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1. Name of Property			
historic name Telephone Excha	nge Building		
other names/site number			
2. Location			
street & number Corner of Firs	t and Main Stree	ts	not for publication
city, town Powhatan			vicinity
state Arkansas code A	R county	Lawrence code	AR 075 zip code 72458
3. Classification			
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Signature of commenting or other official	ı		Date
State or Federal agency and bureau			
5. National Park Service Certifica	ation		
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6. Function or Use Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (enter categories from instructions
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Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)	Materials (enter categories from instructions)
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Mid-19th Century/Greek Revival	walls Brick
	roof Asphalt
	other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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TELEPHONE EXCHANGE BUILDING

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Transportation		
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Archeology/Historic-Non-Aboriginal	European	
Significant Person N/A	Architect/Builder Unknown	

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

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MULTIPLE PROPERTY DOCUMENTATION - Powhatan, Lawrence County

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Significance

SUMMARY. The Telephone Exchange Building is the only vernacular panel brick building extant in Powhatan except for the Powhatan Courthouse Museum, and it is the only extant commercial building in historic Powhatan. It is nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places with local significance under Criterion A because of its association with an early Arkansas river-port city and under Criterion C because of its quality as an example of a vernacular, Victorian era interpretation of the Greek Revival. The site and its contributing object, the town pump, is nominated under Criterion D for their potential to reveal further information about Powhatan and Lawrence County in prehistory.

ELABORATION. The Telephone Exchange Building was an integral part of the center of commerce in post-Civil War Powhatan. Built on the site of the home of Dr. Andrew Balfour, a Powhatan medical doctor and a captain in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, it was first a drug store and then a prosperous wagon factory business office. In the 1880s, it housed the first telephone line in Lawrence County, establishing communication between Walnut Ridge, Powhatan and Smithville. By 1900 the building was used as an attorney's office, and then as a general merchandise company until 1920, when its combined use was general merchandise and post office. This use continued until 1930, when the post office was moved to its present location near the courthouse. The building was then used as a private residence and remains in the ownership of a resident of nearby Walnut Ridge.

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11. Form Prepared By	
name/title Mary Ann Anderson	
organization Arkansas Historic Preservation Program date September 7, 1988	
street & number 225 East Markham, Suite 200 telephone (501) 371-276	
city or town Little Rock state Arkansas zip	code <u>72201</u>

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION PROPERTY Telephone Exchange Building NAME: MULTIPLE Powhatan MPS NAME: STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Lawrence DATE RECEIVED: 12/20/88 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/03/89 DATE OF 16TH DAY: 1/19/89 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/03/89 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST: REFERENCE NUMBER: 88003207 NOMINATOR: STATE REASONS FOR REVIEW: APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: Y LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: Y PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: COMMENT WAIVER: RETURN ACCEPT ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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Further elaboration of the significance of the Telephone Exchange Building is contained in Part E, Historic Contexts 2 and 3.

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number:	89003207	Date Listed:	10/16/89	
Telephone Exchange Build	ding	Lawrence		Al
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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Criterion A should be checked to correspond to the area of significance, Commerce.

Discussed and concurred in by Arkansas on October 16, 1989.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

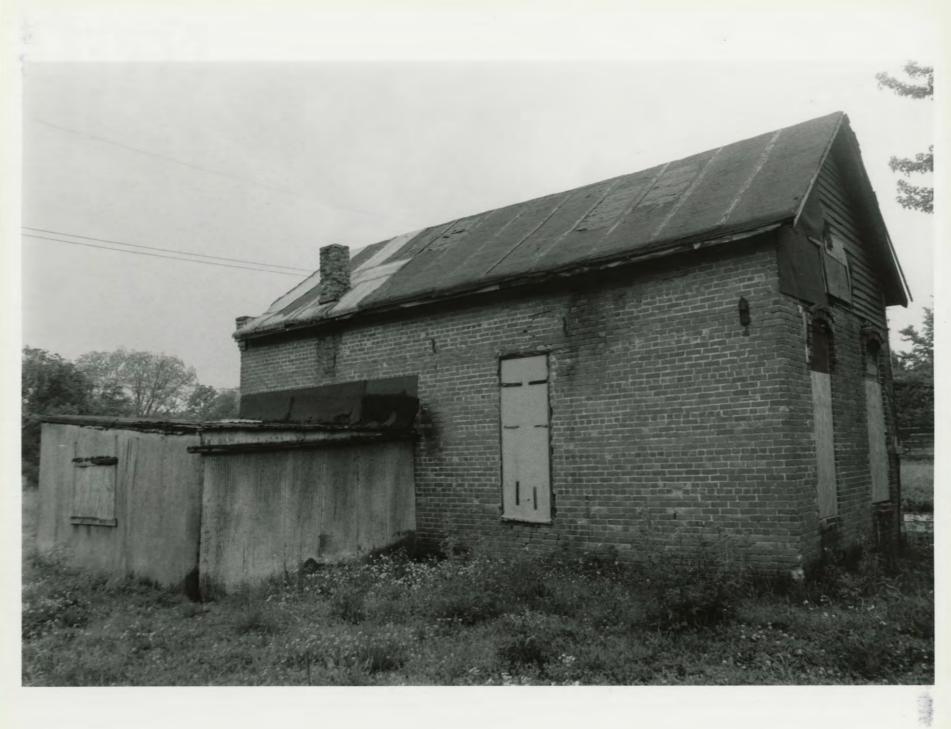
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

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Back (North elevation)

Please refer to the map in the Multiple Property Cover Sheet for this property

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