

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 Rison Texaco Service Station

other names/site number RO95

2. Location

street & number 216 Main Street

☐ not for publication

City or town Rison

☐ vicinity

state Arkansas code AR county Cleveland code 025 zip code 71665

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.)

Cecilia M. Meadows
Signature of certifying official/Title

9/7/01
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 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:) _____

Signature of the Keeper (for)

Date of Action

Aarah D. Pope

3/25/02

Rison Texaco Service Station
Name of Property

Cleveland County, Arkansas
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

1

0

buildings

0

0

sites

0

0

structures

0

0

objects

1

0

Total

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

N/A Arkansas Highway History & Architecture

**Number of Contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register**

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE: specialty store

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE: business

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Art Deco

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE

walls STUCCO

roof ASPHALT

other

Narrative Description

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

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On section 5 we erroneously marked "N/A" under "name of related multiple property listing". The nomination is actually part of the multiple property listing "Arkansas Highway and Transportation Era Architecture, 1910-1965". We have changed our files to reflect this correction.

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SUMMARY

Located at the north corner of Third and Main Street in Rison's old downtown area, the Rison Texaco Service Station was constructed circa 1926. The Art Deco building features distinctive elements of the style including both its stucco wall covering and pair of towers that extend upward well beyond the building's roofline. Stylized horizontal lines around the roofline of the building also show the Art Deco influence. The building has had its garage doors infilled at an unknown date, however, they were located near the rear of the building and their removal does little to compromise the significance of the building.

ELABORATION

Constructed circa 1926, the Rison Texaco Service Station is located at the north corner of Third and Main Street in Rison's old downtown area. The Texaco was a full service station with two garage areas near the back of the building. The station is sheathed in stucco, which is a very common wall covering used on Art Deco buildings. A pair of vertically articulated towers that extend upward well beyond the building's roofline dominate the building's appearance and give it a distinctively Art Deco feeling. Stylized horizontal banding around the roofline of the building also show Art Deco influence. The station sits atop a continuous concrete foundation and is topped by a flat built up tar roof. What once was a pump island now serves as a planter. The Texaco sign remains on the Main Street side of the building, but has been painted.

Southwest Elevation

The southwest elevation faces Main Street and is the location of the building's dominant Art Deco features. A large picture window is located in the center of this elevation, and it is flanked by a picture window in each beveled corner of the elevation. Art Deco towers that rise up high above the roofline on each corner of the elevation are the building's distinguishing Art Deco features.

Southeast Elevation

The southeast elevation faces Third Street and displays the main entrance. A picture window and a pair of two-light casement windows topped with one light transom windows follow. A six-pane pivot window with a three-light base topped by a three-light transom window is located on a small section of the southwest facing wall where the garage area extends outward a small amount from the rest of the building. The original garage doors were located along the elevation, but have been infilled and are now fenestrated by a pivot window matching the other one on the same elevation and by a metal door.

Northeast Elevation

The northeast elevation makes up the rear of the building. It was originally fenestrated by a pair of pivot windows matching those on the southeast elevation, however one has been infilled. The window that was removed is now located where one of the garages doors was infilled.

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Northwest Elevation

The northwest elevation is fenestrated with a pivot window on the northernmost side. Moving down the elevation the building is fenestrated with six-over-six double hung windows. A total of nine of these windows placed in ribbons of three can be found along the elevation.

Integrity

The Rison Texaco Service Station served Rison for many years. The garage doors and one window have been infilled, but despite those changes the building still retains a high degree of integrity. The building still maintains the vast majority of its Art Deco design elements and materials as well. The building also shows great detail and workmanship employed in the construction of service stations of that era. The building's location, on the fringe of downtown Rison, has made it a noteworthy building to residents of the town for over seventy years. Despite the changes that have occurred, this is still the best example of Art Deco architecture as applied to an automobile related property in Rison.

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** birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance.
- ☐ **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)

Transportation

Architecture

Period of Significance

Circa 1926-1951

Significant Dates

Circa 1926

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation (Complete if Criterion D is marked)

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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

Constructed circa 1926, the Rison Texaco Service Station is being nominated to the National Register of Historic place with **local significance** under **Criterion C** as the best extant example of an Art Deco automobile related building in Rison, Arkansas. The other historic service station in the town is located less than one block away and is listed on the National Register in May 2000, but it is designed in the English Revival style.

The building also qualifies under **Criterion A** for the role in the played in automobile culture in Rison, Arkansas. The nomination is being submitted under the multiple property listing "Arkansas Highway and Transportation Era Architecture, 1910-1965" in conjunction with the historic context "Arkansas Highway History and Architecture, 1910-1965."

ELABORATION

Located at the corner of Third and Main Street in downtown Rison, the history of the building is rather scarce. A newspaper article announced the opening of the Texaco on 29 April 1926. Interviews with town residents have revealed that the station was owned by Lion Oil of El Dorado, Arkansas, at one time. Research has yet to determine the exact date the sale took place. It is believed that Lion Oil had taken over the operation by as early as 1944. The building served as a floral shop for some time before being purchased by I.E. Moore in 1990. Mr. Moore has since passed away and the building is now owned by his son Ira Moore who continues to run the I.E. Moore Timber Company out of this building. The latter Mr. Moore knows little of the building's past and most of the history gathered about the building comes from the recollections of the town's long time residents.

Despite the lack of information about the building's history it is obvious that it played a significant role in the development of automobile culture in Rison. The sharp contrast in design between it and the English Revival service station up the street shows how oil companies chose certain designs for their stations in an attempt to gain a competitive edge over rival companies.

Significance

The Rison Texaco Service Station and Garage is being nominated to the National Register of Historic place with **local significance** under **Criterion C** as the best extant example of an Art Deco automobile related building in Rison, Arkansas. The building also qualifies under **Criterion A** for the role it played in development of the automobile culture in Rison, Arkansas. The nomination is being submitted under the multiple property listing "Arkansas Highway and Transportation Era Architecture, 1910-1965" in conjunction with the historic context "Arkansas Highway History and Architecture, 1910-1965."

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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Rison Texaco Service Station

Name of Property

Cleveland County, Arkansas

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 574790 3757760
Zone Easting Northing

2 _____

3 _____
Zone Easting Northing

4 _____

☐ See continuation sheet**Verbal Boundary Description**

At the north corner of the intersection of Third and Main Street, Rison, Arkansas, proceed northeast approximately 75 feet, turn northwest and proceed 75 feet, turn southwest and proceed 75 feet, turn south east and proceed 75 feet to the origin.

Boundary Justification

The boundary encompasses all area historically associated with the resource.

11. Form Prepared By

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date 8/17/01

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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 _____

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Rison Texaco Service Station
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Cleveland

DATE RECEIVED: 10/09/01 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 11/05/01
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 11/21/01 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 11/24/01
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 01001243

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 11/23/01 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

(See attached comments)

RECOM./CRITERIA

REVIEWER Sarah Pope DISCIPLINE Historian

TELEPHONE 202/343-9534 DATE 11/23/01

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

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION

PROPERTY Rison Texaco Service Station
NAME:

MULTIPLE Arkansas Highway History and Architecture, MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Cleveland

DATE RECEIVED: 3/07/02
DATE OF 16TH DAY:
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 45TH DAY: 4/21/02

REFERENCE NUMBER: 01001243

DETAILED EVALUATION:

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 3/25/02 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA A,C

REVIEWER Samuel Pope DISCIPLINE Historian

TELEPHONE 202/343-9534 DATE 3/25/02

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



1. Rison Texaco Service Station
2. Cleveland County AR
3. Zac Cothron
4. Jan. 2001
5. AHPP
6. Looking Northeast



1. Rison Texaco Service Station
2. Rison, Cleveland County, AR
3. Zee Cothren
4. Jan. 2001
5. AHP
6. Looking North.



1. Rison Texaco Service Station
2. Cleveland County, AR
3. Zac Cathren
4. Jan. 2001
5. AHAP
6. Looking South
- 7.



1. Rison Texaco Service Station
2. Cleveland County, Arkansas
3. Zaccathren
4. Jan. 2001
5. AHPP
6. Looking East

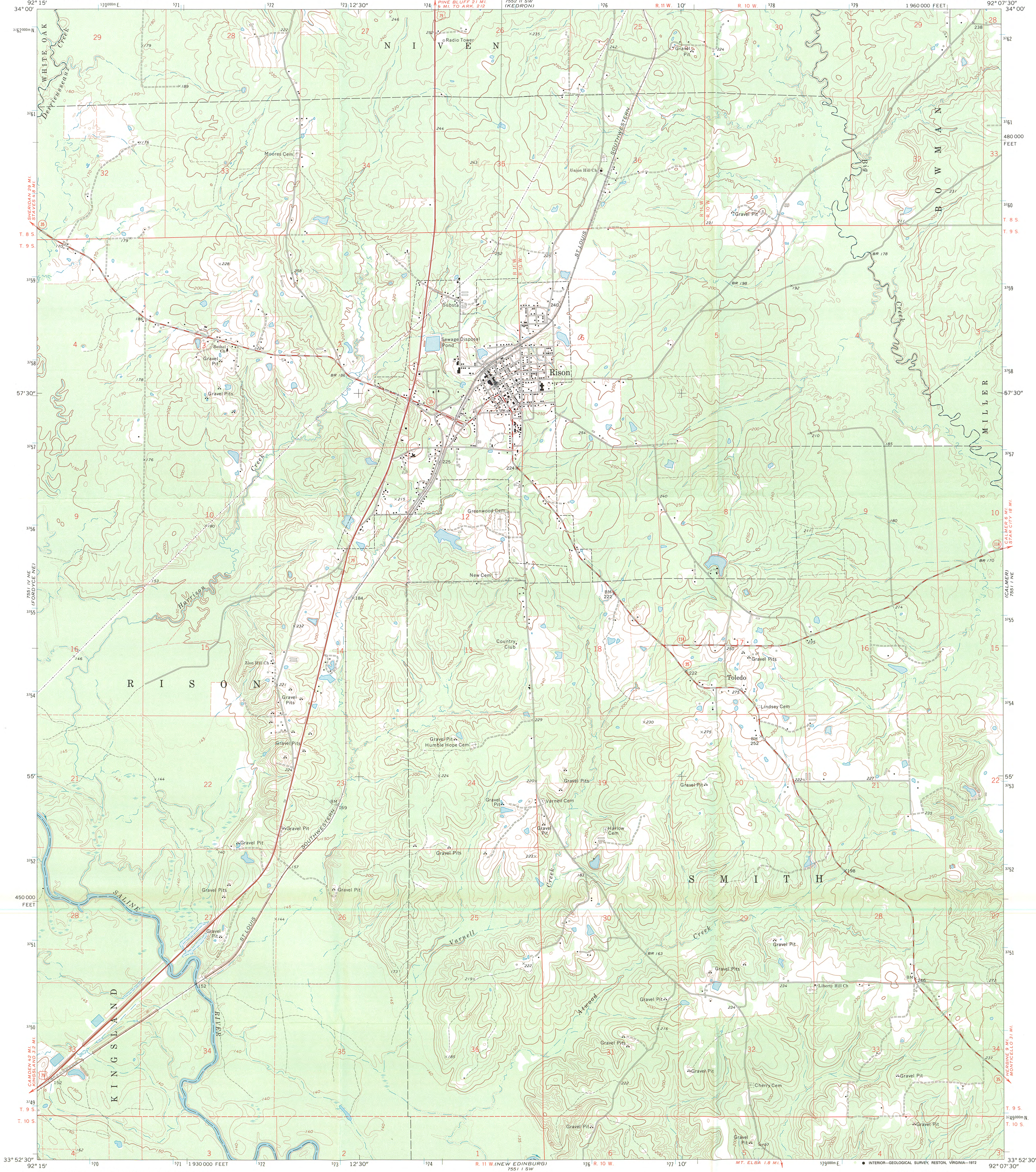
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Rison, Cleveland Co., AR
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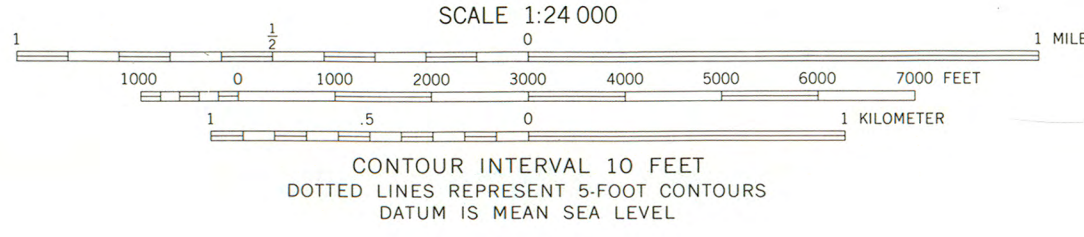
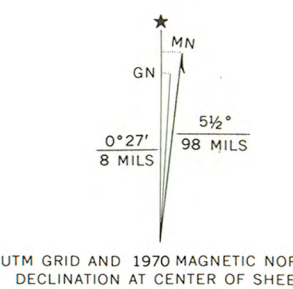
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ARKANSAS—CLEVELAND CO.
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(FAITH)



(KINGSLAND)
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Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1968. Field checked 1970
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, south 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
Map photoinspected 1982
No major culture or drainage changes observed



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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



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

RISON, ARK.
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AMS 7551 I NW—SERIES V884

33° 52' 30" N
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RE: Rison Texaco Service Station- Rison, Cleveland 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,

Cathie Matthews
State Historic Preservation Officer

CM:zc

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RE: Rison Texaco Service Station- Rison, Cleveland County.

Dear Sara,
I spoke with Mark Christ about the Rison nomination. I am sorry for the mistake. I have corrected our files and am enclosing the specifics of the correction.

Thank you for your help with this one. If you need any other information or need the correction submitted in a different form, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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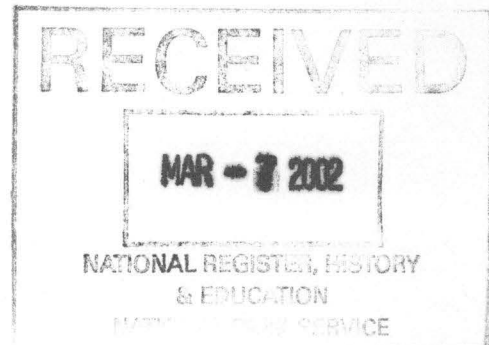
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