

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Enterprise School

other name/site number: MA0036

2. Location

street & number: Southeast of intersection of County Roads 8 and 192

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Thorney

vicinity: X

state: AR county: Madison code: AR 087 zip code: 72727

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

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 A. Byrd  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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: VACANT/NOT IN USE

Sub: N/A

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## 7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Craftsman

Colonial Revival

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Other Description: N/A

Materials: foundation Concrete roof Metal

walls WOOD/Weatherboard other N/A

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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

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance: c. 1935-1940

Significant Dates: N/A

Significant Person(s): N/A

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Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown

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\_\_\_\_\_

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 along the southern edge of County Road 192 with a perpendicular line running along the eastern edge of County Road 8, proceed southerly along the latter line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the building's southern elevation; thence proceed easterly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a line running parallel to the building's eastern elevation; thence proceed northerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the southern edge of County Road 192; thence proceed westerly 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 Enterprise School is a single-story, wood frame school building designed in the restrained synthesis of the Craftsman and Colonial Revival styles popular for such construction during this period. The rectangular plan consists of a classroom section to the south and an ancillary room attached to the north. The standing-seam, metal roof shelters the novelty-sided walls that rest upon a continuous, cast concrete foundation.

### Elaboration

The Enterprise School is a single-story, wood frame school building designed in the restrained synthesis of the Craftsman and Colonial Revival styles popular for such construction during this period. The rectangular plan consists of a classroom section to the south and an ancillary room attached to the north. A single brick chimney rises through the gable peak of the larger, southern section near its intersection with the lower, northern section. The standing-seam, metal roof shelters the novelty-sided walls that rest upon a continuous, cast concrete foundation.

The western or front elevation is composed of the slightly taller southern side gable with its perpendicular, gable roof porch, and the lower gable roof wing attached to the north. The southern section is fenestrated only by two symmetrically-placed, square window openings (now covered) that are placed directly beneath the eaves and flank the central porch. The porch's pediment is filled with weatherboarding and supported upon a pair of slightly flared wooden box columns resting upon a concrete deck. The attached section to the north is lighted by a single six-over-six wood sash window placed toward the center of the section and accessed via a single leaf door placed toward the northern elevation. The eastern elevation opposite is fenestrated with a bank of six six-over-six wood sash windows in the southern section and another bank of three in the northern section.

The northern elevation is fenestrated by a single, central window with a square, louvered attic vent placed directly above; the southern elevation is blank.

The significant exterior details are limited to the flared columns supporting the front porch and the exposed rafters that adorn the cornice throughout.

The interior floor plan -- consisting of a classroom to the south and a smaller function room/kitchen to the north -- and virtually all of the interior detail are extant.

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The Enterprise School remains just as it was constructed c. 1935, the only change being the covering -- but not the removal -- of the two front windows flanking the porch.

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## Significance

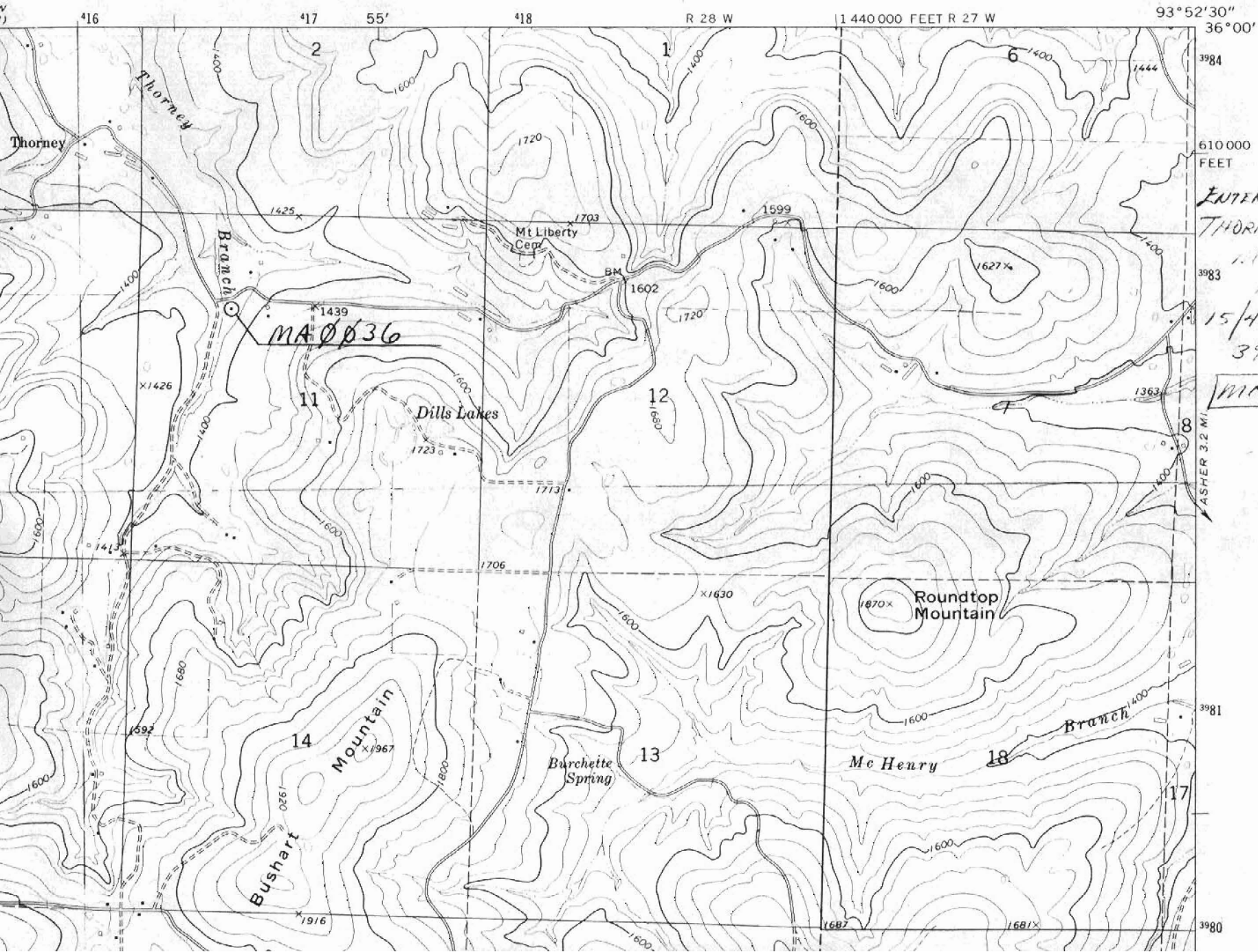
## Criterion A, local significance

The Enterprise School, constructed c. 1935 and located in an extremely remote part of Madison County, is significant under Criterion A with local significance as the historic resource most closely associated with the Depression-era efforts of federal, state and local authorities to expand rural education into previously-inaccessible areas in the rugged Ozark Mountain region of the state. Though little is known about its actual construction history (as few records survive regarding this structure), it clearly partakes of the same aesthetic tradition that informed most of the WPA-era public building construction in wood throughout Arkansas. Though a thorough survey of contemporaneous buildings in western Madison county has not yet been conducted -- thus precluding a determination of eligibility under Criterion C -- it is clearly eligible under Criterion A through its direct associations with the promulgation and construction of public schools in the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas during the Depression.



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