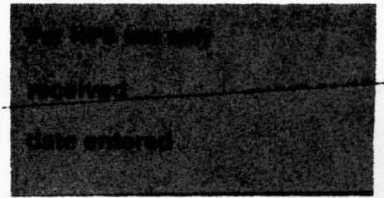


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I N D I V I D U A L D A T A S H E E T

General Description

Code: DE-014

(Thompson, TR)

Congressional District: Fourth

✓ Name: Merchants & Farmers Bank

Current Owner: Merchants & Farmers Bank
Mr. C. T. Frank, President

✓ Address: Waterman & Main Sts.
Dumas, Arkansas

Address: P.O. Drawer D
Dumas, Arkansas 71639

✓ County: Desha

Architectural Information

Architectural Firm: Charles L. Thompson

Date of Construction: 1913

Stylistic Influence: Classical Revival

Original Use: Commercial/Bank

Present Use: Vacant

Geographical Information

UTM Reference: 15 639500/3750500 Acreage: Less than one

Verbal Boundary Description: Evan's Addition
Block 1, 36' South part of Lot 36 fronting 23' on
Railroad and right of way, and back to alley.

Condition

____ Excellent
 Good
____ Fair

____ Deteriorated
____ Ruins
____ Unexposed

Unaltered
____ Altered

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Code: DE-014 (Waterman & Main Streets, Dumas, AR)

Physical Description

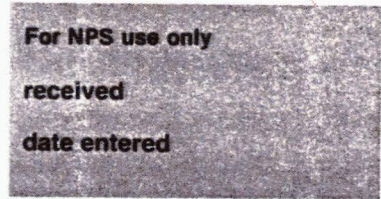
Anchoring the corner of a street lined with rather ordinary late-nineteenth and early-twentieth-century commercial buildings is this formal and distinctive Classical Revival bank designed in 1913. This one-story rectangular, flat roofed structure is constructed of dark red brick laid in Flemish bond and crowned by a parapet outlined with stone coping. The entrance is distinguished by a narrow porch and two marble Ionic columns in antis flanked by brick piers with simple stone bases and capitals. Surmounting these supporting members is a plain stone architrave, a wide, paneled brick frieze and a projecting stone cornice embellished with dentils. This cornice wraps both front and side elevations. The slightly elevated central panel of the parapet features a stone panel inscribed with the name of the bank and the date. A simple molded stone architrave and cornice supported by plain brackets surround the single leaf door. The windows feature flat brick arches, stone sills and multi-paned lights.

Statement of Significance

Charles L. Thompson's 1913 design for the Merchants and Farmers Bank in Dumas, Arkansas is one of his most well-integrated and refined Neo-Classical designs. Located on a corner of the main downtown business district in this small southern Arkansas city, the bank is a dignified anchor to the streetscape. While the use of classical detailing in commercial buildings was a common practice of Thompson's, the bank's Classical Revival elements are quite uncommon in the Dumas streetscape. More formal in style than the Bank of Waldo (CO-008) or the Bank of Carthage (DA-013), the Merchants and Farmers Bank in Dumas is a rectangular brick structure featuring a classically detailed facade. The two marble Ionic columns placed in antis marking the entrance create one of the firm's most refined commercial building entrances. A stone cornice with dentils wraps around the west and south elevations. An elevated central panel of the facade parapet features a stone panel inscribed with the name and date of the building. One of the more important historic buildings in this small town, the Merchants and Farmers Bank of Dumas is a fine example of the firm's ability to design an elegant but affordable building for a small town establishment.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Thompson, Charles L., Design Collection Thematic Resources
State Arkansas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Waters House Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper Melona Byers 12/22/82

Attest _____

12. Bank of Carthage Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper Melona Byers 12/22/82

Attest _____

13. Merchants & Farmers Bank Substantive Review Keeper Bruce Lee Boyd 12/22/82

Attest accept Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

14. Thane House Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper Melona Byers 12/22/82

Attest _____

15. Smith, S. G., House Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper Melona Byers 12/22/82

Attest _____

16. Brown House Substantive Review Keeper Bruce Lee Boyd 12/22/82

Attest accept Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

17. Galloway Hall Substantive Review Keeper Bruce Lee Boyd 12/22/82
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Attest Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

18. President's House Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper Melona Byers 12/22/82

Attest _____

19. Martin Hall Substantive Review Keeper Bruce Lee Boyd 12/22/82

Attest Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

20. Farmers State Bank Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper Melona Byers 12/22/82

Attest _____

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Substantive Review

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Merchants & Farmers Bank (Thompson, Charles L.,
Design Collection TR)
Desha County
ARKANSAS

Working No. 11/9/82-3026
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84
Date Due: 12/9/82 - 12/24/82
Action: ACCEPT 12/22/82
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom. / Criteria accept-c
Reviewer Patrick Andrews
Discipline Historian
Date 12/13/82
see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

- 1. Name
- 2. Location
- 3. Classification
- 4. Owner of Property
- 5. Location of Legal Description
- 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

- 7. Description
- | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Condition | | Check one | Check one |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____ |
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. 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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USIT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

___ national ___ state ___ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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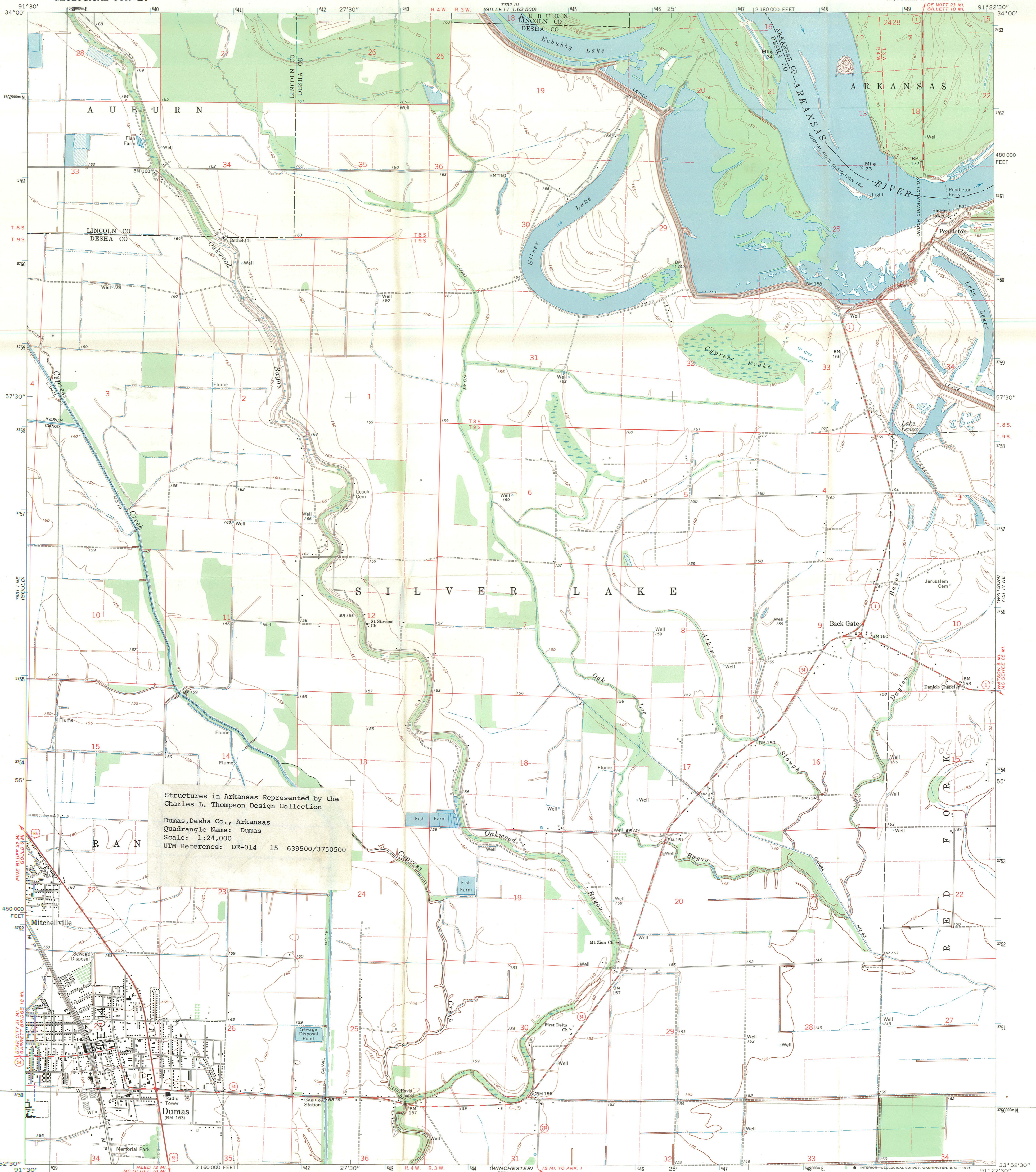
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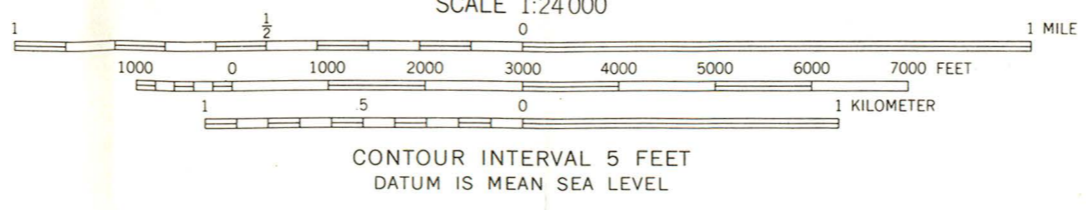
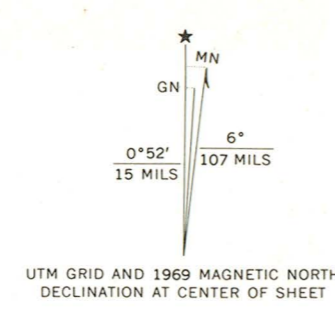
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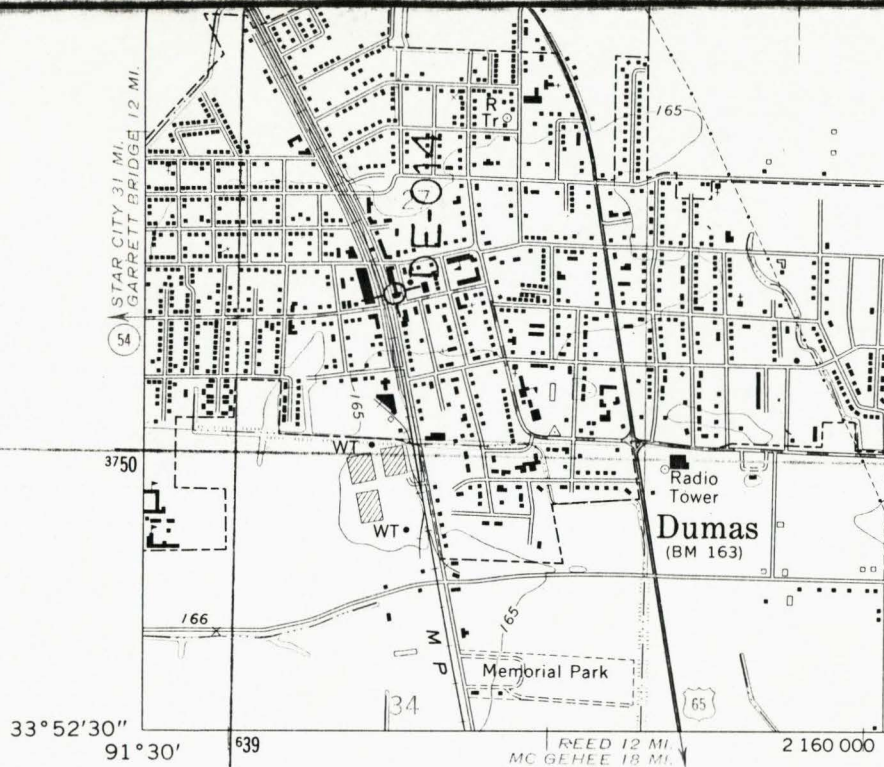
ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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| Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface | Unimproved road, fair or dry weather |
| U.S. Route | State Route |

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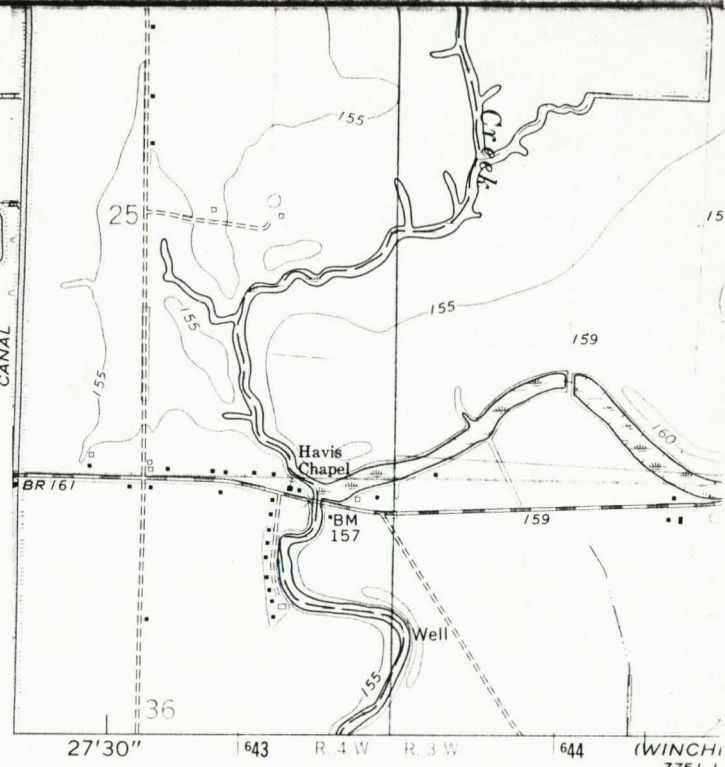
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