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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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 Logan County Courthouse, Eastern District

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Courthouse Square

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN
Paris

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Third

STATE
Arkansas

CODE
05

COUNTY
Logan

CODE
083

3 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:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Logan County (Buster Tritt, County Judge)

STREET & NUMBER
Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN
Paris

VICINITY OF

STATE
Arkansas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC
Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER
Logan County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN
Paris

STATE
Arkansas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Constructed in 1908, the Logan County Courthouse in Paris is one of the area's most architecturally significant structures. The two-storey brick building rests above a full basement of gray cut-stone. Exceptional features include brick quoins at each corner, classical porticos on three elevations and a clock cupola surmounting the low hipped roof.

The native stone foundation has simple rectangular windows on each elevation and a cast-stone water table above. The upper stories of both the north and south elevations have three sets of paired windows. Over each pair is a single semi-circular arched head with keystone. All other windows around the building have flat arched heads with alternate voussoirs. The entablature of the building features a frieze with dentils and a cornice with simple rectangular-block brackets.

The north elevation and south facade are almost identical. Both are seven bays wide with the three center bays projecting slightly from the wall surface and marked with brick quoins. A pediment is set into the parapet above the north center bay. The south center bay is covered by a two-storey classical portico supported by four round columns set on square bases. The entablature of this white portico is identical to that surrounding the building itself. The same pattern of dentils and simple block brackets is repeated in the pediment.

Both the east and west elevations are five bays wide and feature classical porticos identical to the south portico. The central entry beneath each of the three porticos consists of double doors beneath a wide transom. (These glass and aluminum doors are new additions, c.1950.) Flanking the panel above each transom are wide scroll brackets. Each entry is capped with a pediment which is identical in style to those on the porticos.

Rising a full storey from the center of the roof is an octagonal clock tower. Of frame construction, this small tower has an entablature similar to that of the building. The north, south, east and west sides of the tower have a round clock face set beneath a small boxed-cornice gable. A decorative paneled finial rests atop the clock tower.

Though the interior of the structure was remodeled in 1950, the original foyer and central hallway floor was retained. Small hexagon-shaped tiles are set in circular and star-shaped patterns giving the interior halls a colorful appearance.

The courthouse rests on a square in the center of the small Paris business district. Its size and classical style combine to make the courthouse an architectural landmark in the county.

SIGNIFICANCE

100 <input type="checkbox"/> HISTORIC <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE <input type="checkbox"/> ART <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE <input type="checkbox"/> LAW <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

A. Klingensmith

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The largest number of architecturally significant public buildings in Arkansas are the courthouses scattered over the state's seventy-five counties. As the center of local politics the courthouse is often the largest and most costly building in the county. Such is the case with the eastern district courthouse in Logan County. This large brick building in Paris is the oldest of the county's two courthouses.

Though originally named for State Senator John N. Sarber, Logan County was renamed in 1875 to honor a pioneer settler, James Logan. The county was created on March 22, 1871, from portions of Franklin, Johnson, Scott and Yell Counties.

A temporary county seat was established at Reville in 1873. Two years later appointed commissioners located the permanent county seat in Paris. In 1901 a second county seat was established at Booneville to serve the southwest part of the county.

The present courthouse was erected in 1908 and is the most architecturally important structure in Paris. The red brick building is trimmed in white and features a decorative octagonal clock tower. Classical porticos are located on three elevations and give this rectangular structure an especially impressive appearance.

Resting on the court square in the Paris business district, the courthouse and surrounding lawn have long served a central role in the civic and social life of the community.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	15	433610	3905510	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Dianna Kirk, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE

June 8, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

300 West Markham

TELEPHONE

(501) 371-1639

CITY OR TOWN

Little Rock

STATE

Arkansas

12 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

June 8, 1976

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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

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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1 NAME

HISTORIC

Logan County Courthouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN

Paris

___ VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Logan

STATE

Arkansas

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Sandra Taylor

DATE OF PHOTO 1975

NEGATIVE FILED AT Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

4 IDENTIFICATION

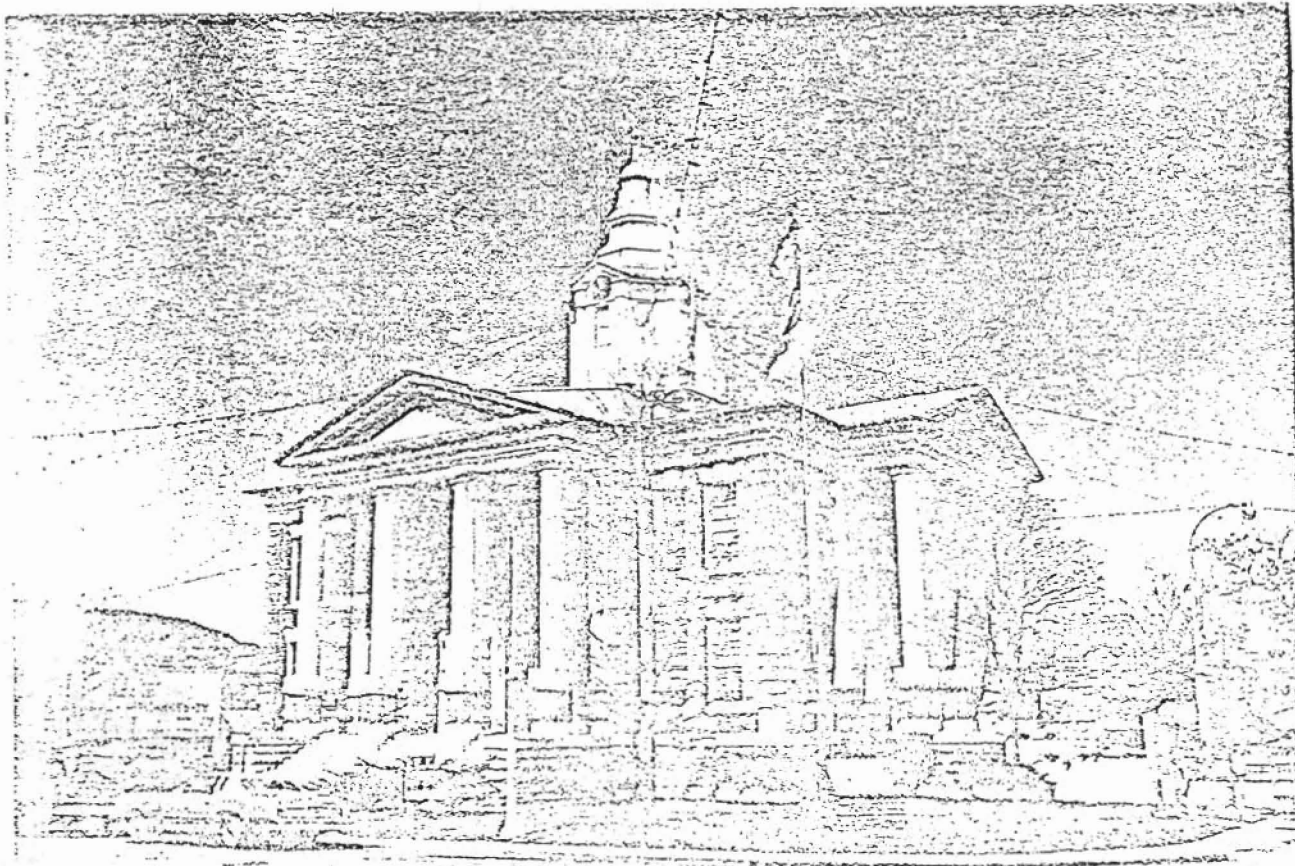
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

PHOTO NO

1. South & east elevations

1

INT: 2983-75



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NAME

HISTORIC Logan County Courthouse

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

CITY/TOWN Paris VICINITY OF COUNTY Logan STATE Arkansas

MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE USGS, Paris Quadrangle

SCALE 1:24,000 DATE 1961

REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

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

INT: 2386-75



Logan County Courthouse
Paris, Arkansas

UTM Reference

15/433 610/3905 510

1 8 N
MAGAZINE MOUNTAIN 1:125 000

1 7 N

17 30"
17 SOUTH 41 MI.
17 CHARLESVILLE 5.5 MI.

17 30"