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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Guy High School Gymnasium

other name/site number: FA0865

2. Location

street & number: State Highway 25

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Guy

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Faulkner code: AR 045 zip code: 72061

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-local

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: 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 _____ 8-2-92
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 _____
_____ 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: EDUCATION Sub: Education-related

Current: EDUCATION Sub: Education-related

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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 Asphalt
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
SOCIAL HISTORY

Period(s) of Significance: 1938-1940

Significant Dates: N/A

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Works Progress Administration

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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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: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

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C	___	___	___	D	___	___	___

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of a line running parallel to the building's eastern elevation and located approximately 25 feet to the east thereof with a perpendicular line running parallel to the building's southern elevation and located approximately 25 feet to the south thereof (a point located approximately 750 feet south of the southern edge of State Highway 25), proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the building's western elevation; thence proceed northerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a 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 perpendicular line running parallel to the building's eastern elevation; thence proceed southerly 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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Summary

The Guy High School Gymnasium is a single-story building of a rectangular plan with two projecting porches. Constructed in 1938 by the WPA, the Plain Traditional-styled building is covered by a composition-shingled gable roof with Craftsman exposed rafters and a narrow frieze board. The walls consist of structural cut-stone and are supported by a continuous stone foundation. Four interior brick chimneys protrude from the roofline.

Elaboration

Projecting gable roof porches at each corner highlight the northern elevation. Both porches are supported by two cut-stone columns, and both have stuccoed pediments. The western porch contains modern, double-leaf glass doors, whereas the eastern porch provides access through a single-leaf wood door with transom. This elevation is lighted by seven, asymmetrically placed, nine-over-nine, double-hung windows.

The eastern elevation is fenestrated by two sets of side-by-side, nine-over-nine, double-hung windows with a stationary nine-pane window directly above each. A single-leaf door is located to the south of these windows, and a single nine-over-nine, double-hung window is positioned near the southern corner. The southern elevation consists of seven boarded-over windows and five sets of side-by-side, three-pane stationary windows placed under the eaves and interrupting the frieze board. As in the eastern elevation, the western elevation is lighted by two sets of side-by-side, nine-over-nine, double-hung windows with a nine-pane stationary window directly above each.

The building is still used as a gymnasium by the Guy-Perkins School District. Noteworthy interior features include a ceiling as opposed to the more common open-rafter gymnasium roof; wood columns, which support the ceiling and separate the playing court from the bleachers; and an inset stage on the north side of the gymnasium.

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Guy High School Gymnasium

Still in use as a school gymnasium by the Guy-Perkins School District, the Guy High School Gymnasium was built with local labor through the Works Progress Administration in 1938. D. D. Battles, a local resident who recalled working on the building, noted in 1991 that the WPA workers used hand crow bars to dig up huge stones along the nearby North Cadron Creek, then hauled them to the construction site on horse-drawn wagons. The workers then used large scaffolds and iron chains to hoist the heavy stones to the top of the building. Later in the gymnasium's history, air conditioning, indoor plumbing and modern lighting were added. The building is still use as a gymnasium by the Guy-Perkins School District.¹

The Guy High School Gymnasium, 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 large stone school building constructed for a rural school district. Its documented construction by the W.P.A. and its use during this period as a local school building clearly identify it with this historic context and with this property type. It is significant locally under Criterion A through its direct associations with both the history of the evolution of the public school system in the Ozark Mountain region of the state during this period and the W.P.A.

¹Faulkner County: Its Land and People (Conway, AR: Faulkner County Historical Society, 1986), 301.

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