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National Park Service



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Bella Vista Water Tank

other name/site number: BE 1718

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2. Location

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street & number: Intersection of Suits Us Drive and Pumpkin Hollow Road

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Bella Vista

vicinity: X

state: AR

county: Benton

code: AR 007

zip code: 72712

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Structure

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
<u>1</u>	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of Benton County

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification
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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Cathryn L. Byrd _____ 6-25-92
Signature of certifying official 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.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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5. National Park Service Certification
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I, hereby certify that this 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): _____

George M. Lapley 8/14/92
~~Signature of Keeper~~ Date
Entered in the of Action
National Register

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6. Function or Use
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Historic: Recreation and Culture Sub: Other: Water Tank

Current : Vacant/Not in Use Sub: _____

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification:

No Style

Other Description: Plain Traditional; Rustic

Materials: foundation Stone roof Concrete
walls Stone other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance
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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Local.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A, C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: Community Planning and Development
Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: c. 1927 - 1942

Significant Dates: c. 1927

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.
X See continuation sheet.

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Summary

The Bella Vista Water Tower is a low, circular stone and concrete water tank faced with uncoursed fieldstone masonry. It is covered with a flat, concrete lid that allows the rainwater to drain into the storage tank while preventing other detritus from contaminating the contents. It is located atop the ridge to the west of the principal valley through the original Bella Vista development, one of the highest points in the vicinity.

Elaboration

The Bella Vista Water Tower is a low, circular stone and concrete water tank faced with uncoursed fieldstone masonry. Though it is constructed in a rough-hewn, stone masonry tradition found throughout the Ozark Mountain region, it partakes of the organic, Rustic style that was popularized first by the Boston architect H.H. Richardson and later disseminated throughout the United States by the work of Greene and Greene and by the National Park Service's construction in many of its national parks. It is covered with a flat, concrete lid that allows the rainwater to drain into the storage tank while preventing other detritus from contaminating the contents. It is located atop the ridge to the west of the principal valley through the original Bella Vista development, one of the highest points in the vicinity.

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Summary

The Bella Vista Water Tank, constructed c. 1927, is significant locally under both Criteria A and C. It is significant under Criterion A through its associations with the development of the original Bella Vista community as a residential recreational resort, and under Criterion C through its status as the only such example of a fieldstone water tower structure from any era that survives in Benton County.

Elaboration

The Linebarger brothers began their development of the rural section of northern Benton County in 1918, centered around the natural water source known as Big Spring; and thus the subdivision of the land on the eastern side of the valley closest to the spring formed the first phase of what was to become the resort community of Bella Vista. The subdivision of West Mountain (on the western side of the valley through which runs U.S. Highway 71, the principal access to Bella Vista) did not begin until 1927, at which time the installation of such utilities as water, sewage disposal, and electricity became essential to promoting the attractiveness of the house lots.

The Bella Vista Water Tank was constructed as part of this effort: water was pumped by three large rams from Big Spring to this tank, the water from which then ran to the various cottages on the slope below via gravity-feed. Until 1965, when the entire community was tied into a larger water system from the newly-created Beaver Lake, cabin owners paid \$2.50 per summer for water supplied from this tank. However, it was also important to the Linebarger brothers that the overall rustic appearance of the development -- which mandated the removal of as few trees as possible and encouraged the construction of picturesque, unfinished cottages -- be consistently maintained for all construction, and especially for any building done by the Linebarger brothers on behalf of the community. Though the core of the reservoir itself is constructed of reinforced concrete, as is the lid, the exterior walls are faced with uncoursed fieldstone, resulting in an organic, rustic appearance. Another, virtually identical fieldstone-faced water tank existed on the opposite side of the valley until 1951, when it was removed and replaced with a concrete tank. Thus, this is the only such water tank remaining in Bella Vista, and in all of Benton County.

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9. Major Bibliographical References
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X See continuation sheet.

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 -- Specify Repository:

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing
A 15 388260 4032010 B
C D

See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point approximately 50 feet southwest of the water tank at the junction of Suits Us Drive and Pumpkin Hollow Road, proceed northerly along the eastern curblin...

Boundary Justification: See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all of the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.

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Bibliography

Bella Vista Historical Society, *The Bella Vista Story*, (1980).

Shiple, Ellen C., "The Pleasures of Prosperity, Bella Vista, Arkansas, 1917-1929," *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*, vol. 37, No. 2, Summer, 1978.

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11. Form Prepared By
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Name/Title: Ken Story, National Register Coordinator

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 6/25/92

Street & Number: 225 E. Markham, Suite 300 Telephone: (501) 324-9346

City or Town: Little Rock State: AR ZIP: 72201

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Benton County MRA ARKANSAS

101. Bella Vista Water Tank

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102. Sunset Hotel

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103. Bentonville West Central Avenue
Historic District

104. Bentonville Third Street Historic District

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Historic Resources of Benton Co.

Photographed by Ken Story

August 1991

Negative on file at AHPP
View from the southwest



La Vista Water Tank

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Historic Resources of Benton Co.

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August 1991

Negative on file at AHPP

View of stonework

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000022



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Carol D. Shull
Chief of Registration
United States Department of the Interior
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
1100 "L" Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

RE: Bella Vista Water Tank; Sunset Hotel,
Historic Resources of Benton County

Dear Carol:

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

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathy Buford
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosures



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Note to the record

Additional Documentation: 2017

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Since the time that the Bella Vista Water Tank was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1992, the street names in that part of Bella Vista have changed. As a result, the current address of the Bella Vista Water Tank is the intersection of Cedar Crest Drive and Cunningham Drive.

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action: Additional Documentation

Property Name: Bella Vista Water Tank

Multiple Name: Benton County MRA

State & County: ARKANSAS, Benton

Date Received: 12/9/2016 Date of Pending List: 1/11/2017 Date of 16th Day: 1/26/2017 Date of 45th Day: 1/24/2017 Date of Weekly List:

Reference number: AD92000985

Nominator: State

Reason For Review:

<i>Submission Type</i>	<i>Property Type</i>	<i>Problem Type</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal	<input type="checkbox"/> PDIL	<input type="checkbox"/> Text/Data Issue
<input type="checkbox"/> SHPO Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Photo
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<input type="checkbox"/> Other		<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 50 years

Accept Return Reject 1/24/2017 Date

Abstract/Summary: Change in address
Comments:

Recommendation/ Criteria: Accept AD

Reviewer: Jim Gabbert 

Discipline: Historian

Telephone: (202)354-2275

Date:

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

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Correspondence

The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

Correspondence may also include information from other sources, drafts of the nomination, letters of support or objection, memorandums, and ephemera which document the efforts to recognize the property.

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DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/02/92 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/15/92
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92000985

NOMINATOR: STATE

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: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 8/14/92 DATE Entered in the National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

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

CLASSIFICATION

___count ___resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___historic ___current

DESCRIPTION

___architectural classification
___materials
___descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

___summary paragraph
___completeness
___clarity
___applicable criteria
___justification of areas checked
___relating significance to the resource
___context
___relationship of integrity to significance
___justification of exception
___other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___acreage ___verbal boundary description
___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____

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THE DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS
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December 7, 2016

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Arkansas Natural
Heritage Commission

Arkansas State Archives

Delta Cultural Center

Historic Arkansas Museum

Mosaic Templars
Cultural Center

Old State House Museum

RE: Bella Vista Water Tank Additional Documentation – Bella
Vista, Benton County, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Loether:

We are enclosing for your review the above-referenced nomination. The enclosed disk contains the true and correct copy of the additional documentation nomination for the Bella Vista Water Tank to the National Register of Historic Places. 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,

Stacy Hurst
State Historic Preservation Officer

SH:rsw

Enclosure



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