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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM	AHPP
1. Name of Property	
historic name: King Schoolhouse	
other name/site number: SV0076	
2. Location	
	ile east of State Hwy. 71 near
	not for publication: N/A
city/town: King	vicinity: N/A
state: AR county: Sevier cod	de: <u>AR 133</u> zip code: <u>71841</u>
3. Classification	.======================================
Ownership of Property: Public-local	
Category of Property: <u>Building</u>	
Number of Resources within Property:	
Contributing Noncontributing	
buildings sites structures objects  Total	
Number of contributing resources previously Register: N/A	v listed in the National
Name of related multiple property listing: <u>Southwest Arkansas (Lafayette, Little Riversianne)</u>	Railroad Era Resources of er, Miller and Sevier Counties),

4. State/Federal Agency Certification	=====	
As the designated authority under the N of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify to request for determination of eligibility standards for registering properties in Historic Places and meets the procedural set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opion does not meet the National Registersheet.	hat to mee the land nion,	this X nomination ets the documentation National Register of professional requirements the property X meets
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Signature of certifying official		Date
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program		
State or Federal agency and bureau		
In my opinion, the property meets Register criteria. See conti  Signature of commenting or other offici	nuati	does not meet the National on sheet.
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State or Federal agency and bureau  5. National Park Service Certification  1, 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):		
	Si	gnature of Keeper Date of Action
6. Function or Use		
Historic: EDUCATION		School

Architectura	l Classification	:		
Colonial Rev	ival			
Other Descri	ption: N/A			
Materials:	foundation walls	Brick Brick	roof other	Metal Brick chimneys
Describe pre	sent and histori	c physical app	earance	See continuation

## Summary

Located just east of State Hwy. 71 near the center of the King community, the King Schoolhouse is a two-story, brick masonry school building. Its hipped metal roof is capped with a hipped dormer (now boarded-over) and vented by two brick chimneys, one between the eastern window bays on the northern elevation and the other between the western window bays on the southern elevation.

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The interior is remarkably intact. A central hall runs the full length of the building and separates two large classrooms on the first floor, while a single large classroom runs the full length of the floor above. The original pressed tin ceilings and cove ornament survive throughout, as do the original strip floors.

The King Schoolhouse is currently used by the Cossatot Arts Center as their main facility. It is in very good condition.

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Applicable National Regi	ster Criteria: A,C			
Criteria Considerations	(Exceptions): N/A			
Areas of Significance:	COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT TRANSPORTATION ARCHITECTURE			
Period(s) of Significance	e: <u>1915-1945</u>			
Significant Dates: 1915				
Significant Person(s):	N/A			
Cultural Affiliation:	N/A			
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## Summary

Built in 1915, the King Schoolhouse is associated with the historic context Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas (Lafayette, Little River, Miller and Sevier Counties), 1870-1945 by virtue of its direct associations with one of the major railroads that played such a crucial role in the growth and development of Sevier County.

## Elaboration

Built in 1915, the King Schoolhouse was built to serve the once-thriving railroad community of King. King was but a settlement in the late 1880s, but became a town after 1897, when the Kansas City-Southern Railroad laid its tracks close by. King became a lumber town, and was in fact named for the King Ryder Lumber Company, which operated a company general store within the town. Formerly scores of houses -- both company- and privately-owned -- surrounded what was the busy business center of a town that boasted of four doctors, a drug store, railroad depot, blacksmith shop, two grocery stores in addition to the King store, two drygoods stores, a livery stable, post office lance hall.

The King Schoolhouse was built primarily as a school building, but also served the surrounding community as a community center and church. Classes were held within this building until the end of World War II, when the town

consolidated its school system with that of Gillham to the north. However, the schoolhouse -- like the entire community of King -- owed its existence to the arrival of the Kansas City-Southern Railroad in the last years of the ineteenth century; as such it is associated with the historic context Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas (Lafayette, Little River, Miller and Sevier Counties), 1870-1945 by virtue of its direct associations with one of the major railroads that played such a crucial role in the growth and development of Sevier County. It is thus significant under Criterion A as one of the few surviving buildings constructed to serve as a school building for a railroad community during the first decades after its arrival in the county; it is also significant under Criterion C as the only known surviving example of a Colonial Revival school building in Sevier County.

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beginning at a point formed by the intersection of a line running parallel with the building's western elevation and located approximately 25 feet to the west thereof with a perpendicular line formed by the southern edge of the unnamed road located immediately to the north thereof, proceed easterly along said line for a distance of approximately 150 feet; thence proceed southerly

along a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's eastern elevation for a distance of approximately 150 feet; thence proceed westerly along a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's southern elevation for a distance of approximately 150 feet; thence proceed northerly to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justificat	ion: See continuation sheet.
	ides all the property historically-associated with this own to retain its integrity.
11. Form Prepared B	======================================
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