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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: Everton School	
other name/site number: BO0073	
2. Location	
street & number: Main Street	
	not for publication: N/A
city/town: Everton	vicinity: N/A
state: AR county: Boone code:	AR 009 zip code: <u>72633</u>
3. Classification	
Ownership of Property: <u>Private</u>	
Category of Property: Building	
Number of Resources within Property:	
Contributing Noncontributing	
Number of contributing resources previously list Register: N/A	sted in the National
Name of related multiple property listing: Pul Ozarks, 1920-1940	blic Schools in the Arkansas

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7. Description
Architectural Classification:
<u>Craftsman</u>
Other Description: N/A
Materials: foundation <u>Concrete</u> roof <u>Asphalt</u> walls <u>Stone</u> other <u>N/A</u>
Describe present and historic physical appearance. \underline{X} See continuation sheet.
8. Statement of Significance
Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: <u>Locally</u> .
Applicable National Register Criteria: A
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): A
Areas of Significance: EDUCATION SOCIAL HISTORY
Period(s) of Significance: 1938-1940
Significant Dates: N/A
Significant Person(s): N/A
Cultural Affiliation: N/A
Architect/Builder: Works Progress Administration

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

X See continuation sheet.

9. Major Bibliographical References
See "Public Schools in the Arkansas Ozarks, 1920-1940" Multiple Property Form, Section H.
See continuation sheet.
Previous documentation on file (NPS):
<pre>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 #</pre>
Primary Location of Additional Data:
X State historic preservation office Other state agency Federal agency Local government University Other Specify Repository: 10. Geographical Data
Acreage of Property: <u>Less than one</u>
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See continuation sheet.
Verbal Boundary Description: See continuation sheet.
Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of a line running along the western edge of Main Street with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's southern elevation and located 50 feet to the south thereof, 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 along the western edge of Main Street; thence proceed southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to the point of beginning.
Boundary Justification: See continuation sheet.

fhis 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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Summary

The Everton School is a single story, fieldstone masonry classroom structure designed in a vernacular interpretation of the Craftsman style. Its rectangular plan is relieved only by the rectangular, projecting entrance bay in the center of the eastern or front facade. The gable-on-hip roof is covered with asphalt shingles, the walls are constructed of fieldstone, and continuous cast concrete foundation supports the structure.

Elaboration

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The eastern or front elevation is composed of a square stone entrance bay placed centrally in the wall and evenly dividing the facade. The entrance bay projects both out from the wall surface and above the cornice of the wall behind. The rectangular opening leads directly to the double-leaf entrance with twelve-pane transom behind. The wall to the south of the entrance is lighted with just two nine-over-nine wood sash windows; to the north, two groups of four windows each are followed by another of two windows to finish the elevation. The western elevation opposite is symmetrically-divided into three window bays of six windows each.

The northern elevation is accessed via a double-leaf entry set into a square entrance bay identical to that seen on the eastern elevation. The wall is lighted by but one window, placed to the east of the entrance. The southern elevation opposite is accessed via a single-leaf entrance with a six-pane transom, placed just to the west of center, and lighted by a bank of six double-hung windows placed to the east. A projecting shed roof covers the entrance.

The Everton School has suffered virtually no changes to its exterior appearance since it was constructed. It is in very good condition.

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Everton School

"1939 will long be remembered in Everton and with much pride because it marks the completion of our beautiful new school building through the cooperation of the W.P.A., local school board and our entire citizenship...This new structure was made possible by the united efforts of a public spirited citizenry and the unstinted cooperation of the federal government through its agency, the Works Progress Administration. With the completion of this plant the Everton district is adequately equipped to take care of the youth within her present and extended borders..."

The first school in Everton was established around the turn of the century, and in 1903 a new school house was erected on a hill to the southwest of the Missouri & North Arkansas depot that was responsible for the community's existence. The original frame school house burned in the late 1910's, and the brick building that replaced it served the community for almost two decades until "[f]or numerous good reasons the brick school was razed in 1938" and replaced by a new W.P.A. structure. Much of the original building material from the 1920 school was utilized in the "most beautiful and modern" 1938 facility, constructed of "native ruble (sic) stone veneer."

The new school's dedication in April, 1939, was a major local event, including a country style banquet, a speech by the state's W.P.A. Administrator, Floyd Sharp, and the reading of a poem penned especially for the occasion by Mrs. R. W. Milum:

"We dedicate this school today
Huge piles of stone heaped Heavenward,..."

The Everton School Building served as a high school for only seven years, and in 1959 the entire Everton School District consolidated with the Valley Springs School district, and the school building was sold to the Everton Methodist Church for \$2,500. It is currently used as a church building and sanctuary hall, and was recently remodeled in 1990.¹

The Everton School, 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

¹Souvenir Program of Presentation and Dedication of the new Everton School Building, W. B. Mallard, (Everton, Arkansas: April 27, 1939). The "numerous good reasons" for the razing of the 1920 school building are not elucidated.

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example of a small stone school building constructed for a rural school district. Its documented construction by the W.P.A. and its use during this period as a local school building clearly identify it with this historic context and with this property type. It is significant locally under Criterion A through its direct associations with both the history of the evolution of the public school system in the Ozark Mountain region of the state during this period and the W.P.A.

