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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Hopewell District #45 School
other names/site number Resource #WHO555

2. Location

street & number N/A not for publication N/A
city, town Hopewell vicinity
state Arkansas code AR county White code 145 zip code 72010

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> objects
			<u> </u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural Resources of White County, Arkansas
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Cathryn St. Boyd
Signature of certifying official Date 5-13-90
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

5. National Park Service Certification

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 the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Education / School

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Religion / Religious Structure

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: WPA Craftsman Architecture

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

walls Sandstone

roof Slate

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Education
Community Planning and Development
Architecture

Period of Significance

1930-39
1930-39
c. 1930

Significant Dates

N/A
N/A
N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Works Progress Administration

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See "Historic and Architectural Resources of White County, Arkansas,"
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: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than 1 acre

UTM References

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	Zone	Easting	Northing
C			

B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing
D			

See continuing sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

See continuation sheet

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Description

Located in a small White County community near Bald Knob, the Hopewell School building has specific features that identify it as one of several federally funded institutional structures in the county dating from the late 1930's. It is now used as the meeting place for the Hopewell Community Church. Although it has undergone some additions and alterations, the building is intact and in good condition. Its setting in a rural, tree-shaded area near the highway includes a small well on the southeast corner of the property.

The former school's exterior is embellished with many elements common to Works Progress Administration structures. For example, its rectangular, one-story plan is constructed of native stone, and there is a one-bay, central front porch with a flat, parapeted roof and arched entry on the front (east) elevation. The gable-on-hip roof is low-pitched with a wide eave overhang and exposed rafters. As with other federally funded designs, these details borrow heavily from earlier Craftsman and Prairie styles. An aluminum-sided, gable-roof addition exists on the southwest elevation, and the upper half of the rear (west) elevation has been filled in with aluminum siding and windows. There is concrete infill on one side of the arched entry and a new paneled door on the other, which replace the structure's original double doors.

Despite these alterations to the windows and doors, there are several unique design elements remaining on the building, such as an original gable-roofed belfry perched on top of the porch's flat, parapeted roof. In addition, brick quoins highlight each external corner of the structure and surround the openings around the arch and the doorways. The gable-on-hip roof on the main building has a slate covering and there is a continuous cast concrete foundation.

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Significance

As one of only a few examples of federally funded schools in White County, and one of only two that incorporate brick quoining in their design, the Hopewell School District building is locally significant under National Register Criterion C for embodying a particular form, method of construction and style of the period. Although it has been slightly altered, it still retains the majority of its architectural features, including the belfry (uncommon to the other WPA structures in the county), and the slate roof. As discussed in the associated property type significance statement for Depression Era Religious and Institutional Buildings, the native stone construction material and distinctively government-funded architecture that characterizes this building were responsible for influencing the design of other buildings throughout the county after the Depression.

Because it is associated with the economic and educational development of the county during the Depression era, the school is also locally significant under Criterion A [see Historic Context 4: Boom and Bust: The War and Depression Years]. The funding and employment provided by federal relief programs like the WPA, the Civilian Conservation Corps and the National Youth Administration rescued many small farming communities from economic collapse and gave them complete and modern educational facilities that they might otherwise have never been able to obtain.

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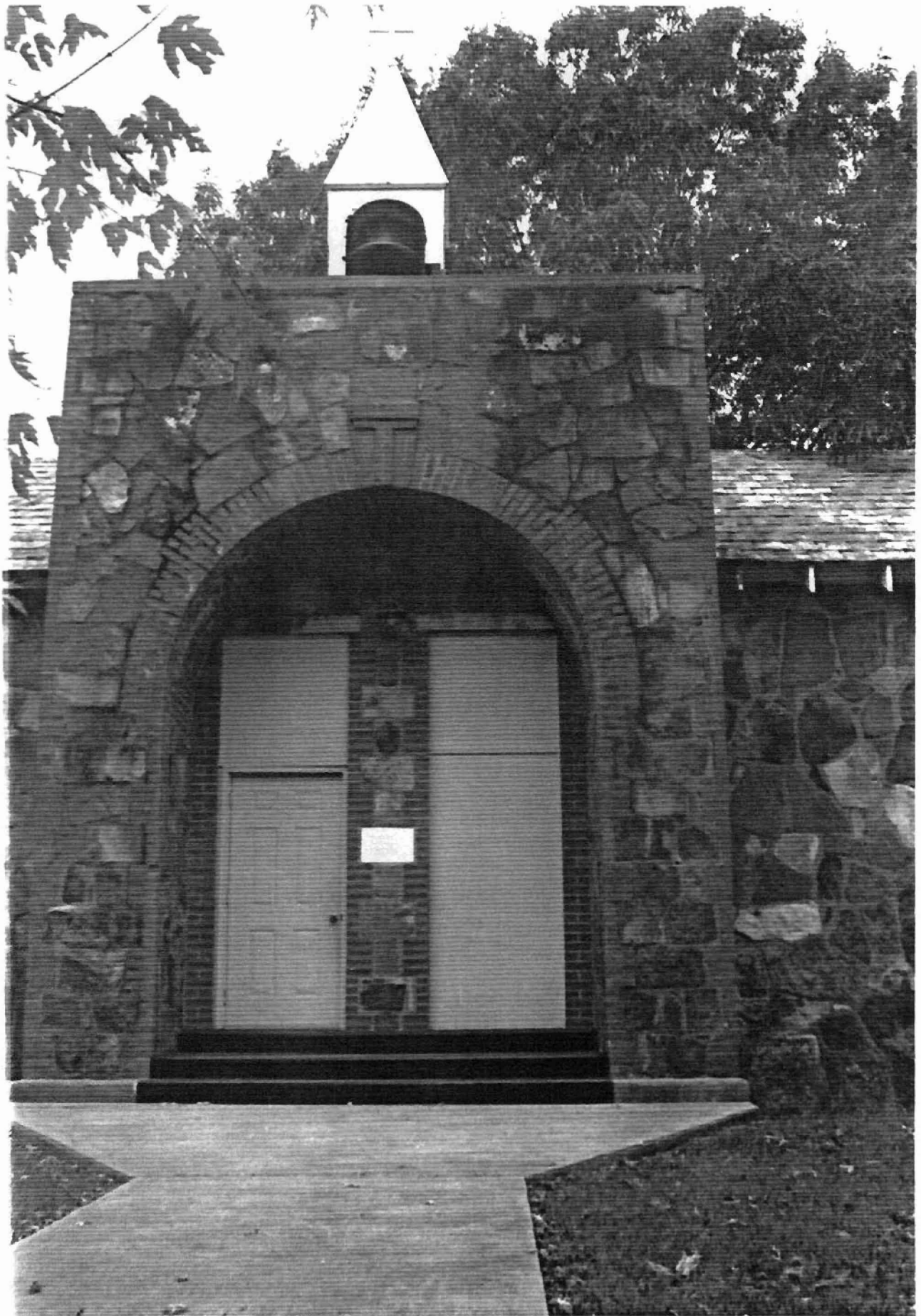
Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of a line running along the western edge of State Highway 258 with a perpendicular line running parallel to the northern elevation of the building and located approximately 50 feet to the north thereof, proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the western elevation of the building; thence proceed southerly for a distance of approximately 200 feet along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the southern elevation of the building; thence proceed easterly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the western edge of State Highway 258; thence proceed northerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to the point of beginning.

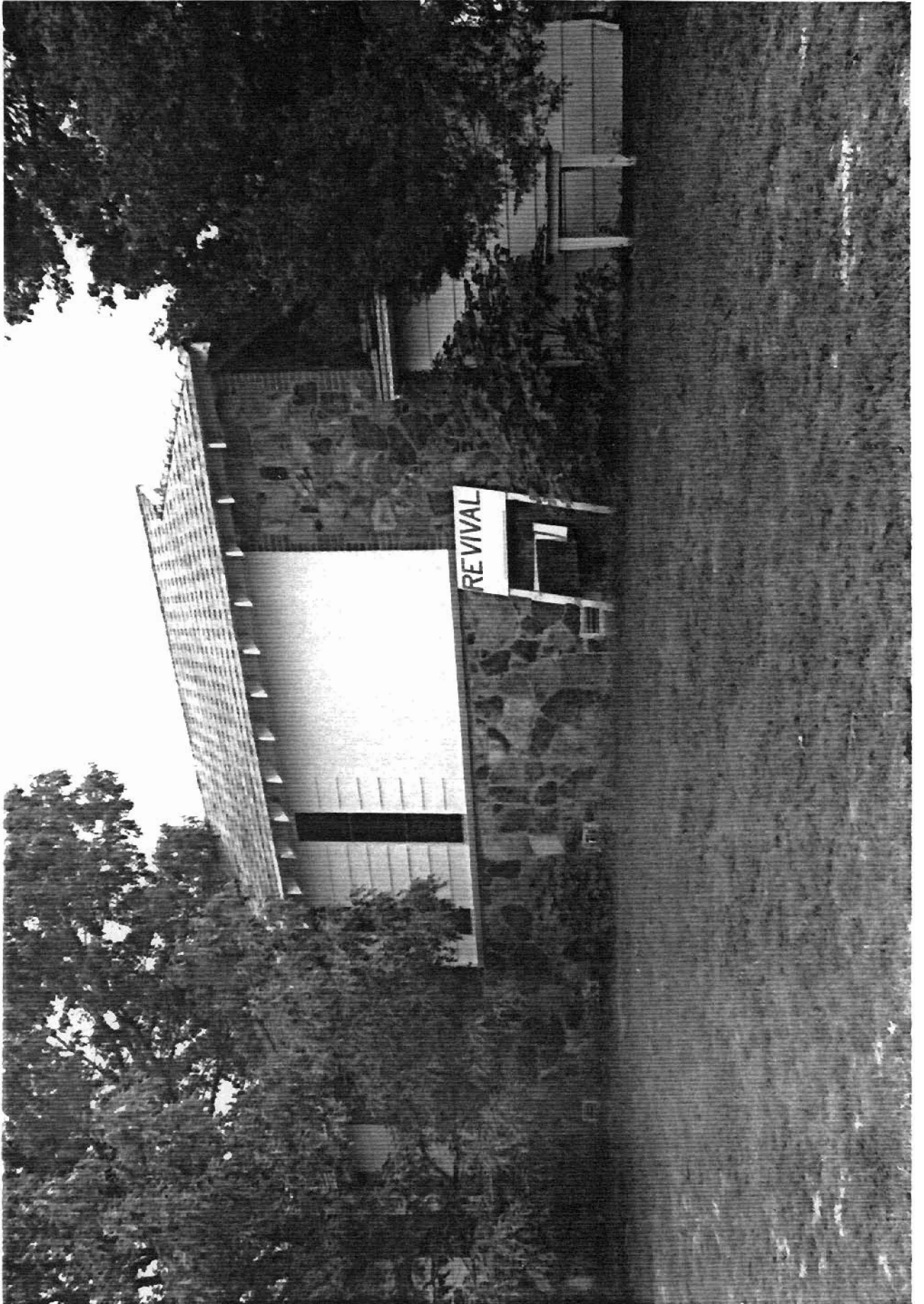
Boundary Justification:

The original lot has been subdivided during the non-historic period, resulting in an indefinite current lot boundary; therefore, this boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.









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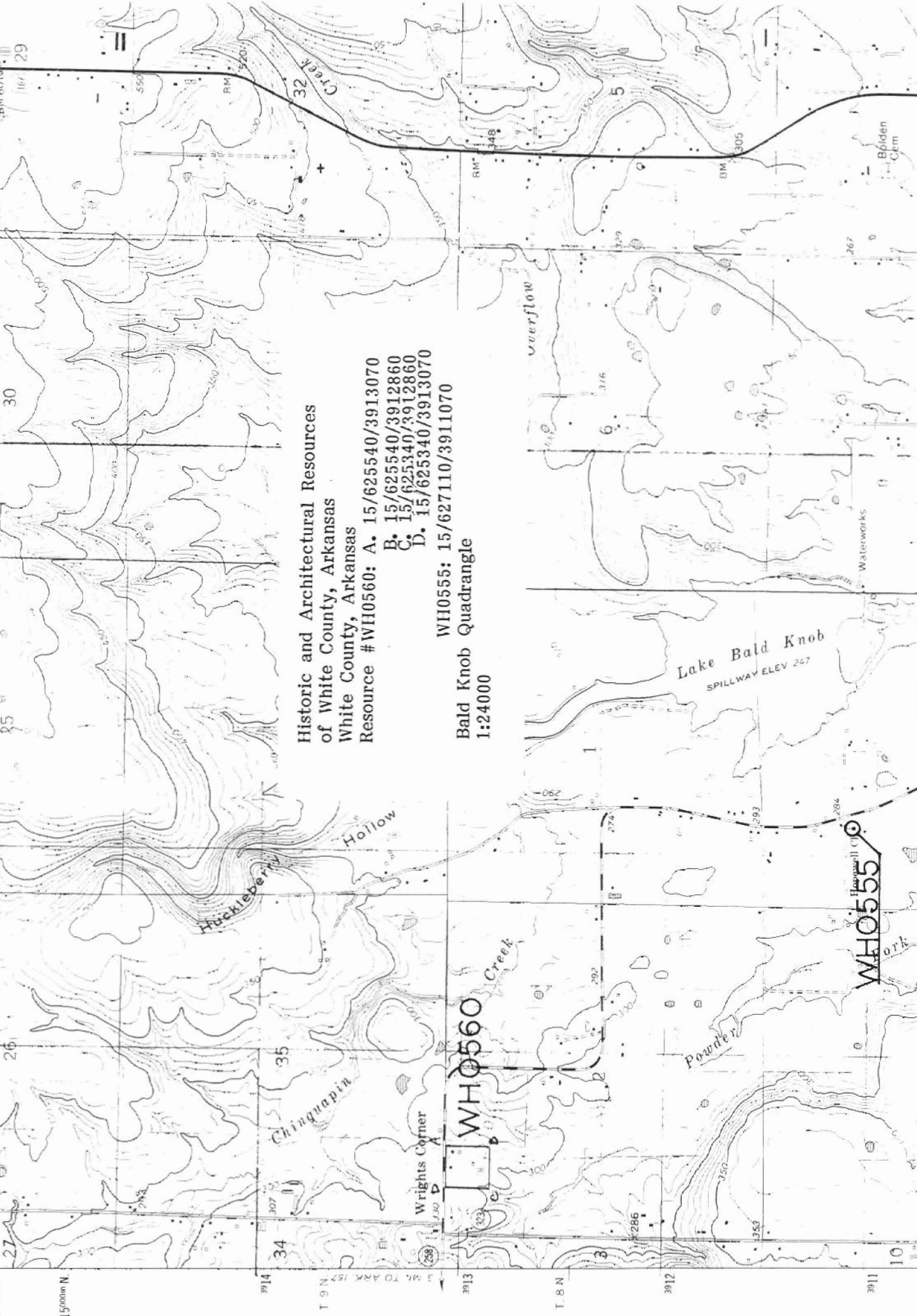
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White County, Arkansas
Resource #WH0560: A. 15/625540/3913070
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