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ntional 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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Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance			
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B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.			
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and			
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D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.			
Criteria Considerations (Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)	Significant Dates 1929		
Property is: A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.			
B removed from its original location.	Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked)		
 C. birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance. D a cemetery. 	Cultural Affiliation (Complete if Criterion D is marked)		
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SUMMARY

The abandoned 1929 alignment of US 67 in the Mandeville vicinity is a two-lane concrete highway. It follows a straight alignment to the west of the current Union Pacific Railroad line and to the east of the current US 67. The southwest portion of the 1929 alignment travels along the southeast side of Mandeville while the current US 67 alignment, constructed in 1954, travels along the northwest side of Mandeville. In addition, the 1929 alignment being nominated retains two original 1929 reinforced concrete deck girder bridges, one crossing McKinney Bayou and the other crossing Paup's Spur Bayou. The highway retains its original 1929 concrete pavement throughout, although small portions have been patched. The highway retains its original roadway width.

ELABORATION

HIGHWAY

This abandoned section of 1929 alignment of US 67 is approximately 5.5 miles long and begins at the intersection of AR Highway 296 and AR Highway 237 southwest of Mandeville and proceeds in a northeasterly direction along the southeast side of Mandeville before ending at Miller County Road 63 northeast of Mandeville. It is located just to the northwest of the Union Pacific Railroad line along its entire route and just to the southeast of the current US 67 for the northeastern half of its route.

The 1929 alignment of US 67 has a width of 18 feet for two lanes of travel. The section of the alignment that is currently designated AR Highway 296 has asphalt shoulders while the rest of it has no paved shoulders. (For comparison, the current American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials Green Book indicates that a lane width of 11 feet 9 inches is desirable.) Each section of pavement is 9 feet wide and either 36, 50, or 54 feet long, and is composed of a tan stone aggregate mixed in the concrete. The pavement is referred to as Bates Type concrete, which means that it also contains welded wire reinforcement in the concrete.

BRIDGES

The 1929 alignment of US 67 contains two reinforced concrete deck girder bridges, one crossing McKinney Bayou and one crossing Paup's Spur Bayou, both northeast of Mandeville. The designs of the two bridges are the same, except for the fact that the bridge spanning Paup's Spur Bayou is skewed, with flat reinforced concrete deck girders resting on concrete piers. The guardrails on the bridges consist of evenly-spaced cast concrete uprights connected by two rows of horizontal concrete beams. Each bridge also has a metal plaque with information about the body of water crossed, builder, date of construction, and names of the officials of ne Arkansas State Highway Department. Both bridges have excellent integrity.

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INTEGRITY

Overall, the abandoned 1929 alignment of US 67 in the Mandeville vicinity has remarkable integrity. The original 1929 pavement remains throughout the segment, and it retains its original dimensions. Also, the two bridges that were constructed in 1929 during the improvement of this segment remain. Additionally, the part of Miller County where the highway is located retains its rural and small town settings, and the surroundings still reflect the period of significance from 1929-1954.

The pavement of the highway towards the northeastern end is in rough shape and somewhat overgrown. Even so, it is still drivable, and the entire 1929 alignment possesses a strong sense of continuity.

Although some small portions of the highway have been patched, the vast majority of this work was completed prior to the opening of the current alignment of US 67 in 1954. As a result, the modifications are ver fifty years old and add to the historic character of the highway.

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SUMMARY

old US 67, Mandeville, is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with local significance under Criterion C for its engineering. Old US 67, Mandeville, is the longest and most intact portion of the 1929 alignment of US 67 in Miller County. The Mandeville section of US 67, which is approximately 5.5 miles long, still retains its original 1929 concrete pavement. The highway section was the main automobile route in that part of Miller County from the time of its construction in 1929 until the current US 67 was built adjacent to it in 1954. As a result, it is therefore eligible for nomination under Criterion A for its association with the development of Arkansas highway culture. Old US 67, Mandeville, is being submitted to the National Register of Historic Places under the multiple property listing "Arkansas Highway and Transportation Era Architecture, 1910-1965" in conjunction with the historic context "Arkansas Highway History and Architecture, 1910-1965."

ELABORATION

The route of US 67 was a natural corridor through Arkansas due to the state's geography, and its history goes back many centuries. US 67 roughly divides Arkansas into two triangles with the Ozarks to the northwest and the Delta with its associated swampland to the southeast. The ease of travel in this corridor was first taken advantage of by the Native Americans, who picked out a route that avoided the hills and swamps, and crossed the many rivers at their easiest fording locations.¹

At the time of the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, the Southwest Trail was developed along the route. It predated the Memphis to Little Rock Road of 1826, and was the earliest land route into Arkansas. The route entered into Arkansas at Hix's Ferry, a community northeast of Pocahontas in neighboring Randolph County, proceeded through Little Rock and ended at the Red River in Fulton in Arkansas's southwest corner.²

The development of the Southwest Trail through Arkansas opened up settlement in the areas along its route. Pioneers came into the state from the northeast bringing their cattle, wagon trains, and, occasionally, slaves with them. All along the route, the settlers selected tracts of bottomland, and made clearings in the wilderness. The importance of the Southwest Trail was also recognized by Andrew Jackson who signed an appropriations bill in 1831, which earmarked \$15,000 for the improvement of the Trail, and also designated it a "National Road." It was at this point in time that what would become the route of US 67 was extended into the Miller County area. The importance of this military road was proven during the War with Mexico in the 1840s.⁴

⁴ West, 203.

Elliott West. The WPA Guide to 1930s Arkansas. Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas, 1987 reprint of 1941 publication p. 203

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Noel E. Oman. "Progress in Slow Lane on Upgrade of U.S. 67." <u>Arkansas Democrat-Gazette</u>, 23 August 1999: A1.

³ Ray Hanley. A Journey Through Arkansas: Historic U.S. Highway 67. Charleston, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 1999, p. 7.

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The military road into the area also opened up the land that would become Miller County to settlement. Maps from 1850 and 1854 show a trail along the route of current US 67 through the area, although Mandeville had yet to be settled. As people in Alabama, Georgia, and other eastern states heard about the area's natural wealth in bottomlands, lumber, and game, they flocked to the area to squat on any unoccupied land and grow cotton or corn. The influx of settlers led to the creation of Miller County from Lafayette County on December 22, 1874.

As the construction of railroad lines began in earnest in Arkansas after the Civil War, the railroad line also utilized the corridor that the military road had used in Miller County. In about 1856, the Cairo & Fulton Railway was surveyed through Arkansas, which included the portion from Fulton to Texarkana. Historic railroad maps of the area show that a railroad line was in the planning stages in 1864 and 1872. However, it was not until the fall of 1873 that the line was completed, and trains began running on the line that December. The railroad line became the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern in 1874. The arrival of the railroad further increased settlement in that part of Miller County, and the town of Mandeville came into existence by 1895.

When the Arkansas State Highway System was formed in 1923, US 67 was one of the original highways included. It was also one of the first nine Arkansas highways to become part of the US highway system two years later in 1925. The creation of the State Highway System was the most important aspect of the Harrelson Road Law of 1923, and it brought all construction and maintenance activities under the jurisdiction of the Highway Commission. 12

The contract for improvement of US 67 in Miller County went to McGuire & Cavender of Texarkana, Texas. According to the Ninth Biennial Report of the Arkansas State Highway Commission, the nature of the work included in the contract was grading, drainage structures, and concrete pavement. Their proposal for the

⁵ Map of the route surveyed from the Mississippi at Lake Providence in Louisiana to the great bend of Red River at Fulton in Arkansas. Map. Baltimore, W. H. Sidell, 1850 and Colton's railroad & township map of Arkansas. Map. New York, D. F. Shall, 1854.

⁶ Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Southern Arkansas, 182-183.

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⁸ Ibid, 184.

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¹² Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department. Historical Review: Arkansas State Highway Commission and Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, 1913-1992. Little Rock: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, 1992, p. 34.

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project was received June 19, 1929. For the entire 15.602 miles from Texarkana to Fulton (State Job #309), which includes the section at Mandeville being nominated, they submitted a bid of \$327,740.35, and estimated that it would take 250 calendar days to finish the project. The final payment, however, was \$351,801.30.¹³

Although the Ninth Biennial Report of the Arkansas State Highway Commission does not specify, the pavement used for the 1929 alignment of US 67 in the Mandeville vicinity is Bates Type pavement. Bates Type pavement includes welded wire reinforcement in the concrete, and parts of the wire are visible in some locations on the pavement surface. Although the first large-scale application of welded wire reinforcement in concrete pavement occurred in 1908 with the construction of the Long Island Parkway in New York, it became known as Bates Type pavement after a test of 78 types of pavement in Bates, Illinois, in 1922. After the tests in Bates, the pavement with the welded wire reinforcement was the only section in reasonably good condition after the heavy traffic test. As a result, many states started to specify welded wire reinforcement in their roads.¹⁴

Once US 67 was completed in the Mandeville vicinity, it made travel in the area a lot easier. The fact that this portion of US 67 was the main route between Little Rock and Texarkana, and ultimately Dallas, meant that it was also a highly traveled road for both automobile and truck traffic. The amount of traffic using US 67 ultimately led to the construction of the current US 67 immediately to the northwest of the 1929 alignment. The new highway was opened to traffic in 1954. 15

Today the southwestern half of the 1929 alignment of US 67 is still in use as AR Highway 296 and Miller County Road 138. In fact, the portion comprising AR Highway 296 is possibly the oldest section of pavement in Arkansas in continuous use as a state or federal highway. The northeastern half of the 1929 alignment is abandoned and unused, but clearly visible immediately to the southeast of the current US 67. Even though the northeastern section is currently abandoned, it is still possible to drive the entire Mandeville portion of the 1929 alignment being nominated. Remarkably, all of the alignment retains the original 1929 concrete pavement, although some portions have been patched. However, it occurred prior to the alignment's abandonment in 1954, and retained the width of the original concrete pavement.

Along with Interstate 30, US 67 is currently one of the main highways between Little Rock and Dallas, Texas, and has been for many years. Due to the amount of traffic that uses the highway, much of the road

Arkansas State Highway Commission. Ninth Biennial Report of the Arkansas State Highway Commission. Russellville, AR: Russellville Printing Company, 1930, pp. 184-185.

¹⁴ Welded Wire Reinforcement: Celebrating a 100 Year Anniversary. From the website of the Wire Reinforcement Institute at www.wirereinforcementinstitute.org. 25 November 2002.

¹⁵ Robert W. Scoggin, Telephone conversation with the author, July 1, 2003.

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has been upgraded to current highway standards. Early sections of the highway are rare, especially ones that are still drivable. As a result, the 1929 alignment of US 67 in the Mandeville vicinity remains an extremely intact example of early highway design and construction, and a tangible reminder of early highway travel in Miller County.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Old US 67, Mandeville, is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with local significance under Criterion C for its engineering. Old US 67, Mandeville, is the longest and most intact portion of the 1929 alignment of US 67 in Miller County. The Mandeville section of US 67, which is approximately 5.5 miles long, still retains its original 1929 concrete pavement. The highway section was the main automobile route in that part of Miller County from the time of its construction in 1929 until the current US 67 was built adjacent to it in 1954. As a result, it is therefore eligible for nomination under Criterion A for its association with the development of Arkansas highway culture. Old US 67, Mandeville, is being submitted to the National Register of Historic Places under the multiple property listing "Arkansas Highway and Transportation Era Architecture, 1910-1965" in conjunction with the historic context "Arkansas Highway History and Architecture, 1910-1965."

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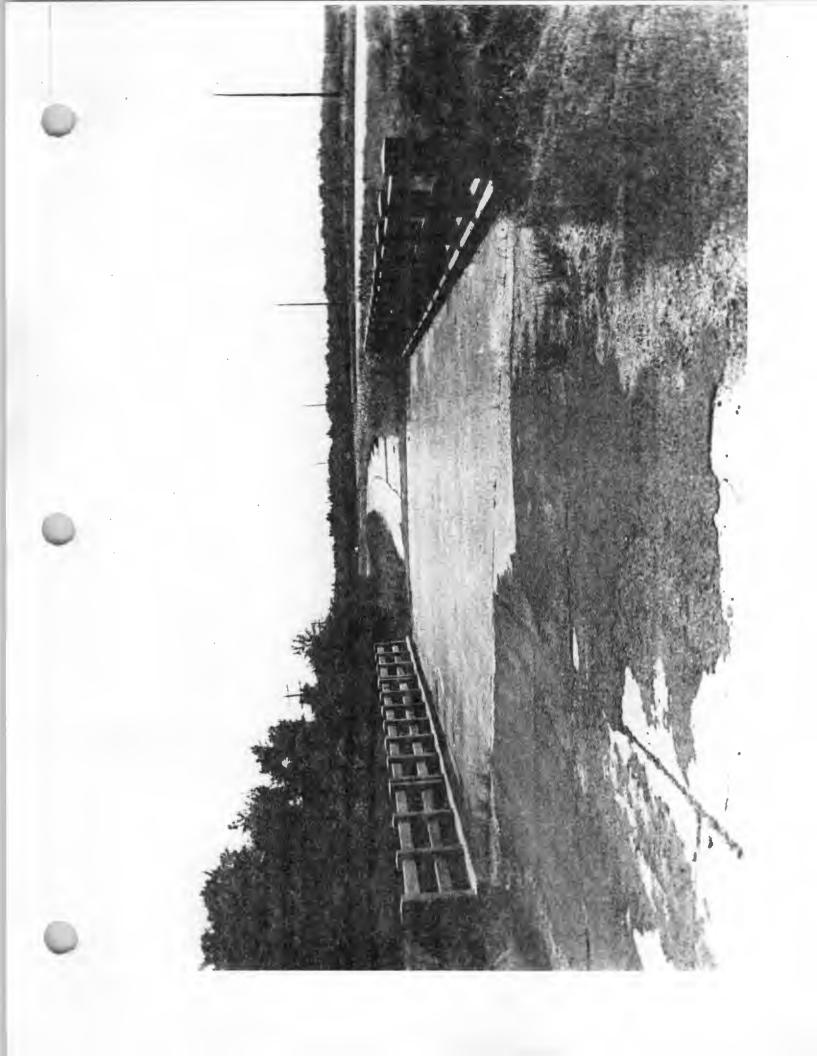
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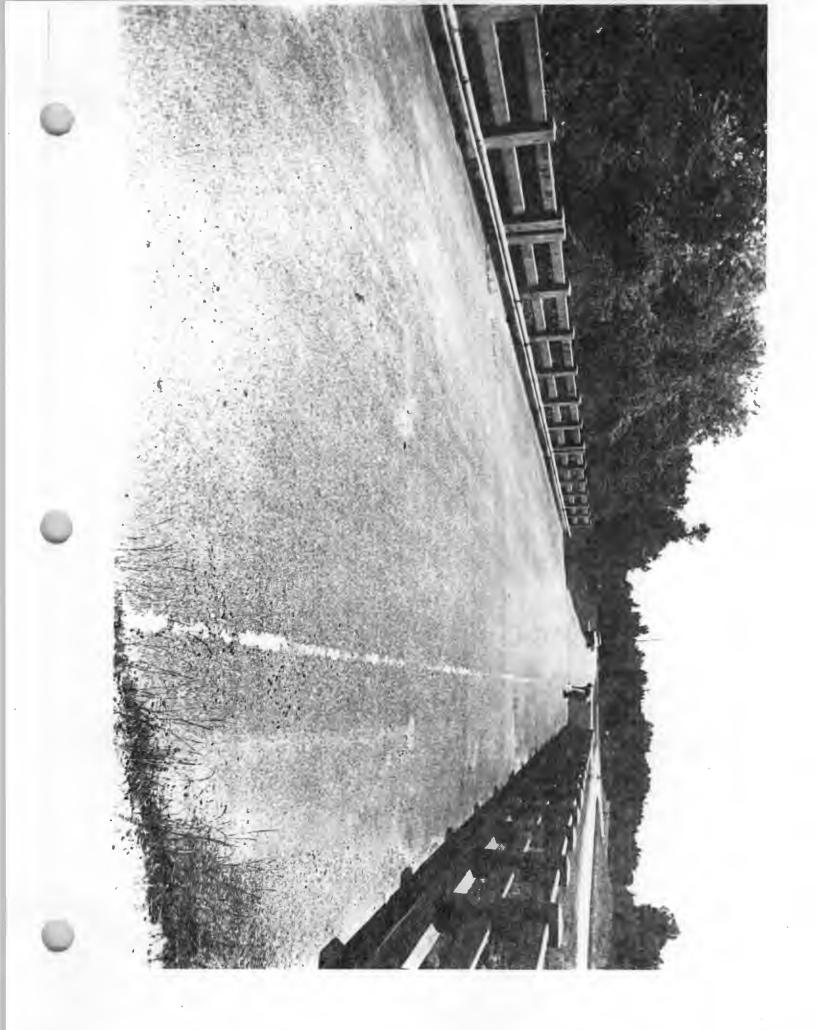
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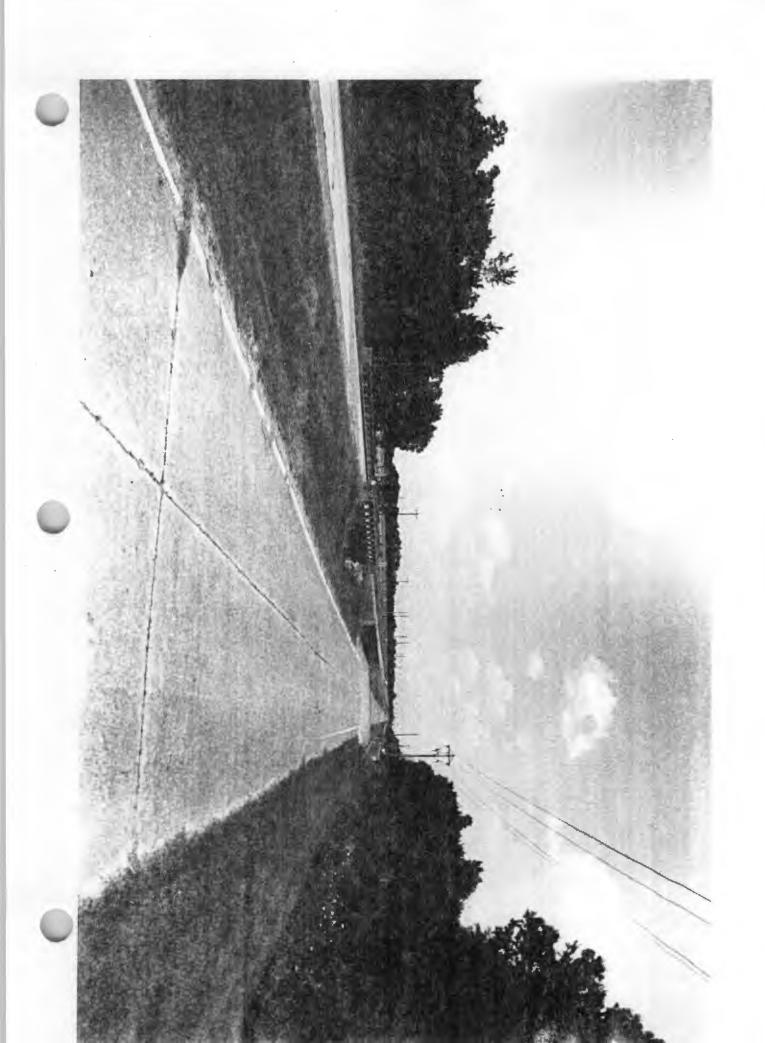
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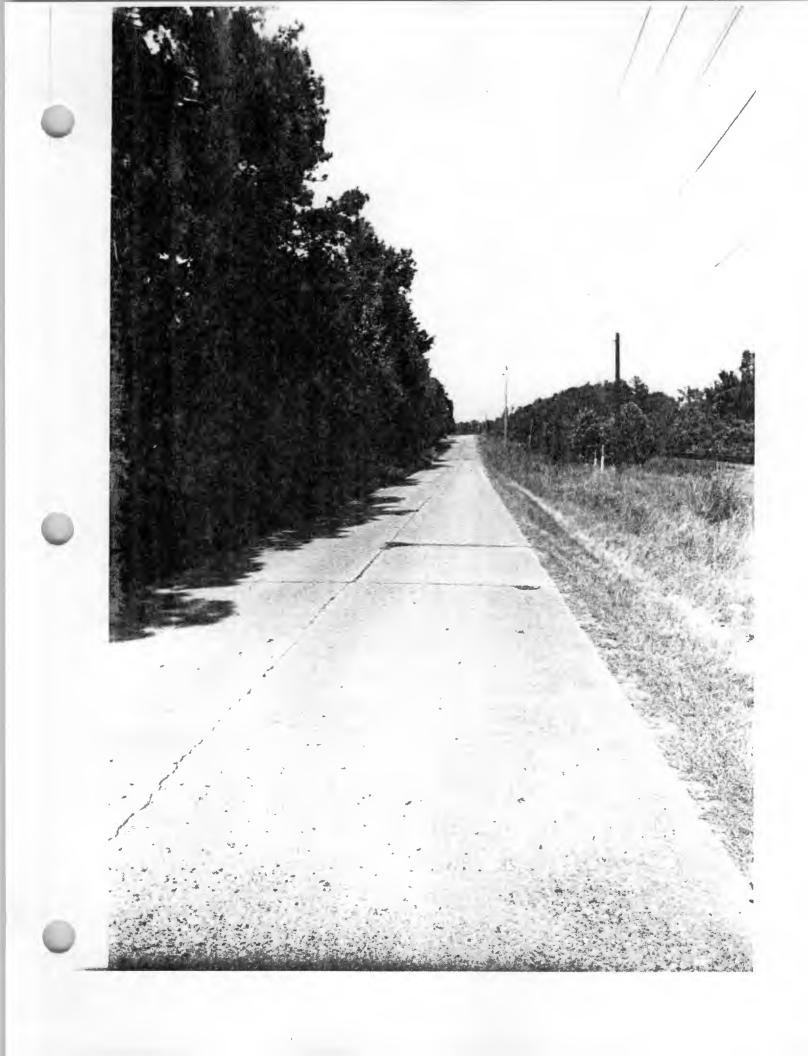
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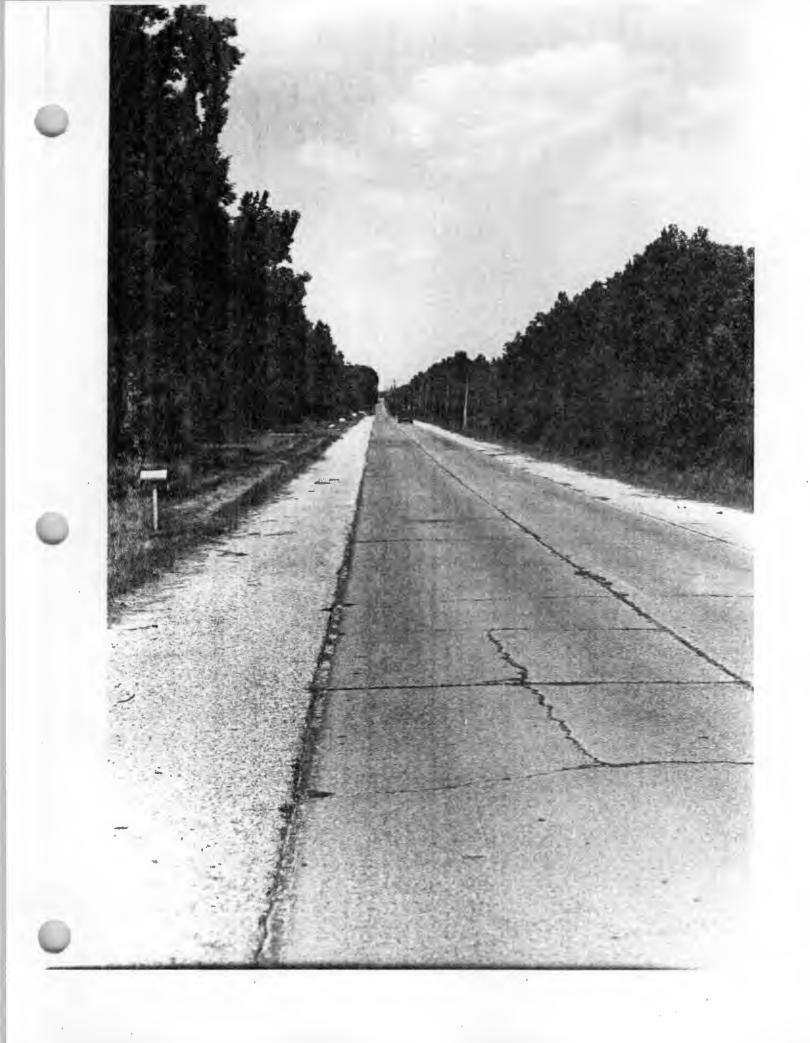
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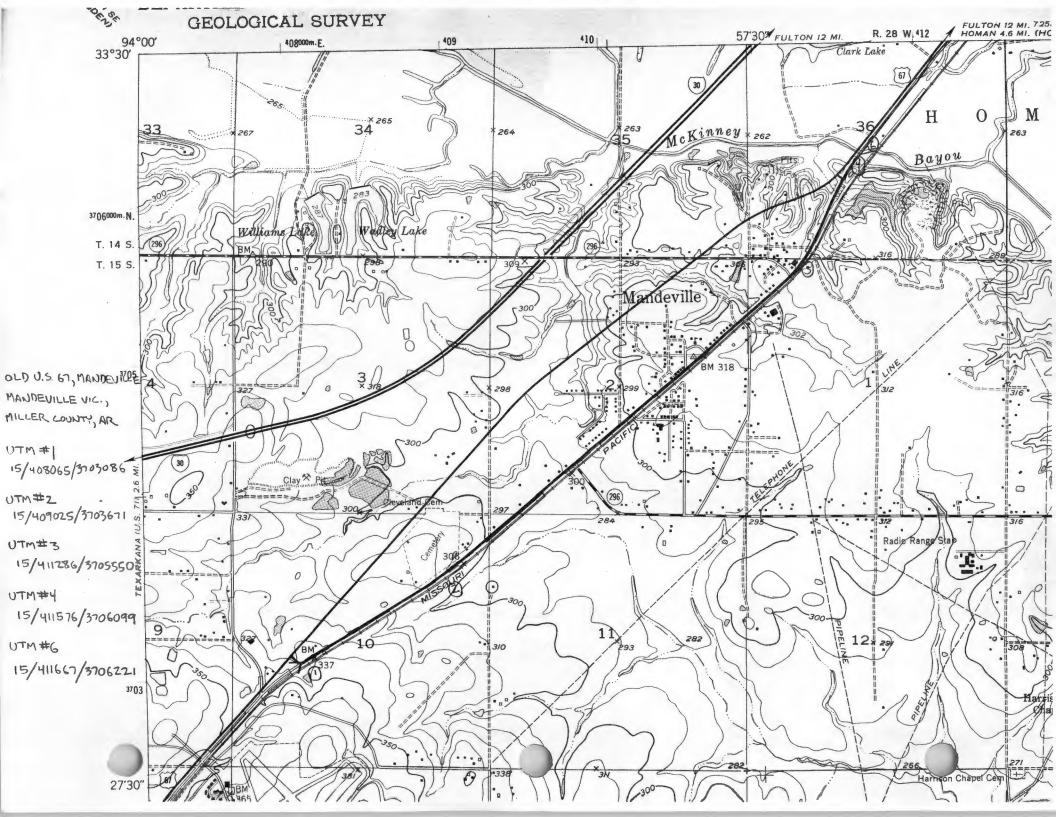


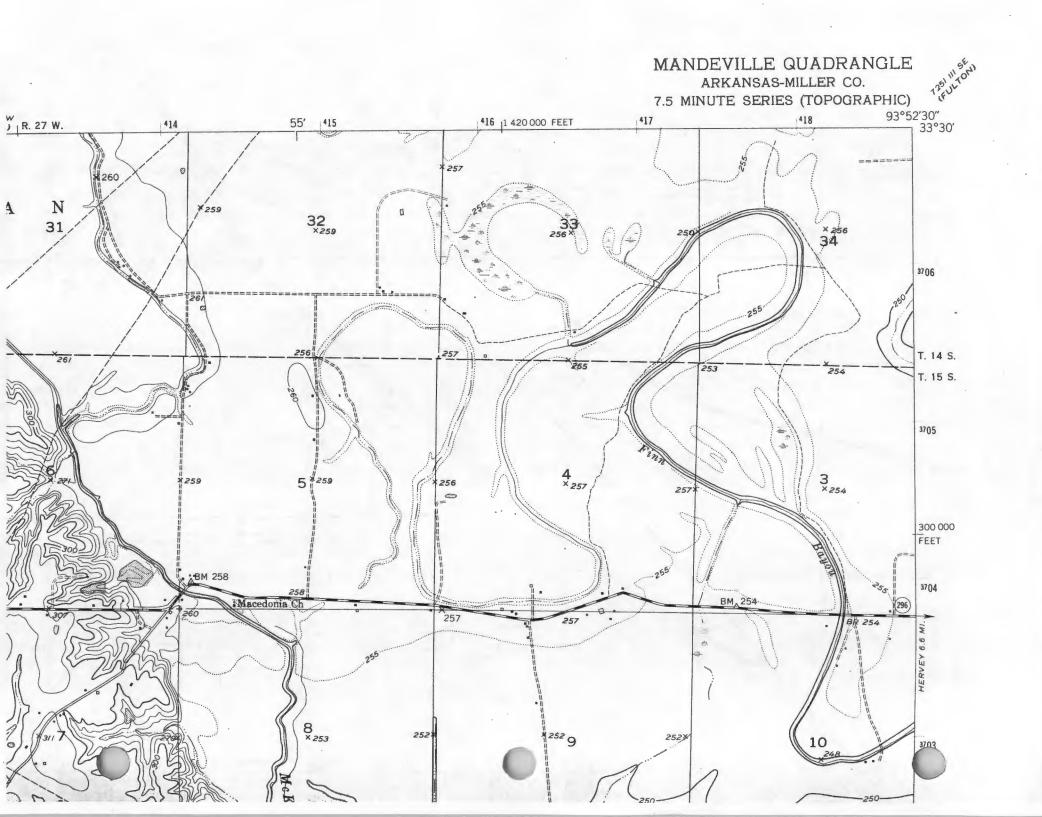












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