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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Buford School Building

other name/site number: BA0047

2. Location

street & number: State Highway 126

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Buford

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Baxter code: AR 005 zip code: 72635

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-local

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>      </u> buildings
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
<u>      </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. Byford  
Signature of certifying official

7-14-92  
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  
\_\_\_\_ 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): \_\_\_\_\_

Marjorie M. Hagan

9/4/92

for Signature of Keeper

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

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#### 6. Function or Use

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Historic: EDUCATION

Sub: School

Current: GOVERNMENT

Sub: Fire station

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## 7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

LATE 19TH AND EARLY 20TH CENTURY AMERICAN MOVEMENTS  
Craftsman

Other Description: Plain Traditional

Materials: foundation Concrete roof Metal  
walls Stone other N/A

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  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period(s) of Significance: 1936-1940 \_\_\_\_\_

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 Buford School Building is an irregular-plan, single-story building constructed in 1936 by the WPA. This Plain Traditional-style building has a Craftsman influence which is reflected by the exposed rafters and the ornamental brackets. A metal roof, punctuated by a tall, interior brick chimney, shields the structural grey limestone, which features "grapevine" mortaring that was originally painted black. The building rests upon a continuous cast-concrete foundation.

### Elaboration

The eastern or front elevation is composed of a quarter-front, projecting gable roof porch supported by two cast-concrete columns on stone piers. The pediment is sheathed primarily with novelty siding and features four Craftsman ornamental brackets and a rectangular louvered attic vent. The majority of the porch is inset, and two single-leaf doors at the rear wall near the corners allow entry into the building. This elevation was originally fenestrated by a symmetrical arrangement of a set of two nine-over-nine, double-hung windows near the northern and southern corners with a six-pane stationary window between each set and the porch. The southern set of nine-over-nine windows has since been boarded over.

The southern elevation is not lighted but contains a wing projection that is flush with the western elevation. The pediment treatment is similar to that of the eastern elevation front porch with the exception of the pediment being fully covered with novelty siding. The western elevation consists of a row of six nine-over-nine, double-hung windows at the southern end and an original shed-roofed addition at the center. This projection is fenestrated by three small three-over-one, double-hung windows with one of them facing south. A modern concrete-block shed addition constructed by the Buford Fire Department is attached to the original shed and constitutes the remainder of the western elevation. The northern elevation reveals another wing projection which is finished identical to the southern elevation wing. The modern rear shed addition is flush with the northern elevation of the wing projection and contains a folding overhead door.

According to a former local resident, Max Parnell, the interior consisted of two large classrooms, separated by a moveable partition, and several smaller rooms that were utilized for a library and cloak rooms. One of the classrooms contained a stage complete with small dressing rooms and passageways. As was often the case, the WPA project provided work for unemployed artists in the area. A canvass screen with a garden scene painted by a Miss Lilly, a young artist in the community, separated the stage from the classroom.

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The Buford School operated as a separate school district, Baxter County District No. 16, until it was consolidated with Mountain Home in 1947. Grades one through six continued at Buford until 1960. The building is currently used as a community center and is owned by the Buford Community Fire Department, Inc.

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**Buford School**

"The material is being placed on the ground for a new modern school house at Buford. We, as parents, are very thankful to the ones that secured it for the district and for our children, as it was badly needed. It is to be constructed out of stone."<sup>1</sup>

The Works Progress Administration was established in Baxter County in the Fall of 1935, and the Buford School was one of the first major public works projects in the Northern Arkansas District; by February, 1936, the county had twelve working WPA projects, mostly road and drainage work, employing a total of 363 people. The Baxter County Bulletin reported in April, 1936, that the Baxter County WPA had a monthly payroll of \$10,000, employed 465 men and women, and provided benefits to over 2,000 individuals.

As was often the case, the W.P.A. project provided work for unemployed artists in the area; a canvas screen with a garden scene painted by a local young artist, "Miss Lilly," separated the stage from the classroom. Record cold weather slowed construction on the "new stone veneer two room school building at Buford, Arkansas"<sup>2</sup> during the winter months, but the facility was completed and ready for occupation by the start of the new school term in the fall of 1936. The Buford School and Baxter County School District No. 16 operated until 1947, when the district was consolidated with Mountain Home.

The Buford School, constructed in 1936 and therefore 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>Baxter County Bulletin, January 17, 1936.

<sup>2</sup>Baxter County Bulletin, April 3, 1936.

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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:

- ☒ 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>551460</u>	<u>4011470</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 formed by the intersection of a line running along the western edge of State Highway 126 with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's southern elevation and located 50 feet to the south thereof, proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the building's western elevation; thence proceed northerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a line running parallel to the building's northern elevation; thence proceed easterly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the western edge of State Highway 126; thence proceed southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 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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Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: July 14, 1992

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City or Town: Little Rock State: AR ZIP: 72201



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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: Buford School Building

MULTIPLE NAME: Public Schools in the Ozarks MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Baxter

DATE RECEIVED: 7/28/92 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/14/92  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/30/92 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/11/92  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92001128

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: Y SLR DRAFT: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 9/4/92 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Good example of small rural school  
constructed in the Ozarks by the WPA.  
Somewhat altered, but original character  
still visible.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept/A  
REVIEWER Harper  
DISCIPLINE Historion  
DATE 9/4/92

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_





BUFORD SCHOOL

BUFORD, BAXTER Co., ARKANSAS

PHOTOGRAPHED BY B. LINDSEY-ALLEN

MARCH, 1990

NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHPP

VIEW FROM NORTHEAST





Buford School

Buford, Baxter Co., Arkansas

Photographed by B. Lindsey-Allen

March, 1990

Negative on file at AHPP

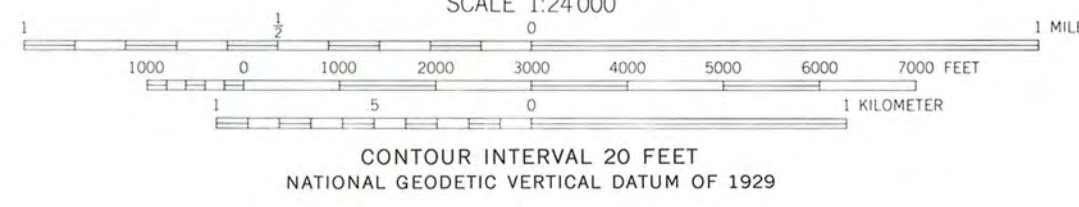
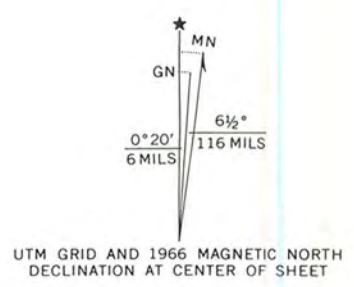
View from West





Buford School  
Buford, Baxter Co.  
Arkansas  
15/551460/4011470  
BA0047

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Control by USGS and USC&GS  
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial  
photographs taken 1964. Field checked 1966  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, north zone  
1000-meter 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



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

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