

Bradford City Hall/Byers Masonic Lodge

White County, Arkansas

Name of Property

County and State

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National Park Service

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

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1. Name of Property

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Historic Name: Bradford City Hall/Byers Masonic Lodge
Other Name/Site Number: WH0457

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2. Location

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Street & Number: 302 West Walnut Street

City/Town: Bradford

Not for Publication: N/A

Vicinity: N/A

State: AR County: White Code: AR145 Zip Code: 72020

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Public-Local

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Non-contributing
<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

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Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural Resources of White County, Arkansas

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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.

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Signature of certifying official

Date 9-10-99

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: GOVERNMENT
SOCIAL

Sub: City Hall
Meeting Hall

Current : Social

Sub: Meeting Hall

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification:

Bungalow/Craftsman

Materials: foundation CONCRETE roof ASPHALT

walls STUCCO, STONE other

Describe present and historic physical appearance:

SUMMARY:

Bradford City Hall/Byers Masonic Hall is a two-story, Craftsman style structure faced on the first floor with fieldstone and on the second with stucco. It features a gable roof and a small jail addition on the rear elevation.

ELABORATION:

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The front, or south elevation features four evenly spaced double-hung six over six windows on both the upper and lower floors. A wooden door with a fixed six-pane windows is located in the center of the first floor. A second door enters the building at the western end of the south elevation. Both doors are protected by simple flat roofs supported by wires anchored to the second story of the building.

The west elevation is featureless except for a louvered grate in the gable end.

The rear, or north elevation features four evenly spaced double-hung six-over-six windows on the second floor. The western end of the first floor protrudes with a small, shed-roofed, fieldstone-faced jail cell, which is devoid of windows. Two double-hung, six-over-six windows fenestrate the eastern end of the north elevation.

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The east elevation features a louvered vent at the gable end of the second floor, and a pair of double-hung, six-over-six windows on the first floor flanking twin wooden doors with stationary six-over-six windows in each. A flat roof protects the doors; it is supported by wires affixed to the second floor façade.

The roof is covered with asphalt singles, and exposed rafter tails grace the eaves of the north and south elevation, giving the building its characteristic Craftsman-style appearance..

The interior of the lower floor has been divided into several rooms. All but the jail cells have pressed tin ceilings and concrete floors. The upper floor interior is all wood including the ceilings, walls, and floors. There is a vent on each end of the building. Although there have been several minor changes, the building essentially has retained its original form.

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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: Local.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: 1934

Significant Date(s): 1934

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Craftsman:

Stucco: C. H. Nichols and S. Wilson

Carpenter: Claud Smith

Gravel: W. G. Goad

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and period of significance noted above:

In 1934, when the Bradford City Hall/Byers Masonic Lodge was built, Bradford had been in existence for 41 years. The original community was located in an area northeast of its present site, at Old Glaise. Old Glaise was a major shipping point on the White River.

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Byers Lodge was chartered November 9, 1854 and functioned for 25 years in Grand Glaise. The lodge met in the upper floor of the Cox, Byers & Co. with most of Grand Glaise was destroyed by fire.

In the mid to late 1800's, the Cairo and Fulton Railroad was constructed, running from Little Rock to Newport. The trains were faster and cheaper than shipping by boat. Shippers began using the railroad. The Bradford Allen Station was built 17 miles southwest of Newport in 1871. Bradford became a major shipping point. Strawberries, grapes, cotton, mussel shells, lumber and pecans were shipped from Bradford regularly.

In the late 1800's, people began moving into the area surrounding Bradford Allen Station. The government was giving away land, in an effort to populate and cultivate the western threshold, bringing Many settlers to this are. Their main income came from logging and farming.

On March 9, 1875, the general charter for the municipal corporation of the town of Bradford was approved. It was 18 more years before Bradford would be incorporated into a township by the White County Court.

In 1879, Byers Lodge and the Baptist built a church building and shared the building. A few years later, the Baptist sold to the School District, which occupied the lower floor, until 1899, at which time, the School District sold to the Methodist. In 1904, the joint tenants built a new frame building. After WWI, the Methodist sold to the American Legion. On March 29, 1930, Byers Lodge was lost to a fire.

In 1934, Byers Lodge and the City of Bradford joined resources and built a new building, with a total cost of \$1574.00. The lower floor would be occupied as the City Hall and the upper floor as the meeting place for Byers Lodge. In 1960, Byers Lodge built a new concrete block building. City Hall moved to a new building in 1995. During the years, this building has been a meeting place for the Boy Scouts and other organizations.

The Bradford City Hall/Byers Masonic Lodge is being nominated to the National Register with local significance under Criterion C as the best and most significant example of a Craftsman-style municipal building extant in the city of Bradford.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hickmon, Marshall, P.M., "History of Byers Lodge #81," undated

Bradford History Book Committee, "First Hundred Years of Bradford, Arkansas," Dugger Printing, 1993

Minutes from Bradford City Council Meetings, February 5, 1934; August 7, 1934

Minutes from Byers Lodge Meetings, July 30, 1934; September 5, 1934; September 10, 1934; October 10, 1934; October 19, 1934

1999 interview with Helen Nelson

1999 interview with Frank Sanford

1999 interview with Dorothy Hickmon

1999 interview with Linda VanWinkle

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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:

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreeage of Property: Less than 1 acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

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C	_____	_____	_____	D

Verbal Boundary Description:

The nominated property includes the East ½ of Lot 7, Block 14
City of Bradford, Arkansas

Boundary Justification:

The boundary includes all of the property historically associated with the
Bradford City Hall

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11. Form Prepared By

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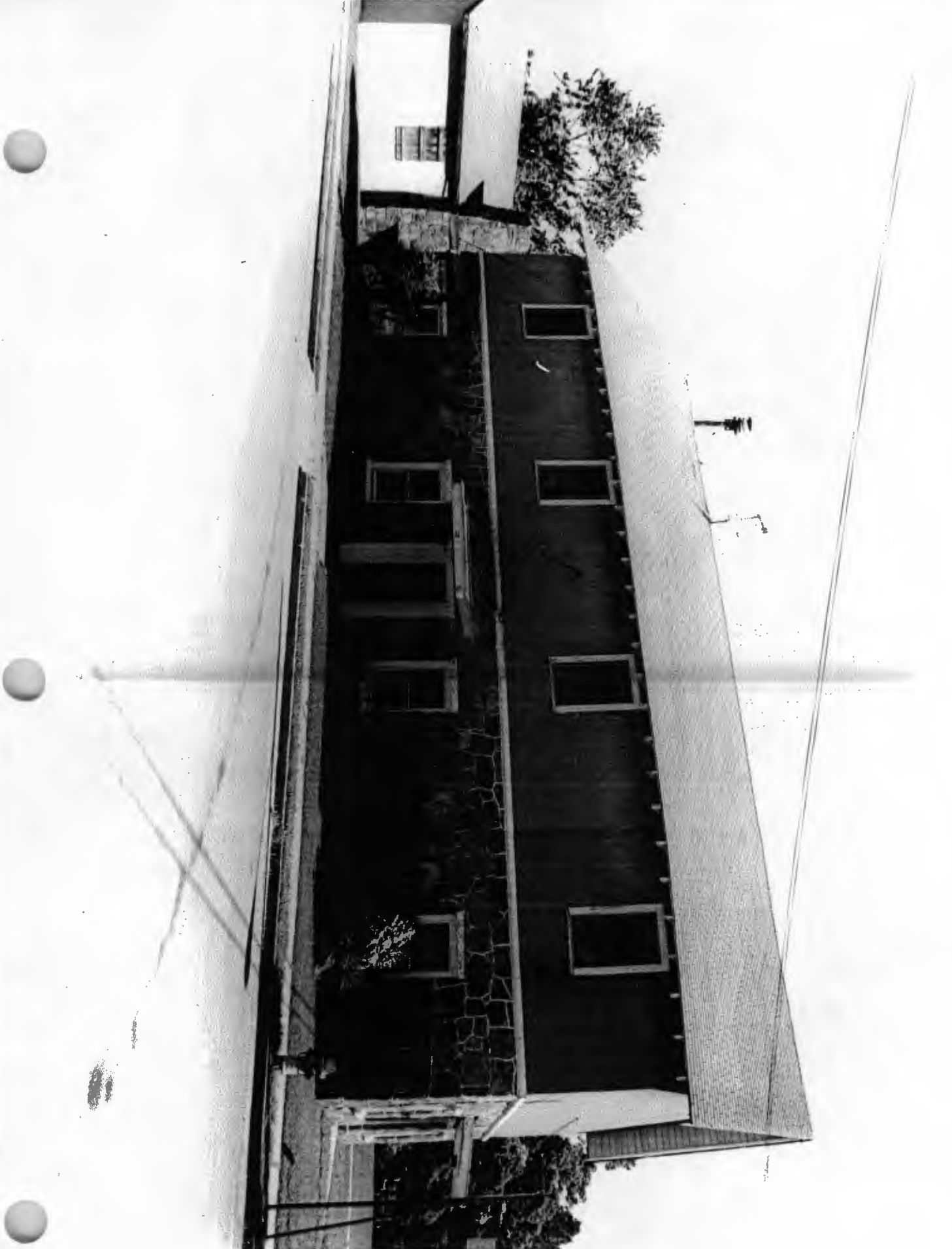
City or Town: Bradford State: AR ZIP: 72020













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