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### National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

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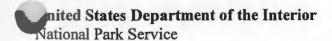
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#### Summary

Constructed in 1938, the Cedar Grove School #81 is located on one acre of land along Arkansas Highway 115 approximately five miles north of Pocahontas, Arkansas, in the Brockett Community. The building faces east toward the highway, but is obscured from view by dense vegetation. The one-room school building is covered with weatherboard siding and sits atop a continuous concrete foundation. Located within a few feet of the front of the building is the well house, which also houses the school bell. Located in the extreme northwest corner of the property is a two-booth privy. The building is virtually unaltered.

#### Elaboration

Cedar Grove School #81 is a Greek Revival influenced building clad in weatherboard siding. The 23' X 41' 2" building sits atop a concrete foundation and is sheltered beneath a gable roof topped with composition shingles. Wood windows are located only in the front and back of the building.

The building faces east and features a centrally located front entryway sheltered beneath a Greek Revival style porch. The building's double-door entryway is crowned by a six-light transom. A small four-pane stationary window is located on the upper portion of the building on both the right and left side of the entryway.

Both the north and south side elevation are void of details. They do both retain original weatherboard siding.

The back of the building faces west and is the location of most of the building's windows. Three ribbons of two double-hung, four-over-four windows provided an abundance of natural lighting for the school. Each window is crowned with a single-light transom. A slightly smaller four-over-four window is located near the north end of the elevation.

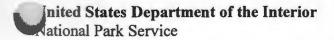
The interior of the Cedar Grove building consists of 1" X 6" unpainted center match flooring. The 11' 10" walls consist of 49" beaded wainscoting and 4' battened painted beaverboard. There are four black boards in the classroom. There are two 4' X 8' black boards on the south wall, and two black boards on the east wall—one measures 48" X 58" and the other measures 48" X 34". The ceiling consists of 16" X 32" ceiling tiles. The room is lit by three round-globed lights suspended by chains. An 8' stage (two feet high) is located on the north end of the building. The interior remains virtually unaltered.

Located only a short distance from the front of the building is a small wood-frame structure that served as the well house and bell house. It measures 8' X 8' and is topped with a small cupola that houses the school ll. The small building is a contributing resource.

A 5' X 6' privy is the only other building on the property. The two-booth privy is located at the northwest corner of the property. It is also a contributing resource.

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#### Summary

The Cedar Grove School #81 is located in the Brockett Community approximately five miles north of Pocahontas, Arkansas, in Randolph County. The building functioned as a one-room school from 1938 until 1949 when the school was consolidated with the Pocahontas School District. The building was built in 1938 after a tornado destroyed the original school building. After mass consolidation of Arkansas schools in 1948, the building was used by the Brockett Home Extension Club, and other groups, as a community meeting place. The Cedar Grove School is being nominated to the National Register under Criterion A with local significance for its association with education in the Brockett Community. It is also being nominated under Criterion C as an excellent example of a Greek Revival influenced school building. The nomination is being submitted under the historic context *Public Schools in the Arkansas Ozarks*, 1920-1940.

### Jaboration

The Cedar Grove School #81 is located in the Brockett Community approximately five miles north of Pocahontas, Arkansas, in Randolph County. By October 7, 1919, ninety-nine school districts had been named and formed in Randolph County. Cedar Grove School District #81 was formed in October 1890 by a division of District #40. R.M. Bigger and Allace, his wife, and G.A. Sago and Lettie Sago, his wife, sold the land to the Directors of School District #81 in 1896.

There were two different buildings functioning as the Cedar Grove School from 1890 until consolidation in 1949. The first continued until a tornado destroyed it on March 30, 1938. Grace Ulmer who attended the school from 1907-1916 remembers the first building as a one-room building with boards for siding and steps coming up to a landing in the front of the building. The interior consisted of boards on the floor, on the walls, and on the ceiling. Mrs. Ulmer appears in a photograph taken in 1916 when she was in the eighth grade. Only a small portion of the building is distinguishable from the photograph, but the building is more visible in a photograph taken in 1906. The original building was plain traditional with a stacked stone foundation. The wallboards appear to have been shiplap boards and the roof covered with wood shakes. According to the *Pocahontas Star Herald*, "The school buildings at Cedar Grove and Davis were destroyed . . ." The present Cedar Grove School building was built in the summer of 1938, however, at this time the builder has not been identified. It served as the Cedar Grove School #81 until November 1948 when citizens of Arkansas passed Initiated Act no. 1, School District Reorganization, which resulted in mass consolidation throughout the State of Arkansas.

The Cedar Grove School consolidated into Pocahontas School District #19. Before consolidation could take place, however, each school district had to file a petition to consolidate the school district, advertise, and conduct a hearing, resulting in passage. Twenty-three patrons signed the Cedar Grove School District #81 Petition to Consolidate. The Petition was filed on December 18, 1948, advertised on 23 and 30 December 1948, the hearing was conducted on 11 Jan. 1949, and the Petition to Consolidate was passed. The

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Pocahontas School Board (Charles Baker, Lawrence Dalton, A. F. Million, T. H. Mills, and R. P. Sallee) met and voted unanimously to annex the Cedar Grove School into the Pocahontas School District #19. P. E. Buxton was Cedar Grove's last teacher in 1949. According to the 1948-1949 school picture, there were twenty-two students in grades one through eight. The school enumeration records kept by the County School Supervisor listed students from 1933-48, but the class of '49 was not listed. In 1949 the property was annexed into the Pocahontas School District, but in 1950 the property changed oversight again.

The Pocahontas School Board deeded the property, which served as the grounds for Cedar Grove School #81 for forty-nine years, to the Brockett Home Demonstration Club for \$1. The first trustees of the property were Lovelle Spikes, Mrs. Marvin Spikes, and Joe Difani. The deed calls "for the Brockett Home Demonstration Club to be used for community purposes and unto their successors forever . . ." The Brockett ome Demonstration Club was formerly the Pettit Extension Club, according to Ethel Caldwell.

The Pettit Extension Club was organized on September 12, 1935, and Ruth Sago was named first president. During the early years, the club's main projects were on home food production, preservation, and all kinds of homemaking skills, according to Caldwell. Another club project was making mattresses for community residents. Ruth Sago was one of the leaders who canvassed the community signing up customers for rural electricity. The Pettit Club met in homes until the transfer of the Cedar Grove Property in 1950. At an Extension reception in 1989, Mrs. Sago was honored with a fifty-year certificate. Ruth (Skiles) Sago attended school at Cedar Grove and is in the 1906 class photograph.

A number of community activities have taken place in the building and on the grounds after the Brockett Home Extension Club took charge. For several years, the Sago-Ulmer Reunion was held at the Cedar Grove School. In addition, in the 1960s and '70s the Brockett Club hosted several foxhunters meetings. According to Ethel Caldwell, these were long weekend meetings where the club ladies (and men) hosted the Tri-County Fox Hunters Association by serving meals and providing camping area for the hunters.

In 1988 the majority of the Brockett Club members voted to meet in homes, thus ceasing to meet in the community building. A few continued to meet as the Brockett Home Demonstration Club. By 1994 Mrs. Ruth Sago, a life-long member of the community, was placed in the nursing home, and Vallie Smith had died. This left three members—Ruby Cassidy, Patricia Colbert, and Frankie Davidson. They voted to disconnect the electricity because of the expense and the fear that the rodents might have caused damage to the wiring thus creating a danger. The members voted to form the Brockett Community Park & Museum, wich was their intension to restore the building to the one-room schoolhouse. The club members approached Gary Buxton, Conway Jarrett, Mike Ulmer, and Cleo Cassidy, Jr. to become trustees of the property. All agreed. As it stands, very little has been accomplished.

The Cedar Grove School #81 serves as a reminder of days gone by when small school buildings dotted the landscape of rural Arkansas. It is hoped that this building can be preserved and used as a teaching tool to

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show today's students how the educational environment has evolved from small local school buildings to the larger centralized schools of the present. Placing the building on the National Register of Historic Places will be a very significant part of the preservation and restoration of the Cedar Grove School.

### Statement of Significance

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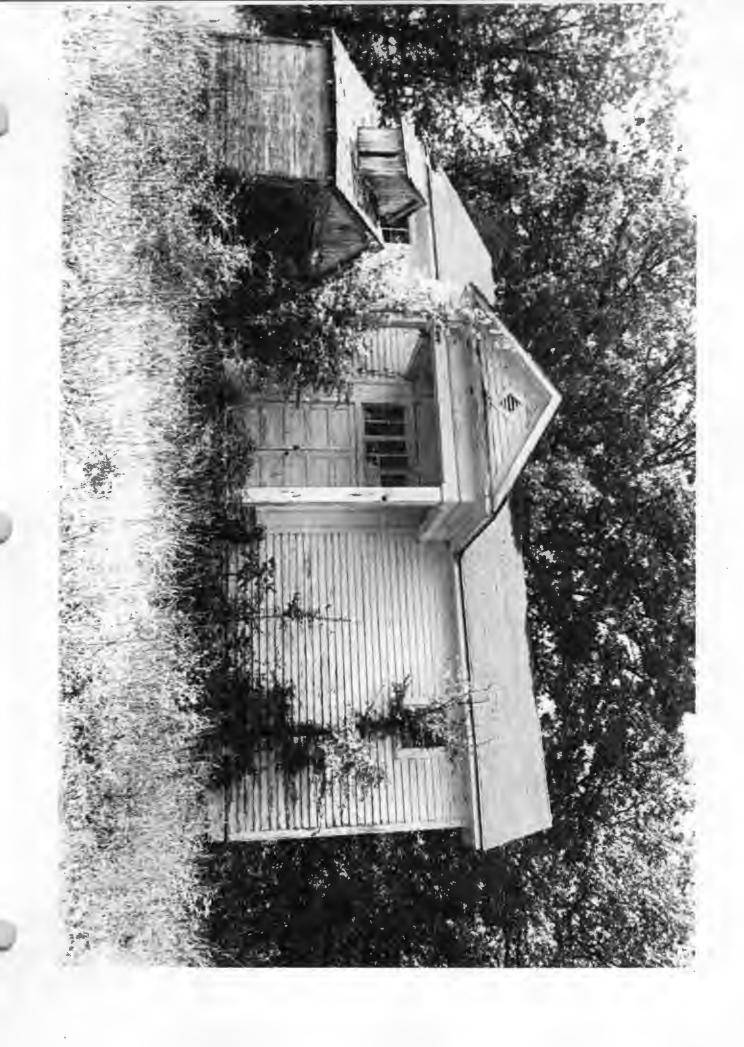
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