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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC Morrilton Railroad Station

AND/OR COMMON Missouri-Pacific Passenger Depot

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER First block East of Division St., and facing Railroad Ave.
and between Division and Moose St., and on the North side of the railroad
CITY, TOWN and Broadway Ave. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Morrilton VICINITY OF Second
STATE Arkansas CODE 05 COUNTY Conway CODE 029

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

not in use at present

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Missouri Pacific Railroad

STREET & NUMBER 6400 Martin Avenue

CITY, TOWN Kansas City VICINITY OF Missouri 64100

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Circuit Clerk & Recorder's Office, Conway Co. Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER South Moose St.

CITY, TOWN Morrilton STATE Arkansas, 72110

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Deed Record Book "K" at page 402

DATE November 24, 1869 recorded March 17, 1870. FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Recorder's office, Conway County Court house
CITY, TOWN Morrilton STATE Arkansas, 72110

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 Missouri-Pacific passenger depot at Morrilton, Arkansas, is a one-story building completely faced with dark red brick. The ceiling is 12'8" high. The building is 149' long, running east and west by the Missouri-Pacific tracks. It has a hip roof with red tile for covering. The main building has five main sections: a white waiting room (25' x 31') with rest rooms for men and women in the east section (20' x 20'); a ticket office (31' x 16'1") with a bay section (5' x 16'1") extending northward toward the railroad tracks; a black waiting room (25' x 26'); an open breezeway paved with red brick (17'7" x 20'); and a freight station (45'5" x 20') on the west end of the building. The windows and doors (now boarded over) are painted white as is the trim of the eaves and gabled roof-ends on the east and west. The depot occupies approximately half of the lot, the other half being equally divided into two graveled areas for parking.

The architectural style is typical of depots built in the early part of the twentieth century.

It might be noted that the signs on the east and west ends of the depot are not spelled like the name of the man who gave the right-of-way for the tracks and depot, Mr. E. J. Morrill. In spelling the name of the new town, the last "l" was omitted, and Morrill gave rise to Morrilton. Another interesting note: Morrilton, Arkansas is the only town by that name in the entire United States (according to all available gazetteers).

ca. 1907 (KS)

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Park, Hugh. Historical Reminiscences and Biographical Memoirs of Conway County, Arkansas. Little Rock: Arkansas Historical Publishing Co., 1890 (reprinted May, 1967). Arkansas Historical Series Number 10.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 5	5 2 3 2 8 0	3 8 8 9 7 5 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Bounded by Division St. on the west, Moose St. on the east, Railroad Ave. on the South, railroad tracks and Broadway on the north.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
		Conway County	
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE

Downtown Merchants Association of the Morrilton Chamber of Commerce

ORGANIZATION Mrs. T. J. Warren, Sr.

DATE
December 14, 1976

STREET & NUMBER
114 East Broadway

TELEPHONE
501-354-3369

CITY OR TOWN
Morrilton

STATE
Arkansas

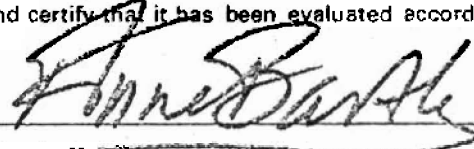
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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



TITLE
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE
12-14-76

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

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Dianna Kirk

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4 IDENTIFICATION

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

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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 type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Missouri-Pacific Railroad Co.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The commercial and residential development of any community parallels the development of transportation throughout our nation. At first there was only sea-port trading. Then, as travel began on inland waterways, river ports became the center of commerce and civilization followed the routes of transportation.

This was the case in Conway County, Arkansas. Traffic by way of the Arkansas River brought supplies and people to the river port landing at Lewisburg. But when the Missouri-Pacific Railroad built a line from Little Rock to Fort Smith, putting the tracks through Conway County about three miles north of Lewisburg, a new town came into existence - Morrilton. Freight and passenger service brought business and people to the area north and south of the tracks where homes, schools, churches and businesses were built. So, after the railroad came in 1875, a thriving community was born, developing surely and slowly into the county seat of Conway County. Mr. E. J. Morrill and Mr. James Miles Moose deeded land for the tracks and depot lot. The Morrill property was west of the quarter-section line; the Moose property lay to the east. It was decided to name the new town for the man on whose land the new depot was built. This was Mr. Morrill's land, so it became "Morrilton". The first street west of Division street (which divides the town into western and eastern halves) is Morrill Street; the first street east of Division Street is Moose Street.

Because of its central location in downtown Morrilton, the depot is visible from most of the major stores and businesses. The new Interstate 40 is approximately two miles north of the Missouri-Pacific tracks. As usual, new business places are opening up to be near the new freeway. In order to attract business and visitors to the older downtown area, the Morrilton Downtown Merchants Association is vitally interested in (1) preserving the reason for the origin of the town - the Missouri-Pacific Depot, (2) creating a museum in which to house items of historic value dating about the time the depot was built and through the following years of growth, (3) providing a display room where artists and craftsmen of the area can display and sell their wares, and (4) keep in repair a building of historic architectural significance. There are no more depots like the one in Morrilton. It is a sound, well-built structure,

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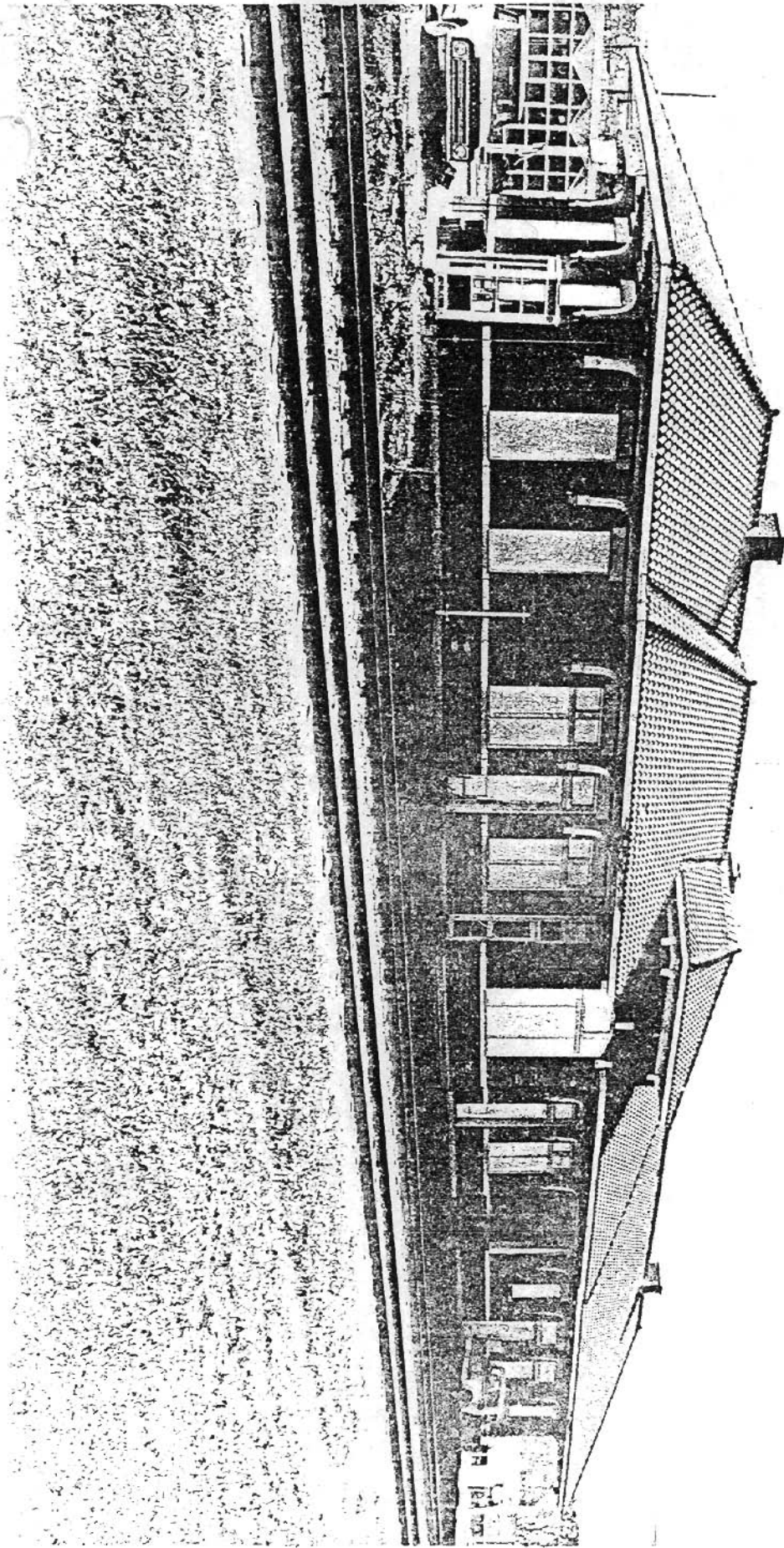
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and with proper care and maintenance it should last
for many years as a useful and interesting part of our
heritage for the future.



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SOURCE

U.S.G.S., Morrilton East Quadrangle

SCALE

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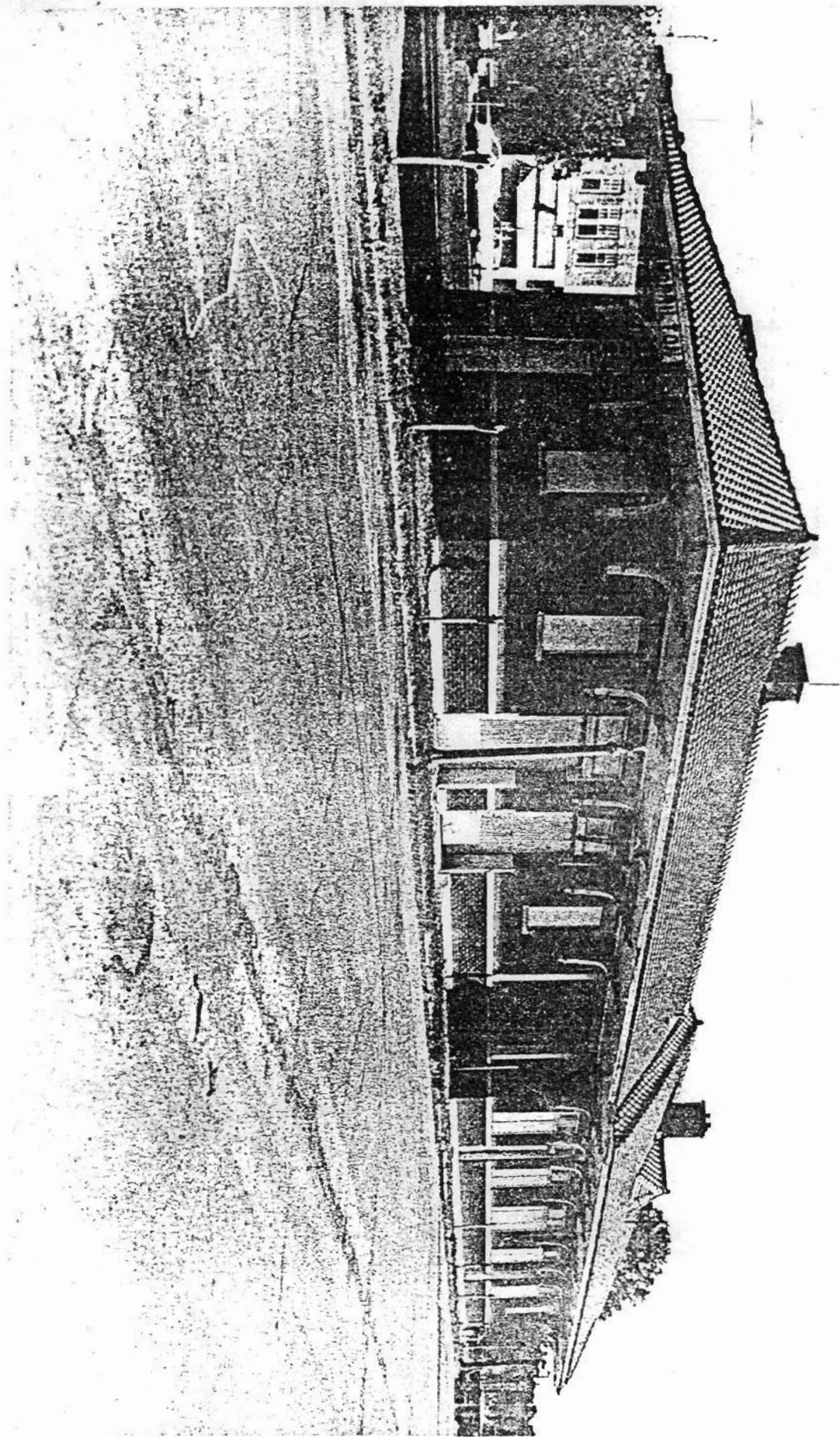
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4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

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



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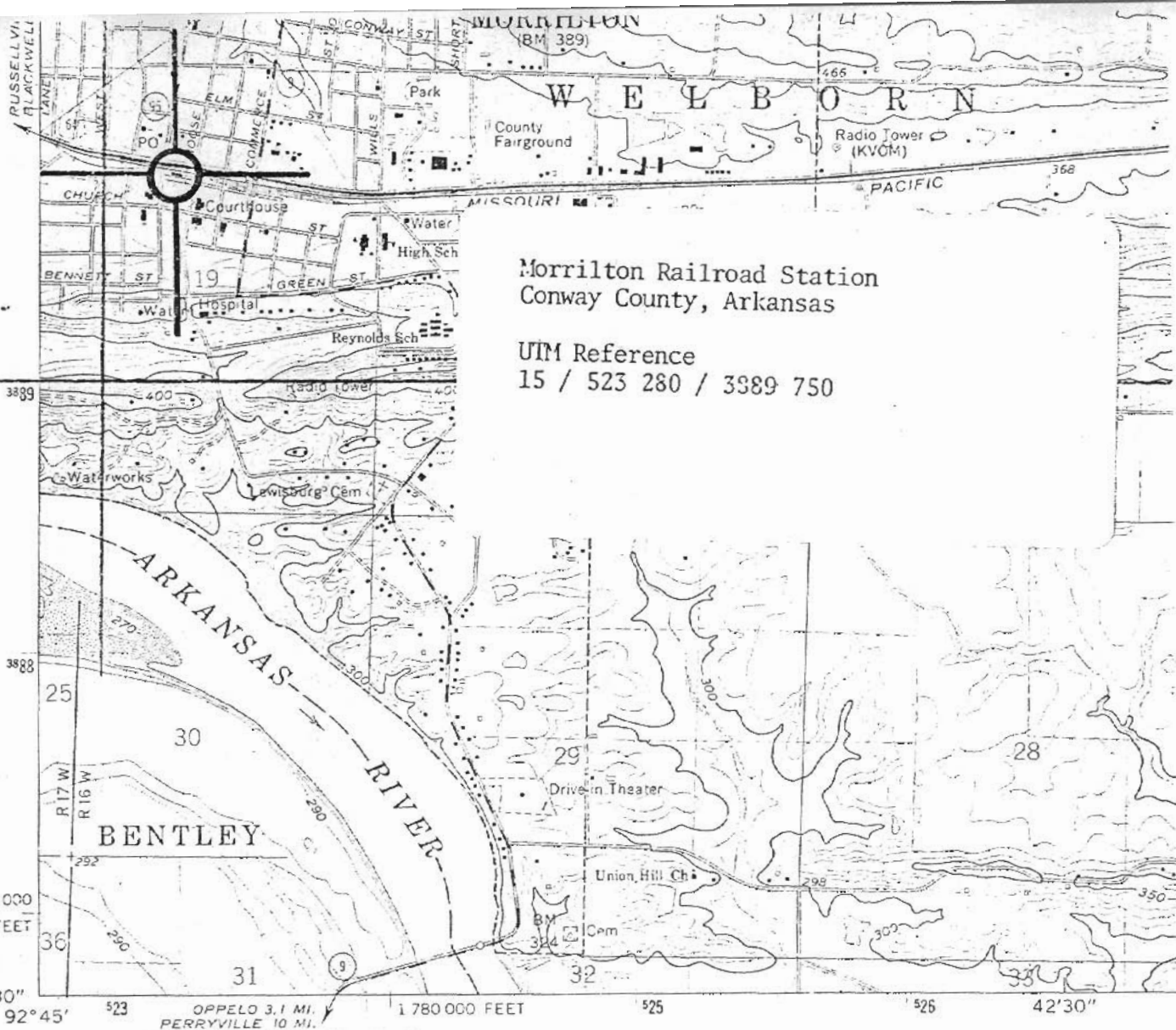
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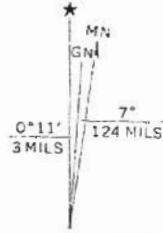
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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1958. Field checked 1961

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, north zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 15, shown in blue

Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown

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



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