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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: New Liberty School

other name/site number: L00042

2. Location

street & number: South of State Highway 22

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Liberty

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Logan

code: AR 083

zip code: 72835

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

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. Byrd  
Signature of certifying official

8-2-92  
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): \_\_\_\_\_

~~entered in the~~  
~~National Register~~  
Delores Byrd 9/10/92

for \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Keeper Date  
of Action

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#### 6. Function or Use

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Historic: EDUCATION Sub: School

Current: VACANT/NOT IN USE Sub: N/A

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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 Stone roof Metal  
walls Stone other Wood columns

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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

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\_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance: 1922-1940

Significant Dates: N/A

Significant Person(s): N/A

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Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown

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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 New Liberty School is a single story, stone masonry classroom building designed in the Plain Traditional style with certain Craftsman details. Its rectangular plan is relieved by the central entrance porch on the northern or front elevation, which itself is covered with a gable roof with slightly flared eaves, and supported upon two wood columns resting on stone piers. The metal hipped roof and stone walls are supported by a continuous stone foundation.

**Elaboration**

The New Liberty School is a single story, stone masonry classroom building designed in the Plain Traditional style with certain Craftsman details. Its rectangular plan is relieved by the central entrance porch on the northern or front elevation, which itself is covered with a gable roof with slightly flared eaves, and supported upon two wood columns resting on stone piers. A small, brick chimney rises through the northern slope of the roof near the center of the building. The metal hipped roof and stone walls are supported by a continuous stone foundation.

The northern elevation or front of the building is symmetrical overall, as it is composed of a pair of central, arched entrances between three window bays to either side. The segmental arch entrances are placed directly beneath the wood porch roof, the pediment of which is lighted with a single, four-pane stationary window, and all of which is supported upon two wooden box columns resting on stone piers. The porch roof flares slightly at its outside edges and is supported by wood knee braces. The windows to either side are all square-headed, and now contain modern aluminum windows. The southern elevation opposite is also symmetrical, though it is lighted only with a single four-over-four wood sash window placed at opposite ends of the elevation.

The eastern and western elevations are also symmetrical, though they are organized around a central, arched window opening that is now filled with a pair of modern windows. The two separate window bays to either side of the central arch are each filled with the same modern windows.

The New Liberty School Building has suffered the replacement of all but its rear windows with new aluminum windows. Otherwise the building appears just as it did when it was constructed. It is in fair condition.

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New Liberty School

To the west of the tiny railroad town of Delaware in the rolling hills of eastern Logan County lies the smaller community of Liberty, a small congregation of residences and other buildings straddling the Missouri-Pacific railroad track and Arkansas Highway 22. Orchards and the fruit industry were the primary economic mainstays in eastern Logan County during the early 1920's, with stock raising and lumbering also important. Although it lies on the south bank of the Arkansas River and is technically not an Ozark school, the Delaware vicinity fell within the economic orbit of Russellville more so than the rest of Logan County.

Northwest Arkansas was in the middle of a relative economic boom in the early 1920's; pent-up demand exploded following the end of World War I, and the agricultural and timber resources of the region were in demand nationwide. The construction of the New Liberty School in 1922 predates much of the educational financing and reform that would come later in the decade.<sup>1</sup>

The New Liberty School, constructed 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 use during this period as a local school building clearly identifies it with this historic context and with this property type. It is significant locally under Criterion A through its direct associations with the history of the evolution of the public school system in the Ozark Mountain region of the state during this period.

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<sup>1</sup>The WPA Guide to 1930's Arkansas (Lawrence, Kansas: University Press of Kansas, 1987), 286.

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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:

- X 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>467080</u>	<u>3904120</u>	B	___	___	___
C	___	___	___	D	___	___	___

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

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

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of a line running along the southern edge of State Highway 22 with a perpendicular line running parallel to the building's western elevation and located 50 feet to the west thereof, proceed southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's southern elevation; thence proceed easterly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's eastern elevation; thence proceed northerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the southern edge of State Highway 22; thence proceed westerly 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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City or Town: Little Rock State: AR ZIP: 72201



Public Schools in the Ozarks MPS  
ARKANSAS

Date Listed

92001195	Liberty School Cafeteria	9/10/92
92001107	Locust Grove School	9/4/92
92001124	Luber School Substantive Review	9/4/92
92001199	Maxville School Building	9/10/92
92001201	Melbourne Home Economics Building	9/10/92
92001103	Men's Gymnasium--University of Arkansas, Fayetteville	9/4/92
92001109	Moorefield School	9/4/92
92001207	Mountain View School	9/10/92
92001216	Mountainburg High School	9/10/92
92001218	Mulberry Home Economics Building	9/10/92
92001220	New Liberty School	9/10/92
92001211	Physical Education Building--Arkansas Tech University	9/10/92
92001193	Plumerville School Building	9/10/92
92001198	Poughkeepsie School Building	9/10/92
92001111	Pyatt School Building	9/4/92
92001126	Quitman High School Building	9/4/92
92001127	Quitman Home Economics Building	9/4/92
92001219	Smithville Public School Building Substantive Review	9/4/92
92001119	Spring Valley School District 120 Building	9/4/92
92001104	Student Union Building--University of Arkansas, Fayetteville	9/4/92
92001108	Thida Grove School	9/4/92
92001117	Tontitown School Building	9/4/92
92001204	Valley Springs School	9/10/92
92001105	Walker, Vol, Library--University of Arkansas, Fayetteville	9/4/92
92001208	Williamson Hall--Arkansas Tech University Substantive Review	
92001209	Wilson Hall--Arkansas Tech University Substantive Review	
92001351	Center Cross School	Entered in the National Register
93001255	Big Flat School Gymnasium	Entered in the National Register
939461	Solomon Grove Smith-Hughes Building	Entered in the National Register

10/8/92

11/19/93

12.9.94



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY New Liberty School  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Public Schools in the Ozarks MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Logan

DATE RECEIVED: 8/07/92 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/21/92  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 9/06/92 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/21/92  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92001220

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 9/10/92 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

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

Phone

Signed

Date





NEW LIBERTY SCHOOL  
LIBERTY, LOGAN Co., ARKANSAS  
PHOTOGRAPHED BY B. LINDSEY-ALLEN  
MAY, 1990  
NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHPP  
VIEW FROM SOUTH





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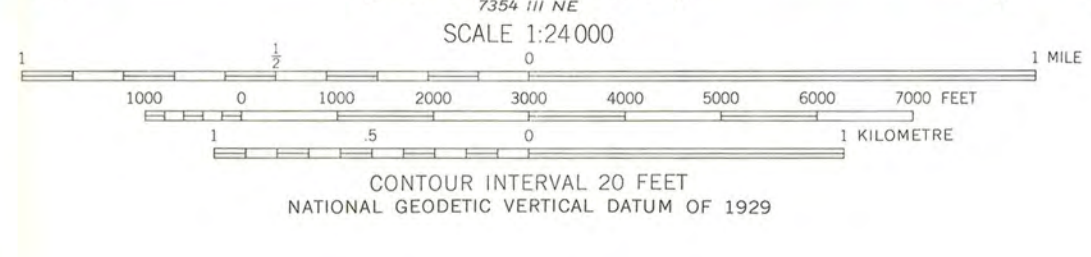


NEW LIBERTY SCHOOL  
LIBERTY,  
LOGAN CO.,  
ARKANSAS  
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1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 15, shown in blue  
Blue hatching indicates areas to be submerged by  
Dardanelle Reservoir  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———  
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———  
Interstate Route U.S. Route State Route

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1962  
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