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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

historic name: Spring Valley School District 120 Building

other name/site number: WA0361

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2. Location

street & number: County Road 379

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Spring Valley

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Washington

code: AR 143

zip code: 72764

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3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

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. Buford  
Signature of certifying official

7-14-92  
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: RELIGION

Sub: Church school

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification:

LATE 19TH AND EARLY 20TH CENTURY AMERICAN MOVEMENTS

\_\_\_\_\_

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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): A

Areas of Significance: EDUCATION  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance: 1934-1940

Significant Dates: N/A

Significant Person(s): N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Sullivan, O.H.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

A	<u>15</u>	<u>416160</u>	<u>4003840</u>	B	___	___	___
C	___	___	___	D	___	___	___

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point located on the northern edge of County Road 379 formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the school building's eastern elevation and located 50 feet to the east thereof, proceed northerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the school's northern elevation; thence proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the school's western elevation; thence proceed southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the northern edge of County Road 379; thence proceed easterly 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 Spring Valley School District 120 Building is a single story, fieldstone masonry classroom building designed in the Plain Traditional style. Its plan is rectangular and features a single recessed, northwest corner porch. The asphalt shingle hipped roof covers the fieldstone walls and continuous fieldstone foundation.

**Elaboration**

The Spring Valley School District 120 Building is a single story, fieldstone masonry classroom building designed in the Plain Traditional style. Its plan is rectangular and features a single recessed, northwest corner porch. An exterior stone chimney is placed in the center of the western wall and a single brick chimney projects from the northern slope of the roof, toward the eastern elevation. The asphalt shingle hipped roof covers the fieldstone walls and continuous fieldstone foundation.

The southern or front elevation consists of the stone wall set upon the raised, stone basement. It is lighted by three symmetrically-placed sets of three two-over-two wood windows. The northern elevation opposite is accessed at its western end by the double arches leading into the recessed corner porch (the wall within is relieved by a single-leaf door to the east and a single window to the west) and by another single-leaf door placed toward the eastern end of the elevation. The wall is lighted near the center by a single two-over-two wood sash window.

The western elevation is accessed via the large, arched entrance to the recessed corner porch to the north and fenestrated only by the six-pane stationary window into the basement near the southern elevation. The central stone chimney divides the wall. The eastern elevation is lighted by a central group of three four-over-four wood sash windows and two more single four-over-four windows that are placed to either side of the central group. A single-leaf entrance accesses the basement near the southern elevation.

The only significant exterior details include the later addition of arched inserts over the original windows to lend the building a Gothic appearance. Otherwise it is only the rough fieldstone finish that lends this building its rustic aspect.

The Spring Valley School District 120 Building is almost completely unaltered and in good condition.

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### Spring Valley School District 120 Building

The hilly topography of eastern Washington County and western Madison County is ideally suited for fruit growing and stock raising, and the citizens of the tiny community of Spring Valley were dependent on these industries for their livelihoods through the 1920's and 1930's. As an agricultural region, Spring Valley was tied economically to the agricultural market center of Springdale, eleven miles to the west. Despite the economic dislocations to the agricultural industry as a result of the Great Depression, in 1934 the community of Spring Valley evidently constructed the District 120 school building with little or no outside financial assistance, as in that year the state government was virtually insolvent and President Roosevelt's work relief efforts were still largely on the drawing boards.<sup>1</sup>

The Spring Valley School District 120 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.

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<sup>1</sup>Dallas T. Herndon, Annals of Arkansas, 1947 (Little Rock, Arkansas: The Historical Record Association, 1947), 697, 722.

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4006

(HINDSVILLE)  
7256 III NE

4004

T. 18 N

T. 17 N

4003

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SPRING VALLEY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
120 S. 2000 E.  
SPRING VALLEY,  
WASHINGTON CO.  
ARKANSAS  
15/416160/4003710  
WA0361

