

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

** Saline County Courthouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Benton

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second

STATE

Arkansas

CODE
05

COUNTY
Saline

CODE
125

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- ___ DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- ___ STRUCTURE
- ___ SITE
- ___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- ___ PRIVATE
- ___ BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- ___ IN PROCESS
- ___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- ___ UNOCCUPIED
- ___ WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- ___ YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- ___ NO

PRESENT USE

- ___ AGRICULTURE
- ___ COMMERCIAL
- ___ EDUCATIONAL
- ___ ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- ___ INDUSTRIAL
- ___ MILITARY
- ___ MUSEUM
- ___ PARK
- ___ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ___ RELIGIOUS
- ___ SCIENTIFIC
- ___ TRANSPORTATION
- ___ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Saline County (John E. Parker, County Judge)

STREET & NUMBER

Saline County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Benton

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Arkansas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Circuit Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER

Saline County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Benton

STATE

Arkansas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Saline County Courthouse in Benton, Arkansas, constructed in 1902, is a two-story brick structure resting upon a rusticated-stone foundation. The building has characteristics of Romanesque Revival architecture in its usage of semicircular arches and pyramidal tower roofs. The courthouse was designed by architect Charles L. Thompson of Little Rock and built at a cost of \$31,000 by John Odum.

The Saline County Courthouse features a truncated hipped roof. Gabled as well as hipped roofed dormers extend from the roofline at various locations. A slender brick chimney rises from the south slope of the hipped roof. A cast-stone water table encircles the structure. A string course of cast stone runs around most of the building. The structure features a denticulated cornice. Windows are of two basic shapes, tall and slender and short, double windows with semicircular transoms.

The most distinguishing feature of the Saline County Courthouse is the four-story clock tower. Located at the southeast corner of the building, this square tower is divided into three main sections by molded belt courses. The first floor features paired round-arched windows, while all other windows are tall and slender with cast-stone lintels. A four-faced round clock is situated in the upper sections of the tower above which are four rounded archways on each elevation of the tower. The clock tower is capped by a steep pyramidal roof with finial and weathervane. In each of the other three corners of the courthouse is a two-story tower featuring cast-stone belt courses, denticulated cornice and round-arched second story windows. The towers at the northeast and northwest corners are topped by steep pyramidal roofs with finial, while the tower at the southwest corner features a steep hexagonal roof with finial.

The facade of the Saline County Courthouse is marked in the center by an arched recessed opening. The clock tower graces the south side of the facade. The north elevation is similar to the facade in that it also contains an arched recessed opening.

The interior of the courthouse appears to have been altered for changing office needs. All interior trim and molding retain a simplicity of style.

In 1903 a one-story wing was added to the north side to serve as a jail. The other addition to the building, a one-story wing, was made to the south side during Franklin Roosevelt's administration to accommodate government agencies set up during his administration.

The Saline County Courthouse rests regally on the courthouse square in Benton. In good condition, this structure is architecturally as well as historically significant.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1900-1962

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Charles L. Thompson

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The largest number of architecturally significant public buildings in Arkansas are the courthouses scattered over the state's 75 counties. A structural symbol of American government, the county courthouse serves as the center of local political activity. Often the largest and most costly building in the county, the courthouse is almost always a source of pride to the citizens who financed and make use of its facilities.

Saline County is centrally located, encompassing 748 square miles. The northern part of the county is of rough terrain but the central and southern sections are well adapted to agriculture.

Saline County was created by an Act of the Arkansas Legislature on November 2, 1835. The name was derived from numerous salt springs located in the county.

The first seat of county government was located about five miles west of Benton in a Baptist Church building. When it was decided to choose a permanent county seat there was quite a disputation. William Woodruff, editor of the Arkansas Gazette, offered 120 acres of land which included the present town of Benton with the provision that a courthouse square would be set aside; the remaining property divided into town lots and sold at auction; and that the money from the sale of the lots would be used in building a courthouse. This offer was readily accepted and lots were auctioned off on June 15, 1836, netting \$3,381.71. The reversionary clause in the deed states that the courthouse square may never be sold without the approval of the majority of the property owners on Benton. The old "Missouri Trail" ran through Benton and with mountains on the north and swampland on the south, this area was the only feasible route for pioneers from the east to the west, having been well traveled since 1815. Benton seemed an ideal spot on which to establish the county seat.

Contract for a hand-made brick, two-story building, sixty feet square, was let to Jacob Hoover. The courthouse was completed in 1838 at a cost of \$3,574. By 1856 this courthouse had become obsolete and inadequate. A second courthouse was built on the site by Green B. Hughes.

By 1901 the second courthouse had been outgrown. The quorum court on October 8, 1901, set aside \$4,000 towards the construction of a new building. John Odum secured the contract for a new courthouse at a cost of \$31,000. Prominent Little Rock architect Charles L. Thompson

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

A Survey of Arkansas Courthouses. Compiled by the National Society of Colonial Dames of America in the State of Arkansas. Mrs. W. G. McDonald, Chairperson, Historical Activities Committee. Arkansas Room, Little Rock Public Library.

Works Progress Administration Files. Saline County. On file at the Arkansas History Commission

Hempstead, Fay. Historical Review of Arkansas. Chicago: Lewis Publishing Co., 1911.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre
 UTM REFERENCES

A	1,5	5,3,7,8,4,0	3,8,2,4,6,5,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Sandra Taylor, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE

9-14-76

STREET & NUMBER

300 West Markham

TELEPHONE

501-371-1639

CITY OR TOWN

Little Rock

STATE

Arkansas

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

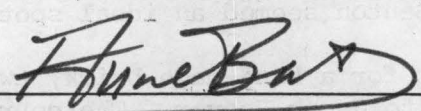
NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE Anne Bartley



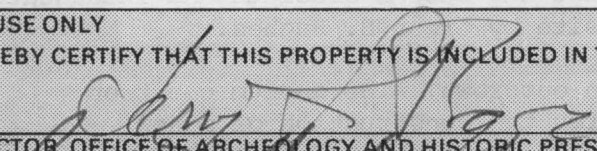
DATE 9-14-76

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ACCTG



DATE 11/22/96

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE 11-19-76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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designed the structure. Court was first held in the new courthouse in September, 1902.

The Saline County Courthouse is a two-story brick building with truncated hipped roof and a four-story tower with clock and belfry. Also there is a tower in each of the other three corners of the main building. The structure features rounded archways, recessed doorways, and denticulated cornices. The Saline County Courthouse is one of the few buildings of Romanesque Revival style in Arkansas.

Architecturally, the Saline County Courthouse is a significant historical structure. Resting on the courthouse square, the building is also significant as the political and governmental center of Saline County.

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Publishing Company, 1922.

TECHNICAL

Photos 3
Maps 1

CONTROL

KP
OK 10.19.76

Political significance implied but primarily significant for Architecture.

HISTORIAN

Accept
E. Smith
11-9-76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Low Wines (1930's, and one from earlier 20th C)

Accept
Lelovich
11.15.76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Acting
BRANCH CHIEF

Accept
Cole
11/15/76

Acting
KEEPER

Greenberg
11/19/76

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

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Federal Register Entry 2-1-77

Re-submit _____

INT:2106-74



1. SALINE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
SALINE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SOUTH AND EAST ELEVATIONS, VIEWED FROM SOUTHWEST

AK
Form No. 10-301a
(Rev. 10-74)

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HISTORIC Saline County Courthouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Benton

____VICINITY OF

COUNTY Saline

STATE Arkansas

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Bob Dunn

DATE OF PHOTO July, 1976

NEGATIVE FILED AT Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT. GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET
south and east elevations, viewed from the southwest

PHOTO NO.
1

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2. SALINE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
SALINE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
WEST ELEVATION, VIEWED FROM THE WEST

Bob Dunn

Ark. Hist. Pres. Program

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___ VICINITY OF

COUNTY Saline

STATE Arkansas

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4 IDENTIFICATION

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West elevation, viewed from the west

PHOTO NO.

2

INT: 2983-75

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



3. SALINE County Courthouse
SALINE County Courthouse
South ELEVATION and clock tower, VIEWED from the south

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___ VICINITY OF

COUNTY Saline

STATE Arkansas

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

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NEGATIVE FILED AT Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET
south elevation and clock tower, viewed from the south

PHOTO NO.
3

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HISTORIC Saline County Courthouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Benton _____ VICINITY OF COUNTY Saline STATE Arkansas

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE U. S. Geological Survey

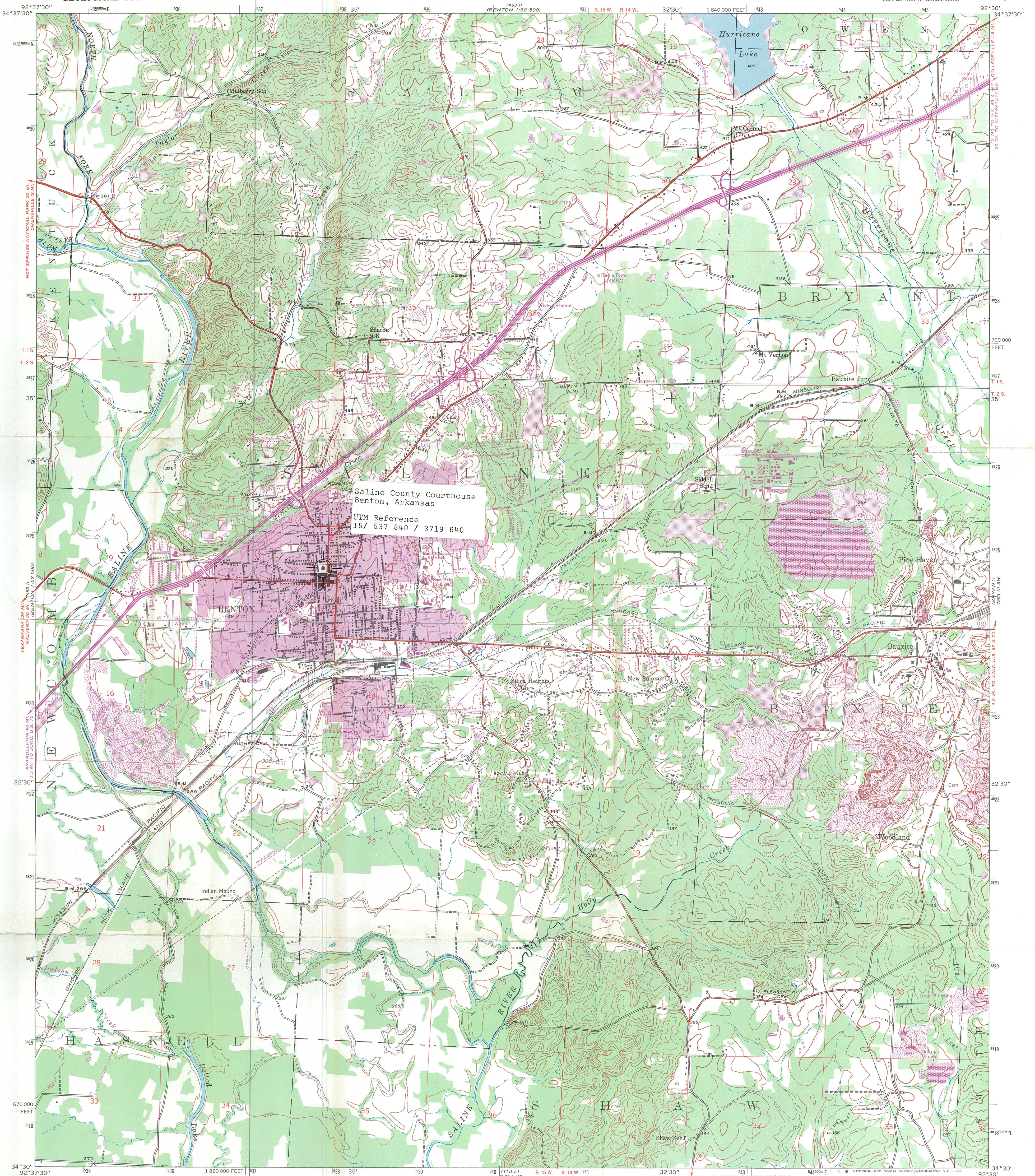
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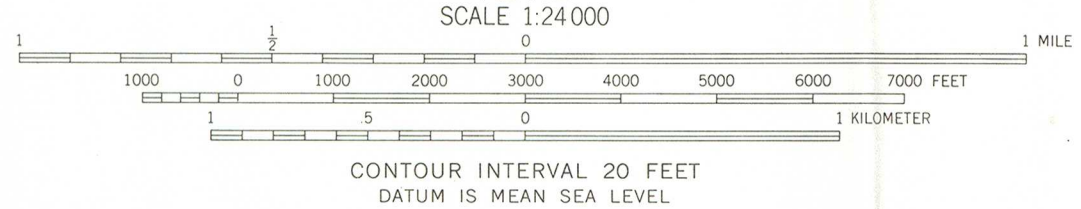
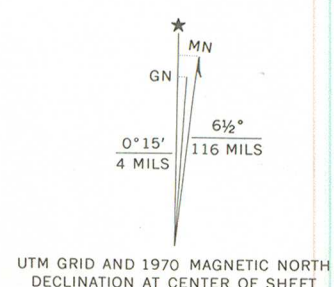
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES



Saline County Courthouse
Benton, Arkansas
UTM Reference
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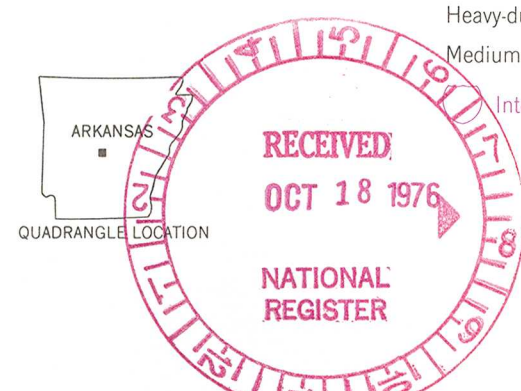
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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue
Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs
taken 1970. This information not field checked
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
Interstate Route	U.S. Route
	Slate Route

FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
AND BY THE ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL COMMISSION, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



BENTON, ARK.
SE/4 BENTON 15' QUADRANGLE
N3430—W9230/7.5
1944
PHOTOREVISED 1970
AMS 7453 II SE—SERIES V884

JOHN L. McCLELLAN
ARKANSAS

APPROPRIATIONS
CHAIRMAN
CHAIRMAN—SUBCOMMITTEE ON DEFENSE

JUDICIARY
CHAIRMAN—SUBCOMMITTEE ON PATENTS,
TRADEMARKS AND COPYRIGHTS
CHAIRMAN—SUBCOMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL
LAWS AND PROCEDURES

GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS

P. WALLACE (BUDDY) WHITEAKER
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
AREA CODE 202, 224-7827

MAX PARRISH
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT
AREA CODE 202, 224-7830

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

November 10, 1976

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
of Historic Places
National Park Service
Dept. of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20242

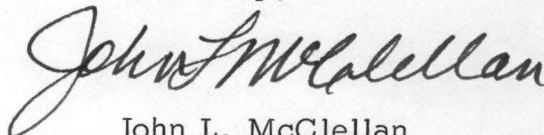
Dear Dr. Murtagh:

I am writing this letter to you as a result of a request made to my office by the County Judge-elect of Saline County, Arkansas. He is most interested in having the Saline County Courthouse placed in the National Register of Historic Places before this year is out. It is my understanding that funds will be available for that structure if it is placed on the list this year. However, there is a strong possibility that those funds will not be available if the building is listed after 1976.

Approximately sixty-three years ago, I took my bar exam in this same Saline County Courthouse, and so, sentimentally, it is of importance to me. Therefore I would appreciate your help in having the building listed this year.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,



John L. McClellan

JLMc/gj

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ARKANSAS

Date Entered NOV 22 1976

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Saline County Courthouse	Benton Saline County

Also Notified

Hon. John L. McClellan
Hon. Dale Bumpers
Hon. Wilbur D. Mills
Regional Director, Southwest
Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Ms. Anne Bartley
Acting Director, Arkansas Historic
Preservation Program
Suite 500, Continental Building
Markham and Main Streets
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

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Saline Co

BRAXTON 11/24
Burns
Cole for Herrington
Greenberg
For Murtagh
Rogers
T. Wood
11/24
Whitaker 11/24

H34-880

NOV 29 1976

Honorable John L. McClellan
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator McClellan:

Thank you for your letter concerning the nomination of the Saline County Courthouse, Saline County, Arkansas, to the National Register of Historic Places.

The Saline County Courthouse was entered in the National Register on November 22, 1976. Enclosed is a leaflet which describes the National Register program.

We appreciate your interest in historic preservation.

Sincerely yours,

/Sgd/ Jerry L. Rogers

ACTING ASSOCIATE
Director

Enclosure

bcc:
Ms. Anne Bartley
State Historic Preservation Officer
Acting Director, Department of Natural
and Cultural Heritage
The Old State House
300 West Markham
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
Regional Director, Southwest Region

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(BASIC FILE RETAINED IN 880)

November 16, 1976

Honorable John L. McClellan
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator McClellan:

I am pleased to acknowledge your November 10 letter concerning listing of the Saline County Courthouse in the National Register of Historic Places before the close of 1976.

We appreciate your interest and will provide you a reply at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

Gary Everhardt
Director

190 (2) w/incoming
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NR Data Sheet

DATE: 11/5/76
 Reviewer: INITIALS: LEB
 NR: DOE
 NOV 22 1976

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Saline County Courthouse

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN Benton

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2nd

STATE Arkansas 05

VICINITY OF

COUNTY code
Saline 125

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

<u>INTERIOR</u>	<u>EXTERIOR</u>	<u>ENVIRONS</u>
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Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION -	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
	<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	<input type="checkbox"/> Reconstructed	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
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ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
 IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
 IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- Govt.

now- Govt.

SIGNIFICANCE:

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<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT		<input type="checkbox"/> planning

Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: RICHARDSONIAN ROMANESQUE

architect/m-builder: ²CHARLES L. THOMPSON

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

personal

(label role & appropriate date)

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century):

✓ 1900-1902

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS: 1930's ADDITION

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

.1-9

COMMENTS:

(include architectural information here)

BRICK, SQUARE, 2 1/2 STORY, HIPPED ROOF, CORNER TOWERS, 6 STORY CORNER TOWER

✓ 1 STORY WINGS

Brick, 2-story main block with 1-story wing, L-shaped, hipped roof, wide arched portal with flanking 2-story corner tower and 5-story corner clock tower with open arcaded belfry and steep pyramidal roof, projecting pedimented sections, round ~~an~~ arched and rectangular windows; 1-story wing added, 1930's.

~~Brick~~ Interesting brick interpretation of Richardsonian Romanesque elements.

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

The Saline County Courthouse is the largest, most architecturally significant structure in the county and is the center of local political activity.