

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Louisiana</b>
COUNTY: <b>East Baton Rouge</b>
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE <b>DEC 4 1973</b>

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**The Baton Rouge Water Works Company Standpipe**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**131 Lafayette Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Baton Rouge**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
**Sixth**

STATE:  
**Louisiana**

CODE:  
**22**

COUNTY:  
**East Baton Rouge**

CODE:  
**033**

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <b>Water Storage (not in use)</b>

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
**The Baton Rouge Water Works Company**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**4615 Government Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Baton Rouge**

STATE:  
**Louisiana**

CODE:  
**22**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Baton Rouge Water Works Company office**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**4615 Government Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Baton Rouge**

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CODE:  
**22**

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**"Historic Baton Rouge" by Robert W. Heck**

DATE OF SURVEY:  
**1971**

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**City-Parish Planning Commission**

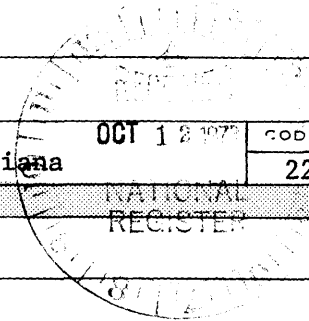
STREET AND NUMBER:  
**805 St. Louis Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Baton Rouge**

STATE:  
**Louisiana**

CODE:  
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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)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

In 1887 The Common Council of Baton Rouge contracted with E. Smedley and John H. Wood of Dubuque, Iowa, authorizing them to "build, construct, maintain, operate and own water works in the said City of Baton Rouge."

In 1888 the standpipe was built, 100 feet in height and 15 feet in diameter, on a leased piece of ground adjoining the water works lot.

The standpipe is of riveted wrought iron plates varying in thickness from 5/8 inch at the bottom to 1/4 inch at the top. It stands on a 10 foot deep foundation with fabricated triangular brackets at the base. Ornamental cresting adorned the top, and an access ladder was attached to the sides. The standpipe was extended in 1937, when plates were added to give the present 110 foot height and in 1938 the present metal umbrella roof was added, replacing the originally designed wooden cover.

The appearance of the standpipe today is essentially the same as the original, except for the added height. Original capacity was 132,500 gallons, present capacity is 145,750 gallons.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" 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"/> Aboriginal          | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | <u>Construction</u>                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture         | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture        | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce            | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications      | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation        |   |  | _____   |

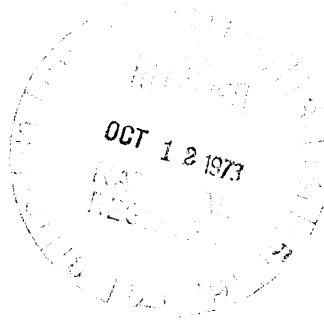
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This standpipe was the original and only elevated water storage facility for the Baton Rouge Water Works Company supply from 1888 until 1938 when Margaret Street Tank was erected. The standpipe served during the time treated Mississippi River water was the source of supply. However in 1889 the first well was drilled, and in 1896 a second deeper well provided better quality water for Baton Rouge.

The standpipe is unusual today in that it is constructed of wrought iron, while modern tanks are constructed of steel.

The standpipe was in service from 1888 until 1963, and has not been used for water storage since that time. It is 75 years old this year.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Files of The Baton Rouge Water Works Company, Baton Rouge State-Times and Morning Advocate newspapers, and working drawings.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

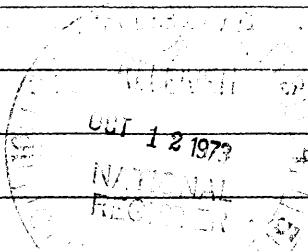
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 30 feet diameter (leased land)

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY (11/21/73)

NAME AND TITLE: **Raymond E. Pillow, President**

ORGANIZATION: **The Baton Rouge Water Works Company** DATE: **7-30-73**

STREET AND NUMBER: **4615 Government Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Baton Rouge** STATE: **Louisiana** CODE: **22**

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  (Acting)

Name: Jay H. Brown  
 Title: State Historic Preservation Officer, Director, Department of Art, Historical and Cultural Preservation  
 Date: October 9, 1973

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

Robert Ken Utley  
 Associate Director, Professional Services

Date: 12/4/73

ATTEST:  
Charles H. Herring  
 Keeper of The National Register  
 Date: 11-30-73