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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: Poughkeepsie School Building

other name/site number: SH0070

2. Location

street & number: State Highway 58, south of County Road 137

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Poughkeepsie

vicinity: N/A

state: AR

county: Sharp

code: AR 135

zip code: 72569

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.

Charles H. Buford _____ 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: School

Current: EDUCATION Sub: School

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

LATE 19TH AND EARLY 20TH CENTURY AMERICAN MOVEMENTS

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

Period(s) of Significance: 1929-1940

Significant Dates: N/A

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown

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:

- X State historic preservation office
- _ Other state agency
- _ Federal agency
- _ Local government
- _ University
- _ Other -- Specify Repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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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 50 feet to the east thereof with a perpendicular line running parallel to the building's southern elevation and located approximately 50 feet to the south thereof (a point located approximately 300 feet south of the southern edge of County Road 137 and 650 feet east of the eastern edge of State Highway 58), 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 Poughkeepsie School Building is a single-story, H-shaped, Plain Traditional-styled building constructed in 1929. The composition-shingled gable roof has intersecting gables at the eastern and western elevations and is interrupted by four interior brick chimneys. The walls and the continuous foundation are constructed of structural field stone with "grapevine" mortaring.

Elaboration

The southern or front elevation contains two entrances located underneath porches created by wing projections of the inner side of the eastern and western intersecting gables. These porches have hooded arched entrances, closed sides, and double-leaf doors with twelve-pane transoms. The western pediment contains a rounded brickwork ornament with "Poughkeepsie" etched in concrete underneath. The eastern pediment has a similar rounded, brick ornament with "1929" etched in concrete underneath. Two large, gabled, wall dormers occupy the center of the elevation. Both are identically arranged with boarded-over windows in the pediment and original three-pane transoms over side-by-side modern replacement windows. The southern elevation is further fenestrated by side-by-side windows between the wall dormers and on each remaining side. With the exception of the aforementioned transoms, all windows in the Poughkeepsie School Building are modern replacements.

The western elevation consists of four sets of three side-by-side windows. An interior brick chimney is also present at this elevation. The northern elevation contains a modern gable-roofed, concrete-block ell addition to the rear of the eastern intersecting gable end. There are two shed-roofed, side porches located to the inside of the eastern and western intersecting gables. These porches are supported by a single wood post on a field-stone stoop. Another shed-roofed porch covers a single-leaf door just west of center. Unlike the other two, this shed roof is below the roofline and is supported by two brackets. The northern elevation is lighted by three sets of side-by-side windows and a solitary window in the western intersecting gable end. The eastern elevation is identical to the western elevation with the exception of the aforementioned modern addition.

The building is still used by the Poughkeepsie School.

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Continuation SheetSection number 8 Page 1**Poughkeepsie School**

In March, 1929, the Sharp County Board of Education authorized a school election on whether or not to establish a consolidated school district at Poughkeepsie, already the site of an Agricultural High School. The consolidation measure passed, and half of the Oak Dale district, a portion of the Powell's Chapel district, and all of the Mount Pisgah district, were added to Poughkeepsie's District No. 45. In October, the citizens of the new district held an election, and by a vote of eighty-nine to two agreed to apply for a loan from the State Revolving Loan Fund to build a new school building on the high ground to the east of town. The following year, in 1929, \$1,650 was approved by the Department of Education in Little Rock to assist the Poughkeepsie district in the construction of its new school, and construction began.

The destruction of the existing 1911 two-story frame agricultural high school by fire the following March forced the cancellation of the remainder of the school term and lent a sense of urgency to the construction of the new facility. Nevertheless, work continued slowly; construction was suspended from April through June so that the local cotton crops could be planted. The official dedication of the new facility attracted nearly the entire population of the Poughkeepsie community, as well as several onlookers from surrounding districts on September 22, 1930; this despite the fact that the new facility remained incomplete, and classes were held in the local Baptist and Christian churches for a number of weeks thereafter.¹

The Poughkeepsie School Building, 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 small stone school building constructed for a rural school district. Its use during this period as a local school building clearly identifies it with this historic context and with this property type. It is significant locally under Criterion A through its direct associations with the history of the evolution of the public school system in the Ozark Mountain region of the state during this period.

¹Sharp County Record, January 31, 1929; March 14, 1929; August 22, 1929; September 19, 1929; October 15, 1929; October 24, 1929; March 20, 1930; June 12, 1930; June 26, 1930; August 14, 1930; September 11, 1930; September 25, 1930; November 13, 1930. Presumably, the "1929" etching on the school's eastern pediment represents the date construction began.



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