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INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

General Description

Code: JA-044

Congressional District: First

✓ Name: First Presbyterian Church

Current Owner: First Presbyterian Church

✓ Address: 4th and Main Sts.
Newport, Arkansas

Address: 4th and Main
Newport, Arkansas 72112

✓ County: Jackson

Architectural Information

Architectural Firm: Sanders and Ginocchio

Date of Construction: ca. 1910

Stylistic Influence: Classical Revival

Original Use: Church

Present Use: Church

Geographical Information

UTM Reference: 15 655620/3941120

Acreage: Less than one

Verbal Boundary Description: Original Town of Newport
Block 29, lots 7, 8

Condition

☒ Excellent
☐ Good
☐ Fair

☐ Deteriorated
☐ Ruins
☐ Unexposed

☒ Unaltered
☐ Altered

EXP. 12/31/84

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Code: JA-044 (Fourth and Main, Newport, AR)

Physical Description

This simple rectangular church, faced with dark red brick, located on a corner lot near the main street of Newport, derives its quiet dignity from allusions to the Classical Revival. From a shallow hipped roof covering the auditorium, a broad projecting cross gable with three supporting brackets frames the entrance which is delineated by a tall round arch outlined in cast stone and visually supported by single engaged Tuscan stone columns. Flanking these Tuscan columns are square pilasters of identical size with identical capitals. Both the columns and pilasters support an architrave composed of simple stone moldings, which is echoed on the main block of the church as a string course, adding a horizontal line that lends continuity to the group of entrance elements. The double leaf door has a stained glass transom and stained glass fills the arched area directly over the door. A single narrow stained glass window appears between both groups of pilasters and Tuscan columns. Lighting the five bay auditorium block are tall round arch stained glass windows.

Statement of Significance

The First Presbyterian Church in Newport was designed by the partnership of Sanders and Ginocchio ca. 1910. The monumental yet serene quality of the Classical Revival inspired formal portico featuring paired stone Tuscan columns and pilasters is unique in the collection of designs for churches of moderate size in the Thompson firm archives. The drawings for this church were among those Sanders and Ginocchio deposited in the Thompson archives when the three architects formed their partnership in 1927. Located near the main business section of Newport, the First Presbyterian Church is an important historic building in its northeastern Arkansas setting.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Thompson, Charles L., Design Collection Thematic Resources
State Arkansas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. First Baptist Church

Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Selove Byers 12/24/82

Attest

22. Fraunthal House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Branley Doyle 12/22/82

Attest

accept Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

23. Wade Building

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Selove Byers 12/22/82

Attest

Return PWA 12/13/82

24. Park Hotel

Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Selove Byers 12/22/82

Attest

25. First Presbyterian Church

Substantive Review

Keeper

Branley Doyle 12/22/82

Attest

26. Fordyce House

Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Selove Byers 12/22/82

Attest

27. St. Luke's Episcopal
ChurchEntered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Selove Byers 12/22/82

Attest

28. Riviera Hotel

Substantive Review

Keeper

Branley Doyle 12/22/82

Attest

accept Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

29. May-Marlar Grocery

Substantive Review

Keeper

Branley Doyle 12/22/82

Attest

eligible Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

30. Swaim House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Branley Doyle 12/22/82

Attest

eligible Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

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United States Department of the Interior
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First Presbyterian Church (Thompson, Charles L.,
Design Collection TR)
Jackson County
ARKANSAS

Working No. 11982-3026

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84

Date Due: 12/9/82 - 12/24/82

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 12/22/82

☐ RETURN

☐ REJECT

Entered in the
National Register

Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

☐ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Area 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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USMT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



STRUCTURES IN ARKANSAS REPRESENTED BY THE
CHARLES L. THOMPSON DESIGN COLLECTION -
A THEMATIC GROUP

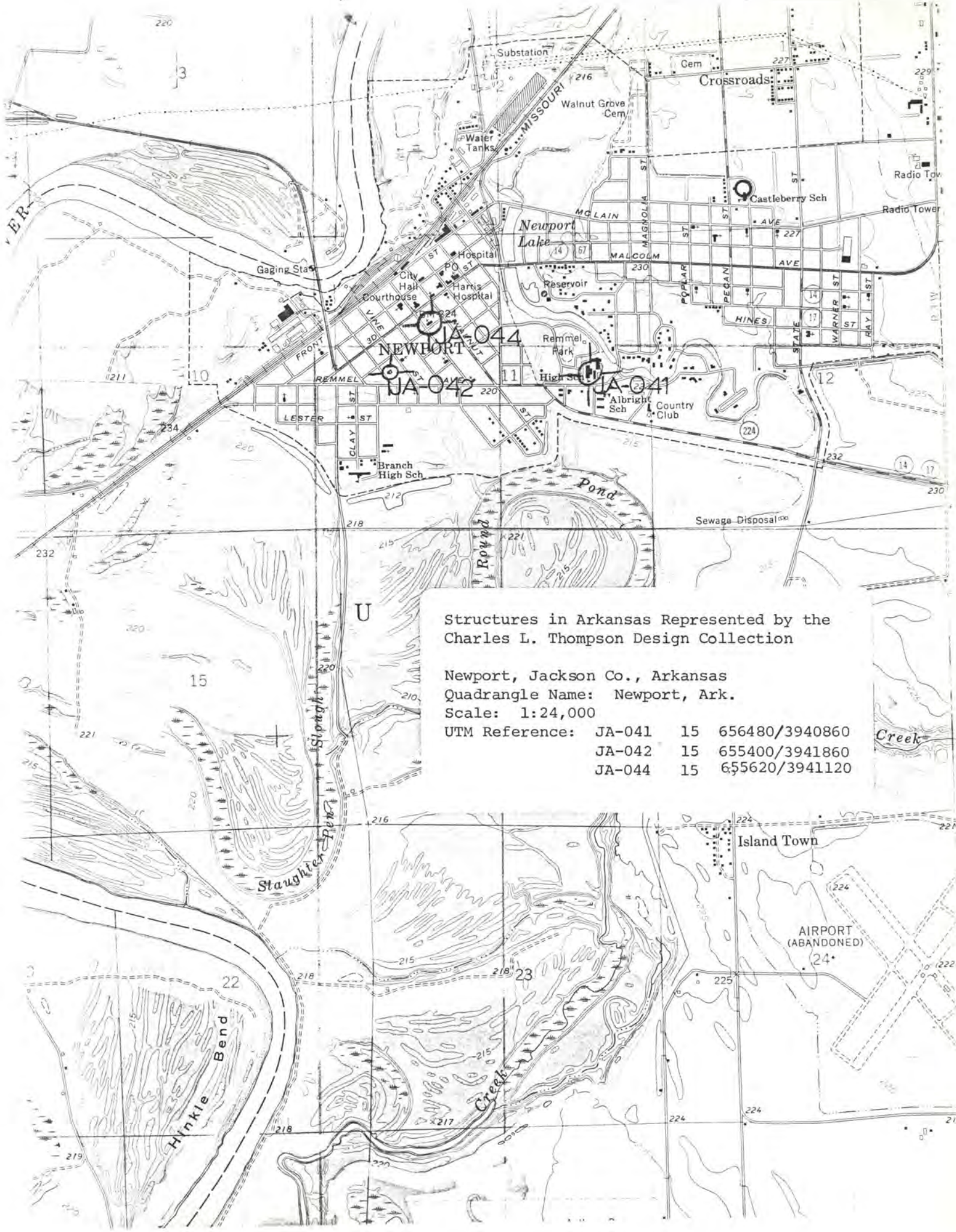
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4th and Main, Newport, Arkansas

Photographed by: Greg Hursley
January, 1982

Negative on file at AHPP

Viewed from the Southwest





Structures in Arkansas Represented by the
Charles L. Thompson Design Collection

Newport, Jackson Co., Arkansas
Quadrangle Name: Newport, Ark.
Scale: 1:24,000

UTM Reference:	JA-041	15	656480/3940860
	JA-042	15	655400/3941860
	JA-044	15	655620/3941120

Creek