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National Park Service

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## National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name Earl and Mildred Ward House

other names/site number FA1302

### 2. Location

street & number 1157 Mitchell Street

☐ not for publication

city or town Conway

☐ vicinity

state AR code AR county Faulkner code 045 zip code 72034

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ 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 for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐  
does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  
☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Catherine M. Hatcher  
Signature of certifying official/Title

9/7/05  
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See Continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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:)

Edson H. Beall  
Signature of the Keeper

10/19/05  
Date of Action

Earl and Mildred Ward House

Name of Property

Faulkner County, AR

County and State

**5. Classification****Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private  
☐ public-local  
☐ public-State  
☐ public-Federal

**Category of Property**

(Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)  
☐ district  
☐ site  
☐ structure  
☐ object

**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in count.)

Contributing

Noncontributing

2

buildings

sites

structures

objects

2

Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

A Storm Couldn't Tear Them Down: The Mixed Masonry  
Buildings of Silas Owens, Sr., 1938-1955

**Number of Contributing resources previously listed  
in the National Register****6. Function or Use****Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/ Single dwelling

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/ Single dwelling

**7. Description****Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER/ Mixed Masonry

LATE 19<sup>TH</sup> AND 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY AMERICAN  
MOVEMENTS/ Bungalow/Craftsman

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

walls Cut limestone

roof Asphalt

other

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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### SUMMARY

The 1949 Earl and Mildred Ward House in Conway is the only example of a granite Mixed Masonry veneered by Silas Owens, Sr. The home displays a slight Craftsman influence and is located in a neighborhood consisting of a mixture of late nineteenth and early- to mid-twentieth century houses.

### ELABORATION

The front, northern façade of the Earl and Mildred Ward House features a centered, gable-roofed porch with central arch. Three concrete steps lead to the concrete floor of the porch. Fenestration from east to west features a pair of two-over-two, aluminum, double-hung windows. The single-leaf front door is centered under the porch roof. A three-light stationary window opens at the northwest corner of the house.

The western elevation of the house is fenestrated north to south with a pair of windows and a single window adjacent to an extended gable with a single, centered window.

The rear, southern elevation features a single-leaf paneled door with three horizontal lights beneath a metal awning at the southwest corner. Four concrete steps lead directly to the door. Openings extending east of the door consist of a short window shaded by a metal awning, a pair of windows and a single window.

The eastern elevation is fenestrated south to north by three single windows.

Earl and Mildred Ward House  
Name of Property

Faulkner County, AR  
County and State

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### OUTBUILDINGS

One contributing shed-roofed garage is located to the southwest of the house. The front, northern elevation features a large opening for automobile access. The western elevation is fenestrated by a single, double-hung window. The rear contains no openings and the eastern wall is punctuated by a single-leaf, paneled door with three vertical lights. The sloping shed roof of the garage is obscured by a straight parapet.

Earl and Mildred Ward House

Name of Property

Faulkner Co., AR

County and State

## 8. Statement of Significance

### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☐ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C moved from its original location.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

### Levels of Significance (local, state, national)

Local

### Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

### Period of Significance

1949

### Significant Dates

1949

### Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked)

### Cultural Affiliation (Complete if Criterion D is marked)

### Architect/Builder

Silas Owens, Sr., Mason

### Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

### Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

### 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

### Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State Agency
- ☐ Federal Agency
- ☐ Local Government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository:

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### SUMMARY

In a departure from the usual building materials utilized by Silas Owens, Sr., the mason produced a building that revealed the minimal lines of mid-twentieth century architecture that would soon become prolific on the World War II cottage and Ranch styles. The Earl and Mildred Ward House is being nominated to the National Register under **Criterion C** with **local significance** as a good example of a Craftsman-influenced Mixed Masonry. It is also being submitted under the multiple property context, "A Storm Couldn't Tear Them Down: The Mixed Masonry Buildings of Silas Owens, Sr., 1938-1955."

### ELABORATION

Earl and Mildred Fason-Ward both hailed from Conway and after their marriage they initially lived there on Locust Street. In 1949 the couple built a home together on Mitchell Street in Conway, hiring Silas Owens, Sr., to do the rockwork.

Ward requested that the masonry veneer be composed of granite from the Boone County town of Zinc rather than the traditional sandstone that Owens usually employed. The Twin Groves mason was up to the task; however, he favored sandstone as far as aesthetics and ease of handling. The Ward House is the only granite Mixed Masonry by Owens that has been documented thus far and one of only two noted in Conway. Silas Owens, Jr., noted that his father's dislike of working with such stone likely resulted in

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this being a rare example. Most granite Mixed Masonries may be found in northeast Arkansas and many of those are trimmed with red brick, rather than the cream type found on the Ward House.

Earl Ward was employed as a barber at the OK Barber Shop in Conway and his daughter, Earline, who currently resides in the house, felt that her father likely got information about Silas Owens' abilities as a mason from customers in the shop. His well known reputation as a fair and qualified businessman and mason persuaded Ward to hire Silas Owens, Sr.

Earl retired from the barber shop in 1979 and lived with Mildred in the house on Mitchell Street until his death in 1993. Mildred continued to live there until she passed away in 2004. Their daughter Earline, one of three children, currently lives in the home.

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Earl and Mildred Ward House, built in the late 1940s, was on the cusp of a mid-twentieth century architectural revolution. The small, low lines of the house with central, gabled front porch hails from the Craftsman style; however, the extended side gable, large stationary picture window and horizontal muntins of the double-hung windows hint at the beginnings of the World War II cottage style that gave way to the longer, Ranch style. The home is unaltered except for the replacement of the picture window, which had suffered a crack, with the current three-light opening in 1999. The Earl and Mildred Ward

Earl and Mildred Ward House  
Name of Property

Faulkner County, AR  
County and State

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House in Conway, Faulkner County, Arkansas is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with **local significance** under **Criterion C** as an excellent example of an Craftsman influenced Mixed Masonry, and as the only granite type constructed by Silas Owens, Sr. The nomination is also being submitted under the multiple property context, "A Storm Couldn't Tear Them Down: The Mixed Masonry Buildings of Silas Owens, Sr., 1938-1955."



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Name of Property

Faulkner County, AR  
County and State

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### 9. Major Bibliographical References

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#### **Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Russell, Earline. Daughter of Earl and Mildred Ward, Conway, Arkansas. Telephone interview with author, 18 May, 2005.

Earl and Mildred Ward House

Name of Property

Faulkner County, AR

County and State

## 10. Geographical Data

**Acreage of Property** Less than one acre

### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 15 550164 3883467  
Zone Easting Northing  
2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone Easting Northing  
4 \_\_\_\_\_

☐ See continuation sheet

### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

From the point of beginning at the northeast corner of Mitchell Street proceed north approximately 70 feet, thence proceed west approximately 40 feet, thence proceed north approximately 70 feet to point of beginning.

### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Holly Hope/ Special Projects Historian  
organization Arkansas Historic Preservation Program date 08/09/05  
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city or town Little Rock state AR zip code 72201

### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

#### Continuation Sheets

#### Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

#### Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

### Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

### Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Earline Russell  
street & number 1157 Mitchell Street telephone 501 329-3305  
city or town Conway state AR zip code 72034

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listing. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*)

**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief,

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Ward, Earl and Mildred, House  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Mixed Masonry Buildings of Silas Owens, Sr. MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Faulkner

DATE RECEIVED: 9/09/05 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/30/05  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 10/15/05 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/23/05  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 05001169

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 10.19.05 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the  
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.





Earl & Mildred Wanel House  
Faulkner Co, AR  
Holly Hope  
04/20/02  
ON file at AHPA  
View from North





Earl + Mildred Ward House  
Faulker Co, AR  
Holly Hope  
04/20/02  
ON file at AHPP  
View of garage from North





Eane + Mildred Wand House

Faulkner Co, AR

Holly Hope

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ON file at AHPP

View from South





Earl + Mildred Wand House

Faulkner Co, AR

Holly Hope

04/20/02

ON FILE at AHPP

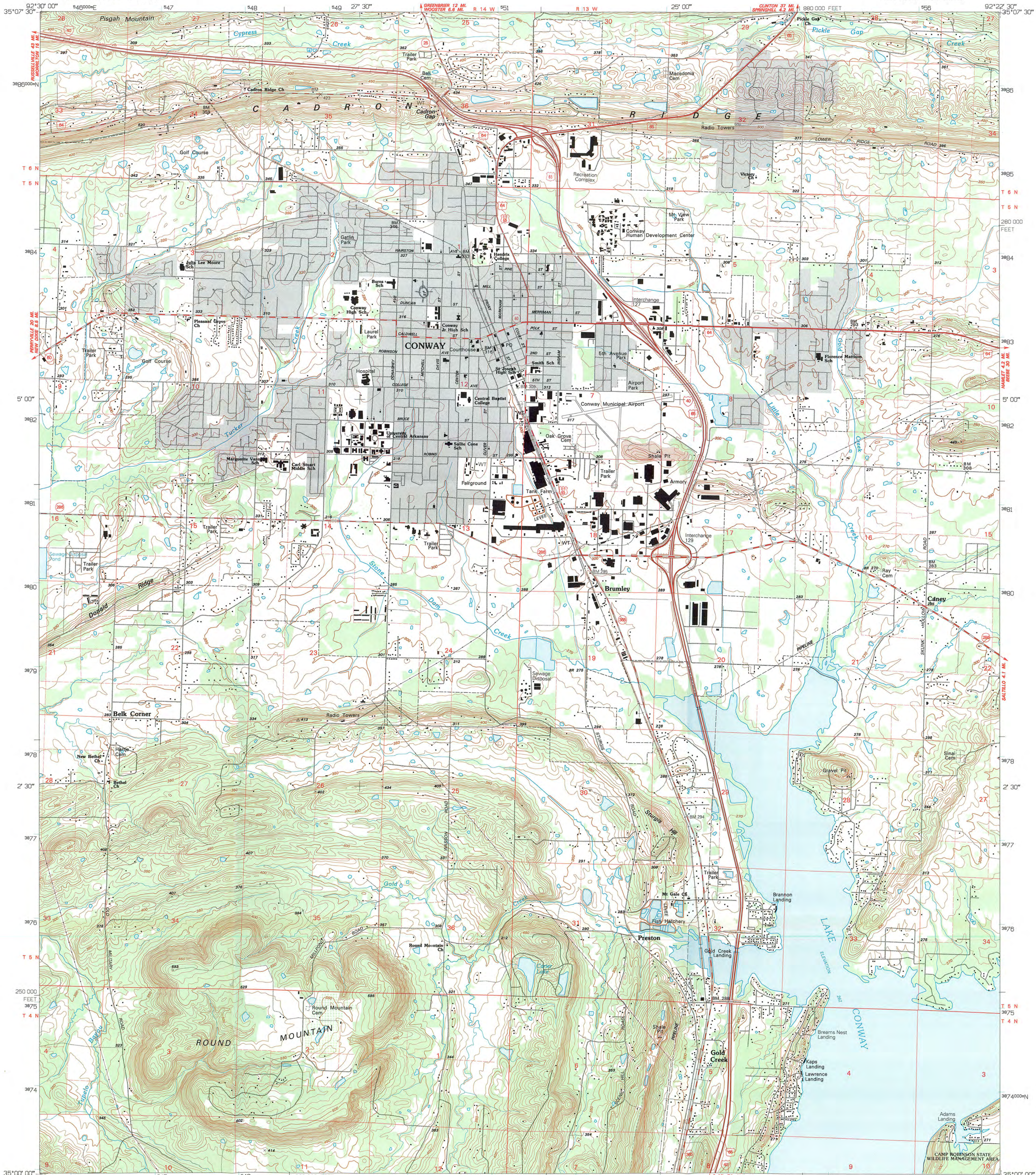
View from West



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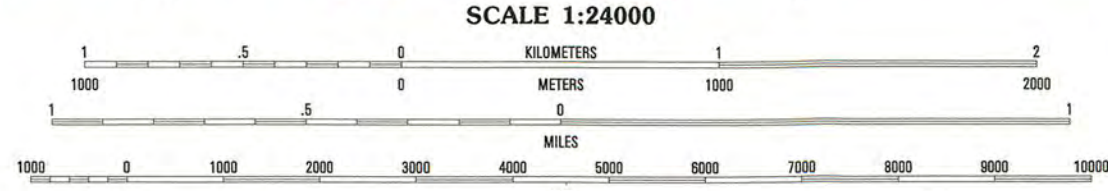
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Conway, Faulkner Co AR  
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SW/4 CONWAY 15' QUADRANGLE



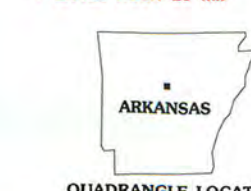
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the National or State reservations shown on this map  
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Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

UTM GRID AND 1994 MAGNETIC NORTH  
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
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QUADRANGLE LOCATION

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4	5	6
7	8	9

ADJOINING 7.5' QUADRANGLE NAMES

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

CONWAY, ARK.  
SW/4 CONWAY 15' QUADRANGLE  
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