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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: D. O. Harton House

other name/site number: FA0442

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2. Location

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street & number: 607 Davis Street

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Conway

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Faulkner code: AR 045 zip code: 72032

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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>	<u>1</u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>1</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

Carolyn A. Slater Signature of certifying official Date 6-4-96

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property X 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 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):

Signature of Keeper Date of Action

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6. Function or Use

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Historic: DOMESTIC Sub: Single dwelling

Current: DOMESTIC Sub: Single dwelling

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Colonial Revival
Other

Other Description: American Foursquare

Materials: foundation Brick roof Asphalt
walls Wood/Weatherboard other N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance. See continuation sheet.

Summary

The D. O. Harton, Jr. House is a two-and-one-half story, wood frame residence designed in the vernacular idiom known as the American Foursquare with minimal Colonial Revival influences. The rectangular plan of the main section is augmented with three enclosed projections: a second story sleeping porch on the western or rear elevation, next to the southern wall; a single story, hipped roof room, also projecting from the western elevation but near the northern wall; and a single story, hipped roof bedroom addition projecting from the northern elevation, near the eastern or front elevation. A single brick chimney projects from the southern slope of the main hipped roof. The asphalt shingle roof and wood, novelty-sided walls rest upon a continuous brick foundation.

Elaboration

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The eastern or front elevation is composed of the two-story block with its single-story front porch and hipped-roof central dormer set into the hipped roof over the main block. The dormer is fenestrated with three small, rectangular windows. The second story is lit by two one-over-one wood windows, symmetrically-placed within the facade. The first story is fenestrated with two large one-over-one wood windows that flank the off-center, single-leaf entrance placed slightly to the north. The porch is supported upon four wooden box columns ornamented at capital and base with minimal Classical detailing.

The northern elevation is composed of the side of the two-story house block and the projecting single-story bedroom addition. The main house block is regularly fenestrated with two large windows on the second story and a single window to the west of the addition on the first story. The addition itself is punctuated by a single window on its eastern elevation, another single window on its northern elevation, and two small windows and a single-leaf entrance -- placed near the intersection with the main house block -- on its western elevation. The northern elevation is finished with the side walls of the single-story, hipped roof porch and the second-story sleeping porch, both of which project from the building's western elevation.

The southern elevation is composed of the main house block to the east and the projecting porches to the west. The main house block is symmetrically-fenestrated on both floors, with each level featuring two one-over-one wood windows. The second-story sleeping porch contains three wood windows, as does the side of the single-story porch below. The sleeping porch is supported at the rear by a pair of formed concrete block columns.

The western elevation is dominated by the second-story sleeping porch toward the south and the hipped-roof, single-story room to the north. The single-story room is lit with a total of six windows, while the second-story porch is lit with a total of four windows. Another single window lights the wall to the north of the sleeping porch. The wall beneath the sleeping porch is punctuated by an entrance that contains a pair of hinged wooden doors.

Significant exterior details are limited to the minimal Classical detailing on the front porch columns, the formed concrete block columns that support the rear sleeping porch, and the overriding symmetry that generally characterized the entire composition.

The interior, though always relatively simple, is largely intact. Door and window trim survive throughout most of the building, and original horizontal

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Blank walls remain beneath the wallpaper in most of the building, particularly the second floor. Some minor alterations have been made to the original floor plan -- the most noteworthy of which are the partial relocation of the staircase to the second floor, the removal of an interior wall to create a larger living room on the first floor and the addition of the northern bedroom -- but the overall character of the original American Foursquare floorplan remains intact.

Also included in the nomination is a small, single-story, gable roof outbuilding located directly behind the house. Built in 1970, it replaced an earlier original outbuilding; it is non-contributing.

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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: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: ARCHITECTURE

Period(s) of Significance: 1913

Significant Dates: 1913

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Harton, Daniel Osbon

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.
___ See continuation sheet.

Summary Criterion C, local significance

The D. O. Harton, Jr. House was constructed in 1913 by D. O. Harton, Jr., a

Local Conway contractor who built several homes in Conway during this era, particularly for his extended family. It remains a very good example of the vernacular housing type known as the American Foursquare, and this in spite of the additions that have occurred to the house (though all are historic). Its two-and-one-half story main block, complete with hipped roof and hipped dormer, survives largely intact, as does the original single story, flat roof front porch supported upon Colonial Revival wooden box columns.

Elaboration

The town of "Conway Station" was laid out and platted by Colonel Asa Peter Robinson, a Little Rock and Fort Smith Railroad official who in 1871 was granted a section of land of his own choice by the railroad on which to build a town. By 1873 Conway became the Faulkner County seat and a prosperous railroad town (now served by the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad after the demise of the Little Rock and Ft. Smith Railroad) in the midst of rich farming country. It was incorporated on October 9, 1875, and quickly grew into a bustling city, primarily due to its being an important regional hub for the surrounding farmers. Conway served the regional agricultural community both as a transportation center for selling and conveying their crops to an international marketplace and as a mercantile outlet where local farmers could purchase various staples and commodities. Over time the Conway merchants adjusted to the seasonal nature of this form of commerce and built a thriving commercial center that continues to be economically vital. By the early twentieth century Conway also became an educational center in the state, being the host to both the Arkansas State Normal School (later the Arkansas State Teachers College, now the University of Central Arkansas) and Hendrix College.

The oldest residential neighborhood of the city -- in which the D. O. Harton, Jr. House is located -- largely reflects the architectural styles popular in the first decades of the twentieth century, when Conway experienced such dramatic growth. Daniel Osbon Harton, Sr. was born January 23, 1849 in Quitman (northern Faulkner County). He moved to nearby Springfield in 1870 and worked as a salesman in the mercantile firm of Martin and Vaughn. During that time he met and married his wife, Florra Elisabeth Moore. In 1883 he formed his own mercantile firm in partnership with Capt. W. W. Martin and relocated to the growing commercial and civic center of Conway.

D. O. Harton, Jr. (born April 18, 1885 in Conway) was the oldest child of the family. He attended the Conway public schools and Hendrix College, and became the first of the family's eleven children to leave home to get married (to Harriet Minnie Gibbons on December 31, 1913) and build a house of his own. D. O., Jr. was a contractor by trade and built this residence himself (he also built another house at 705 Davis in Conway for his brother Balfour). It is believed locally that his mother served as the architect for the house.

D. O. Harton, Jr. later became a prosperous local businessman and farmer. He founded the Harton Service Company with his brother, Marcus W., in 1924, a business in which he remained active for the next 25 years. He also served

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...s a member of the board at the First National Bank, as a steward of the First Methodist Church, and as a member of the Board of Trustees of Hendrix College. He also served as a member of the Conway Corporation Board and directed the sale of savings bonds in Faulkner County during World War II.

He also pursued a relatively active political career. He served as secretary of the Faulkner County Democratic Central Committee for several years in addition to serving as a Justice of the Peace for Cadron Township.

In a residential neighborhood largely characterized by later construction that reflects the influence of the Craftsman style and the various revival styles that became popular in the 1920's, the D. O. Harton, Jr. House stands out as one of the larger and more impressive wood frame residential structures. Though simply detailed throughout, the house retains its essential American Foursquare aspect through its hipped roof, two-story rectangular house block and single-story front porch that extends across the full front of the building. As such, it remains the finest example of this traditional American building type and is thus eligible under Criterion C with local significance.

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9. Major Bibliographical References
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Faulkner County Historical Society, *Faulkner County: Its Land and People*, (Conway: 1986).

Gatewood, Robert, *Conway & Faulkner County, Arkansas -- A History*, (1961).

Obituary for D. O. Harton, Jr., *Arkansas Gazette*, July 3, 1951.

Obituary for D. O. Harton, Jr., *Log Cabin Democrat*, July 2, 1951.

Obituary for Hattie Harton, *Log Cabin Democrat*, June 27, 1991.

___ 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

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- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreeage of Property: Less than one

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
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Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

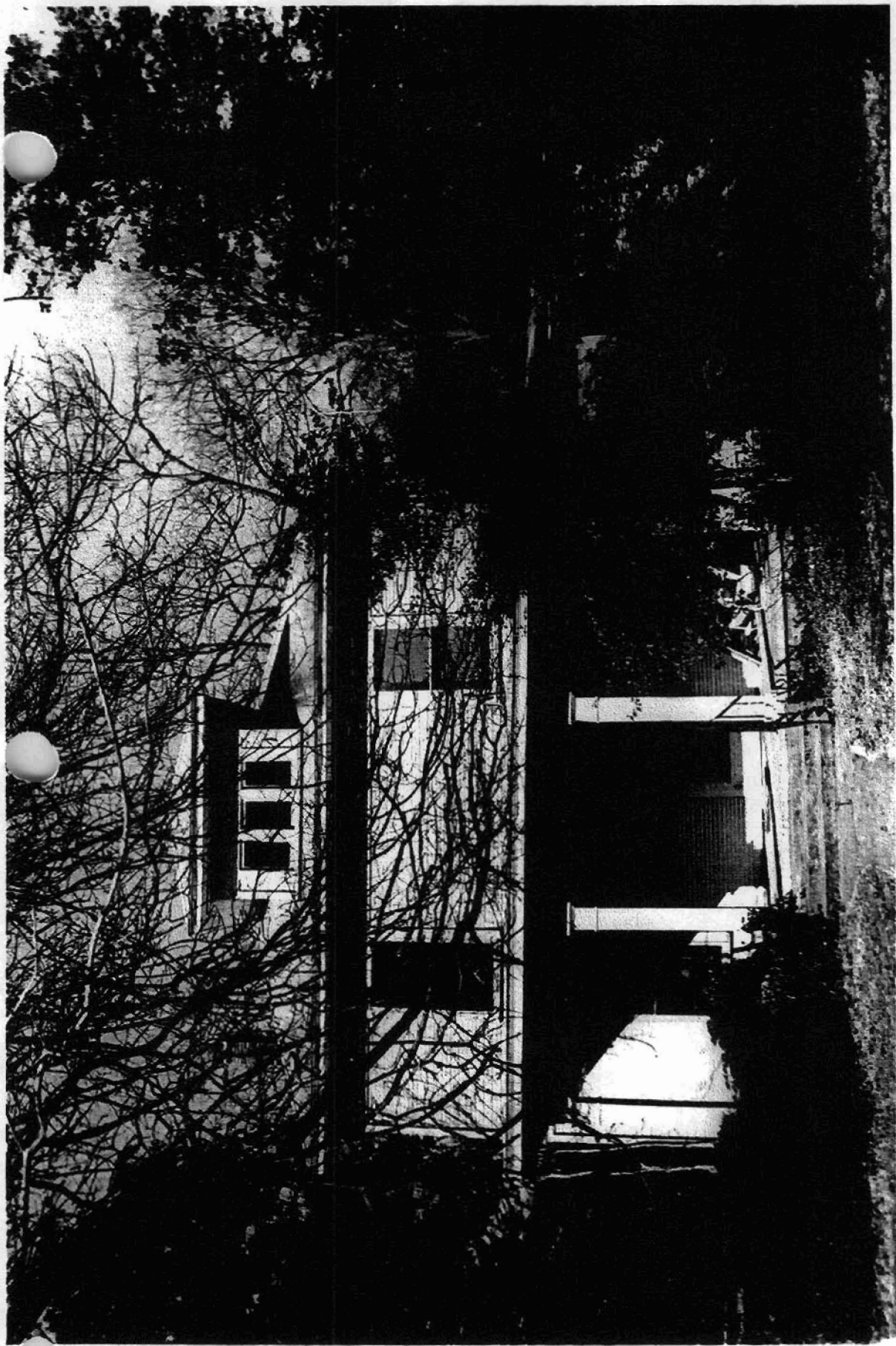
Lots 10, 11 and 12, D. O. Harton's Subdivision, Block 38 of Robinson's Plan, City of Conway.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

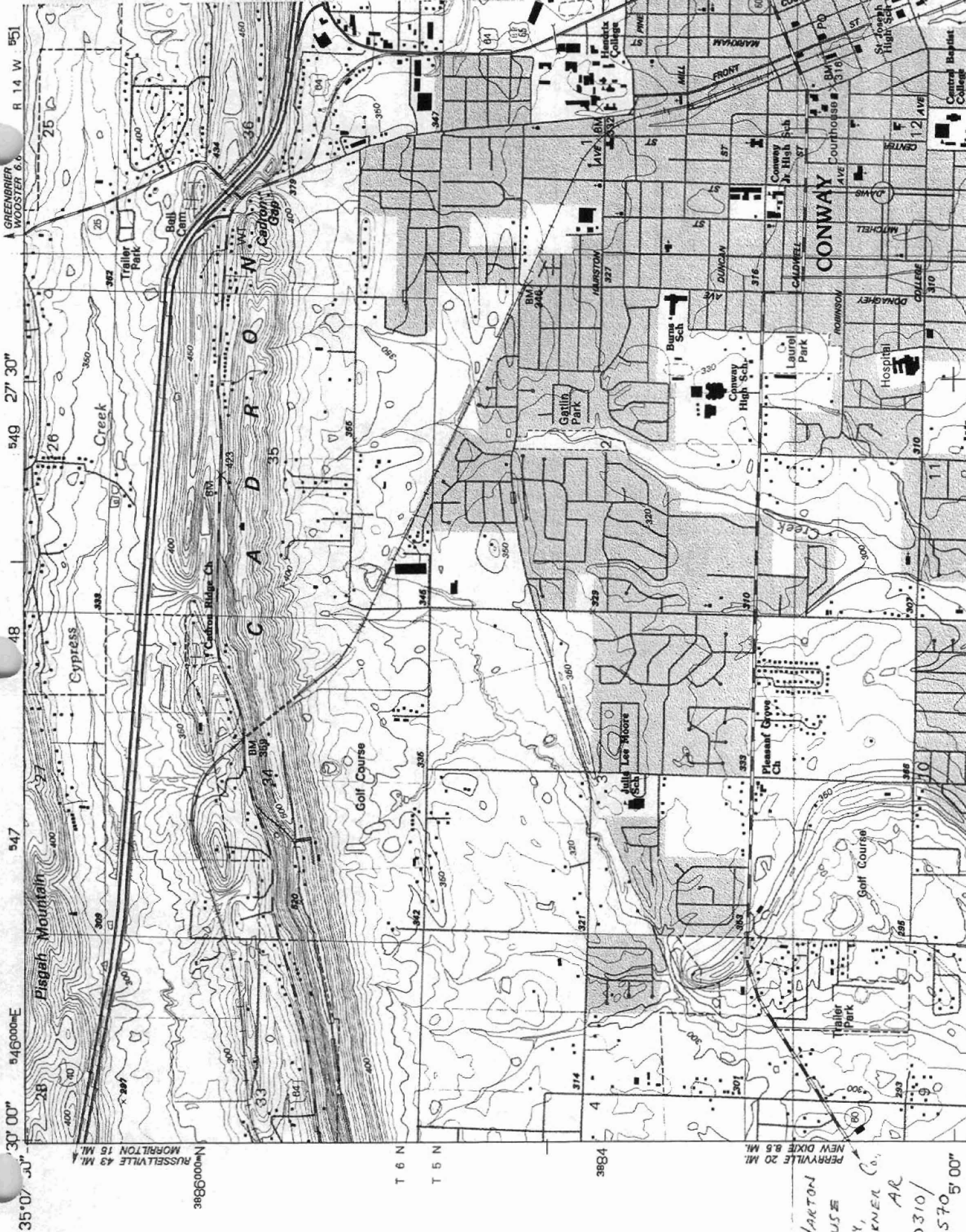
This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource.

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11. Form Prepared By
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