

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Arkansas
COUNTY: Jefferson
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE JUL 3 1975

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Lake Dick

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION *4 mi S of Altheimer off AR 88*

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1 mile west of Arkansas Highway 88, 4 miles south of Altheimer

CITY OR TOWN:  
Lake Dick *Altheimer vicinity*

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
Fourth

STATE:  
Arkansas

CODE:  
05

COUNTY:  
Jefferson

CODE:  
069

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Mr. R. S. Barnett, Jr., President

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Lake Dick Farming Company

CITY OR TOWN:  
Altheimer

STATE:  
Arkansas

CODE:  
05

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Recorder's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Jefferson County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:  
Pine Bluff

STATE:  
Arkansas

CODE:  
05

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:  
 Federal  
 State  
 County  
 Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

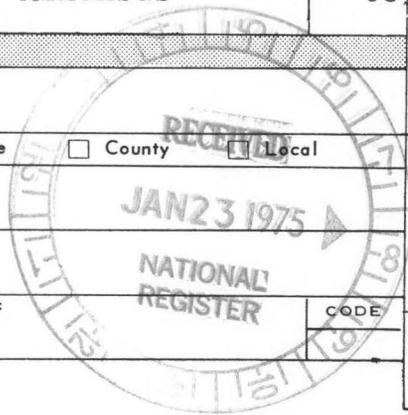
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Lake Dick is a small U-shaped body of water lying ten miles south of Altheimer in Jefferson County, Arkansas. In 1936 the United States Government purchased 3,669 acres of farm land surrounding Lake Dick. On this large tract was established a rural resettlement project administered by the Farm Security Administration.

Named for the lake it surrounded, the entire Lake Dick community was built within two years. It consisted of 80 houses of four to six rooms each, six community buildings, three mule barns, and several other small farm support structures. The houses and community buildings were of simple one-storey white frame construction with very plain lines and no decorative features.

The houses lay in an irregular circle, all fronting on Lake Dick. Each house was on a four acre lot. On the southeast of the circular drive surrounding Lake Dick the community buildings were clustered together. The three mule barns were scattered south, northeast and northwest of the residential area, thus convenient to both farmers and fields.

Most of the community buildings have been removed; however, the school-gymnasium still remains. It is used for storage, as a repair shop, and also houses farm offices of the Lake Dick Farming Company. Of the three large mule barns, only the south barn remains.

About three-fourths of the original houses have been moved away from Lake Dick. The remaining houses, about 30, are those closest to the community center complex. These have recently been covered with white aluminum siding and reroofed with red shingles. The houses and yards are very neat in appearance. Though now in private ownership, these houses symbolize the type of modest prosperity hoped for when the Lake Dick Cooperative Association was originally founded.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |  |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric            | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation           |   |  |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

As a result of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's interest in assisting the rural poor during the 1930's Depression, the Resettlement Administration was established. This government agency marked a new trail for American agriculture. In trying to help sharecroppers become independent landowners, the Resettlement Administration began establishing federally financed farm projects in many areas of rural America. One of the most unconventional farms to be organized was at Lake Dick in Jefferson County, Arkansas.

In 1936 the Resettlement Administration, later the Farm Security Administration, bought 3,453 acres of land surrounding Lake Dick, a small U-shaped lake. During the next two years 80 houses, six community buildings, and several farm support structures were built around Lake Dick. These structures were to serve the participants in a cooperative farming enterprise. On September 13, 1938, a public inspection and celebration were held at Lake Dick to mark the completion of construction and the beginning of operation.

The Farm Security Administration selected 80 white farm families from 29 Arkansas counties to be among Lake Dick's first residents. Selection was based on recommendations by county officials of the Rural Rehabilitation Program. Each family, averaging 3.24 persons, had been sharecroppers or tenant farmers, and each was desirous of agricultural, educational, and economic advancement.

The Lake Dick Cooperative Association consisted of the heads of each resident household, with each member holding one share of stock. This Association controlled all commercial and agricultural activities at Lake Dick. As a benevolent cooperative, the Association leased the entire 3,453 acre farm from the Federal government.

The Lake Dick Cooperative Association was responsible for farming the land and for operating the community's cooperative services. These services included a general store,

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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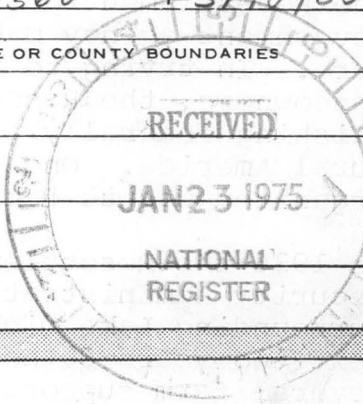
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 145 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Dianna Kirk, Historian

ORGANIZATION: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program DATE: 9-10-74

STREET AND NUMBER: 300 West Markham 1030, McKinley and Lee Streets

CITY OR TOWN: Little Rock STATE: Arkansas CODE: 05

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: William E. Henderson  
 Title: State Historic Preservation Officer  
 Date: September 10, 1974

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

AR Uerlauer  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 7/3/75

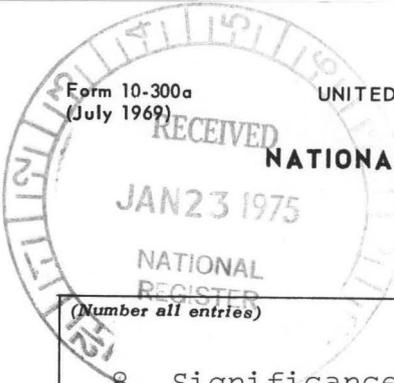
ATTEST:  
Charles A. Hung  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 7-3-75

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cotton gin, repair shop, feed and grist mill, sweet potato curing house, syrup mill, meat processing plant, and cooperative marketing facilities. Like other resettlement projects, the excess profits from community services were divided among the project residents.

Lake Dick was different from other resettlement projects in its organization and operation. Most projects were divided into family-size plots with each farmer responsible for his own 40 acres. The success or failure of each small farm was dependent on each family's initiative. However, Lake Dick was not operated this way. While each family had four acres for a home, yard, and small vegetable garden, the crop-producing land itself was jointly owned and jointly cultivated by all resident families. A cooperative work system was arranged whereby each farmer was assigned a job by the Association's elected officials. Whether a man worked in cultivation of the land, raising livestock, cutting timber, or operating one of the community services, he received cash wages bi-weekly from the Association.

The wage-earning farmer then paid cash for all goods or services purchased from the Cooperative Association. As a member of this Association, each resident family was eligible for yearly dividends from the excess profits of the Association. Because work was performed cooperatively, each resident of Lake Dick was dependent on other residents for his livelihood.

The Farm Security Administration planned Lake Dick as a profit sharing agricultural enterprise with two goals in mind:

1. Help a small number of capable and worthy farm families to achieve a better living standard by working cooperatively toward a single goal.
2. Enable farmers to share the profits, benefit financially and socially from the cooperative endeavor, and enjoy the advantages of large-scale farming.

According to Mr. E.B. Whittaker, Assistant Director of the Resettlement Administration's Region VIII (Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi), Lake Dick was much more experimental in nature than the other resettlement farms. Other farm projects involved a division and redistribution of the land, but Lake Dick was operated on the basis of joint ownership

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and joint operation. As a project sponsored by the United States Government, Lake Dick's socialistic organization was quite unique. Mr. Whittaker reported that with its community ownership and cooperative labor system, Lake Dick was the least successful of the sixteen resettlement projects in Arkansas.

Today about one-third of the original structures remain. These include 21 houses located south and southeast of the lake, a few of the community buildings, and the south mule barn. Most of the houses were sold and moved intact to surrounding communities.

The remaining houses now have white aluminum siding and red shingled roofs. Several have had additions which are in keeping with the simple bungalo style. The school building gymnasium is the most prominent structure remaining at Lake Dick. It is now used for storage space, contains the offices of the Lake Dick Farming Company and houses a repair shop for farm machinery.

The Lake Dick Cooperative Association was dissolved in 1946 and the land sold to Mr. Ben J. Altheimer of Elm Farms, Inc. The land which once served a socialistic farming cooperative is now owned and operated by a single farming concern. Employees of the large landowner now occupy the houses built for members of a profit-sharing farming enterprise.

Because of its socialistic organization and operation, Lake Dick represents a unique experience in American agricultural history.



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Lake Dick has achieved historic significance within the past 50 years, and it is of exceptional importance. The farm represents a socialistic agricultural experiment sponsored by the federal government in the 1930's. Most of these farms were established to lead to eventual ownership by the farmers who lived on each farm; however, Lake Dick was intended to be a continual cooperative with the land and operations owned jointly.

Lake Dick represents a unique experience in American agricultural history because it is one of a small number of communal farms established and operated by the United States Government. Lake Dick represents the most socialistically oriented of the many cooperative farms established in the 1930's.

The organization and operation of Lake Dick was different from most other resettlement farms, and it was the only one of its kind set up in Arkansas. Unlike other resettlement projects, the Lake Dick project was never intended to make independent land-owners of the resident farmers. Rather, it was planned to be a continuing cooperative venture with the property, work and profits shared equally by all residents of Lake Dick.

A number of small frame houses are located in a semi-circle around the lake, with a large community building separating the two sections of these original houses. The remaining structures are a fair representation of the Lake Dick project's appearance in the 1930's.



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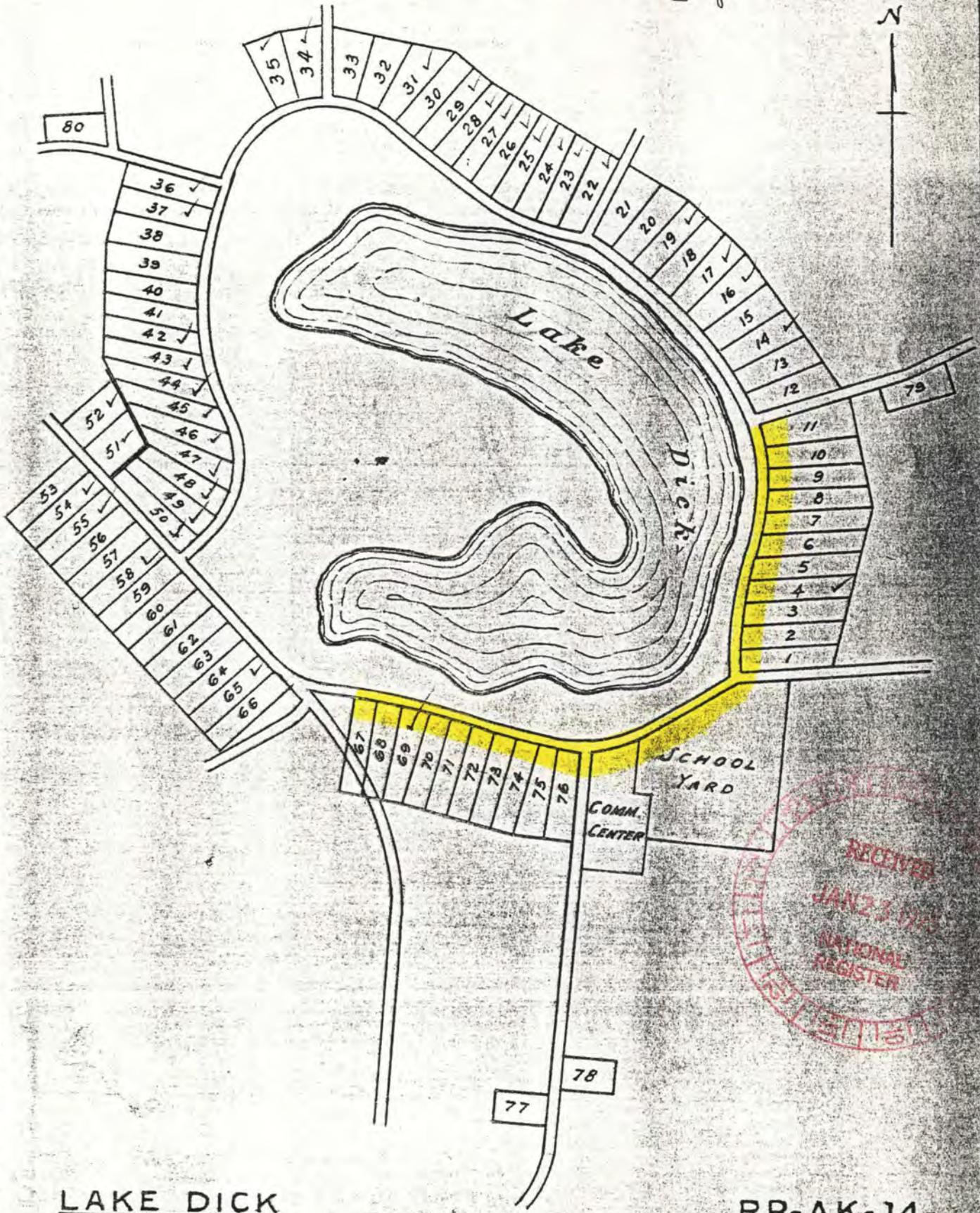
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all remaining project houses  
lie along yellow marked road

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AK-15

AK-18

K-19

-24

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LAKE DICK

RR-AK-14

JEFFERSON CO. ARK.

3 of 4

REGION 6.

DISTRICT 4.

Property

Lake Dick

Jefferson Co.

2nd Control Sheet 75 000394

State

Ark.

Working Number

1.23.75.116

TECHNICAL

Photos

6

Maps

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OK

6.11.75

HISTORIAN

Accept

E. Smith

6-12-75

This one obviously was different from the other three that have been nominated to the Register. Although only a third of the original houses remain they apparently give a representative appearance of Lake Dick as it looked in the 1930's.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

I think that Ark has shown through cont. sheet & other why this deserves to be listed -

ACCEPT

H. J. ... 6/16/75

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_

Review \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Excellent info.

Accept

Cole

6.17.75

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Accept [Signature] for [Signature] 7.3.75

National Register Write-up

8-5-75

Send-back

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State Arkansas Working Number 1. 53. 75. 116

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Accept  
E. Smith  
2-18-75

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**BRANCH CHIEF**

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it's a shame the project is not  
completely intact.

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4-23-75

**KEEPER**

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**2 LOCATION**

CITY, TOWN Lake Dick VICINITY OF COUNTY Jefferson STATE Arkansas

**3 PHOTO REFERENCE**

PHOTO CREDIT Dianna Kirk DATE OF PHOTO 1974

NEGATIVE FILED AT Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

**4 IDENTIFICATION**

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

Houses along east shore of lake, viewed from the north

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Community school and houses along south shore of Lake Dick

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Community school-gymnasium with classrooms and offices in wings, now used as a garage.  
viewed from the northwest

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Detail of entry to school, north facade

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House on south shore, viewed from the northeast

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Houses along south shore of lake, viewed from the northeast

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NUMERIC CODE *(Assigned by NPS)*

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COUNTY

Jefferson

TOWN

near Altheimer

STREET AND NUMBER

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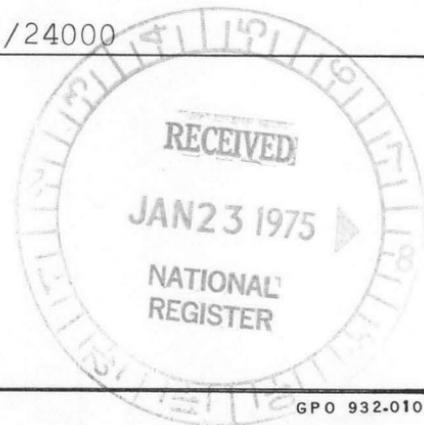
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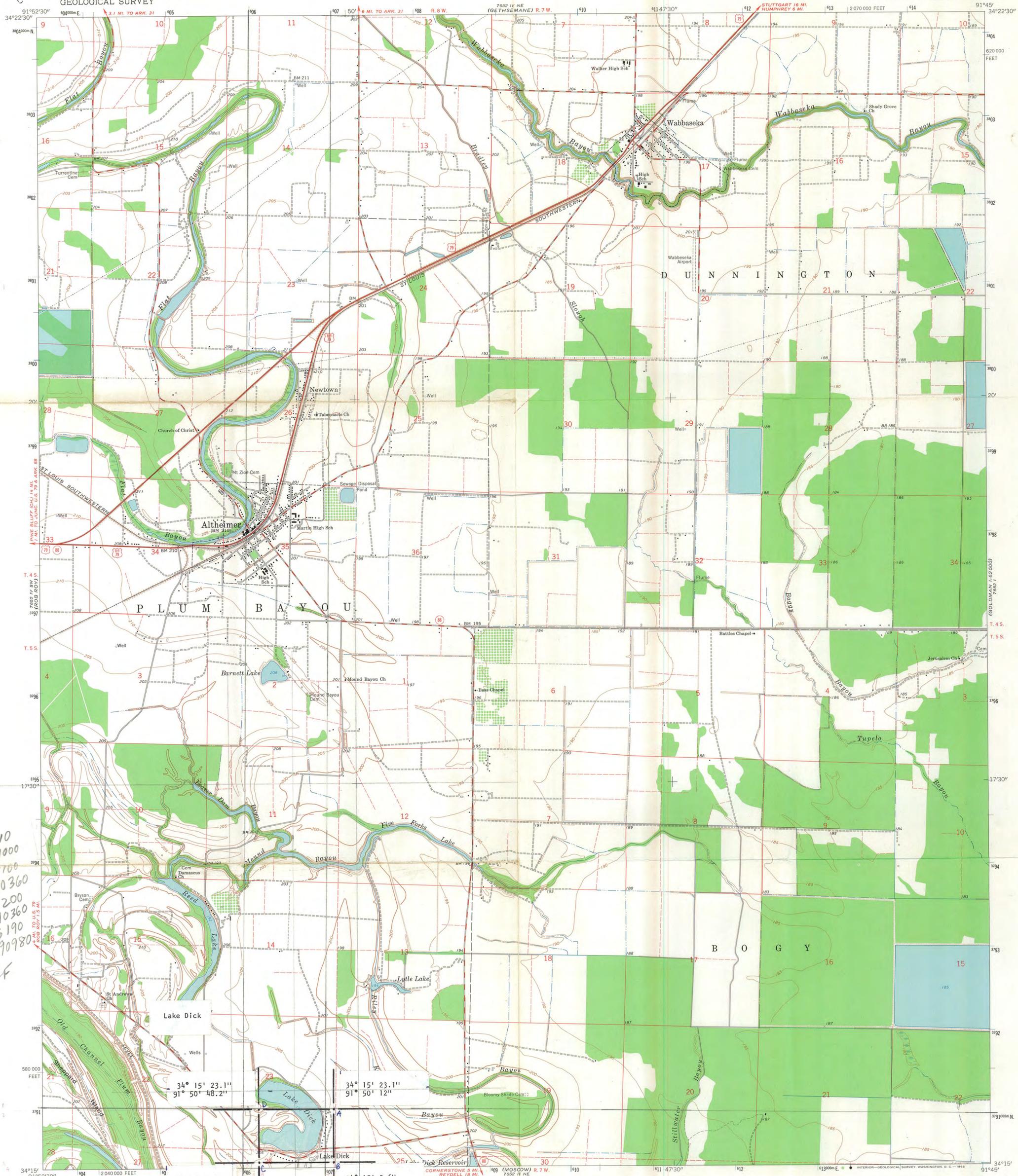
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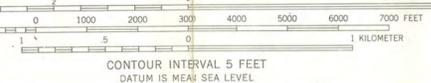
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
U.S. Route	State Route



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Control by USGS and USC&GS  
Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs  
taken 1962. Topography by planimetric surveys 1964  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, south zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 15, shown in blue  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

UTM GRID AND 1964 MAGNETIC NORTH  
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

# ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM



"THE OLD STATE HOUSE" 300 WEST MARKHAM LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201  
TELEPHONE - 501 371-1639

June 5, 1975

Mr. Charles A. Herrington  
Office of Nomination & Review  
National Park Service  
Dept. of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240



Dear Mr. Herrington:

Thank you for your questions concerning our nomination of Lake Dick to the National Register of Historic Places. Our responses are listed below, and have been incorporated into the nomination.

- (1) "Please explain why you feel the 50 year limit deserves to be waived."

Lake Dick has achieved historic significance within the past 50 years, and it is of exceptional importance. The farm represents a socialistic agricultural experiment sponsored by the federal government in the 1930's. Most of these farms were established to lead to eventual ownership by the farmers who lived on each farm; however, Lake Dick was intended to be a continual cooperative with the land and operations owned jointly.

- (2) "Why is Lake Dick a 'unique experience in American agricultural history'?"

Lake Dick represents a unique experience in American agricultural history because it is one of a small number of communal farms established and operated by the United States Government. Lake Dick represents the most socialistically oriented of the many cooperative farms established in the 1930's.

- (3) "What makes this settlement more unique than other Resettlement Administration projects?"

See Section 8, page 2, paragraph 2. The organization and operation of Lake Dick was different from most other resettlement farms, and it was the only one of its kind set up in Arkansas. Unlike other resettlement projects, the Lake Dick project was never intended to make independent land-owners of the resident farmers. Rather, it was planned to be a continuing cooperative venture with the property, work and profits shared equally by all residents of Lake Dick.

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- (4) "Since so many buildings have been moved, do you feel that the property's integrity is still intact?"

Yes. See photographs, #1, 2 and 6.

A number of small frame houses are located in a semi-circle around the lake, with a large community building separating the two sections of these original houses. The remaining structures are a fair representation of the Lake Dick project's appearance in the 1930's.

We feel that Lake Dick is an important historic site. It was one of the four cooperative farms nominated by our office, each of which has characteristics making it especially significant. (Dyess Colony Center - the first government sponsored cooperative farm in Arkansas; Plum Bayou Homestead - the first of the many cooperative farms in the Nation to be established by the Resettlement Administration; Lake View - representative of the cooperative farms established for Black Americans; Lake Dick - representative of the highly experimental communal-type farms established by the federal government.) We believe that each of these farms meets the criteria for inclusion on the National Register, and look forward to having them approved as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

*Dianna Kirk*

Dianna Kirk, Historian

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE      ARKANSAS

Date Entered      JUL 9 1975

Name

Location

Lake Dick

*Altheimer vicinity*  
~~Lake Dick~~  
Jefferson County

Also Notified

Hon. John L. McClellan  
Hon. Dale Bumpers  
Hon. Ray Thornton  
Regional Director, Southwest  
Region

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mr. Gene Richardson  
Acting Director  
Dept. of Natural and Cultural Heritage  
The Old State House  
300 West Markham  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

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Over 30 ~~buildings~~ original buildings, including bungalow residences and school, remain on 145-acre segment of original 3,669<sup>-acre</sup> cooperative farm composed at one time of 80 houses, ~~and~~ 6 community buildings, and several farm ~~support~~ structures. Part of New Deal effort to ensure economic advancement for sharecroppers through ~~farm~~ projects financed by Resettlement Administration, predecessor of Farm Security Administration; joint ownership by families unusual in program and unique in state; dissolved, 1946.

# NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: **Lake Dick** 2 OTHER NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_ 3 date of entry: **7-3-75** 4 county code: **069**

5 LOCATION street & number: **4 mi. S of Atheimer off AR 88** city / town: **Atheimer** vicinity of: **AR** state: **Jefferson** county: **Sw** 6 NPS REGION: \_\_\_\_\_

7 OWNER  PRIVATE  STATE  MUNICIPAL  COUNTY  MULTIPLE  FEDERAL (agency name) 8 ADMINISTRATOR: \_\_\_\_\_

9 EXISTING SURVEYS  HABS  HAER  NHL 10 FUNDED?  YES  NO 11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT: **4th** 12 SOURCE OF NOMINATION:  STATE  FEDERAL (if state who prepared form?) \_\_\_\_\_

13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?  YES, NAME \_\_\_\_\_  NO 14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?  YES, NAME \_\_\_\_\_  NO 15 ACREAGE: **145**  LOCAL  PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

16 CONDITION  deteriorated  altered  original site  excellent  ruins  unaltered  moved  good  unexposed  reconstructed  unknown  fair  unexcavated  excavated

17 features: INTERIOR  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1  NOT INTACT-0  UNKNOWN-4  NOT APPLICABLE-7 EXTERIOR  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2  NOT INTACT-0  UNKNOWN-5  NOT APPLICABLE-8 ENVIRONS  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3  NOT INTACT-0  UNKNOWN-6  NOT APPLICABLE-0

18 ACCESS  YES-Restricted  YES-Unrestricted  No Access  Unknown 19 ADAPTIVE USE  YES  NO 20 SAVED?  YES  NO IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT?  yes  no

21 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:  ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2  COMMERCE-6  ENTERTAINMENT-26  LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15  POLITICS/GOVT.-21  RECREATION-28  ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1  COMMUNICATIONS-7  EXPLORATION-12  LAW-16  RELIGION-22  SETTLEMENT-29  AGRICULTURE-3  CONSERVATION-8  HEALTH-27  MILITARY-18  SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24  URBAN PLANNING-31  ARCHITECTURE-4  ECONOMICS-9  INDUSTRY-13  MUSIC-19  SOCIAL/CULTURAL-30  OTHER (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_  ART-5  EDUCATION-10  INVENTION-14  PHILOSOPHY-20  TRANSPORTATION-25

22 CLAIMS: explain 'first'  'oldest'  'only'  *Resettlement Administration in Ark. to have joint ownership of land.*

23 functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: **Farm** CURRENTLY: **Farm** 24 dates of initial construction: **1936-1938** major alterations: \_\_\_\_\_ historic events: **1946** 25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION: \_\_\_\_\_

26 architectural style(s): \_\_\_\_\_ 27 architect: \_\_\_\_\_ 28 master builder: \_\_\_\_\_ 29 engineer: \_\_\_\_\_

30 landscape architect / garden designer: \_\_\_\_\_ 31 interior decorator: \_\_\_\_\_ 32 artist: \_\_\_\_\_ 33 artisan: \_\_\_\_\_ 34 builder/contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

35 NAMES give role & date PERSONAL: \_\_\_\_\_ EVENTS: \_\_\_\_\_ INSTITUTIONAL: **Resettlement Administration, later Farm Security Administration, organized community 1936**

36 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP  
 145-acre Segment (~~145 acres~~) of originally 3,669-acre farm; jointly ~~owned~~ <sup>predecessor of the Farm Security Administration</sup> owned and worked by 80 families ~~(1936-1946)~~ ~~Part of effort~~ under auspices of Resettlement Administration, part of federal government effort to help sharecroppers become independent farmers. Unusual joint ownership, unique in AR. Dissolved Over 30 original buildings, ~~remains~~, including bungalow residences and school, remain on] 1946.