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National Park Service



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Luber School

other name/site number: ST0162

2. Location

street & number: County Road 214

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Luber

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Stone code: AR 137 zip code: 72560

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-local

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 \_\_\_\_\_ 7-17-92  
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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_ Mal M. New 9/14/92  
\_\_\_\_\_ 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**6. Function or Use**  
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Historic: EDUCATION Sub: School

Current: GOVERNMENT Sub: City Hall

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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 N/A

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  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance: 1930-1940

Significant Dates: N/A

Significant Person(s): N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 Luber School is a single-story, one room structure constructed c.1930 in Plain/Traditional style.

## Elaboration

The Luber School is a single-story, one room structure. The plan is rectangular and consists of a continuous stone foundation supporting stone walls covered by a hipped metal roof. The rafters are exposed underneath the eaves in traditional Craftsman style.

The southern elevation features a central hipped projecting porch supported by two large square stone columns based upon a concrete floor. A double leaf paneled door provides access to the interior.

The eastern elevation is fenestrated by a continuous bank of six nine-over-nine double-hung windows centrally arranged.

The northern elevation features a stone stoop with access from two sides. Ornamentation consists of large stone posts and connecting rails. Entry is provided by a single paneled door. The two windows for this elevation are small, square fixed single pane and are symmetrically placed high in the wall just under the eaves. The western elevation is blank with the exception of one other interior chimney.

There are two site features at this location. The remains of a well shelter is located approximately thirty paces from the northeast corner of the building. The shelter is stone and square in plan. A concrete floor supports four large stone columns and a half wall. No roof remains.

Three sides of the school yard are enclosed by a low (about two feet) rock wall.

The only marker for the school exhibits the initials JMB. The structure now serves as a community center for the Luber area.

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Continuation SheetSection number 8 Page 1**Luber School**

Stone County has traditionally been one of the most isolated and economically depressed of Arkansas's counties, due in no small part to the extremely mountainous topography. Nevertheless, despite the woefully inadequate transportation access to the outside world, Stone County enjoyed steady and stable economic growth in the first decades of the 20th Century through a subsistence agricultural economy concentrated on the small-scale production and marketing of cotton, corn, wheat, and livestock, and to a lesser extent, the growth of the timber industry. By the 1930's, the intensive agricultural methods employed on the region's thin soil had exacted its toll; sheet and gully erosion, the result of generations of poor farming practices, had badly scarred the hilly regions of the Ozarks, and the soil conservation programs of the New Deal were called in to address the issue.

The tiny community of Luber, to the south of the county seat of Mountain View, erected its new school in 1930, before the full effects of the 1929 Stock Market Crash had made themselves felt in the Ozarks. The new school was established to serve the scattered farm families of the south-central portion of the county. The drought of 1931 would eventually deal the final blow to the fragile economy of Stone County.<sup>1</sup>

The Luber 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 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>Sandra Luther, "Brief History of Stone County," Heritage of Stone Volume I, (June 1972), 3-19.

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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:

- 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>582480</u>	<u>3958580</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 northern edge of County Road 214 with a perpendicular line running parallel to the building's western elevation and located approximately 50 feet to the west thereof, proceed northerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the building's northern elevation; thence proceed easterly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a line running parallel to the building's eastern elevation; thence proceed southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the northern edge of County Road 214; 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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Name/Title: Kenneth Story, National Register Coordinator

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: July 14, 1992

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City or Town: Little Rock State: AR ZIP: 72201

Public Schools in the Ozarks MPS  
ARKANSAS

Date Listed

ID	Building Name	Notes	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	10/8/92
93001461	Solomon Grove Smith-Hughes Building	Entered in the National Register	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 NAME: Luber School

MULTIPLE NAME: Public Schools in the Ozarks MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Stone

DATE RECEIVED: 7/28/92 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/14/92  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/30/92 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/11/92  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92001124

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: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 9/4/92 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Well presented example of the building constructed  
as schools in the smallest rural communities  
in the Ozarks in the 1930s.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept/A  
REVIEWER Harper  
DISCIPLINE Historian  
DATE 9/4/92

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

Handwritten notes: Well preserved stands of the original construction... 22 schools in the small town...

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

Handwritten notes: Accept/A, Handed to, Application, 501110



LUBER SCHOOL

LUBER VIC., STONE CO., ARKANSAS

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MARCH, 1990

NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHPP

VIEW FROM WEST



LUBER SCHOOL

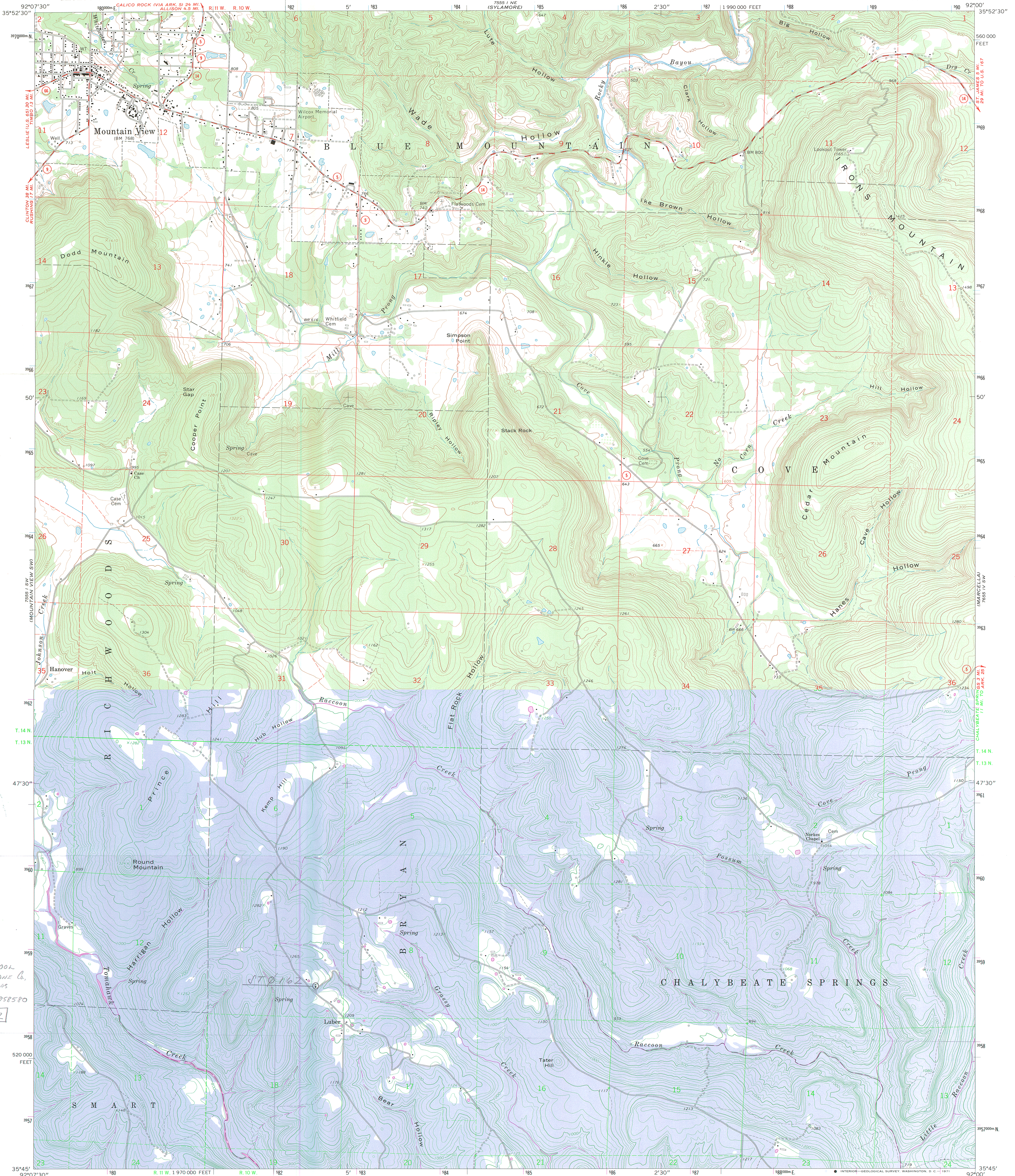
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VIEW FROM NORTH

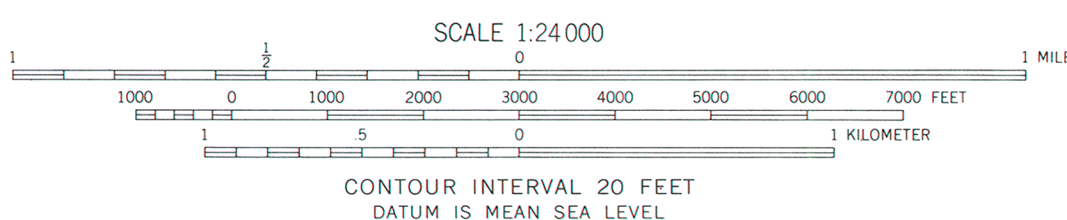
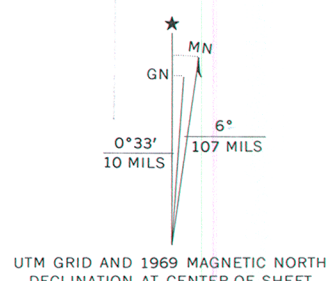


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10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, north zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 15, shown in blue

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Secondary highway, all weather	Light-duty road, all weather
hard surface	improved surface
Unimproved road, fair or dry weather	
State Route	

MOUNTAIN VIEW, ARK.  
N3545—W9200/7.5

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