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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

NAME

HISTORIC

Bank of Booneville Building

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

One West Main

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Booneville

VICINITY OF

Third

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Arkansas

05

Logan

083

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Dunn Insurance Agency, Inc.

STREET & NUMBER

One West Main

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Booneville

VICINITY OF

Arkansas

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Booneville

Arkansas

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 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

Located at the intersection of State Highways 10 and 23, the Bank of Booneville Building is one of the earliest buildings built in the business district of Booneville. Prior to 1900, the business district of Booneville was located south of where it is now along what is now First Street (formerly Railroad Avenue). Shortly after 1900, the business district moved a few blocks north of the railroad to where it is now and the Bank of Booneville Building is located in the center of this area.

The building was constructed in 1902 as a brick building to house the newly formed Bank of Booneville, which was chartered April 24, 1899. The main entrance is located at the building street corner and is detailed in rusticated stone, which forms a Roman arch over the door. The brick corbels out at the top and is finished with brick dentils.

With three exceptions, the building has remained unchanged structurally since its construction. When it was built, there were wooden awnings covering the entire sidewalk. These awnings were very high off the street as the attached photocopy shows. Due to wear and tear, the awnings were later taken down and replaced. The current owner, during the recent renovation of the building, has put back awnings made of canvas which were popular during the early 1900's. At some time during the life of the building, some owner covered a large area of the original brick with stucco and, at the same time, enlarged the windows.

The present owner has recently completed an extensive exterior remodeling of the building. At all times it was the intent of the owner to bring the building back to as near original condition as practical.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bank of Booneville is one of the oldest buildings in the town. The building architecturally is representative of a turn of the century commercial style and most significant in its importance in the commercial development of Booneville.

Booneville, Arkansas was founded in 1878 and for several years was not an economic factor in the southern part of Logan County. However, upon the establishment of the Rock Island Depot, Booneville prospered and has since maintained a steady growth.

On April 24, 1899, several residents of Booneville chartered the Bank of Booneville. This group bought the land for the building site the following day. Until the building was constructed, the Bank operated out of a frame building about 175 feet from the site of the future bank building.

It is generally agreed that the Bank of Booneville was constructed in 1902.

Located at the intersection of State Highways 10 and 23, the Bank of Booneville Building is one of the first structures to be constructed in the present business district of the city. Prior to 1900, the city's business district was in a different section of town and redeveloped at the present location in association with the railroad industry.

The bank was closed by presidential order for liquidation purposes on October 17, 1934. It was bought at public auction shortly thereafter by a local doctor, reportedly for \$2,500. He leased out the front half to Ms. Grace Gatlin, who ran a drugstore at the location from then until the late 1960's.

"Grace," as she was known to everyone, was a great friend of the young people in the Booneville area and any long-time Booneville resident under the age of 60 and over the age of 30 can recall hours and hours of time spent at "Grace's" either at the soda fountain, the magazine rack or the "mourner's Bench." The mourner's bench is a landmark known to anyone in Booneville who has been here any length of time at all. The front window of the building has a ledge that sticks out six or eight inches about 24 inches off the sidewalk and over the years, this has provided a natural gathering place for people of all ages for all reasons. Many a story has been told from the mourner's bench.

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One other unique feature of "Grace's" relates to her size. She is an extremely small woman, possibly no taller than 4' 6". When she rented the area for her drug-store, she had the floor in the prescription counter area raised approximately 30 inches so she could see what all was happening in her place of business. To this day, the back one-third of the front part of the building is still about 30 inches higher than the front two-thirds.

The building changed hands again about 1960 and has been used for miscellaneous office and store occupancies until the present. It was bought by the present occupant in August of 1976 and has been restored to as near original condition as is practical.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

State Banking Commission

Logan County Clerk

Personal Interviews with following long-time Booneville residents:

Eva Franks, C. I. Evans, Virge Jones, W. E. Smee, Melvin Dunn, Granville Tatum and Grace Gatlin.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1 acre.

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Latitude 35° 8' 26"

Longitude 93° 55' 17"

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE

Don A. Dunn, President

ORGANIZATION

Dunn Insurance Agency, Inc.

DATE

October 9, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

1 West Main

TELEPHONE

501-675-2400

CITY OR TOWN

Booneville

STATE

Arkansas

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

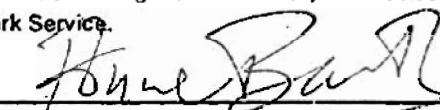
NATIONAL

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



TITLE

DATE

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: _____ DATE _____

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM



Suite 500, Continental Building, Main and Markham
November 4, 1977 Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 Telephone: (501) 371-2763

Mr. Don Dunn
Dunn Insurance Agency, Inc.
1 West Main
Booneville, Arkansas

Re: Bank of Booneville
Booneville, Logan County

Dear Mr. Dunn:

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program is preparing a National Register nomination for the above captioned property which will be presented to the Arkansas State Review Committee at their December meeting. **If approved** the nomination will be submitted to the National Register office in Washington for final consideration.

The National Register of Historic Places is a listing of historic sites, buildings, objects and districts from all across the country that are worthy of preservation. Entry in the National Register is an honor which places an obligation on a private owner. It does, however, provide protection through comment by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation from federally financed, assisted or licensed projects that might affect a National Register property.

On October 4, 1976, the President signed a Tax Reform Act of which Section 2124 refers to tax incentives for historic properties. Enclosed you will find an information sheet on that tax act.

If you have any questions concerning the program or this property's nomination please contact Sandra Taylor of our staff.

Enclosed are two copies of this letter. Please complete the form below, sign and return the original to our office. The copy is for your files. We would appreciate receiving any comments you might have concerning the nomination of this property. **If we do not hear from you within 30 days your approval will be assumed.**

Sincerely,

Barbara Woodard

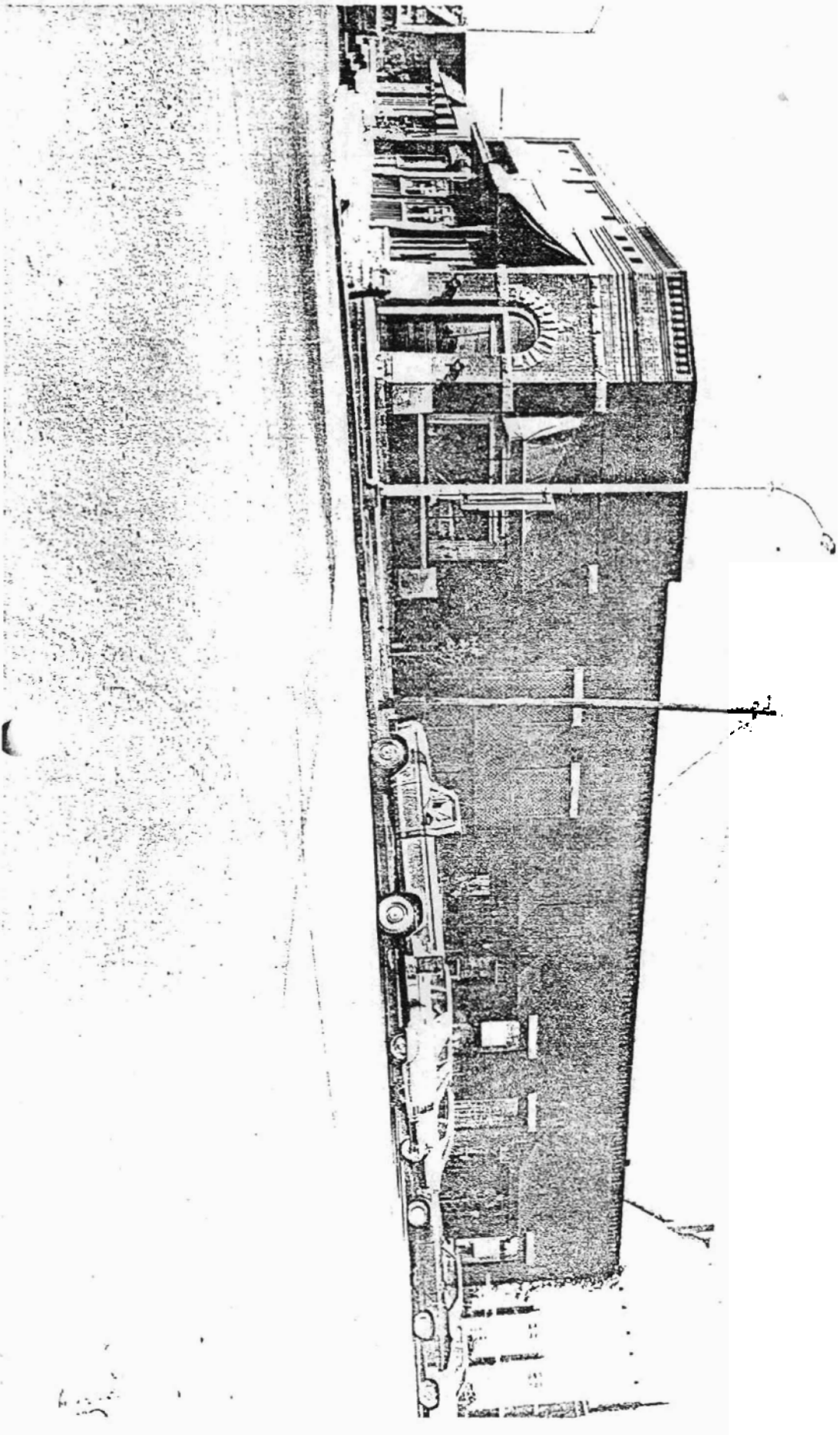
Barbara Woodard, Deputy Director
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

I approve of the nomination of the above property
to the National Register of Historic Places.

Yes No

Comments:

11/14/77 *Don Dunn*
Date Signature



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1 NAME

HISTORIC Bank of Boonville Building

AND/OR COMMON
same

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Boonville VICINITY OF COUNTY Logan STATE Arkansas

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

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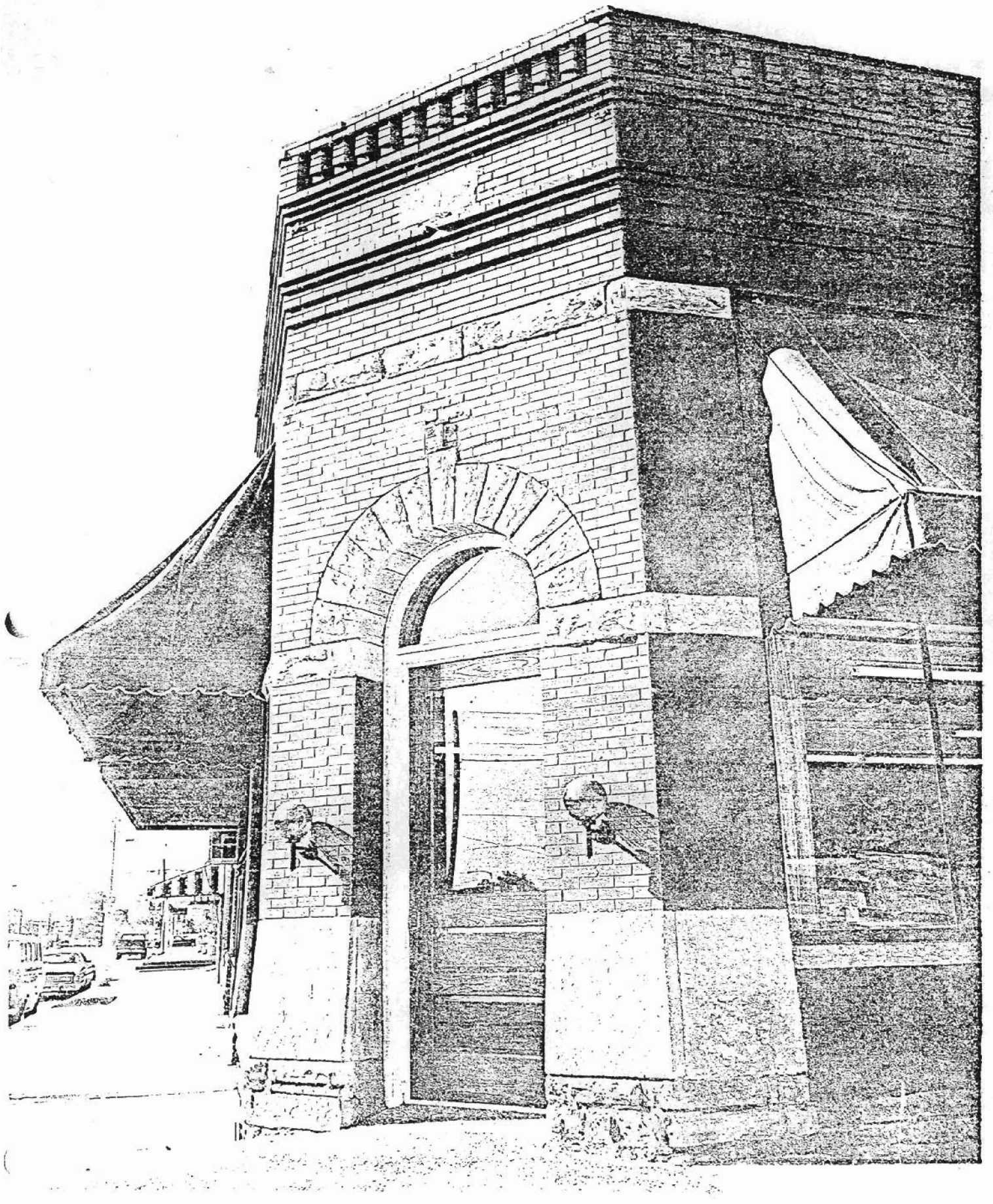
4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

PHOTO NO.

south-east corner

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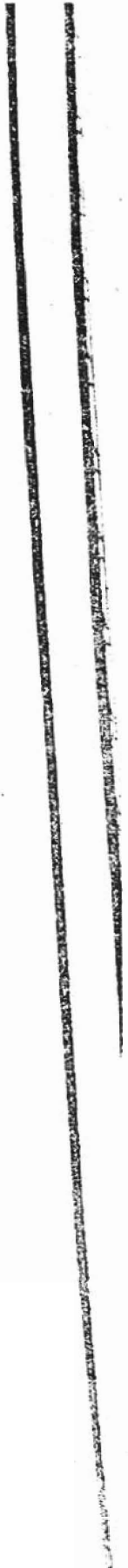
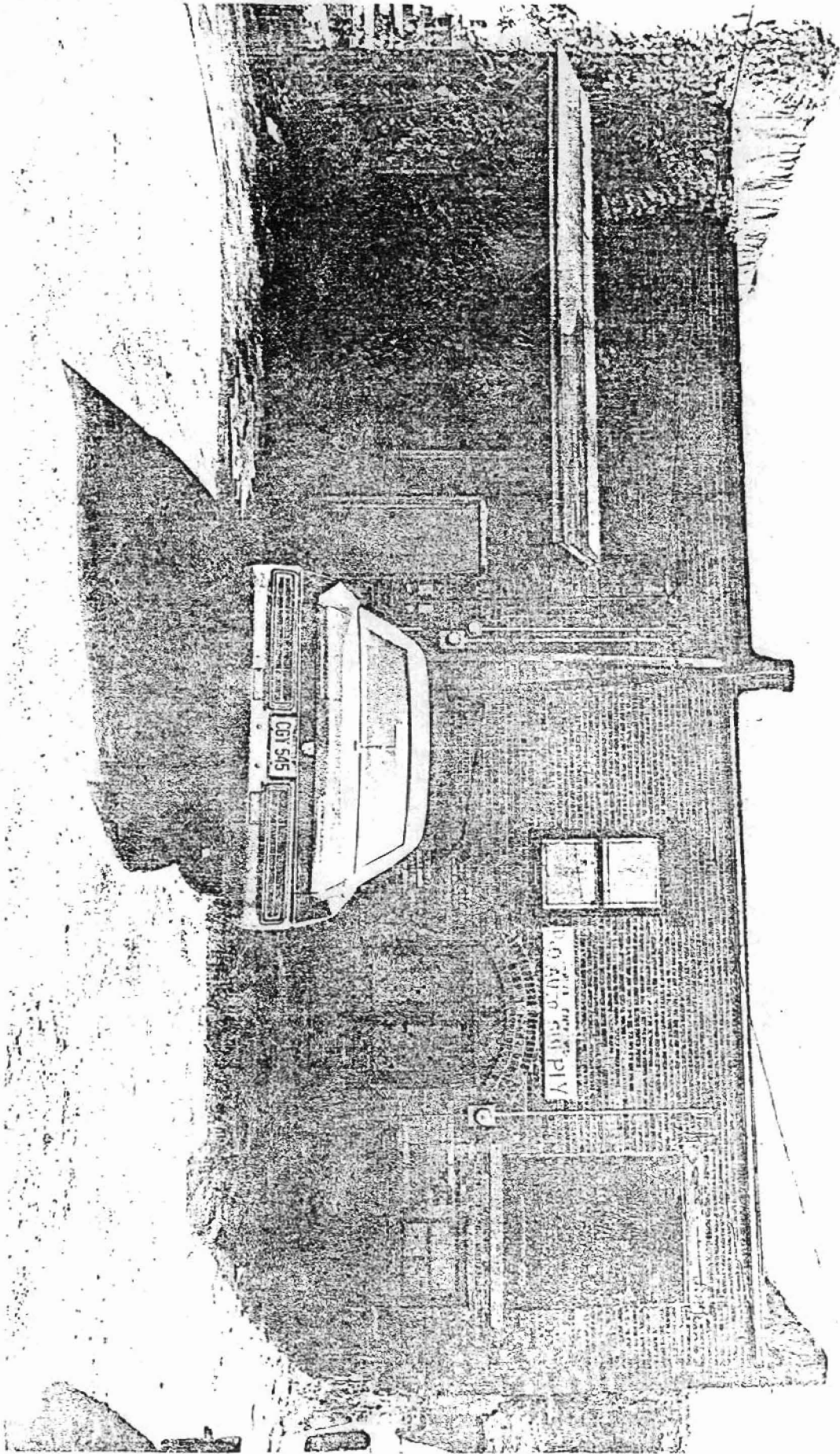
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Detail: south-east corner

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North elevation

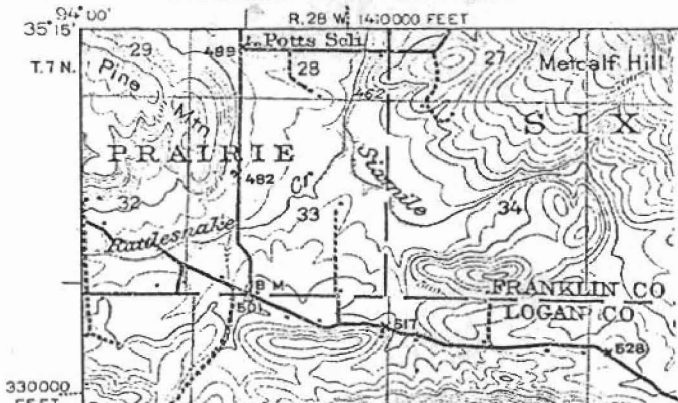
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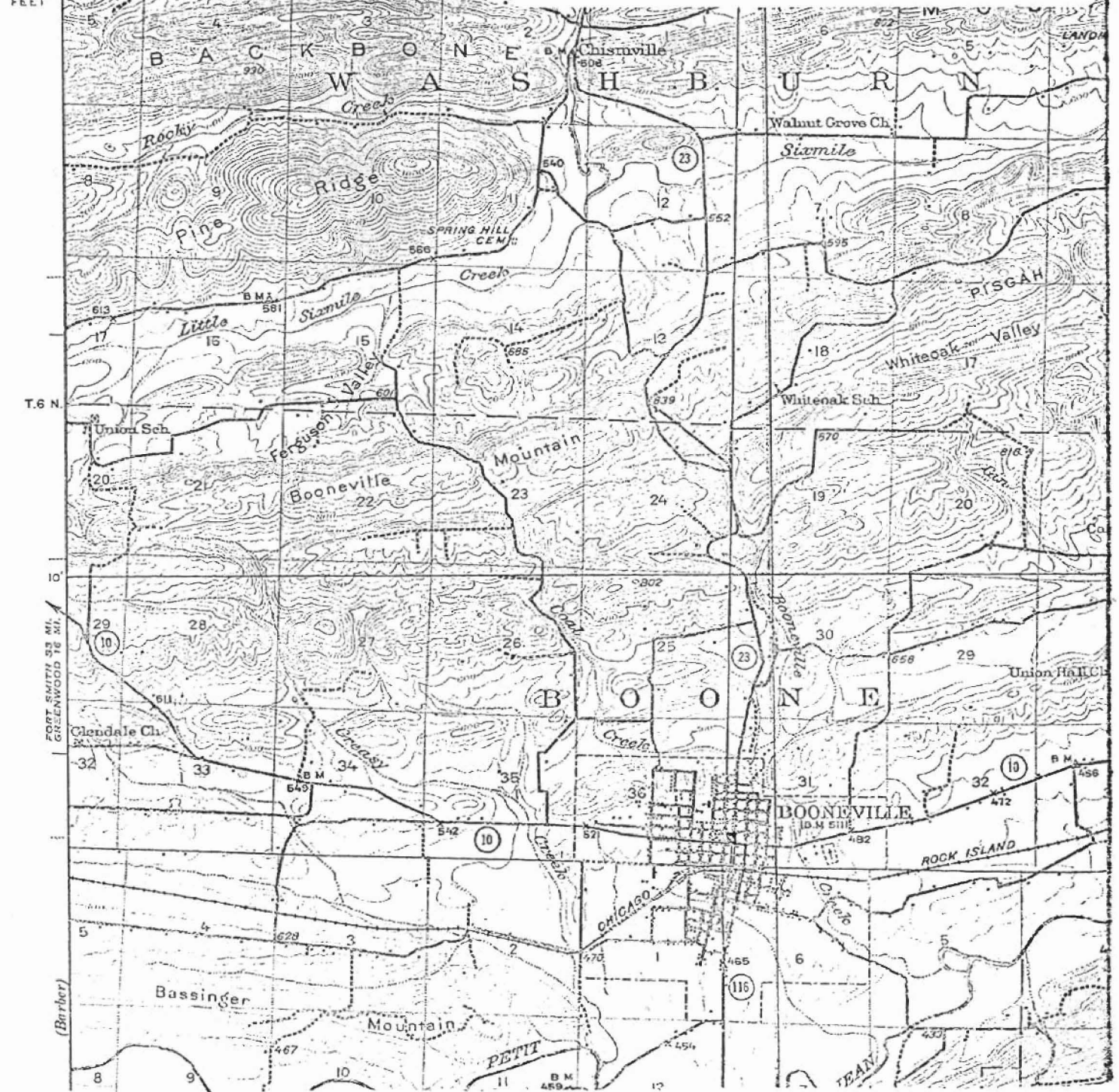
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OZARK 19 MI.
CAULKVILLE 5 MI.

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Bank of Boonville
Boonville, Arkansas
Latitude 35° 8' 26"
Longitude 93° 55' 17"



FORT SMITH 33 MI.
GREENWOOD 16 MI.

(Barber)

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Bank of Boonville

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN

Boonville

____ VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Logan

STATE

Arkansas

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

United States Geological Survey

SCALE

1/62500

DATE

1934

4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

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