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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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.

1. Name of Property

historic name Main Street Bridge

other names/site number New Blaine-3

2. Location

street & number Sellars Street at the crossing of Silver Smith Branch

not for publication

city or town New Blaine

vicinity

state Arkansas

code AR

county Logan County

code 083

zip code 72851

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets
does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant

nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Cherie Matthews
Signature of certifying official/Title

5/13/02
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 for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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): _____

Main Street Bridge
Name of Property

Logan County, Arkansas
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
0	0	buildings
0	0	sites
1	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Historic and Architectural Resources of New Blaine,
Arkansas

**Number of Contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register**

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION: Road-related

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION: Road-related

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: Masonry closed spandrel arch

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

walls Stone

roof N/A

other Dirt over stone

Narrative Description

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

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
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 distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
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.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Levels of Significance (local, state, national)

Local

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

ENGINEERING

Period of Significance

1922

Significant Dates

1922

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation (Complete if Criterion D is marked)

N/A

Architect/Builder

Moore, Aaron- Foreman

Lasater, Freeborn T. and Steve Robinson- Laborers

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
Other State Agency
Federal Agency
Local Government
University
Other

Name of repository:

Main Street Bridge
Name of Property

Logan County, Arkansas
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre.

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 15 461786 3904940
Zone Easting Northing
2 _____

3 _____
Zone Easting Northing
4 _____

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection southwestern edge of Sellars Street with a perpendicular line running parallel with the northwestern end of the bridge and located approximately 10 feet to the northwest thereof, proceed southwesterly for a distance of approximately 10 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the bridge's southwestern side; thence proceed southeasterly approximately 40 feet along said line to its intersection with a perpendicular line; thence proceed northeasterly along said line for approximately 40 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line; thence proceed northwesterly along said line for a distance of approximately 40 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line; thence proceed southwesterly to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource.

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name _____
street & number _____ telephone _____
city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listing. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.)

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DESCRIPTION

Located on Sellars Street, formerly Main Street, at the point where it crosses the Silver Smith Branch, the Main Street Bridge is of the closed-spandrel stone-masonry arch type. The bridge is a single span bridge constructed of locally quarried stone. The bridge's total length is 19 feet with a width of approximately 20 feet. The arch is constructed entirely of stone, as is the deck with its dirt and gravel surface. The bridge was constructed in two sections, with the south portion being completed first. The bridge has not been altered since its construction in 1922.

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SUMMARY

Constructed in 1922, the Main Street Bridge over Silver Smith Branch in New Blaine, Arkansas, is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with **local significance** under **Criterion C** as the best example of a stone masonry bridge in the town and surrounding area. It is being submitted under the multiple property listing "**Architectural Resources of New Blaine, Arkansas**" in conjunction with the historic context "**History and Architecture of New Blaine, Arkansas: 1920-1940**".

ELABORATION

The Main Street Bridge is located on Sellars Street in New Blaine, Arkansas. The bridge spans Silver Smith Branch. The branch gets its name from a gentleman named Smith who came to the area to prospect for silver. After having some luck in the branch's water, he set up a small business selling silver bracelets and spoons. The branch took on the name Silver Smith Branch after Mr. Smith started his business.

When the bridge was built Sellars Street was Main Street, hence the bridge's name. The bridge was built in 1922 as the town of New Blaine was beginning to flourish. A wood bridge had crossed Silver Smith Branch, but as the commercial area began to thrive with the arrival of the railroad, the townspeople saw the need for a more durable bridge to handle the increased flow of people and goods to and from the depot.

Local stonemasons Steve Robinson and Freeborn Lasater constructed the bridge under the supervision of Aaron Moore. The bridge was constructed in two phases. The south half was completed first, then the wood bridge was removed and the north half of the stone bridge was then completed. The bridge was the primary route of entry into the town's commercial area and depot.

The bridge has continuously been used since its construction in 1922. It has survived both time and nature. In 1927 the railroad was disabled when floodwaters destroyed the nearby trestle. The stone bridge was unharmed by the raging waters.

Today, the Logan County Road Department maintains the bridge. Although traffic over the bridge has dramatically decreased since the town's heyday in the 1920s, the bridge still performs a vital task to those who live in the former commercial area of New Blaine.

Statement of Significance

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