

## INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

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Property Name Gypsy Camp Historic DistrictProperty Owner Bob CoeLocation Off AR 59, Siloam Springs vic.Address Rt. 5 Box 177Construction Date 1921-1928 Survey No. 2906Siloam Springs, AR

## DESCRIPTION

The Gypsy Camp Historic District, located on the Illinois River, is made up of eight structures and associated landscape features. Four of the buildings are cabins or sleeping quarters for campers, one is the dining and recreation hall, two are private residences for people associated with the camp and the last was a private residence which was converted for storage use. In the middle of the cluster of buildings is a rock wall and rock arbor that together create a nice sitting area. The camp buildings are of frame construction and have either pine slats or board and batten as an exterior wall material. All of the sleeping quarters are "split level," with the upper level being covered by a low-pitched gable roof and the lower level by a shed roof.

2906- A) d. 1925 Dining and Recreation Hall—a two-story frame structure that is covered with horizontal pine slabs.

B) d. 1921 Rovers Rest—d. 1921—Sleeping quarters; board and batten

C) Treetop Lodge—d. 1921—originally was dining hall and recreation center; upper level was later craft shed and lower level is sleeping quarters.

D) Gypsy—d. 1921—sleeping quarters; board and batten

E) Vagabond Villa—d. 1921—sleeping quarters; Pine slab and board and batten

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: A, CArea of significance: Recreation, Architecture

Established in 1921 as a camp for girls, the Gypsy Camp survives as the only collection of buildings in Benton County, and probably in the state, which were constructed for this purpose. The relatively mild summers of Northwest Arkansas, as well as the location of many resort towns, made the area a popular vacation spot for people from around the country. Girls from the ages of seven to seventeen came to Gypsy Camp, where activities centered around the creative: dance, arts, crafts. Sports such as swimming and archery were of course included. The Gypsy appellation comes from the theme of the camp, and girls brought "gypsy" costumes and jewelry to wear at the end-of-camp "coronation." The girls' camp was operated until 1978 and the present owner, grandson of the original owner, now rents the camp out for church activities and family reunions.

Acreage between 11 and 12 acresVerbal Boundary Description From the intersection of State Highways #68 and #59, proceedQuadrangle Name Watts, Okla.-Ark.Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

UTM Reference:	Zone	a. 15	Easting	362960	Northing	3997155
		b. 15		362960		3997260
		c. 15		362700		3997295
		d. 15		362700		3997340
		e. 15		362640		3997340

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 Construction Date \_\_\_\_\_ Survey No. 2906

DESCRIPTION

- F) Rock Wall-d. 1921-built by David Gettes, (great uncle of present owner) a Scottish immigrant
- G) Coe House-c. 1928-a two-story house built into the hillside; the lower level is stone and the upper level is of frame construction.
- H) McAlister-Coe House-d. 1923-built by founder of camp and home of present owner; one-story section is log, two-story section is frame.
- I) Swimming Pool/Indian House-c. 1910-a single-pen structure with shed additions to each side.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: \_\_\_\_\_ Area of significance: \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION CONT.

south 4.9 miles on #59 to the southeast corner of the property and the point of beginning. Proceed 330 feet north, then proceed 825 feet west, then proceed 130 feet north, then proceed 200 feet west, then proceed 400 feet north along the bluff, then proceed 350 feet west along the bluff, then proceed 365 feet south along the bluff, then proceed 130 feet west, then proceed 100 feet south, then proceed 900 feet east, then proceed 560 feet south to Highway #59, and then proceed 300 feet northeast to the point of beginning.

Acreage \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal Boundary Description \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle Name \_\_\_\_\_ Quadrangle Scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM Reference:	Zone	f. 15	Easting	362640	Northing	3997460
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DESCRIPTION

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: \_\_\_\_\_ Area of significance: \_\_\_\_\_

Acreage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Verbal Boundary Description \_\_\_\_\_  
 Quadrangle Name \_\_\_\_\_ Quadrangle Scale \_\_\_\_\_  
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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form



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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Benton County MRA  
State Benton County, ARKANSAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

31. Deaton Cabin

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper Melvyn Byrum 1/28/88

Attest

32. Douglas House

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper Melvyn Byrum 1/28/88

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33. Drane House

Entered in the  
National Register

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34. Duckworth--Williams House

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35. First National Bank

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National Register

Keeper Melvyn Byrum 1/28/88

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36. Freeman--Felker House

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37. Gailey Hollow Farmstead

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38. German Builder's House

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National Register

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39. Green Barn

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper Melvyn Byrum 1/28/88

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40. Gypsy Camp Historic District

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GYPSY CAMP HISTORIC DISTRICT - 2906A

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SILOAM SPRINGS VIC.

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GYPSY CAMP HISTORIC DISTRICT - 2906 C

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GYPSY CAMP HISTORIC DISTRICT - 2906D

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GYPSY CAMP HISTORIC DISTRICT - 2906G

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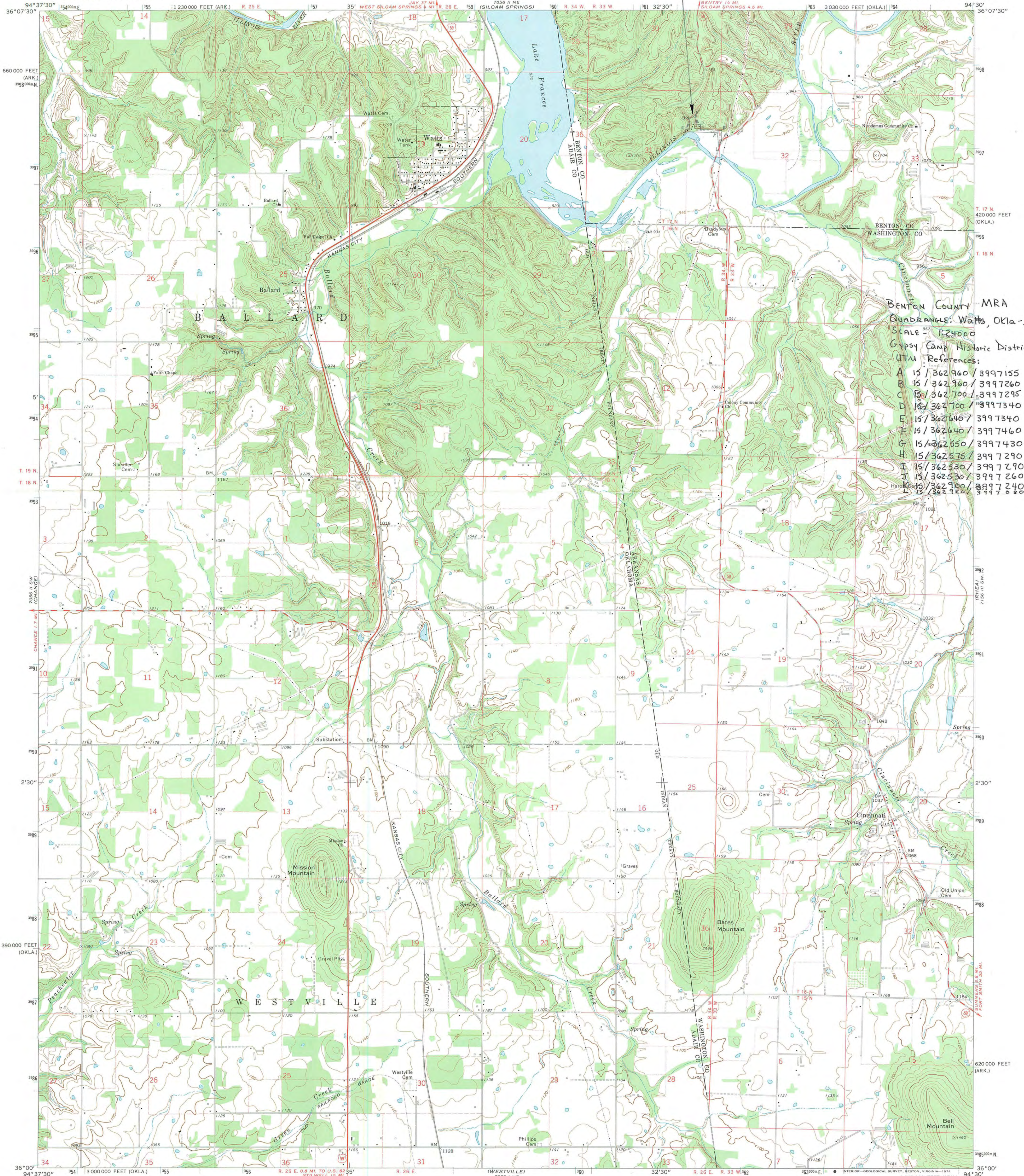
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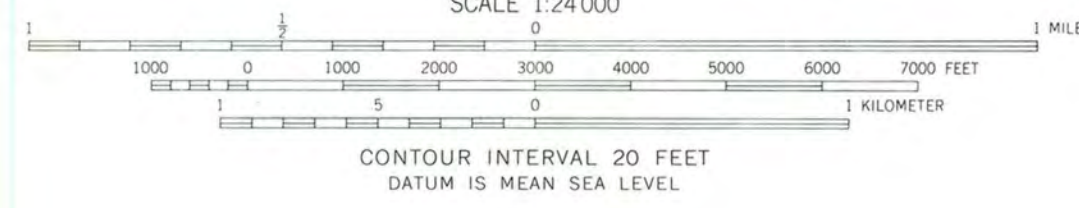
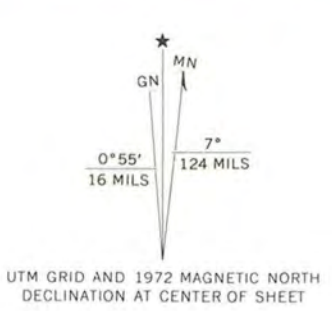
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BENTON COUNTY - MRA  
QUADRANGLE: Watts, Okla.-Ark.  
SCALE - 1:24,000  
Gypsy Camp Historic District -  
UTM References:  
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Control by USGS and USC&GS  
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial  
photographs taken 1971. Field checked 1972  
Projection: Oklahoma coordinate system, north zone  
(Lambert conformal conic)  
10,000-foot grid ticks based on Oklahoma coordinate  
system, north zone and Arkansas coordinate system, north zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 15, shown in blue. 1927 North American datum  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Primary highway, hard surface  
Secondary highway, hard surface  
Light duty road, hard or improved surface  
Unimproved road  
Interstate Route  
U. S. Route  
State Route

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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

WATTS, OKLA.-ARK.  
N3600-W9430/7.5  
1972

# National Register of Historic Places

## Note to the record

Additional Documentation: 2019



Gypsy Camp Historic District – Additional Documentation  
Name of Property

Benton County, Arkansas  
County and State

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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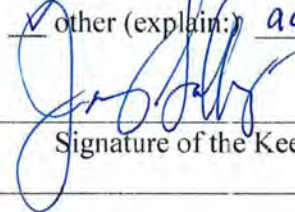
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### National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register

other (explain): accept Additional Documentation



Signature of the Keeper

5-20-2019

Date of Action

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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The revised resource count for the Gypsy Camp Historic District is:

	Contributing	Non-contributing
Buildings	9	0
Sites		
Structures		
Objects		
Totals	9	0

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National Park Service

# **National Register of Historic Places**

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In the original nomination for the Gypsy Camp Historic District, the Well House on the property was omitted from the nomination for the Camp. However, the Well House should be considered to be a contributing resource, since it dates to the time of construction of the camp in the 1920s. As a result, the Well House is considered to be a contributing resource in the Gypsy Camp Historic District.

**United States Department of the Interior**  
National Park Service

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## Photo Log

Name of Property: Gypsy Camp Historic District – Well House

City or Vicinity: Siloam Springs

County: Benton County State: Arkansas

Photographer: Nathan Reed

Date Photographed: 2018

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

- 1 of 5. View of the Well House, looking north.
- 2 of 5. View of the Well House, looking northeast.
- 3 of 5. View of the Well House, looking west.
- 4 of 5. View of the Well House, looking south.
- 5 of 5. View of the Well House interior, looking northwest.







Dr Pepper









National Register of Historic Places  
Memo to File

# 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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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Gypsy Camp Historic District (Benton County  
MRA)  
Benton County  
ARKANSAS

DEC 14 1987

Working No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/7/89  
Date Due: 1/14/88 1/28/88  
Action:  ACCEPT 1-28-88  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered in the  
National Register

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
Discipline \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

Condition

- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

**8. 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

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Form Prepared By**

**12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

AD 87002425



THE DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS  
**HERITAGE**

April 3, 2019

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*Director*

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Historic Arkansas Museum

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Cultural Center

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RE: Gypsy Camp Historic District Additional Documentation –  
Siloam Springs, Benton County, Arkansas

Dear Ms. Beasley:

We are enclosing for your review the above-referenced nomination. The enclosed disk contains the true and correct copy of the nomination for the Gypsy Camp Historic District Additional Documentation 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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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action: Additional Documentation  
Property Name: Gypsy Camp Historic District  
Multiple Name: Benton County MRA  
State & County: ARKANSAS, Benton

Date Received: 4/16/2019      Date of Pending List: 5/9/2019      Date of 16th Day: 5/24/2019      Date of 45th Day: 5/31/2019      Date of Weekly List:

Reference number: AD87002425  
Nominator:  
Reason For Review:

X Accept       Return       Reject      5/20/2019 Date

Abstract/Summary Comments: Adds one resource to inventory

Recommendation/ Criteria: Accept Additional Documentation

Reviewer Jim Gabbert      Discipline Historian

Telephone (202)354-2275      Date

DOCUMENTATION:    see attached comments : No    see attached SLR : No

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.