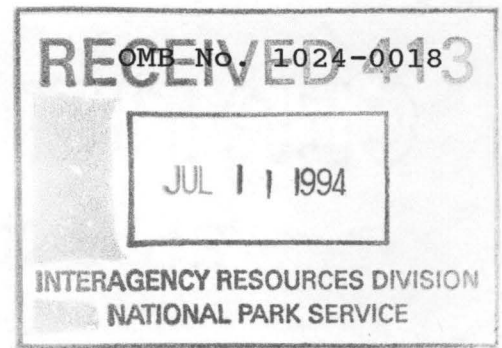


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REGISTRATION FORM



1. Name of Property

historic name: Dill School

other name/site number: N/A

2. Location

street & number: Located west of State Highways 5 and 25

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Ida

vicinity: X

state: AR county: Cleburne code: AR 023 zip code: 72546

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	sites
<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	structures
<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>1</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. Slater  
Signature of certifying official

7-5-94  
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): \_\_\_\_\_

Edson R. Beall 8.16.94

Entered in the  
National Register

[Signature]  
Signature of Keeper

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

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#### 6. Function or Use

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Historic: Education

Sub: School

Current : Commerce/trade

Sub: Clothing

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## 7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other Description: NYA Rustic

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 and C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: Architecture  
Social History  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance: 1938-1941 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates: 1938 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cultural Affiliation: N/A \_\_\_\_\_

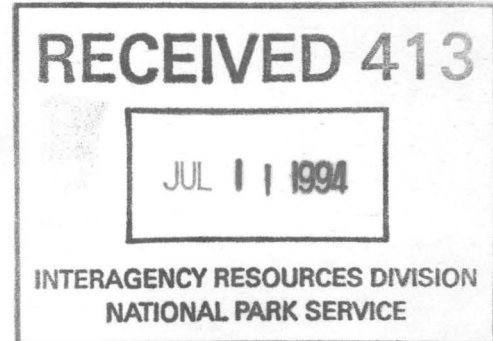
Architect/Builder: National Youth Administration(NYA)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 structure once known as the Dill School is a one story, stone constructed building that rests on a continuous stone foundation and is topped with a hipped roof featuring four eyebrow dormers and one central rear chimney.

### Elaboration

The structure is located 50 meters west of Arkansas highways 5 and 25, 3.8 miles south of the junction of Arkansas highway 92 and Arkansas highways 5 and 25 at Drasco in the community of Ida. The eastern facade or front of the structure features a one bay central front portico of stone with a low angle arch which spans the two separate entrances to the structure. The entrance doors of the structure are simple panel doors separated by a thin stone column and have a transom window over each entrance as well as exterior screen doors. The only other feature of the portico is the stone marker on the northern stone column which indicates that this was a National Youth Administration (NYA) project, constructed in 1938. This facade is symmetrically fenestrated with two pair of double hung windows with a light arrangement of six over six.

The northern facade is a simple stone wall with no windows. The western facade is symmetrically fenestrated with six double hung nine over nine windows on each side of a central stone panel. Each set of six windows is flanked by a single door on the north and south end of the western facade. These doors have cast concrete steps as an approach to the structure. In the center of the western facade is an interior chimney which is of brick construction. The southern facade is also a simple stone wall with no windows. The mortar of the structure is crafted to give it a "grape vine" appearance.

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**Summary**

Criterion C, local significance

The Dill School is locally significant under Criteria A and C through its associations with the National Youth Administration, the Depression-era federal public works agency that hired the workers to build it, and as the best example of federal public works construction in the vicinity of the community of Ida. Its characteristic symmetrical massing and composition, its minimal Craftsman detailing and its typical selection of locally-available building materials firmly establish this building as a typical example of the more restrained, functional architectural style preferred by these public works agencies during this era.

**Elaboration**

The Ida community received a post office in 1891 served about 125 people. It was in this community that the school's namesake, Calvin Dill, had a cotton gin sometime in the 1890's and then a grist mill until the Great Depression.

In fact, it was as a result of the Depression that the National Youth Administration came into being at all. The onset of the Great Depression in 1929 and the subsequent advent of such federal public works programs as the National Youth Administration (NYA) brought a new school building to the Ida community in 1938. The NYA -- an organization that hired unemployed young men and women between the ages of 14-30 to work on a variety of public projects throughout the nation -- was established by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and his administration as part of the federal response to the dire economic circumstances brought upon the American people by the Great Depression. The NYA was but one of many such public works organizations instituted by the Roosevelt Administration and managed under the aegis of the umbrella agency in charge of all such public works efforts, the Federal Emergency Relief Administration (FERA); other agencies under its direction included the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), the short-lived Public Works and Civilian Works Administrations (PWA and CWA), and such regional projects as the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and the Rural Colonization Projects in Arkansas established at such places as Dyess, Clover Bend and Plum Bayou. Among its various other projects, the NYA constructed or repaired a number of rural school buildings throughout the state, and the school building at Ida was erected as part of this statewide effort.

It is unknown when the first school was formed for this community, but in 1938 the NYA constructed this stone school building. The school in the community of Ida has been known as



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the Antioch, Center Ridge, Dill and Ida schools. This was one of 17 schools in the county to be constructed or renovated by the NYA or WPA during the 1930's.

Ten years after the construction of this school, a plan was devised by the county to consolidate schools of less than 350 students to larger schools using buses. The students that had attended the Dill School were sent to either the Wilburn Schools or Concord Schools. Since the consolidation of the schools, the structure has had a variety of uses. Today it is used as a partial residence and tanning/beauty care facility.

The Dill School, in addition to its associations with the NYA and its significant social history, is also representative of the construction ethos of such Depression-era public works organizations. Obviously, with labor costs already at a minimum, the clear emphasis was on minimizing materials costs and utilizing existing local construction expertise. With the abundance of local stone throughout the Ozark region and its long-standing stone masonry construction tradition, a cut stone masonry school building fulfilled the design and construction ethos of the NYA.

While it is admittedly of plain and unornamented design, the Dill School remains a representative example of this philosophy, and so a reminder of that era and the creative architectural solutions it produced. Constructed during the period covered by the historic context *The Evolution of the Public School System in the Arkansas Ozarks, 1920-1940*, its documented construction by the NYA 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 NYA. It is also significant under Criterion C by virtue of its representative architectural features and its relatively good state of preservation.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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X 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 acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing      Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>596660</u>	<u>3939270</u>	B	<u>15</u>	_____	_____
C	<u>15</u>	_____	_____	D	<u>15</u>	_____	_____

\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

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

Beginning at a point approximately 3.8 miles South of the Junction of State Highways 5, 25, and 92 at Drasco on the west side of State Highways 5 and 25 proceed West approximately 150 feet; thence proceed approximately 100 feet South; thence proceed approximately 150 feet East to State Highways 5 and 25; thence proceed North approximately 100 feet to the beginning point.

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

The limits of this boundary include all the property historically associated with of the structure.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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Name/Title: Todd L. Ferguson, Survey Historian

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: June 22, 1994

Street & Number: 1500 Tower Bldg, 323 Center St. Telephone: (501) 324-9880

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Dill School  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Public School in the Ozarks MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Cleburne

DATE RECEIVED: 7/11/94 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 7/28/94  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/13/94 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/25/94  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 94000854

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 8.16.94 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

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CLASSIFICATION

\_\_\_ count      \_\_\_ resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

\_\_\_ historic      \_\_\_ current

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DESCRIPTION

\_\_\_ architectural classification  
\_\_\_ materials  
\_\_\_ descriptive text

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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  
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\_\_\_ justification of exception  
\_\_\_ other

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

\_\_\_ sketch maps      \_\_\_ USGS maps      \_\_\_ photographs      \_\_\_ presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_





Dill School

Ida vicinity, Cleburne County, Arkansas

Photo by T. Ferguson

June 1993

Negatives on file at AHPP

View from East







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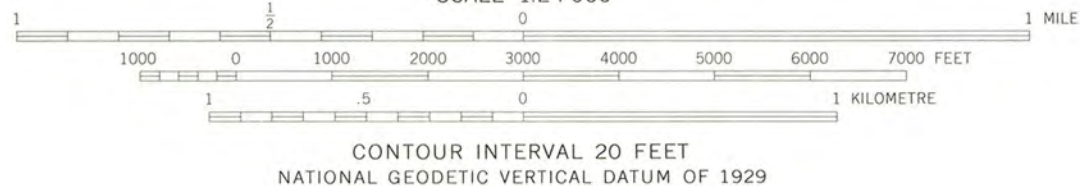
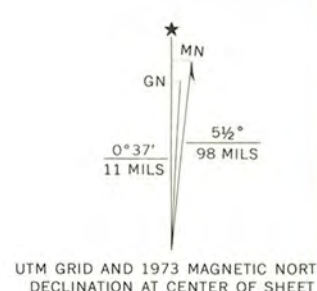
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View from North west





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Ida, Cleburne, Arkansas  
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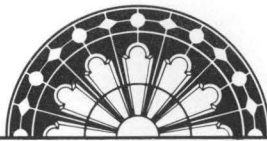
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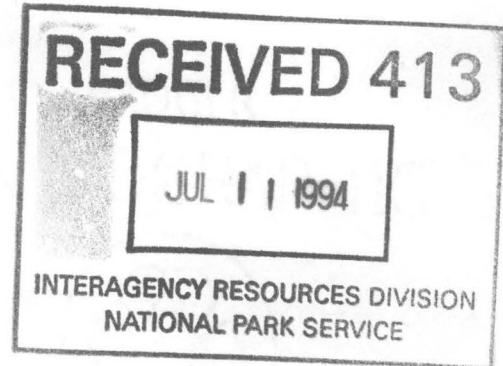
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July 1, 1994

Carol D. Shull  
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: Dill School  
Ida, Cleburne 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 Slater  
State Historic Preservation Officer

CBS:kg

Enclosures

