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**1. Name of Property**

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historic name: Farmers and Merchants Bank/Masonic Lodge

other name/site number: N/A

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**2. Location**

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street & number: 288 N. Broadway

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Booneville

vicinity: N/A

state: AR

county: Logan

code: AR 083

zip code: 72927

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**3. Classification**

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Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	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: N/A

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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. Slater \_\_\_\_\_ 10-6-93  
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.

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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): \_\_\_\_\_

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National Register

Wynne M. Lapley 11/19/93

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

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**6. Function or Use**  
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Historic: Commerce Sub: financial institution  
Social meeting hall

Current : Commerce Sub: business  
Vacant/Not In Use

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**7. Description**  
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Architectural Classification:

Commercial Style  
Colonial Revival  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other Description: N/A

Materials: foundation Brick roof Asphalt  
walls Brick other Limestone  
\_\_\_\_\_

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: local.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: Architecture  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance: 1906

Significant Dates: N/A

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

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

Constructed in 1906, the Farmers and Merchants Bank/Masonic Lodge is a two-story brick masonry building with a bevelled front corner designed in the Early Twentieth Commercial style with subtle Colonial Revival overtones. The front room of the ground-floor was completely modernized in the 1970's; however, the second-story Masonic Lodge is intact. Located at the southeast corner of Main and Broadway Streets, the Farmers Bank/Masonic Lodge is in good condition and currently houses three first-floor tenants; the second-story has been vacant since 1985.

## Elaboration

Located at the southeast corner of Main and Broadway Streets (also AR Hwys. 10 and 23 respectively) in Booneville, the Farmers and Merchants Bank/Masonic Lodge is a two-story, brick masonry building with a bevelled front corner that was constructed in 1906 in the Early Twentieth Century Commercial style. A continuous brick foundation supports the structure, which is covered by an asphalt-coated flat roof behind a parapet that is embellished by a brick dentil course extending across the western elevation, the bevelled corner, and two bays of the northern elevation.

The bevelled corner, which faces northwest, can be considered the front elevation. Originally, the front entrance was composed of fully-glazed, wooden double-leaf doors, which were protected from the elements by a striped canvas awning. During the 1970's, this was replaced by an anodized aluminum single-leaf door flanked by similarly framed sidelights. A wide limestone band runs between the top of the door and the intervals between the tops of the four large windows on the flanking elevations. Above the doorway is a decorative rectangular recessed panel with corbelling and a sawtooth dentil course at the base. Delineating the two stories is a limestone course, with a sloped shoulder and a brick dentil course underneath, that wraps around the entire length of the western facade and for the two principal bays of the northern elevation. The second-story retains the original large one-over-one double-hung window that features, as do all second-story windows, a limestone sill and lintel. Above this window, there is a rectangular stationary window, also with a limestone sill and lintel, that originally was glazed with an "X"-shaped muntin, but now has a single pane of tinted glass.

On the western, or Broadway Street, elevation, there are two large first story windows that are separated by brick pilasters and rest on a short brick bulkhead. The original wood-framed windows were supplanted during the 1970's renovation by modern anodized-aluminum frame

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windows that appear to be sympathetic to the historic appearance. Decorative recessed panels, identical to the panel on the bevelled corner (though wider) grace the wall above each window. Two pairs of one-over-one double-hung windows fenestrate the second story. Although these are also anodized-aluminum frame replacement windows, the difference is much harder to detect than on the first-story windows. The shallow attic space above the second-story windows is adorned by a centrally placed, semi-circular fanlight with a brick arch and a limestone sill and keystone, which is embellished by the standard Masonic emblem. As constructed, the fanlight consisted of a four-pane sash; however, it has since been replaced by a single pane of tinted glass.

The western end of the northern, or Main Street, elevation is very similar to the Broadway Street side. Treatment of the two first-story windows is identical; however, there are only three second-story windows (a pair and a single adjacent to the bevelled corner), and these retain the original one-over-one wood-frame sash. As in the western elevation, the historic fanlight sash has also been replaced with a single pane.

The remainder of the first-story elevation consists of a modern steel door entry to the east of the two display windows that was added at some point in place of an original one-over-one double-hung window. The limestone lintel, now painted the same burgundy color as the rest of the brick building, remains as a reminder of the former window. Further east on this elevation, there was originally a group consisting of (from west to east) a pair of one-over-one windows, a single-leaf entrance with transom, and a single one-over-window. During the 1970's renovation, this format was altered somewhat to create two additional tenant spaces. The pair of windows was converted into a display window and a single-leaf entry, both of anodized aluminum-frame construction. The historic entrance and adjacent window were transformed into a similar appearance by eliminating the space between the window and the door and installing a large, anodized aluminum-frame window and a similar replacement door. Although these changes sound extensive, they do not significantly detract from the visual integrity of the building as a whole. At the eastern end of the elevation is the entrance to the second-story stairway. It is composed of the historic half-glazed wood door, single-pane transom, and a substantial segmental brick arch with a large limestone keystone engraved with the Masonic emblem. The second-story fenestration remains unaltered and consists of (from west to east) a single one-over-one double-hung window over the new entrance, a pair of the same type windows over their original first-story counterparts (now a door and window), and another pair over the second-story entrance.

During the 1970's renovations, the interior of the front room on the ground floor was completely modernized with lowered ceilings and new partitions, etc. There is a storage area between the

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floors that contains some of the original vault doors, counters, marble countertops, and the screens for the windows and doors. Some of the original first-story woodwork survives in the rear two tenant spaces. The former Masonic Lodge on the second story, which has been vacant since 1985, remains largely unaltered since construction. A long meeting hall occupies most of this floor, and it features a double-beaded board ceiling, plaster walls, varnished wainscoting, a stage at the western end, and a raised floor along each wall. Other interesting details include stylized patera corner blocks on the window and door frames. The only alterations to this floor have been the addition of a kitchen to one of the rear rooms.

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**Summary**

The Farmers and Merchants Bank/Masonic Lodge is being nominated under Criterion C with local significance as the best example of an Early Twentieth Century Commercial-style, two-story brick masonry building in Booneville.

**Elaboration**

The town of Booneville had its origins around 1827 when M. T. Tatum settled in the southwestern part of what is now Logan County and opened a store. He later built the first cotton compress in that area and was successful in obtaining a post office, which he named "Booneville." The small village would not be incorporated, however, until May 17, 1878, and it grew slowly until the arrival of the Choctaw & Memphis Railroad (a subsidiary of the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf Railroad) from Oklahoma in 1899. At that time, railroad division points were situated approximately 100 to 150 miles apart. Booneville was located 120 track miles from Little Rock and was the only sizable town in that distance range. Thus, it was chosen as a division point for the railroad (acquired by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific in 1902) and received a large depot, a freight yard, and a locomotive servicing facility. Booneville also served as a meal stop for passenger trains, and consequently many restaurants developed to take advantage of this "captive" business.

As expected, Booneville experienced a sudden boom because of the railroad, and, as always, new building construction accompanied this period. In February 1906, the Farmers and Merchants Bank was organized and the following officers were elected: Dr. John W. McConnell, president; J. W. Underwood, vice president; G. P. Radford, secretary; W. R. Bevens, treasurer. These four men, along with H. G. Sadler, also constituted the Board of Directors. Lastly, Earl Harrell from Spiro, Oklahoma was chosen as cashier. The bank opened on March 22, 1906 and was predicted to be "one of our strongest financial institutions" by the *Booneville Democrat*. The same paper announced on April 19 of that year that the lot at the southwest corner of Main and Broadway Streets was purchased by the bank for the construction of a new building. Less than a month later on May 3, it was reported that the "Masonic fraternity" had contracted with the Farmers & Merchants Bank to erect a lodge hall over the bank building.<sup>1</sup>

By September 1906, all of the brickwork on the new bank/lodge building was completed and the

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<sup>1</sup>The practice of building a lodge over another planned structure may not be that uncommon in Arkansas as the Knob School/Masonic Lodge (NR 05/30/91) in Clay County is another example of this occurrence.

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woodwork and painting would be finished by the end of the year. Interestingly, the only cornerstone on the building is for the Masons and it denotes both the Booneville Chapter No. 110, R.A.M. and the Blocher Lodge No. 247, F.& A.M. along with their respective officers. The Masons were apparently pleased with this location for they occupied the second floor from 1906 to 1985. The second story is now vacant.

The Farmers and Merchants Bank, however, did not quite measure up to the stability proclaimed by the *Booneville Democrat* earlier and failed in 1910. Its successor, the Citizen Bank, was chartered in April 1910, and operated out of the same building until 1963. The first-floor was then purchased by Anna Lee Grissom who later leased the space to the First America Federal Savings and Loan. During their occupancy, the front of the ground floor was modernized and the entrance and window changes made. The building is currently owned by John and Jeanne Andrews, who have subdivided the first floor into three tenant spaces.

Although the history of the dual usage of the building is quite interesting, the Farmers and Merchants/Masonic Lodge Building is locally important under Criterion C for its architectural significance. When constructed, the Farmers and Merchants Bank/Masonic Lodge was rivalled only by the 1902 Bank of Booneville Building (NR 04/26/78), which is a single-story brick masonry building distinguished by an impressive Romanesque stone arch in the bevelled-corner entrance. The Farmers and Merchants Bank/Masonic Lodge shares a similar brick construction that is likewise outlined with limestone trim, but is distinct in being two stories in height and featuring subtle Colonial Revival overtones in the fanlights and dentil course.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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X 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>416060</u>	<u>3888750</u>	B	___	_____	_____
C	___	_____	_____	D	___	_____	_____

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

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

Lot A in Block 16 according to the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Memphis Townsite Company's Supplemental Plat of the City of Booneville, Arkansas as shown by re-plat of said Block; recorded in Deed Record Book K at page 316.

Boundary Justification: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all of the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.

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### Bibliography

*Booneville Democrat*, April 19, 1906; May 3, 1906.

Information supplied by Jeanne G. Andrews, March, 1993.

"New Bank Opened." *Booneville Democrat*, March 22, 1906

**11. Form Prepared By**

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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: Farmers and Merchants Bank--Masonic Lodge

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Logan

DATE RECEIVED: 10/22/93      DATE OF PENDING LIST: 11/02/93  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 11/18/93      DATE OF 45TH DAY: 12/06/93  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 93001257

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    11/19/93 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



Farmers and Merchants Bank / Masonic Lodge

Logan Co., Arkansas

Photograph by Patrick Zollner

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Negative on file at AHPP

View from the west



Farmers and Merchants Bank / Masonic Lodge

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View from the north



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View from the northwest



Farmers and Merchants Bank / Masonic Lodge

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View of second-story interior  
from the east



Farmers and Merchants Bank / Masonic Lodge

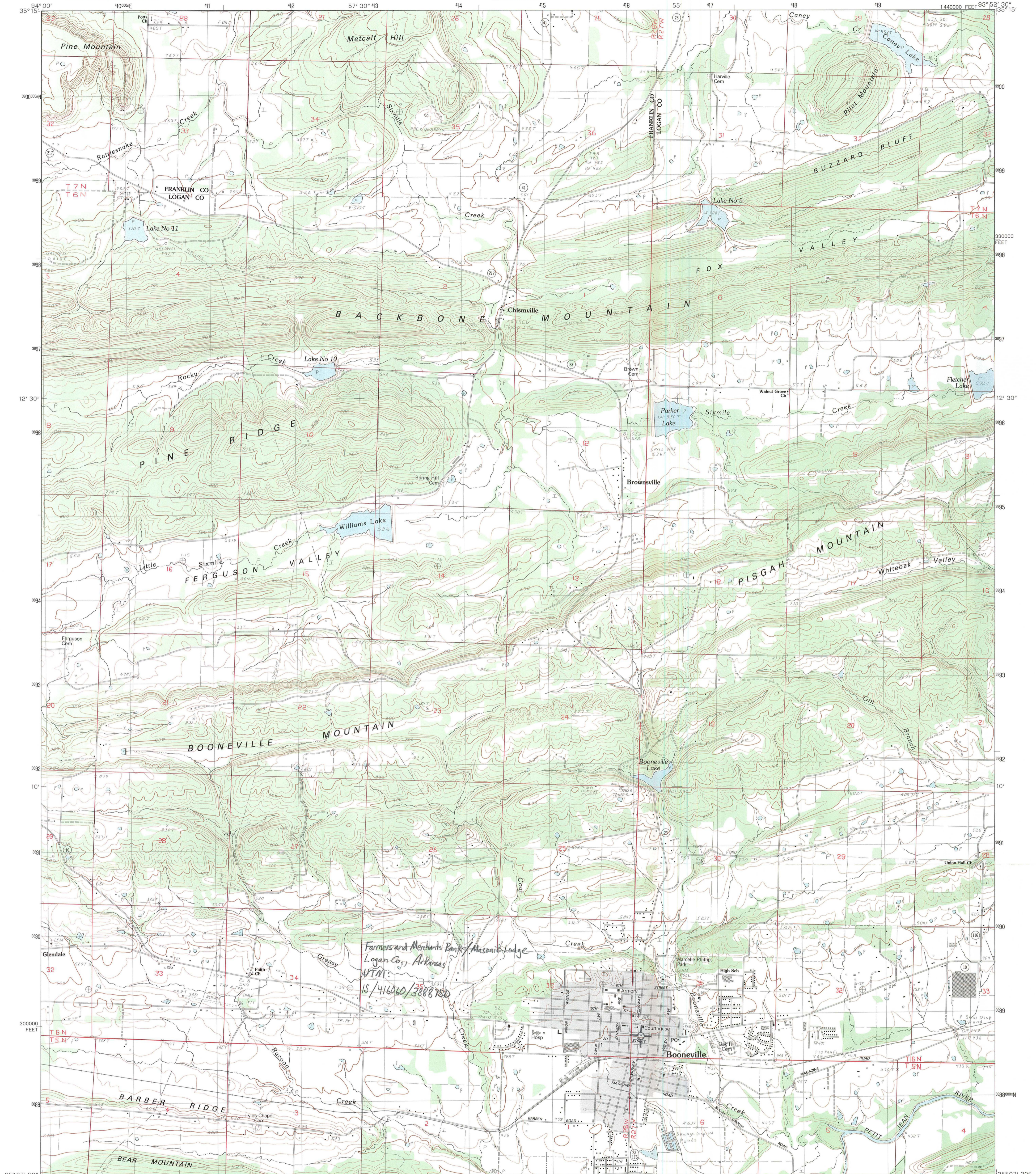
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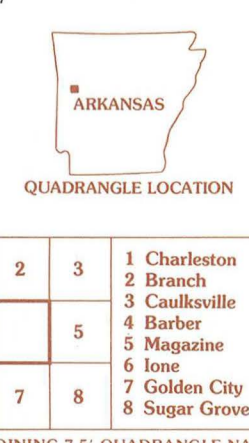
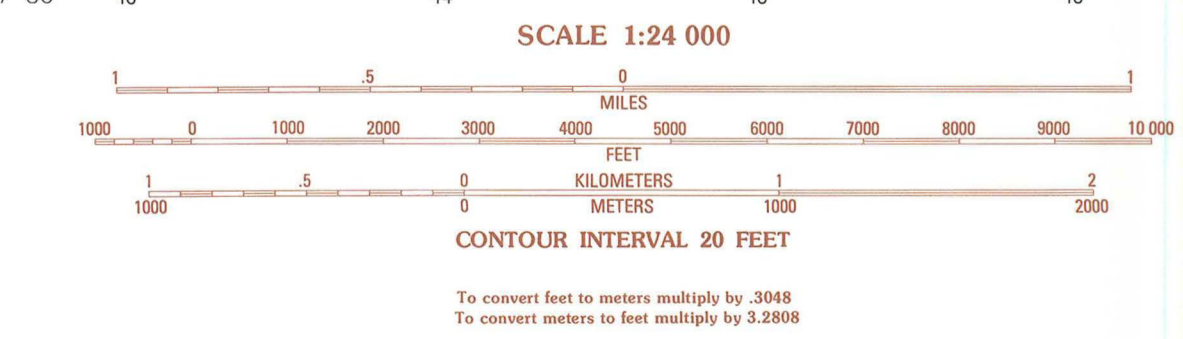
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View of corner block detail



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**PROVISIONAL MAP**  
Produced from original manuscript drawings. Information shown as of date of field check.



**ROAD LEGEND**

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Unimproved Road  
Trail

Interstate Route U. S. Route State Route

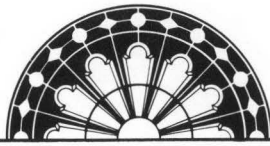
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4	5	6	4 Barber
5	6	7	5 Magazine
6	7	8	6 Linn
7	8		7 Golden City
8			8 Sugar Grove

ADJOINING 7.5' QUADRANGLE NAMES

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RE: Farmers and Merchants Bank/Masonic Lodge  
Booneville, Logan County

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review the nomination of the above referenced property. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathy Buford Slater  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosures

