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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC The Layton Building

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 1110 Mill Street-SW corner of Town Sq. NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN Yellville VICINITY OF Third CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Arkansas CODE 05 COUNTY Marion CODE 089

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Bobby Joe Baker; Nancy Belle Watts

STREET & NUMBER Post Office Box 488

CITY, TOWN Yellville VICINITY OF STATE Arkansas 72657

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. County Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER Marion County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN Yellville STATE Arkansas

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

\_\_FEDERAL \_\_STATE \_\_COUNTY \_\_LOCAL

# 7 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 type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Layton Building, constructed in 1906, was built to house the Layton Department Store and the Bank of Yellville. It is a two-storey rectangular structure of rusticated stone. The east (front) façade is composed of five irregularly placed flat-arched bays on the first storey and six irregularly placed segmental arched bays above. Windows on the other three sides are irregularly placed. The four entrances on the ground floor level are inset walls meeting at a 45degree angle from the facade. The cornice above the first floor is of a pressed tin fleur-de-lis design. The cornice atop the building is also metal with brackets and bosses. The upper bays have been infilled with metal screens and four of the nine lower bays have altered infills.

The walk-in vault with the original safe inside still remain a visual reminder of the time the building served as the Bank of Yellville. One of the most unique aspects of the Layton Building is in the bank section of the structure. The floors are of black and white marble, which show the effect of thousands of nervous feet as they stood before the cashier. Another feature of the building is the elevator which was hand driven until 1952 and is still operable today.

The interior ground floor was originally divided into two main areas, the department store and the bank. Other areas were stairways, a coal shutter and dock area for loading and unloading. The main level of the building conatins 9,240 wquare feet of floor space. There is a horseshoe shaped mezzanine floor over the rear one-third of the main level and along both side walls extending some ten feet over the department store adding display area for this function of the building. The department store was divided into sub areas such as hardware, groceries, liquor, clothing and notions.

The bank was divided into a bank lobby, tellers area, and a vault and rear office. The mezzanine floor was suspended from the bottom of the second floor with steel tie rods and two steel poles secured in the basement and reaching up to support the second floor in the middle. The ceilings throughout the building are of a unique pattern manufactured by a local planning mill.

The Layton Building contains a total of 18, 480 square feet plus the mexxanine section. The two-storey building measures 140ft.X 66ft. and stands as a local landmark in Yellville, Arkansas.

# 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
400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES **1906**

BUILDER/ARCHITECT **C.A. Jones Contractor**

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Since the early twentieth century, one of the largest and most prominent buildings in Marion County, Arkansas has been the Layton Building, located on the square of the small mining town of Yellville in the Arkansas Ozark Mountains. Significant in its representation of a turn-of-the-century commercial structure in a small mountain town, the Layton Building stands as a local landmark.

First construction on the Layton Building was started in 1903 with the digging of the basement and laying of the foundation. Building was disrupted in 1904 due to the death of one of the owners, but resumed in 1905 by Mr. A.S. Layton and finished in 1906. The contractor on the job was C. A. Jones who had built the Marion County Courthouse. The huge limestone blocks were quarried on what is now the Scott Cowan Farm, located about one mile northeast of Yellville. All materials used in construction of the building were moved by horse and mule teams. Due to the size of some of these stones it was necessary to use a mule and pulley system to place them. The pit marks of the tongs are still visible on the face of the stone. The Donum Brothers were in charge of the masonry work and were by all accounts masters at their work. The lines and trueness of this building and others worked on by the Donum Brothers still attest to their workmanship.

The Layton Building has been used on the main floor level as a department store, general store, bank and United State Post Office. The upper level has housed several attorneys, doctors and dentists, among them J.C. Floyd who later became a Congressman.

In recent years the building was used in filming the movie "Bloody Mamma".

Plans have been made by the present owners and occupants of the Layton Building to restore it to near its original condition, thus restoring a landmark to the town square in the small mountain town.

# MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Records, Marion County Courthouse, Yellville, Arkansas  
 Records, Pope County Courthouse, Russellville, Arkansas

## GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	15	5218	530	4,008	8010	B				
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	ZONE	EASTING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	
C						D				

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

see continuation sheet for Item #10

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Nancy Belle Watts

ORGANIZATION

owner

DATE

December 13, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Post Office Box 488

TELEPHONE

(501) 449-6222

CITY OR TOWN

Yellville

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

*Nancy Belle Watts*

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER 10 PAGE 1

Exact legal description of subject property as recorded in Marion County Court House, Yellville, Arkansas:

That part of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 9, Township 18 N., Range 16 W., bounded and described as follows: Starting at the northeast corner of said forty, run thence south with the west line of Mill Street 63 feet and 6 inches to the northeast corner of what is known as the Layton Store and Bank Building for the point of beginning of the tract being described; run thence south with the west line of Mill Street 66 feet to the north line of Main Street; thence west with the north line of Main Street 170 feet; thence north parallel with the west line of Mill Street 66 feet; and thence south 89 degrees and 45 minutes east 170 feet to the point of beginning, being the same lands as those referred to in prior deeds of conveyance as Lot 1, Block 1, Town of Yellville and the same lands as those referred to in prior deeds of conveyance as beginning at the intersection of the north line of Main Street with the west line of Mill Street and running thence north 66 feet; thence West 170 feet; thence south 66 feet; and thence east 170 feet to the point of beginning, which lands are situated in the Town of Yellville.





## ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

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



November 10, 1976

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Ms. Nancy Belle Watts  
Mr. Bobby Joe Baker  
Post Office Box 488  
Yellville, Arkansas

Re: Layton Building: Yellville  
Marion County

Dear Ms. Watts and Mr. Baker:

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program is preparing a National Register nomination for the Layton Building 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 no 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.

If you have any questions concerning the program or your 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

BW:emf

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

Yes

No

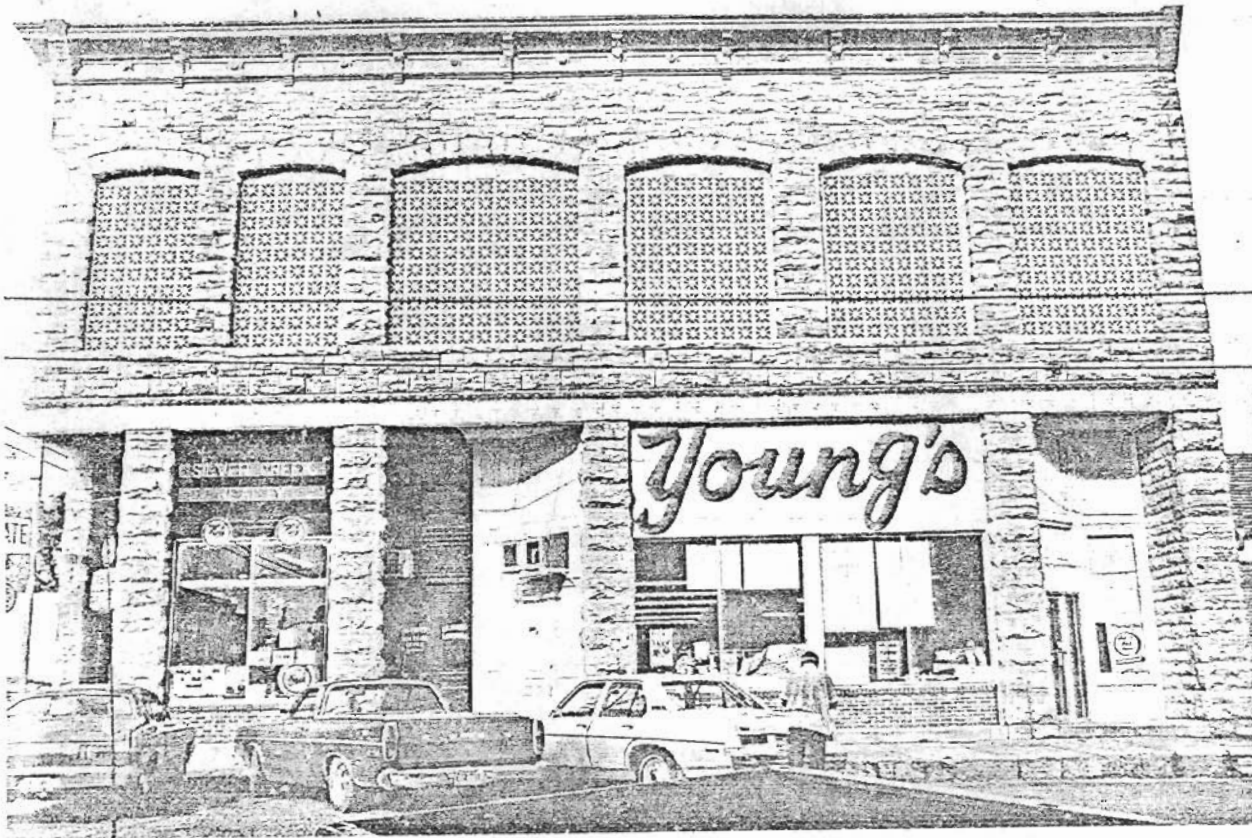
Comments:

11-13-16  
(date)

*Nancy Watts*  
(signature)







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**3 PHOTO REFERENCE**

PHOTO CREDIT  
Nancy Belle Watts

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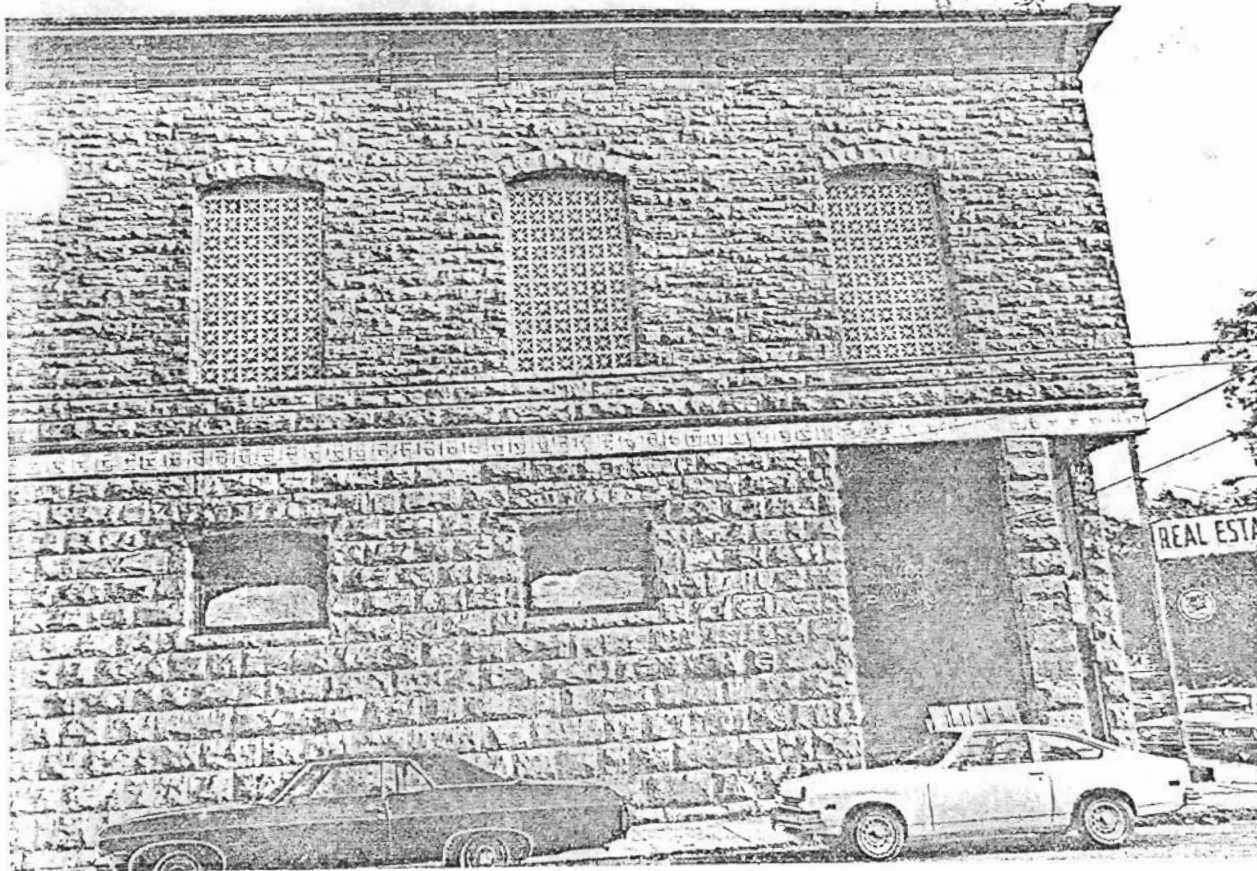
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PHOTO NO.

East Elevation

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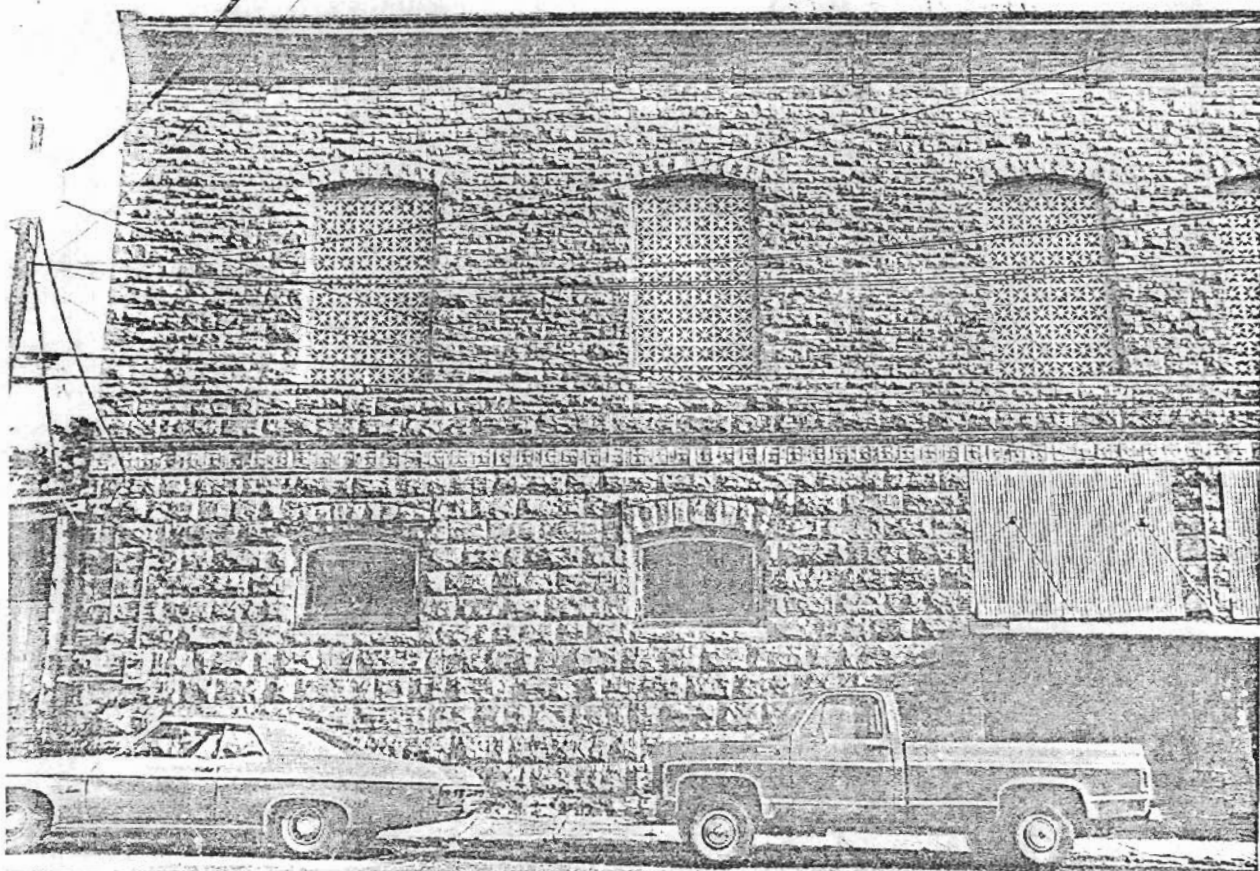
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West Elevation

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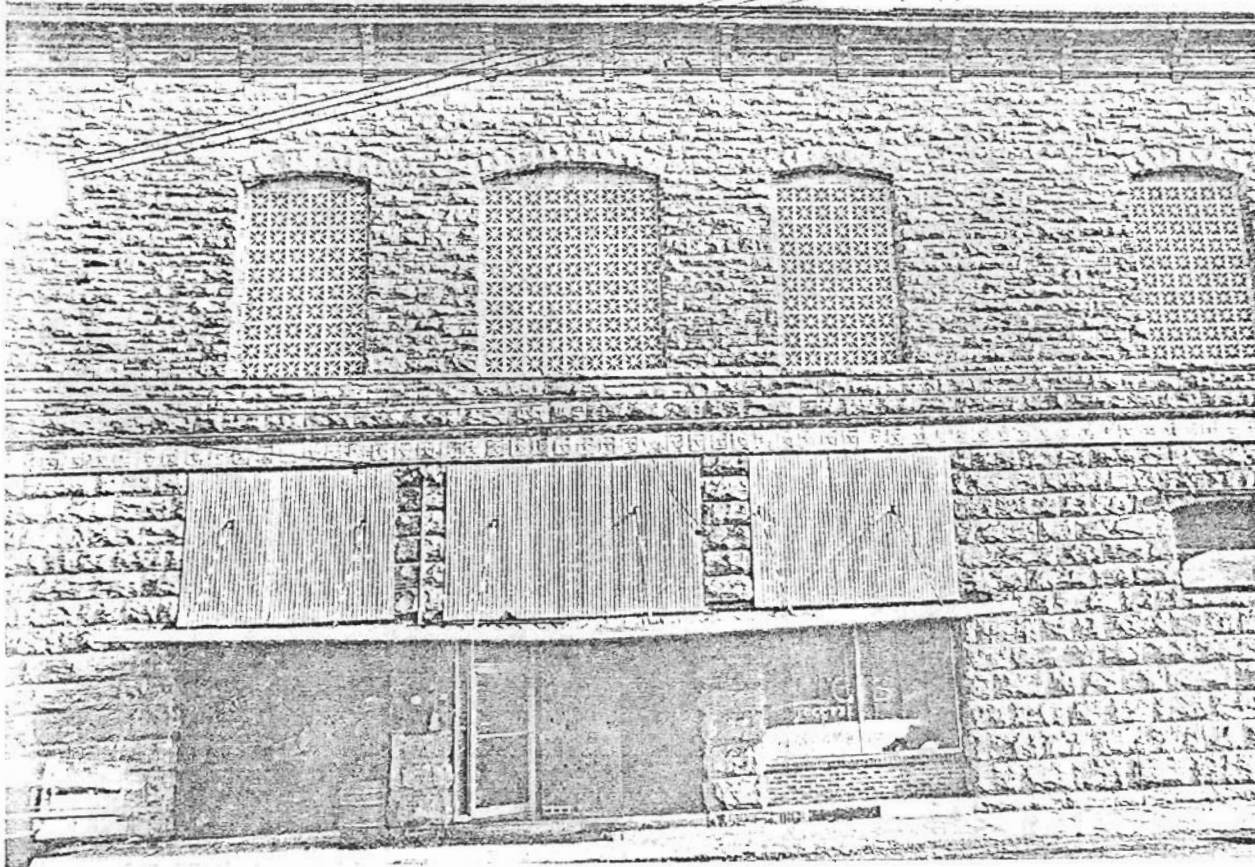
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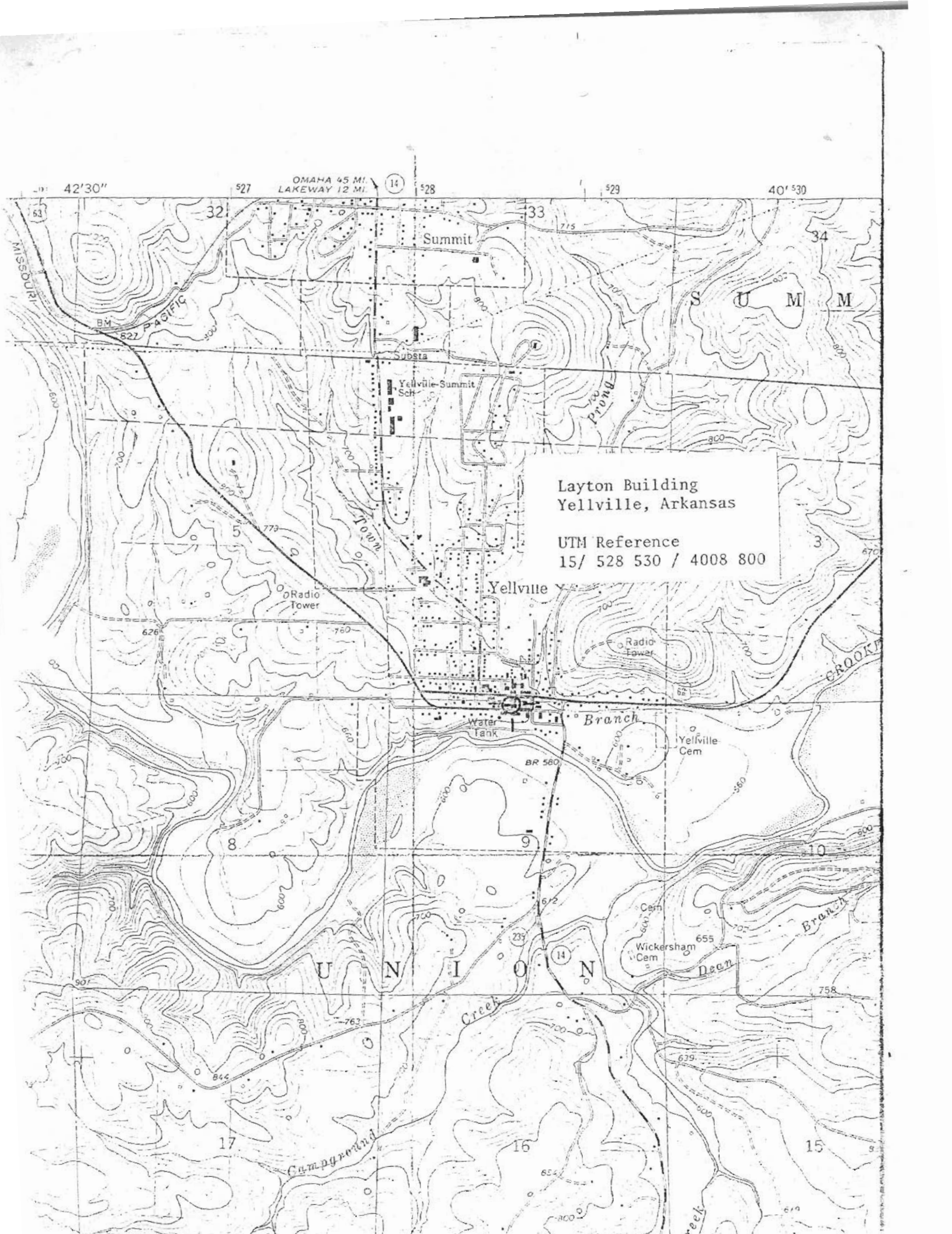
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South Elevation

PHOTO NO. 4







OMAHA 45 MI.  
LAKEWAY 12 MI.

42'30"

527

528

529

40' 530

Summit

S U M M

Yellville-Summit Sch.

Layton Building  
Yellville, Arkansas

UTM Reference  
15/ 528 530 / 4008 800

Yellville

Branch

U N I O N

Wickersham Cem.

655

Creek

Branch

17

16

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Campground

Creek

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**3 MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE U. S. Geological Survey

SCALE 1:24000

DATE 1966

**4 REQUIREMENTS**

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

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

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