

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Berryville Gymnasium

other name/site number: CR1078

2. Location

street & number: South of Freeman Avenue, east of Linda Street, north of  
West College Avenue and west of Ferguson Street

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Berryville

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Carroll code: AR 015 zip code: 72616

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-local

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>      </u> buildings
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> structures
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> 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 H. Bryant  
Signature of certifying official

8-2-92  
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: EDUCATION

Sub: School

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## 7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

LATE 19TH AND EARLY 20TH CENTURY AMERICAN MOVEMENTS  
Craftsman

Other Description: Plain Traditional

Materials: foundation Concrete 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  
SOCIAL HISTORY

Period(s) of Significance: 1936-1940

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):

- ☐ 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 one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing      Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>448335</u>	<u>4024830</u>	B	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
C	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	D	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>

\_\_\_ 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 50 feet to the east thereof with a perpendicular line running parallel to the building's southern elevation and located 20 feet to the south thereof (a point located approximately 500 feet west of the western edge of Ferguson Street and 600 feet south of its intersection with Freeman Avenue), proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's western elevation; thence proceed northerly along said line for a distance of approximately 125 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with 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 125 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 Berryville Gymnasium is a single story, stone masonry gymnasium with a second row of windows beneath the cornice providing light to the large space within. It is designed in the Plain Traditional style with minimal Craftsman influences. Its plan is fundamentally rectangular, and its balance is only enhanced by the placement of two entrances on either long side of the structure -- directly opposite each other -- and one in the center of one gable end and two in the center of the gable end opposite. The asphalt shingle, gable-on-hip roof covers the stone walls and the continuous cast concrete foundation.

**Elaboration**

The Berryville Gymnasium is a single story, stone masonry gymnasium with a second row of windows beneath the cornice providing light to the large space within. It is designed in the Plain Traditional style with minimal Craftsman influences. Its plan is fundamentally rectangular, and its balance is only enhanced by the placement of two entrances on either long side of the structure -- directly opposite each other -- and one in the center of one gable end and two in the center of the gable end opposite. An exterior stone chimney is attached to the western elevation. The asphalt shingle, gable-on-hip roof covers the stone walls and the continuous cast concrete foundation.

The northern or front elevation is composed of two symmetrically-placed entrances -- each covered with bracketed, gable roofs -- and a row of eight-over-eight sash windows above. Three windows are placed on the first floor, to the east of the eastern entrance, and another is placed between the floors to the west of the western entrance. The row of eleven windows above light the gymnasium space within. The southern elevation opposite is a mirror-image of the northern elevation, with no discernable differences.

The eastern elevation is symmetrically-organized, with a central, double-leaf entrance separating four window bays to either side, each filled with six-over-six sash windows. The western elevation opposite is symmetrically-organized also, with two single six-over-six sash windows placed to the outside of the elevation with a central, single-leaf entrance in between. The only interruption to the symmetry is the rising stone chimney.

Though virtually all of the original windows in the Berryville Gymnasium have been replaced, the original form of the muntins has been retained, though the new muntins are decorative only.

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Otherwise the exterior is original and unaltered. It is in good condition.

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## Berryville Gymnasium

In a telegram to the Berryville school board in March, 1936, Arkansas Senator Joseph T. Robinson announced that the W.P.A. had approved the construction of a new school auditorium-gymnasium, provided that \$15,434 in project funding was allocated the W.P.A.'s State Administrator in Little Rock, Floyd Sharp. Construction began on September 14, 1936, west of the existing high school buildings on the school's athletic field. The W.P.A. project initially employed 50 locals in need of work under the guidance of W.P.A. foreman Bill Anderson, who had just recently finished the W.P.A. restoration of the Carroll County courthouse. The Berryville School District's share of the construction cost was \$2,200, with the W.P.A. responsible for the balance of the estimated \$18,000 cost.<sup>1</sup>

Work progressed as the school year continued, and in November the Berryville Star-Progress reported that the "ditches grow deeper, the pile of rocks grow higher, the sweat falls faster, and at last the foundation of the new gymnasium is begun." By December, the basement and walls were in place, and the gymnasium was completed and ready for occupation in the late spring of 1937, at a final cost of \$24,000.<sup>2</sup>

The Berryville Gymnasium, 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 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.

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<sup>1</sup>Berryville Star-Progress, April 30, 1936; July 9, 1936; September 17, 1936;

<sup>2</sup>Berryville Star-Progress, October 8, 1936; November 19, 1936; December 17, 1936; January 25, 1940.



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(EUREKA SPRINGS)

