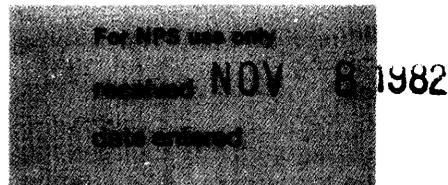


United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form



See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Oologah Pump

and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number ~~Intersection of Maple Street~~ and Cooweescoowee Street <sup>NA</sup> not for publication

city, town Oologah \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district

state Oklahoma code 40 county Rogers code 131

3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<del>NA</del> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<del>NA</del> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<del>NA</del> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> object	<del>NA</del> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<del>NA</del> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name City of Oologah

street & number 315 East Alta

city, town Oologah \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ state Oklahoma

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the County Clerk

street & number Rogers County Courthouse

city, town Claremore \_\_\_\_\_ state Oklahoma

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Northeastern Oklahoma Counties Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1981 \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local

depository for survey records Oklahoma Historical Society - State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Oklahoma City \_\_\_\_\_ state Oklahoma

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## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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### **Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Oologah Pump, installed in 1907, is a hand-force pump constructed of iron and manufactured by the W.L. Davey Pump Corporation of Rockford, Illinois. It is set in a 2' X 3' concrete base which has a water trough attached. The pump is located in the center of the two major streets of Oologah, Oklahoma (Maple and Cooweescoowee).

The Oologah Pump is a moving part pump based on a piston-cylinder-check valve arrangement. It has a bulb-shaped air chamber, a curved handle, and a cock spout.

The entire original pump remains intact except the rod connecting the pump handle to the piston. A new coat of paint applied to the pump, base, and water trough is the only alteration to the nominated object.

Although use of the pump was terminated in the late 1940s, it continues to serve as focal point for the downtown business district of Oologah and a gathering place for people to sit and visit.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1907 - ca. 1920 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Oologah Pump is significant because (1) it was the first public water system for the town of Oologah, Oklahoma, (2) it represents the only remaining town water pump still standing in northeastern Oklahoma, and (3) it served as a social focal point for residents of the community from 1907 to the mid-1920s.

The Oologah Pump was installed in 1907 when the town well was drilled in the central business district of Oologah, Oklahoma. It served as the only public water system for the community and surrounding area from 1907 to the mid-1920s when it was replaced with a new public water system consisting of a water tower.

During the period of 1907 to the mid-1920s, residents of the town drew their fresh water each day from the pump or had it delivered to their door by a local company which hauled barrels of fresh water via teams of horses and wagons. The pump also served a twenty-mile radius of Oologah which consisted of farmers and coal haulers who brought their teams of horses and mules to water at the trough.

Because of its central location in the town, the Oologah Pump provided a social focal point where community residents would gather to sit and visit while drawing water or watering their animals. Although the pump was replaced as the only public water source in the mid-1920s, it continued to function as a alternate source of fresh water until the late 1940s when a broken part could not be replaced. Residents of the town, however, continue to use it as an historic landmark and take great care in maintenance of the pump and its surroundings. The Oologah Pump is a tribute to a less mechanical/technological era and represents the community planning of a pioneer Oklahoma small town.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Interview with Jasper McCrosky, Resident of Oologah during period of pumps usage, June 1981.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property Less Than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Oologah, Oklahoma

Quadrangle scale 7.5 minute

### UMT References

A 

1	5	2	5	7	1	3	0	4	0	3	6	7	2	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

D 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

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Zone			Easting				Northing							

F 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

G 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

H 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Center of intersection of Maple Street and Cooweescoowee Street, Original Townsite, Oologah, Oklahoma.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Claudia A. Craig supervised by Dr. George O. Carney

organization Northeastern Oklahoma Counties Survey date

street & number Oklahoma State University telephone 405/624-6250

city or town Stillwater state Oklahoma

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *C. Metcalfe* date 10/29/82

title date

For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

*Bob Brown*  
for Keeper of the National Register

*10/29/82*

Affix:

date

Chief of Registration