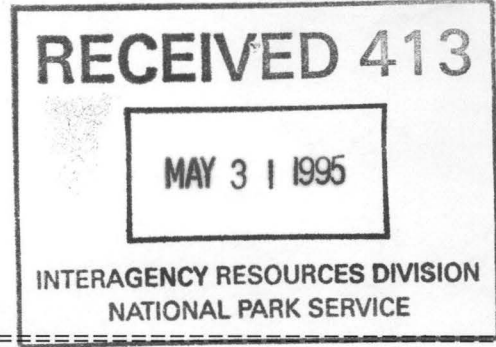


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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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Historic Name: Haggard Ford Swinging Bridge

Other Name/Site Number: BO 0076

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2. Location

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Street & Number: 8 mi. N. of Harrison on Cottonwood Rd.

Not for Publication: N/A

City/Town: Harrison

Vicinity: X

State: AR

County: Boone

Code: AR 009

Zip Code: 72601

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Public

Category of Property: Structure

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
<u>1</u>	_____	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: "Historic Bridges of Arkansas"

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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 H. Slater \_\_\_\_\_ 4-21-95  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ Edson H. Beall 6/30/95  
\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet. Entered in the  
\_\_\_\_\_ determined eligible for the National Register  
\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
\_\_\_\_\_ determined not eligible for the National Register  
\_\_\_\_\_ removed from the National Register

\_\_\_\_\_ other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Keeper Date  
Beall of Action

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**6. Function or Use**  
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Historic: Transportation Sub: Road-related (bridge)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Current : Transportation Sub: Pedestrian-related  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**7. Description**  
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Architectural Classification:

Other: Suspension Bridge  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Materials: foundation Concrete roof N/A  
walls N/A other Wood, Steel  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance:

**Summary**

Located eight miles north of Harrison on the Cottonwood Road, the Haggard Ford Swinging Bridge is a one-lane suspension bridge that was constructed by the Works Progress Administration from 1938 to 1941.

**Elaboration**

Located eight miles north of Harrison on the Cottonwood Road, the Haggard Ford Swinging Bridge is a one-lane suspension bridge approximately 160 feet in length that spans Bear Creek. It was constructed by the Works Progress Administration with local labor from 1938 to 1941 under the direction of foreman Jess Chaney.

The bridge consists of poured concrete towers with concrete anchorages, steel cables and hangers, and a wooden deck.

The bridge was initially constructed without adequate rip-rap to protect the abutments, despite warnings from the local residents that Bear Creek could flood severely. Consequently, the fill washed out during a big flood on April 14, 1945. The bridge was not damaged, however, and the fill was replaced with extra thought and care.

The bridge is in original condition with the exception of the wood decking which was replaced in 1977.

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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: State.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A,C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: Engineering  
Transportation  
Social History  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance: 1938 - 1941

Significant Dates: N/A

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

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Chaney, Jess.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

**Summary**

The Haggard Ford Swinging Bridge is being nominated with state significance as an amendment to the "Historic Bridges of Arkansas" multiple property nomination under Criterion A for its association with the World War II era of bridge building and with the Works Progress Administration. Under Criterion C, the Haggard Ford Swinging Bridge is significant for its engineering as one of the few remaining historic suspension bridges in Arkansas.

**Elaboration**

Haggard Ford is named for Mrs. Nancy Haggard, a widow with three children who lived near the creek crossing at the turn of the century. In the late 1930's it was decided to construct a bridge at the ford due to the gravelly nature of Bear Creek, which routinely ensnared automobiles as they crossed stream. The Works Progress Administration paid local laborers a dollar a day to construct the bridge, which was started in 1938 or 1939 and completed in 1941.

On May 7, 1961 a big flood washed much of Harrison away and rendered the Haggard Ford Swinging Bridge incapable of supporting vehicular traffic. It

was replaced by an adjacent low-water concrete slab and county maintenance was discontinued.

By 1977, the bridge had deteriorated to the extent that many citizens believed it to be a hazard to the numerous children who patronized the Bear Creek swimming hole underneath the bridge. After several requests for its removal, Boone County Judge Clifford Tomlinson ordered the county road crews to dismantle the bridge. Fortunately, Leon and Gertrude Karasinski circulated a petition signed by 500 residents to save and restore the bridge for foot traffic only. A Bridge Restoration Committee was formed and a "plank sale" rally held on July 30, 1977. Supporters purchased \$10 planks on which their name was inscribed. Volunteer labor rebuilt the decking, which was replaced at a cost of \$3,281.58. Although 340 planks were needed to replace the deck, over 400 boards were sold, so the hand rail was reconstructed with the additional planks. The grand opening was held on September 3, 1977 with State Representative Hugh Ashley as the speaker.

The Haggard Ford Swinging Bridge is being nominated with state significance as an amendment to the "Historic Bridges of Arkansas" multiple property nomination under Criterion A and C. Under Criterion A, the bridge is categorized within the World War II era of bridge building and is significant for its association with the Works Progress Administration relief efforts in Boone County. Under Criterion C, the Haggard Ford Swinging Bridge is significant for its engineering design. Few suspension bridges have survived in Arkansas, and of those extant and documented, only two are older than the Haggard Ford Bridge (the Beaver Bridge in Carroll County, NR 9/6/90, and the Sylamore Creek Bridge in Stone County).

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**  
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Information submitted by Troy Creamer, July 1994.

McDonald, Sue. "Bridge Restored by 'Neighbors.'" *Harrison Daily Times*.  
October 3, 1977.

Rose, Sammy. "Swinging Bridge at Haggard Ford Renovated by Citizens."  
*Harrison Daily Times*. July 4, 1986 (sesquicentennial edition).

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>488280</u>	<u>4022100</u>	B	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>
C	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	D	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>

Verbal Boundary Description:

The nominated property is a one-lane bridge approximately 160 feet in length. The boundary is a rectangular parcel encompassing the bridge and adding fifteen feet to each side.

Boundary Justification:

This boundary includes all of the components of the historic bridge, fifteen feet of both approaches, and a portion of the streambed below.

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**11. Form Prepared By**  
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Name/Title: Patrick Zollner, Architectural Historian

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: April 21, 1995

Street & Number: 1500 Tower Bldg., 323 Center St. Telephone: (501) 324-9880

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

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Haggard Ford Swinging Bridge  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Historic Bridges of Arkansas MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Boone

DATE RECEIVED: 5/31/95 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 6/13/95  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/29/95 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/15/95  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 95000790

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 6/30/95 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



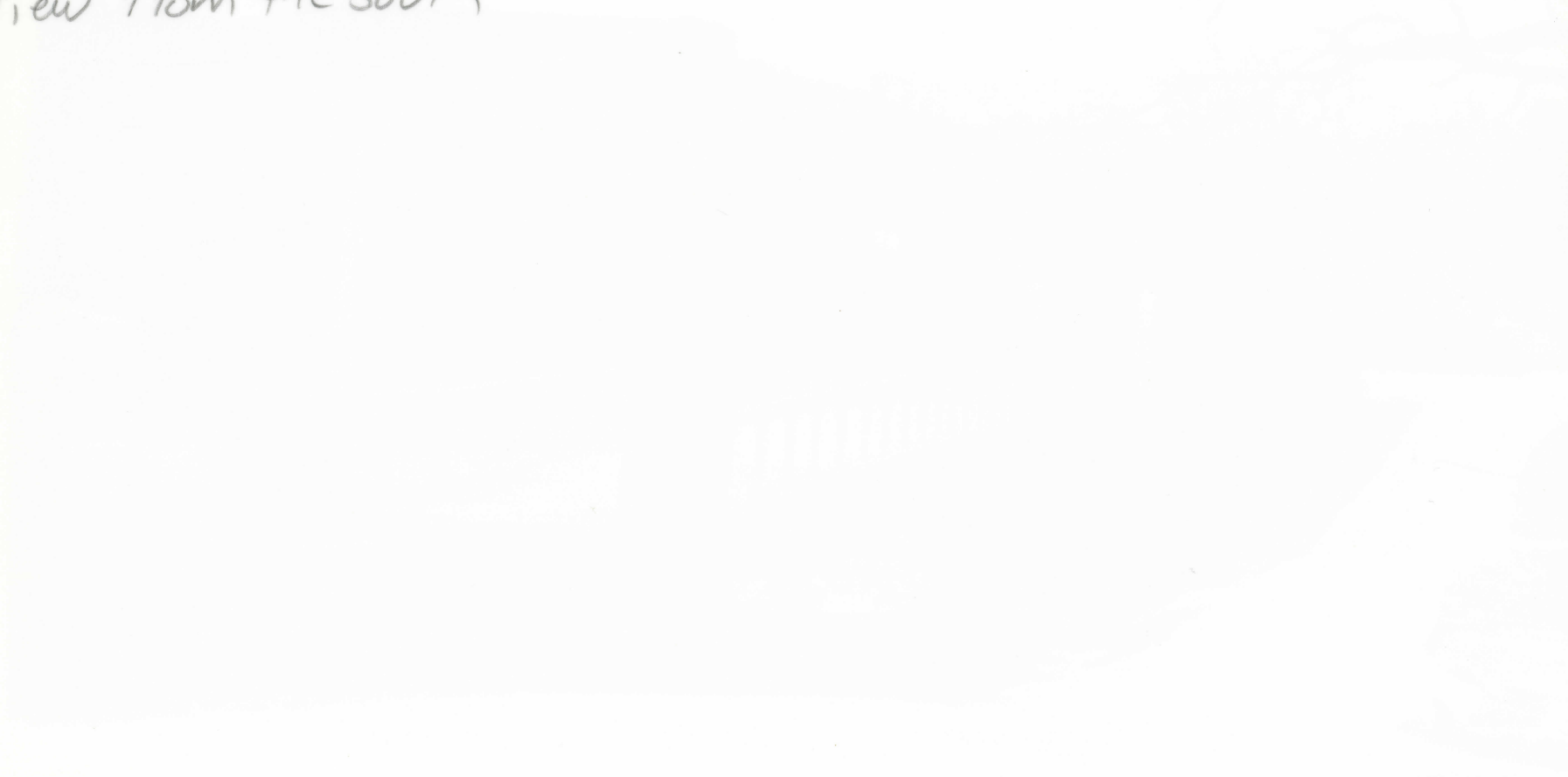
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1939 - 1941  
CONSTRUCTED AS A W. P. A. PROJECT  
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PHYSICAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE RESTORATION  
PROJECT IS GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED  
AND APPRECIATED

Haggard Ford Swinging Bridge  
Harrison vic., Boone Co., Ark.  
Photo. by R. Baldwin  
Feb. 1995

Neg. on file at AHPP  
View of commemorative marker  
from the southeast



Haggard Ford Swinging Bridge  
Harrison vic., Boone Co., Ark.  
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View from the south






USA WPA

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Haggard Ford Swinging Bridge  
Harrison vic., Boone Co., Ark.  
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View of WPA inscription  
from the southeast



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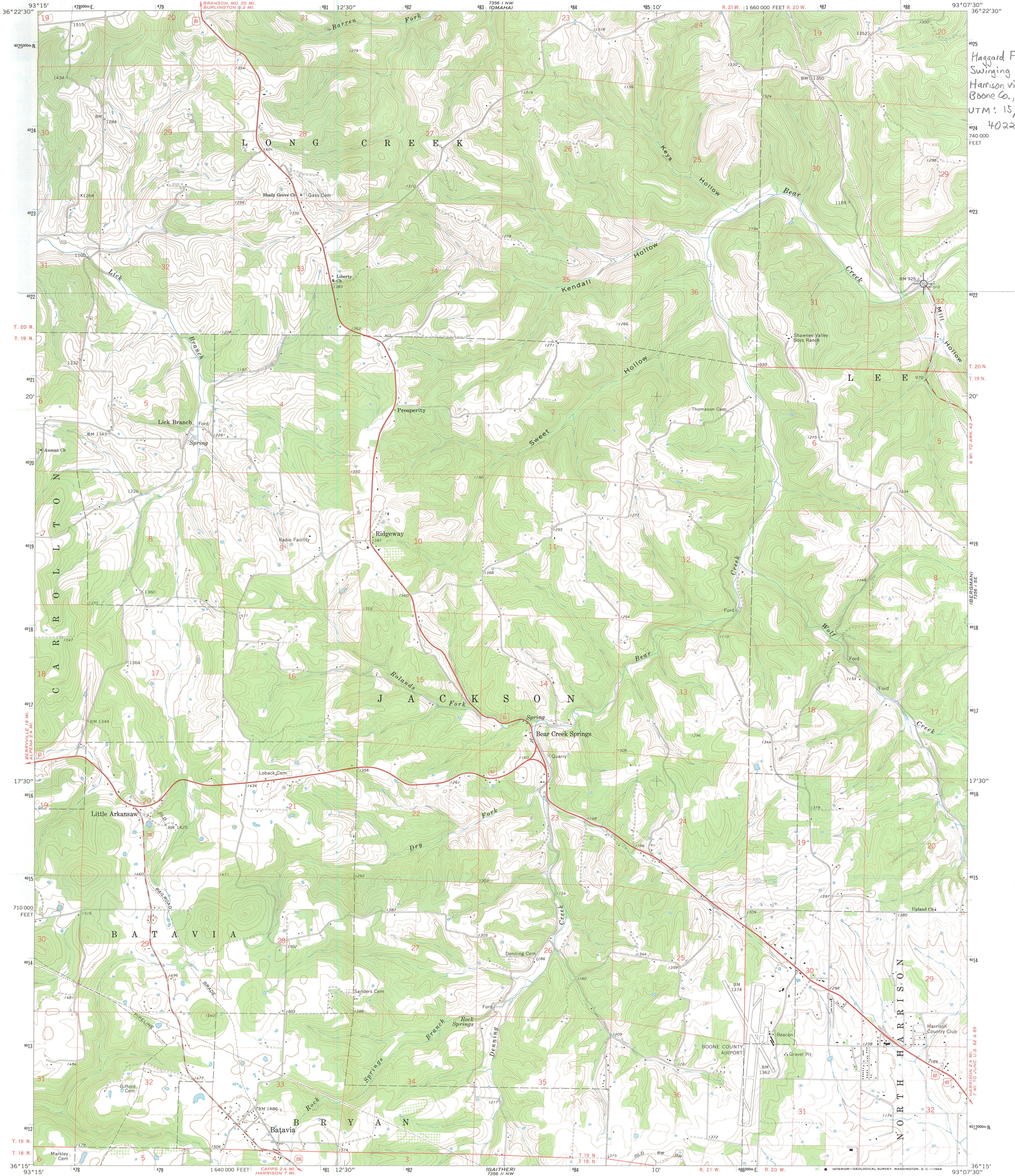
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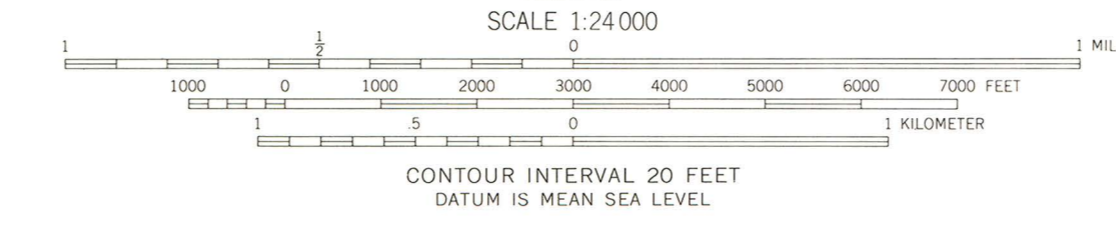
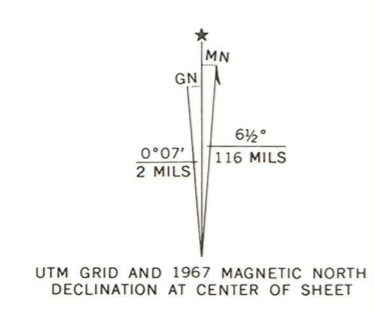
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View of approach from  
the southeast



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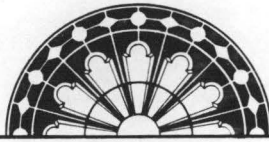


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U.S. Route	State Route

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April 25, 1995

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Washington, D.C. 20002

RE: Haggard Ford Swinging Bridge  
Harrison, Boone County

Umsted, Sidney A., House  
Camden, Ouachita County

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review the nominations of the above referenced properties. 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

