work, attached to the two roof-wall junctures and on either side of the single column. The current ornamental squares are reproductions based on the originals shown in a historic photograph.

The front, or eastern, elevation features the aforementioned gable-roof projection at the northern end. This bay is adorned by five symmetrically arranged knee braces and is illuminated by a pair of three-over-three double-hung windows. A centrally placed porch is formed by a shed roof extension of the southern slope of the gable-roof projection. The porch roof is supported by a single wood boxed column that is decorated with a knee brace in addition to the flanking wood ornament. The wood-floored porch is accessed by four wood steps. A double-leaf entry composed of two five-paneled wood doors is located at the rear of the porch facing east. To the south of the porch, the remaining wall area is fenestrated by a pair of three-over-three windows.

On the southern elevation, a single and a pair of three-over-three double-hung windows are positioned along the eastern half of the elevation. The wall portion containing the original row of seven windows on the western half of the elevation has been recently reconstructed due to advanced deterioration. The rebuilt section is recognizable by the presence of drop siding as opposed to false bevel siding and the use of four smaller, horizontal-sash aluminum-frame windows in place of the original three-over-three double-hung wood-frame windows.

The rear, or western, elevation consists of four symmetrically arranged four-over-four double-hung wood-frame windows with a pair of single-leaf wood doors located in the center. The windows are currently covered with sheet

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metal due to deterioration of the windows. The door to the south is a four-panelled door of the inverted cruciform configuration. The door to the north is a five-panelled door identical to those found on the front porch.

Two rows of seven three-over-three windows comprise the northern elevation.

The interior plan basically consists of a central hall with one room to either side and one large room composing the western half of the building. The large room can be divided north/south by a folding partition wall. Another folding partition wall divides the northern half of the interior. Interior detail reflects the Plain Traditional building practices of the time in the use of double-beaded board siding and simple door and window moldings. Sometime in the 1930's, the WPA constructed a stage in the northwest corner of the building. The stage is extant with only minor modifications over the years. Also of note is a wood stove in the northeast room. The stove, now approximately 100 years old, was moved to Woodlawn from an older structure - the Hill school - after consolidation.

Alterations to the original interior have been minimal. In the early 1970's, indoor plumbing and two restrooms were installed along with cabinets and various kitchen appliances in the southeastern room. Recently, the wall dividing the two southern rooms has been partially opened.

Located northwest of the intersection of Bizzell Road and State Route 31, the school fronts the highway and is set back behind a grove of large oak trees. A historic well, with the original hand pump, is located a short distance southeast of the southeast corner of the building.

The building is currently being used for community meetings.

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Summary

Constructed in 1921, the Woodlawn School Building is being nominated under Criterion C with local significance as an excellent example of a Craftsman-style school building with unusual porch decoration.

Elaboration

Prior to 1921, the educational needs of the residents of the Woodlawn community were served by three schools in the area, Hickory Flat, Hill, and Old Mason. On December 16, 1920, a petition was filed with the Board of Education of Lonoke County to consolidate the three schools. A special election was held on December 27, 1920, and by a vote of 48 to 17, the Rural Special School District No. 20 was established.

At the time, Woodlawn was a small community composed largely of farmers and those who worked in various aspects of the timber industry (logging, sawmills, etc.). The formation of Rural Special School District No. 20 necessitated a new school building, and its construction was accomplished in the same manner as a barn-raising with the residents of the community donating the labor.

The new building, erected under the tutelage of head carpenter, John Prior, reflected the Craftsman style of architecture which was then-dominant in Arkansas. Although the basic building form is Plain Traditional, the use of exposed rafters, three-over-three windows, and decorative knee braces contribute the essential Craftsman detailing. The most distinctive embellishment, however, is the addition of the four square wood ornaments on the front porch. This adornment, substantiated by a historic photograph taken shortly after construction, distinguishes this building from other comparable Craftsman-style schools. Thus, the Woodlawn School Building is being nominated under Criterion C with local significance as the best example in Lonoke County of a Craftsman-style school building.

X See continuation sheet.

_ 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 # _____

X State historic preservation office
 _ Other state agency
 _ Federal agency
 _ Local government
 _ University
 _ Other -- Specify Repository: _____

Acreage of Property: Approximately two

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|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| A | <u>15</u> | <u>602750</u> | <u>3864850</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 140 yards north of the SE corner of Section 32, Township 4N, Range 8W, thence proceed north 57 yards; thence west 197 yards; thence south 57 yards; thence east 197 yards 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

Information supplied by Ora Lee Jackson.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 01/15/93

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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 Woodlawn School Building
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Lonoke

DATE RECEIVED: 1/29/93 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 2/09/93
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/25/93 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/15/93
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 93000086

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 2/25/93 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 _____



Woodlawn School Bldg.
Lonoke Co., Arkansas
Photographed by Patrick Zolher
October 1992
Negative on file at AHPP
View from the east



Woodlawn School Bldg.
Lonoke County, Arkansas
Photographed by Patrick Zollner
October 1992
Negative on file at AHPP
View from the southeast



Woodlawn School Bldg.
Lonoke Co., Arkansas
Photographed by Patrick Zollner
October 1992
Negative on file at AHPP
View from the southwest



Woodlawn School Bldg.
Lonoke Co., Arkansas
Photographed by Patrick Zolner
October 1992
Negative on file at AHPP
View from the west



Woodlawn School Bldg.
Lonoke Co., Arkansas
Photographed by Patrick Zollner
October 1992
Negative on file at AHPP
View from the north



Woodlawn School Bldg.

Lonoke Co., Arkansas

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October 1992

Negative on file at AHPP

View of rear door from the west



Woodlawn School Bldg.

Lonoke County, Arkansas

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View of bracket detail



Woodlawn School Bldg.
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Negative on file at AHPP
View of northeast classroom



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Lonoke Co. Arkansas

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Negative on file at AHPP

View of northern classrooms



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Negative on file at AHPP

View of partition wall between

NW and SW classrooms



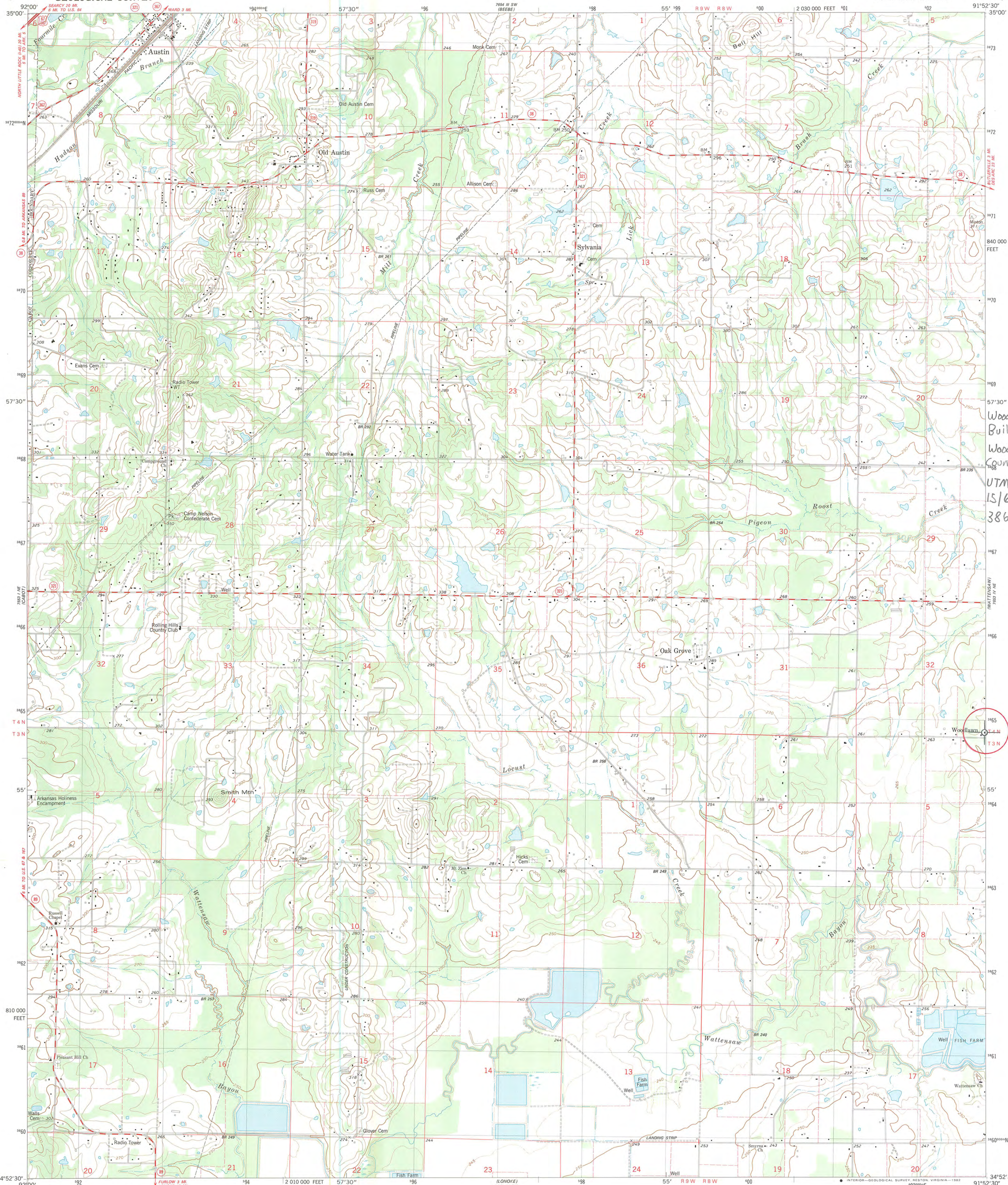
Woodlawn School Bldg.
Lonoke Co., Arkansas
Photographed by Patrick Zollner
October 1992
Negative on file at AHPP
View of WPA-constructed stage



Woodlawn School Bldg.
Lonoke Co., Arkansas
Photographed by Patrick Zolher
October 1992
Negative on file at AHPP
View of well pump from the east

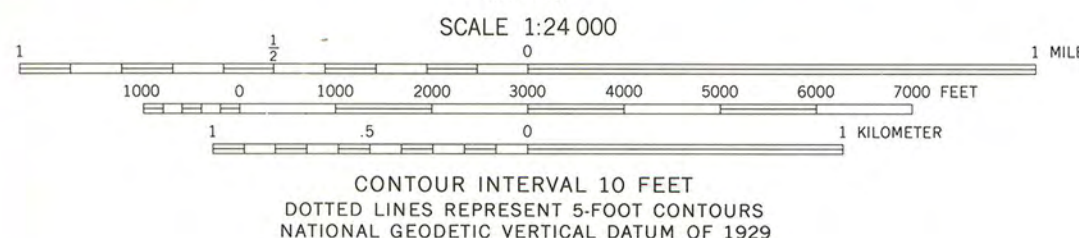
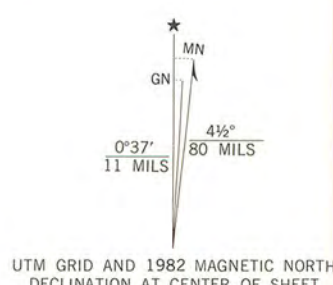
UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

OAK GROVE QUADRANGLE
ARKANSAS—LONOKE CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
NW/4 LONOKE 15' QUADRANGLE



Woodlawn School
Building
Woodlawn, Lonoke
County, Arkansas
UTM:
15/602750/
3864850

Maped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and NOS/NOAA
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1975. Field checked 1977. Map edited 1982
Projection and 10,000-foot grid ticks: Arkansas coordinate
system, south zone (Lambert conformal conic)
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid, zone 15
1927 North American Datum
To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983
move the projection lines 7 meters south and
13 meters east as shown by dashed corner ticks
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



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

OAK GROVE, ARK.
NW/4 LONOKE 15' QUADRANGLE
N3452.5-W9152.5/7.5
1982

DMA 7653 IV NW-SERIES V884



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January 25, 1993

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Chief of Registration
United States Department of the Interior
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
800 North Capitol Street, Suite 250
Washington, DC 20002

RE: Woodlawn School Building
Woodlawn, Lonoke 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

