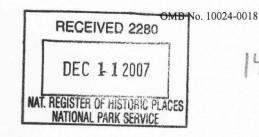
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### **National Register of Historic Places Registration Form**



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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 Monette Water Tower
other names/site number Monette Waterworks/Site # CG0252
2. Location
street & number Southwest corner of AR 139 and Texie Avenue not for publication
city or town Monette vicinity
state Arkansas code AR county Craighead County code 031 zip code 72447
3. State/Federal Agency Certification
As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this image 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 images in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant in attitudes a state of certifying official/Title in the National Register criteria. (In my opinion, the property images in the National Register criteria. (In my opinion, the property images in the National Register criteria. (In See Continuation sheet for additional comments.)  Signature of certifying official/Title in the National Register criteria. (In See Continuation sheet for additional comments.)  Signature of certifying official/Title in the National Register criteria.
4. National Park Service Certification
I hereby certify that the property is:    dentered 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:)

Monette Water Tower  Name of Property		Craighead County, Arkansas County and State	
5. Classification			
Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)	Category of Property (Check only one box)	Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in count.)	
☐ private ☐ public-local ☐ public-State ☐ public-Federal	<ul> <li>□ building(s)</li> <li>□ district</li> <li>□ site</li> <li>⊠ structure</li> <li>□ object</li> </ul>	Contributing Noncontributing  1	buildings sites structures objects
Name of related multiple p (Enter "N/A" if property is not part An Ambition to be Preferred and Architecture in Arkansas	of a multiple property listing.) : New Deal Recovery Efforts	Number of Contributing resources previously in the National Register	_ Total / <b>listed</b>
6. Function or Use			
Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)		Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	
Industry/Processing/Extracti	on/Waterworks	Industry/Processing/Extraction/Waterworks	
7. Description			
Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions) Other/Plain-Traditional		Materials (Enter categories from instructions) foundation Concrete walls Metal	
		roof Metal other	

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Narrative Description} \\ (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.) \end{tabular}$ 

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### **Summary**

The Monette Water Tower is located at the southwest corner of Arkansas highway 139 and Texie Avenue in the town of Monette, Craighead County, in northeastern Arkansas. The water tower is at the city's main waterworks complex. It was built by the Chicago Bridge & Iron Company with assistance by the Public Works Administration (PWA) in 1936.

#### Elaboration

The Monette Water Tower is located at the southwest corner of Arkansas highway 139 and Texie Avenue in the town of Monette, Craighead County, in northeastern Arkansas. The water tower is at the city's main waterworks complex, operated by the Monette Waterworks. Built by the Chicago Bridge & Iron Company in 1936, the project was funded by the Public Works Administration (PWA). Monette currently has a population of approximately 1,100 while the Monette Waterworks serves a population of an estimated 1,500.

The water tower stands on four steel, lattice support columns that slope inward as the columns rise. Steel lattice, box beams provide horizontal strength between the legs. Additional support is given by the attachment of diagonal steel rod bracing at the junctions of the legs and cross beams. Water is conveyed to and from the tank by a large diameter pipe through the center of the tower.

The water tank itself is a Horton style tank with a conical bottom and cone shaped top. There is a metal walkway around the diameter of the tank. Access to the metal walkway is by way of a metal ladder. The tank was fashioned of steel plates, each welded together. Painted white, the tank has a large blue ellipse painted on the north side which reads, "Monette" in script letters.

#### Integrity

The Monette Water Tower retains good integrity. The water tower has not been altered. Additionally the town of Monette remains much the same in size and character as when the water tower was built.

Monette Water Tower Name of Property	Craighead 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.)	Levels of Significance (local, state, national) Local
A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.	Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions) Engineering Politics/Government
☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.	Fontics/Government
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.	Period of Significance 1936
□ 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 1936
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)
<ul> <li>C. birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance.</li> <li>D a cemetery.</li> </ul>	Cultural Affiliation (Complete if Criterion D is marked)
☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.	
☐ F a commemorative property	Architect/Builder
☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.	Builder: PWA/Chicago Bridge & Iron
Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)	
9. Major Bibliographical References	
<b>Bibliography</b> (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one of	r 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 Monette Water Tower is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with **local** significance under Criterion C as a good example of 1930s water tank construction. The Monette Water Tower is also being listed under Criterion A for its association with the activities of the Public Works Administration (PWA) in Craighead County during the 1930s. The Monette Water Tower is being submitted to the National Register of Historic Places under the multiple property listing "An Ambition to be Preferred: New Deal Recovery Efforts and Architecture in Arkansas, 1933-1943."

#### Elaboration

On Wednesday October 21, 1936 John V. Hancock started the pump to fill Monette's new water tank. Reporters for the *Monette Weekly Sun* noted that by 1:00 pm the 75,000 gallon tank was filled. Built by the Chicago Bridge & Iron Company, the tank was the key piece in Monette's new water system. The PWA contracted with the Chicago Bridge & Iron Company to construct the tanks while the water distribution system was constructed by the V. E. Schevenell Company of Memphis, TN. Completed in early November, the water system had just over five miles of piping and an initial subscription of one hundred and forty-one homes. In total the project cost approximately \$49,000 dollars of which, \$22,000 dollars was a PWA grant and the remaining was a PWA loan.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Monette Weekly Sun, 22 October 1936; 12 November 1936.

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The Goodspeed Publishing Company wrote, of Craighead County, in 1889 that, "The water supply, for all purposes, is abundant. A number of springs—especially on Crowley's Ridge—are found, and a liberal supply of good well water can, at all places, be obtained at an average depth of thirty feet, without blasting or boring through rock." This water, from the Alluvial aquifer, fed the schools, homes, and businesses of the region. One of these, Dr. Joseph M. Williams, was recognized as one of the first residents of Monette to have a running water system. Dr. Williams built his home in the newly founded town in late 1899. The *Craighead County Sun* reported, "This will be the neatest dwelling in the eastern part of the county and he has acted very wise...in building a water tank on top of the house. He also erected a wind mill an [sic] when the wind mill turns it will always keep the tank full of water. Everybody ought to have a windmill and tank."

The town of Monette lies in the eastern portion of Craighead County near the border with Mississippi County, in an area referred to locally as Buffalo Island. The town was formed in 1898 when engineers building the Jonesboro, Lake City, and Eastern Railroad (J.L.C.&E. Railroad) surveyed and laid out the site. Prior to the arrival of the railroad, settlement in the Sunk Lands of eastern Craighead County was sparse. Though the lands were good for farming and held significant timber reserves, travel in the area east of the St. Francis River was difficult and it was this difficulty that hindered settlement.

Travel improved with the construction of the J.L.C.&E. Railroad. This in-turn increased settlement and economic development in the Sunk Lands. Prior to the arrival of the railroad, the town of Stottsville, which preceded Monette, had one store, a saw mill, cotton gin, and grist mill; all of these built prior to 1889. However, all of these were owned and operated by Arnold Stotts and served a widespread, agriculturally dependant population. After the arrival of the railroad and subsequent economic growth, the demand for housing grew substantially. Land rents and prices increased, and the number of stores increased to five. Additional economic growth between 1898 and 1900 led to the construction of two hotels, a school, and several manufacturing establishments.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Goodspeed Publishing Company, *The Goodspeed Biographical & Historical Memoirs of Northeast Arkansas* (Nashville, TN: Goodspeed Publishing Company, 1889; reprint, Easley, SC: Southland Historical Press, 1978), 310.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Craighead County Sun, 7 December 1899, quoted in Nan Harrell Snider Monette, Arkansas, "The Ties that Bind" a History of the People and Places that Make up the Monette Community and School District (Monette, AR: by the author, 2001), 57. 
<sup>4</sup> Goodspeed, 316, 358; Tom Buffaloe, "Buffalo Island Essays", Craighead County Historical Quarterly XXX, No. 1(Winter 1992), 25.

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Logging and the timber industry provided the impetus for much of the early growth of Monette. The town was home to a stave mill, saw mill, spoke factory, and related businesses. As the sunk lands were cut over, the land became open for farming and Monette gradually became the economic center of a larger farming community. The population of Monette grew quickly in the first decade after its founding. Estimated at 250 in 1900, the population doubled to 559 in 1910 and doubled again in the decade between 1910 and 1920 to 1,065. Growth slowed dramatically between 1920 and 1930 as logging related interests left and farm lands were closed. By 1930, a population that doubled each preceding census only increased by 46 people to 1,111.

Despite the town's rapid growth, the city spent little on infrastructure. Two large fires in 1912 burned large portions of the main business district. Larger fires in the late 1920s and 1930s destroyed hotels, schools, and homes. Regardless, it was not until 1947 that the city had its first fire department. The period between 1920 and 1935 was a time of economic hardship for Monette and the surrounding areas of eastern Craighead County. Gradually decreasing cotton prices placed added pressures on farmers in the area. There was some success with diversifying farm crops, including successful programs with cantaloupes and radishes. However, as with elsewhere in Arkansas, the loss of logging industry jobs, the decline in agricultural commodity prices, and the onset of prolonged drought served to increase pressure on already sagging wages and economic stability.

To offset this decline in economic growth, the Monette Chamber of Commerce proposed a series of modernizations to the town. This included the construction of a modern waterworks. First proposed in 1928, the money for the project ultimately came from the Public Works Administration. Monette's waterworks project was one of 124 similar projects in the state funded by the PWA. The project was approved in late 1935 and construction began 9 April 1936. The water tower was completed 21 October 1936 and the entire waterworks project in November 1936.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Ernestine Harrell, "Town and County History," Copy in possession of the preparer, Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, Little Rock; U. S. Census Bureau, *Thirteenth Census of the United States, Population, Volume II* (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1913), 98. U.S. Census Bureau, *Fourteenth Census of the United States, Arkansas State Compendium* (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1924), 24; and U. S. Census Bureau, *Fifteenth Census of the United States, Population, Volume I* (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1931), 107.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Harell, "Town and County".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Monette Weekly Sun, 22 October 1936.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Holly Hope, "An Ambition to be Preferred: New Deal Recovery Efforts in Arkansas, 1933-1943" (Little Rock: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, 2006), 22.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Monette Weekly Sun, 22 October 1936; 12 November 1936.

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One of the main goals of the PWA programs was to stimulate economic growth and to provide work for local residents. In total there were sixty-one men employed in the waterworks project who were paid a total of \$4,745 dollars, much of which was spent at local businesses. This PWA project was an important part of the New Deal recovery programs in the state of Arkansas. The Monette water tower serves as a lasting reminder of the PWA's importance in providing jobs, necessary infrastructure, and economic development in Arkansas. Additionally the Monette Water Tower is a good example of a 1930s water tower built with PWA funds.

#### Statement of Significance

The Monette Water Tower is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with **local** significance under Criterion C as a good example of a 1930s water tower. The Monette Water Tower is also being nominated to the National Register under Criterion A for its association with the activities of the PWA in Monette and Craighead County during the late 1930s. The Monette Water tower is being submitted to the National Register of Historic Places under the multiple property listing "An Ambition to be Preferred: New Deal Recovery Efforts and Architecture in Arkansas, 1933-1943."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Monette Weekly Sun, 12 November 1936.

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10. Geographical Data			
Acreage of Property Less than one			
UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)			
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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)			
<b>Boundary Justification</b> (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)			
11. Form Prepared By			
name/title Van Zbinden, National Register Historian			
organization Arkansas Historic Preservation Program		dat	e 20 June 2007
street & number 1500 Tower Building, 323 Center Street		telepho	ne 501.324.9880
city or town Little Rock	state	AR	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 l	location	n	
A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large ac	creage o	or numer	ous 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 City of Monette, Jerry Qualls			
street & number P. O. Box 382			telephone 870.486.5521
city or town Monette			
	_ state	AR	zip code72447

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### Verbal Boundary of Description

The boundary consists of the land located within a 25-foot radius of the water tower. The tower is located in the Southeast ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 28, Township 15 North, Range 7 East.

### **Boundary Justification**

The boundary encompasses all of the land historically associated with the Monette Water Tower.

### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Monette Water Tower NAME:	
MULTIPLE New Deal Recovery Effort NAME:	s in Arkansas MPS
STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Craighea	d
	DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/03/08 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 1/24/08
REFERENCE NUMBER: 07001424	
REASONS FOR REVIEW:	
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD	CAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N D: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N CAFT: N NATIONAL: N
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1. MONETEE WATER TOWER

2. CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, AR

3, SARAH JAMPOLE MARKS

4. FEB. 2007

5. ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM, LITTLE ROCK, AR

G. NORTH SIDE, LUDKING SOUTH

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- 1. MONETTE WATER TOWER
- Z. CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, AR
- 3. SARAH JAMPOLE MARKS
- 4, FEB. 2007
- S. ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM, LITTLE ROCK, AR
- 6. Southwest Corners, lacking Northeast
- 7, #2



MONETTE WATER TOWER

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3. SARAH JAMPUE MARKS

4, FEB, 2007

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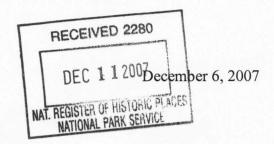
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RE: Monette Water Tower; Monette, Craighead County

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 Van Zbinden of my staff at (501) 324-9789. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathie Maethis

Cathie Matthews

State Historic Preservation Officer

CM:vz

Enclosure

