

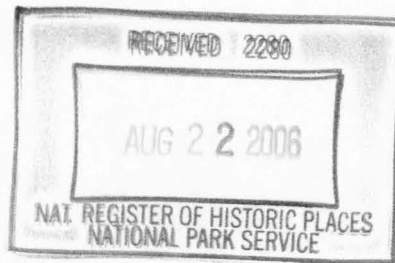
Hampton Waterworks  
Name of Property

Calhoun County, Arkansas  
County and State

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NPS Form 10-900  
(Rev. 8-86)

OMB No. 1024-0018



United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

**1. Name of Property**

Historic Name: Hampton Waterworks

Other Name/Site Number: CA0053

**2. Location**

Street & Number: North side of Hunt Street west of Lee Street

Not for Publication: NA

City/Town: Hampton

Vicinity: NA

State: AR County: Calhoun Code: AR013 Zip Code: 71744

**3. Classification**

Ownership of Property: Public-local

Category of Property: Structure

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
___	___ buildings
___	___ sites
<u>2</u>	___ structures
___	<u>1</u> objects
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: NA

Name of related multiple property listing: “An Ambition to be Preferred”: New Deal Recovery Efforts and Architecture in Arkansas, 1933-1943

**4. State/Federal Agency Certification**

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.

*Cathy Thacker*      8/1/06

Signature of certifying official      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

**5. National Park Service Certification**

I, hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register

*Edson H. Beall*      *10-5-06*

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):

*ERT*  
Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**

Historic: INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRACTION Sub: waterworks

Current : INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRACTION Sub: waterworks

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification: OTHER/Plain Traditional

Materials: foundation Concrete roof Metal, brick  
walls Metal, asphalt other NA

Describe present and historic physical appearance:

**SUMMARY:**

The Hampton Waterworks is located on the north side of Hunt Street west of Lee Street in downtown Hampton, the seat of Calhoun County in southwest Arkansas. The metal water tower and associated well house were built by the Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Co. for the Public Works Administration in 1937.

**ELABORATION:**

The Hampton Waterworks is located on the north side of Hunt Street west of Lee Street in downtown Hampton, the seat of Calhoun County in southwest Arkansas. The metal water tower and associated well house were built by the Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Co. for the Public Works Administration in 1937.

The water tower is supported by four metal latticed legs that slope inwards toward the tower as they rise. Metal crosspieces and rods provide lateral rigidity and support between the legs. An emblem on one leg of the tower is inscribed: PITTSBURGH-DES MOINES STEEL CO./CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS/PITTSBURGH, PA./DES MOINES, IA. At the center of the tower a large metal pipe conveys the water to and from the tank.

The water tank has a bowl-shaped bottom that is pierced in the center by a large metal pipe. A metal walkway with metal pipe handrail around the base of the tank accesses a ladder that ascends one leg of the tower. The walls of the tank are constructed of pieces of curved sheet metal and the word "HAMPTON" adorns one side in large, black letters. The tank is crowned by a conical metal roof.

Just southeast of the water tank is the well house. The original well house was a small, square, brick structure resting on a continuous concrete foundation and fenestrated on its northern side with a single six-over-three casement window; it had a door on its west side. Since its 1937 construction, a much larger garage/workroom has been added. Continuing on the western façade, the workroom is fenestrated by two boarded-up windows. The southern façade features a single wooden door on the west, then large wooden double garage door on the east side. The workroom on the west side of the addition has a shed roof; the garage section is topped with a gable roof. The eastern façade is blank brick, as is the northern façade of the addition.

Though the original well house has been subsumed by the larger addition, the addition was constructed during the period of significance (1937-1956) and served the Hampton Waterworks; it is thus considered a contributing structure. The chain-link fence surrounding the compound is considered non-contributing.

The Hampton water tower was built by the Public Works Administration and retains good integrity, having suffered few if any alterations. The associated well house has sustained considerable additions, but since it still serves the original function of the Hampton Waterworks and was built during the period of significance, it is considered a contributing structure. In addition, the setting of Hampton remains a small town, much as it would have been when the waterworks was constructed.

## 8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: local.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A, C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): NA

Areas of Significance: ENGINEERING; POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

Period(s) of Significance: 1937-1956

Significant Dates: 1937-1956

Significant Person(s): NA

Cultural Affiliation: NA

Architect/Builder: Public Works Administration; Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Co.

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

### SUMMARY:

The Hampton Waterworks is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places with **local significance** under **Criterion A** for its association with the activities of the Public Works Administration in Hampton and Calhoun County and under **Criterion C** by virtue of its status as a good example of a 1930s water tower and the only surviving example of a PWA-built waterworks in the county. The Hampton Waterworks is being nominated to the National Register under the multiple-property listing "An Ambition to be Preferred: New Deal Recovery Efforts and Architecture in Arkansas: 1933-1943."

### ELABORATION:

Calhoun County was established in 1850, being removed from Dallas County, and its first seat was established on the farm of settler Nathaniel Hunt in 1851. The county seat was named Hampton in honor of state senator John R. Hampton; it was incorporated on January 27, 1853. Hampton grew into a bustling commercial center and was thriving at the start of the Civil War. However, according to *Goodspeed*, "during the war business was nearly suspended, and at the cessation of hostilities there was not a merchant in the place."

Gradually, business returned to Hampton during the Reconstruction period and in 1871 the town was reincorporated. However, when the St. Louis, Arkansas & Texas Railroad was completed through northern Calhoun County in 1883, much of the trade left Hampton to ply their wares in the towns that sprang up along the rail line, and, according to *Goodspeed*, "Hampton soon lost its commercial influence and importance." Hampton still stood its own, supplying the region's timber industry, and for a time was linked to the Cotton Belt and Rock Island Railroads by the short-line Thornton and Alexander Railroad.

By the 1930s, Hampton was in need of a good public water supply. The city applied to the Public Works Administration for a waterworks and on July 21, 1936, the PWA awarded a \$15,000 loan and a \$12,191 grant for the project. A contract for \$24,047 was awarded on September 18, 1936, and the Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Co. began construction on October 2, 1936. Construction was complete by March 31, 1937, and the Hampton Waterworks continues to serve the people of the community to this day.

The Hampton Waterworks remains today as a testament to the work of the Public Works Administration, a New Deal agency that put unemployed Americans to work during the Great Depression while bringing badly needed infrastructure to communities of all sizes throughout Arkansas.

## CONCLUSION

The Hampton Waterworks is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places with **local significance** under **Criterion A** for its association with the activities of the Public Works Administration in Hampton and Calhoun County and under **Criterion C** by virtue of its status as a good example of a 1930s water tower and the only surviving example of a PWA-built waterworks in the county. The Hampton Waterworks is being nominated to the National Register under the multiple-property listing "An Ambition to be Preferred: New Deal Recovery Efforts and Architecture in Arkansas: 1933-1943."

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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*The Goodspeed Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Southern Arkansas* (Chicago: The Goodspeed Publishing Company, 1890)

Information on Public Works Administration projects from the files of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program.

The WPA Guide to 1930s Arkansas (University Press of Kansas, 1987), p. 341.

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

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Verbal Boundary Description:

An area around the water tower defined by a 100-foot radius centered on the water tower itself.

Boundary Justification:

This boundary contains the Hampton Waterworks and all of the property with which it is historically associated.

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**11. Form Prepared By**  
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Name/Title: Mark Christ/Community Outreach Director

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: May 22, 2006

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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 NAME: Hampton Waterworks

MULTIPLE NAME: New Deal Recovery Efforts in Arkansas MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Calhoun

DATE RECEIVED: 8/22/06                      DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/05/06  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 9/20/06                      DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/05/06  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 06000909

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    10.5.06 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the  
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



Hampton Waterworks  
Hampton, Calhoun County, AR

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May 2005

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Wellhouse view from Southwest



Hampton Waterworks

Hampton, Calhoun Co., AR

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View from northwest



Hampton Waterworks

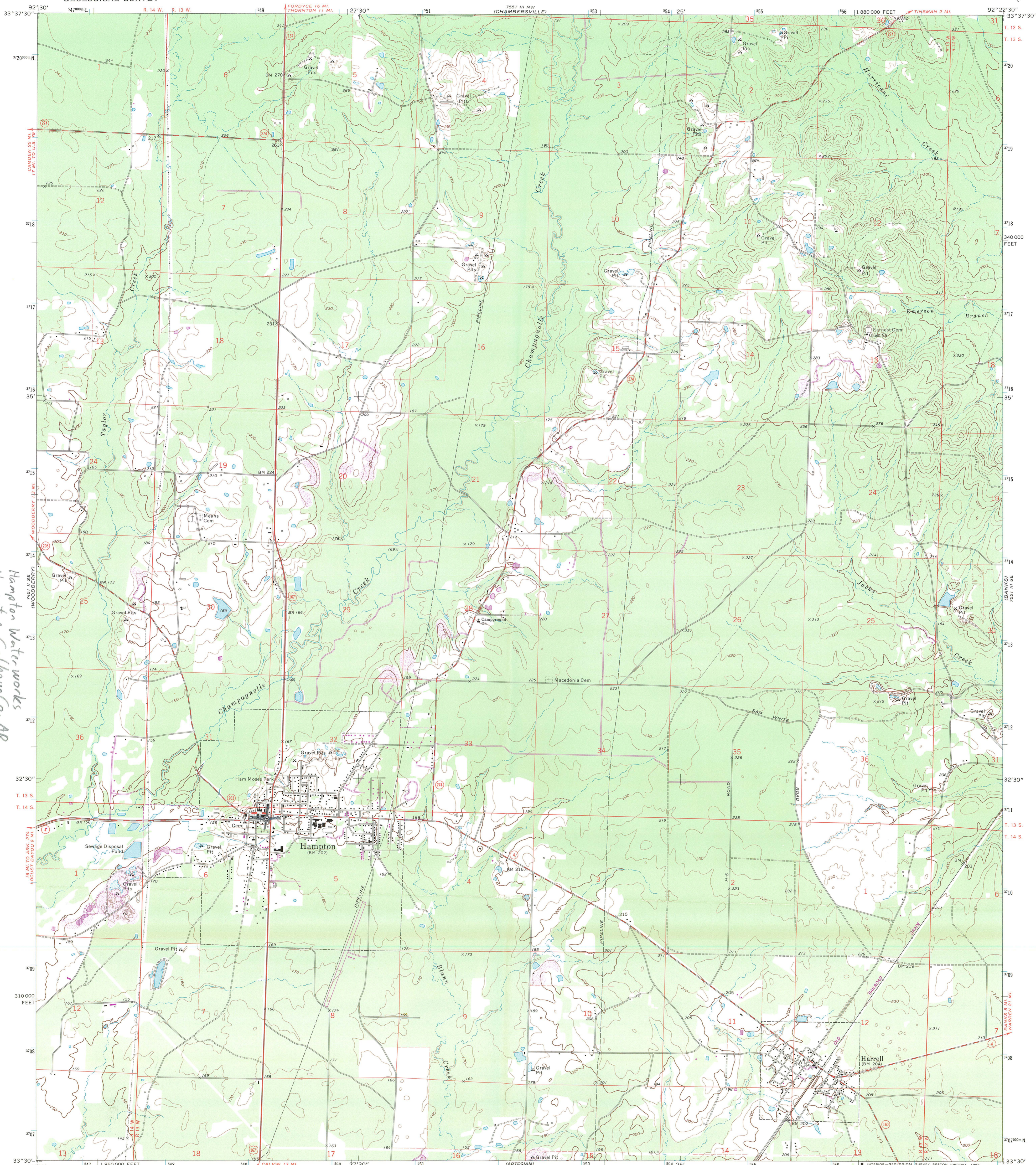
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Wellhouse view from south



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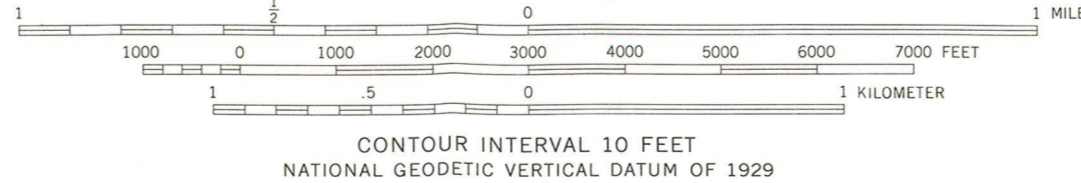
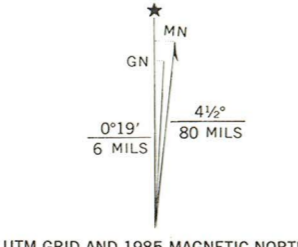
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
	State Route

HAMPTON, ARK.

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