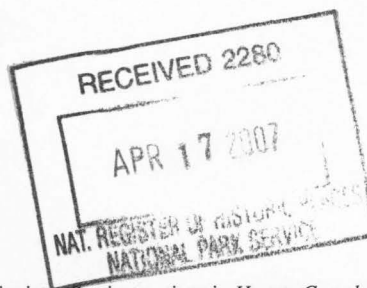


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 Waldo Water Tower

other names/site number CO0422

2. Location

street & number E. Main Street west of the N. Skimmer and E. Main Intersection

☐ not for publication

city or town Waldo

☐ vicinity

state Arkansas code AR county Columbia code 027 zip code 71770

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.)

Cecilia Marchess
Signature of certifying official/Title

4/11/07
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:

☒ 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:) _____

for Daniel J. Vivian
Signature of the Keeper

5/29/07
Date of Action

Waldo Water Tower
Name of Property

Columbia 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

	buildings
	sites
1	structures
	objects
1	Total

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

"An Ambition to Be Preferred: New Deal Recovery Efforts
and Architecture in Arkansas: 1933-1943"

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

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRACTION/
waterworks/water tower

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRACTION/
waterworks/water tower

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

No Style

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE

walls METAL

roof METAL

other

Narrative Description

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

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SUMMARY

The Waldo Water Tower is located in Waldo, Columbia County, Arkansas. Situated in southern Arkansas, the small town of Waldo was founded along the Cotton Belt Railroad. The Pittsburgh Des Moines Steel Company began construction on the Waldo Water Tower in 1935 and completed it in 1936. The Public Works Administration Agency (PWA), created as part of President Roosevelt's New Deal in 1933, aided in construction of the tower. Currently, the Waldo Water Tower sits behind the Waldo City Hall.

ELABORATION

The Waldo Water Tower rises several feet above the community of Waldo, Arkansas. Although it is not the only water source for the community (a second water tower was constructed in the 1940s), it remains in use today. The tank of the tower rests on four steel legs that rise from the ground to the base of the tank. There is a utility ladder which runs down the leg on the south side. Metal Crosspieces are inserted between the legs to provide additional support. There is a water pipe which runs from the ground to the center of the base of the tank, transporting water back and forth from the ground to the tank.

The base of the water tank is shaped like a bowl which is pierced in the center by the water pipe. At the top of the base there is a walkway that encircles the tank. Four sheets of metal comprise the walls of the tank. The north and south walls of the tank are painted with black letters that read "WALDO." The metal roof of the tank is conical shaped. It extends a few feet past the tank and slants upwards towards a single point.

INTEGRITY

The Waldo Water Tower retains its original fabric and setting. It remains in use today.

Waldo Water Tower

Name of Property

Columbia County, Arkansas

County and State

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

Government/Politics

Period of Significance

1935-1957

Significant Dates

1935-1957

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked)

Cultural Affiliation (Complete if Criterion D is marked)

Architect/Builder

Pittsburgh Des Moines Steel Company, PWA

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 Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

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

Name of repository: _____

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SUMMARY

The Waldo Water Tower is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with **local significance** under **Criterion A** for its association with the Public Works Administration. The Waldo Water Tower is also being nominated under **Criterion C** as a unique example of the 1930s water tower construction because it is the only surviving example of a PWA-built water tower in Waldo, Columbia County, Arkansas. The Waldo Water Tower is being submitted under the multiple property-listing "An Ambition to Be Preferred: New Deal Recovery Efforts and Architecture in Arkansas, 1933-1943."

ELABORATION

Situated in a heavily wooded area, Columbia County was organized in 1852 by the General Assembly and formed from portions of Lafayette and Ouachita Counties.¹ Unlike so many other counties in the delta that prospered from river transportation, Columbia County's lack of navigable rivers, delayed growth until the mid nineteenth century, when the government opened up river access by blasting.

Despite the county's early seclusion from major rivers such as the Red and Ouachita Rivers, its land, rich in soil, was good for farming. Even before the founding of Columbia County in 1852, large farm plantations prospered in the area as the production of cotton increased. Cotton, the only export of the time, led to growth in areas of the county that would otherwise be neglected.² But, the inconvenience of the county's location presented difficulty for farmers. With no other venues of trade, farmers were forced to haul cotton by oxen to Shreveport, Louisiana to be shipped. In 1874, the Iron Mountain Railroad in southern Arkansas passed through Hope, a small town in south central Arkansas, opening up a new trade access for farmers in Columbia County. With this new trade center, farmers from Columbia County were not forced to travel as far on business. Then, in 1881 Columbia County created a back rail from the main St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas Railway line out to Magnolia.³

In 1883, the Cotton Belt Railroad was built, permitting railroad rights to the town of Magnolia, the seat of Columbia County.⁴ In the same year, the town of Waldo was founded. Prior to the founding of Waldo, Colonel John Dockery, a veteran of the Mexican War, built the first plantation of the area, Lamartine, named after a French poet. In 1839, a small settlement grew around the plantation as trappers and hunters traveled north from Louisiana along the Old Military Road. The settlement encompassed a few plantations and a post office. In 1883, the Cotton Belt Railroad missed the site of Lamartine by three and a half miles. Historians believe that the settlement of Lamartine was relocated to the present site of Waldo.⁵

¹ Nettie Hicks Kilgore, *History of Columbia County* (Magnolia, AR: Magnolia Printing Co, 1947), 8.

² *Ibid.*, 10.

³ *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Southern Arkansas* (Chicago: Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1890), 459.

⁴ Nettie Hicks Kilgore, *History of Columbia County*, 11.

⁵ *Ibid.*

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The Cotton Belt Railroad played a significant role in the founding of Waldo. In 1883, the postmaster of Waldo convinced the Cotton Belt Railroad Company to invest in the new town, and to use it as a regular railroad station. In November of that year, through the Subsidiary Southwestern Improvement Association, the Cotton Belt Railroad Company purchased 26 acres of the new town. The land was then surveyed, and laid off in lots. Records show that at this time there were 96 business lots and 120 residential lots.⁶ Mr. Pace, the postmaster, opened the first store and became the first station agent. In 1888 the town of Waldo was incorporated and named after Col. J. Waldo, Vice President of the Texas Division of the Cotton Belt Railroad Company.⁷

The town experienced the greatest population growth at the turn of the century as the population increased from 700 to 1,000.⁸ During this time Waldo was flourishing as an important mill site. In 1887 there were seven saw mills, one belonging to the Niemeyer Lumber Company. In 1933 there were forty business recorded in the town.⁹

In 1935 the Arkansas State Planning Board met with the Public Works Administration to begin planning for the conservation of the Arkansas natural resources. The PWA accepted the task to improve all of the water sources in the State.¹⁰ In that same year, the construction on the Waldo Water Tower began. The PWA gave a \$43,500 loan and a \$15,987 grant for the project. The Waldo Water Tower was completed May, 1936.¹¹

Today the Waldo Water Tower continues to operate as one of the primary water sources for the town of Waldo. It serves as a reminder of the PWA construction and work during the 1930s.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Waldo Water Tower is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with **local significance** under **Criterion A** for its association with the Public Works Administration. The Waldo Water Tower is also being nominated under **Criterion C** as a unique example of the 1930s water tower construction because it is the only surviving example of a PWA-built water tower in Waldo, Columbia County, Arkansas. The Waldo Water Tower is being submitted under the multiple property-listing "An Ambition to Be Preferred: New Deal Recovery Efforts and Architecture in Arkansas, 1933-1943."

⁶ Ibid., 12.

⁷ *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Southern Arkansas*, 460.

⁸ Ibid., 461.

⁹ Nettie Hicks Kilgore, *History of Columbia County*, 21.

¹⁰ State of Arkansas Planning Board 1935 Report found in the files of the Richard C. Butler Center for Arkansas Studies.

¹¹ Information on the funding for the project found in the PWA files of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program.

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Historic Preservation Program.

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Center for Arkansas Studies.

Waldo Water Tower
Name of Property

Columbia County, Arkansas
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 15 473753 3690283
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.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Joanna Hall National Register Historian
organization Arkansas Historic Preservation Program date 09/22/06
street & number 1500 Tower Building 323 Center St. telephone (501) 324-9789
city or town Little Rock state Arkansas zip code 72201

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 _____

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Waldo Water Tower

Name of Property

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

From the intersection of East Main and Highway 371 proceed east, twenty-five meters past the intersection of East Main and North Walnut. Then proceed north, parallel to North Walnut for twenty meters. From that point, proceed 5 meters east, south, and west back to that point.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

This boundary includes all of the land historically associated with the Waldo Water Tower.

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Name of multiple property listing (if applicable) _____

SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 07000472

Date of Listing: May 29, 2007

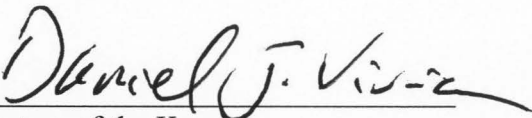
Property Name: Waldo Water Tower

County: Columbia

State: Arkansas

New Deal Recovery Efforts and Architecture in Arkansas, 1933-1943
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

for 
Signature of the Keeper

May 29, 2007
Date of Action

=====

Amended Items in Nomination:

Section 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

"Nationally" is hereby removed as a recommended level of significance, as per the instructions of the State Historic Preservation Officer. The property is recommended for listing at the local level of significance.

Section 8. Statement of Significance

The period of significance is hereby changed to 1935-1936, to more accurately reflect the period in which the property achieved significance for its association with the Public Works Administration and for its engineering design.

[These changes were made in consultation with and approved by the National Register staff of the Arkansas SHPO.]

The Arkansas State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file

Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Waldo Water Tower

MULTIPLE NAME: New Deal Recovery Efforts in Arkansas MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Columbia

DATE RECEIVED: 4/17/07 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/04/07
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 5/19/07 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 5/31/07
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 07000472

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: Y SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

___ACCEPT ___RETURN ___REJECT ___DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Waldo Water Tower is locally significant under Criterion C for its engineering design and under Criterion A for its association with the government-sponsored New Deal recovery efforts during the Great Depression. It meets the registration requirements outlined in the Multiple Property Submission, "An Ambition to be Preferred: New Deal Recovery Efforts and Architecture in Arkansas, 1993-43." Today, the property reflects the role of New Deal programs in Columbia County and retains integrity from its period of significance.

RECOM./CRITERIA

REVIEWER

DISCIPLINE

TELEPHONE

DATE

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



Waldo Water Tower

Columbia County, Arkansas

Photograph by : Sarah Jampole

08/24/06

Photograph in the AHPP Archives

Northwest view



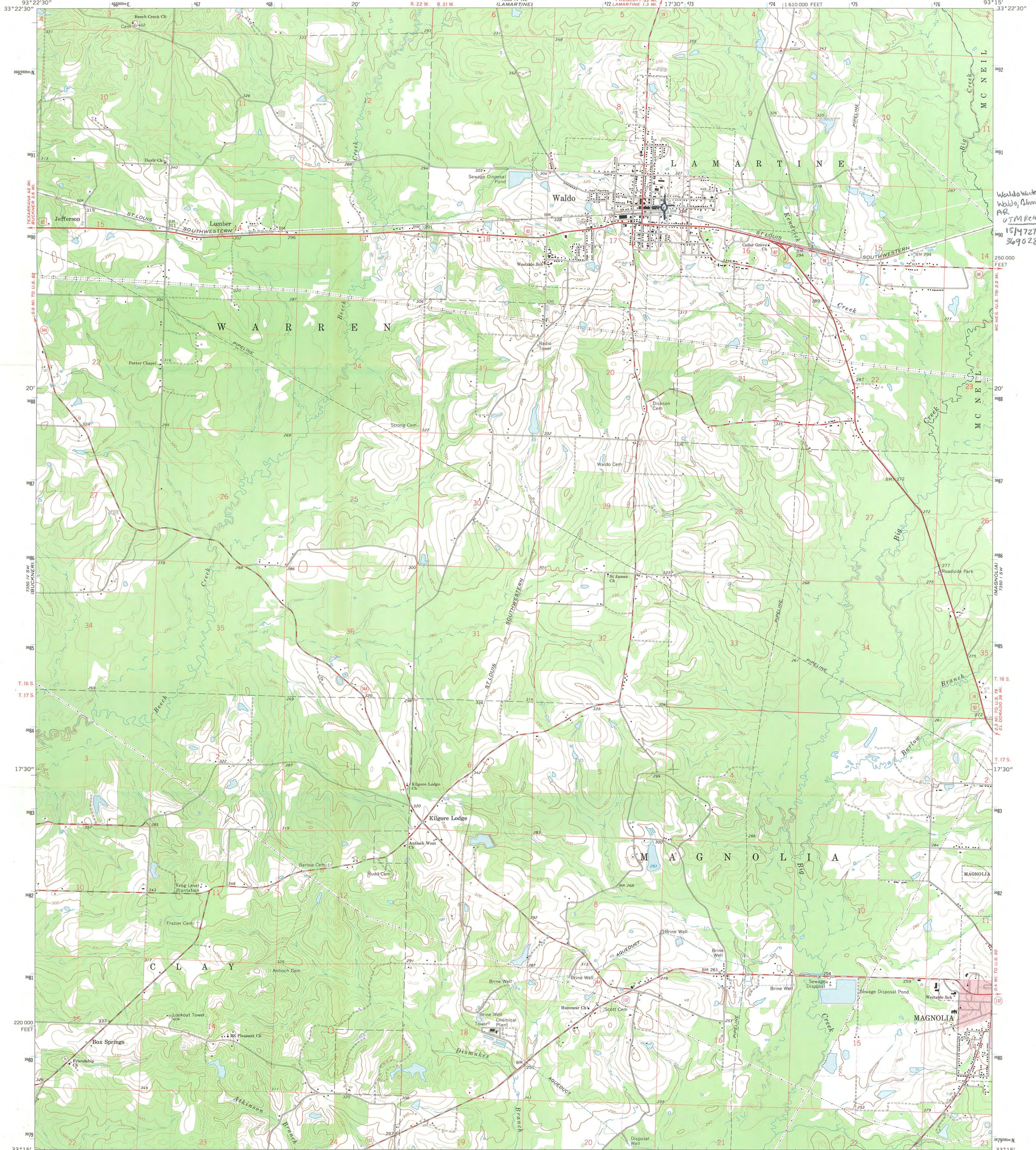
Waldo Water Tower
Columbia County, Arkansas

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08/24/06

photograph in the AHPP Archives

Southeast view looking up to the tank





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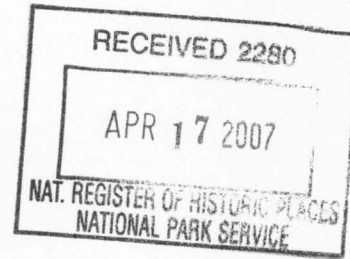
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March 05, 2007

Dr. Janet Matthews
Chief of Registration
United States Department of the Interior
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
8th Floor
1201 Eye Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

RE: Waldo Water Tower

Dear Dr. Matthews:

We are enclosing for your review the above-referenced nomination. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

If you need further information, please call Ralph S. Wilcox of my staff at (501) 324-9787. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathie Matthews
State Historic Preservation Officer

CM: jh

Enclosure



"Ralph Wilcox"
<Ralph@arkansasherita
ge.org>

To: <Dan_Vivian@nps.gov>
cc:
Subject: RE: Waldo Water Tower

05/22/2007 05:44 PM
EST

Dan-

You don't think it's nationally significant??? (You're right - that's an error. It should be local only.)

-Ralph

-----Original Message-----

From: Dan_Vivian@nps.gov [mailto:Dan_Vivian@nps.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2007 11:19 AM
To: Ralph Wilcox
Subject: Waldo Water Tower

Ralph,

I've got the nomination for the Waldo Water Tower on my desk. Under Section 3 of the registration form, both "national" and "local" are checked as the recommended level of significance. Am I correct in assuming that national is an error? I don't think the water tower really warrants that level of recognition.

Dan



"Ralph Wilcox"
<Ralph@arkansasheritage.org>

To: <Dan_Vivian@nps.gov>
cc:
Subject: RE: Waldo Water Tower

05/29/2007 09:59 AM
EST

Dan-

Here are the things you need:

Waldo - POS should be 1935-1936, everything else should be the same.

Mineral Springs - POS should be 1936, everything else should be the same.

-Ralph

-----Original Message-----

From: Dan_Vivian@nps.gov [mailto:Dan_Vivian@nps.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2007 9:44 AM
To: Ralph Wilcox
Subject: RE: Waldo Water Tower

Without a justification for why the water supply is significant, there's no justification for extending the POS through 1957. So, for both of these nominations, what should the respective POSs be revised to? And do they both remain significant under the criteria and areas of significance specified? If you give me the details, I can do the SLRs.

Thanks,

Dan

"Ralph Wilcox"

<Dan_Vivian@nps.gov>

<Ralph@arkansasheritage.org>

To:

cc:

Subject: RE: Waldo Water

Tower

05/25/2007 02:37

PM EST

Dan-

This is the same situation as the other, but I see your point. If you feel it should be changed to reflect only the PWA's involvement, I'll go