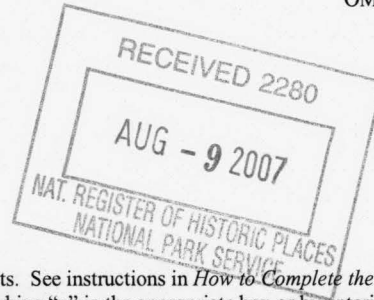


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### National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

#### 1. Name of Property

historic name Tyronza Water Tower

other names/site number PO0072

#### 2. Location

street & number Northeast of The Main Street and Oliver Street intersection

not for publication

city or town Tryonza

vicinity

state Arkansas code AR county Poinsett code 111 zip code 72386

#### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  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 for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Cathie Matthews

7/5/07

Signature of certifying official/Title

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 for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

#### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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):

Signature of the Keeper

Edson H. Beall

Date of Action

9.20.07

Tyronza Water Tower  
Name of Property

Poinsett County, Arkansas  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in count.)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Contributing                      Noncontributing

_____	buildings
_____	sites
_____	structures
_____	objects
_____	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

**Number of Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

“An Ambition to Be Preferred New Deal Recovery Efforts and Architecture in Arkansas.”

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**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRACTION/  
Waterworks/water tower  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRACTION/waterworks/  
water tower  
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**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: Plain/Traditional  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

foundation CONCRETE  
walls METAL  
\_\_\_\_\_  
roof METAL  
other  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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#### **SUMMARY**

The Tyronza Water Tower is located downtown, Tyronza, Poinsett County, Arkansas, east of South Main Street. The water tower was built in 1935 by the Chicago Bridge and Iron Works with financial assistance from the Public Works Administration.

#### **ELABORATION**

The Tyronza Water Tower stands several feet above the Tyronza community in downtown. It is built with a metal frame which is comprised of four metal legs that rise up towards the water tank. Metal crosspieces are inserted between the legs to provide additional support for the tower. In addition, utility ladders run up the legs of the tower, giving access to the tank. A metal pipe is centered between these legs and rises up towards the base of the tank, carrying water back and forth from the ground to the tank.

The water tower features a Horton tank. The base of the tank is bowl-shaped and is pierced in the center by the metal pipe. A few feet above the base, a walkway encircles the water tower. The tank's walls are painted with black letters that read "TYRONZA." The top of the tank is covered in a conical shape metal roof that extends a few feet past the tank walls.

The Tyronza Water Tower stands a few feet behind a new water tower and shed building. The complex is enclosed by a modern chain-link fence.

#### **INTEGRITY**

There have been few alterations to the water tower and its location, next to downtown Tyronza, is in keeping with the original setting of the water tower.

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B.** removed from its original location.
- C.** birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Levels of Significance** (local, state, national)

local

**Areas of Significance** (Enter categories from instructions)

ENGINEERING

GOVERNMENT/POLITICS

**Period of Significance**

1935

**Significant Dates**

1935

**Significant Person** (Complete if Criterion B is marked)

**Cultural Affiliation** (Complete if Criterion D is marked)

**Architect/Builder**

Chicago Bridge and Iron Works

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**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

Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_



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### SUMMARY

The Tyronza Water Tower in Tyronza, Poinsett County, Arkansas is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with **local significance** under **Criterion A** for its association to the Public Works Administration activities in the 1930s. It is also being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under **Criterion C** for its excellent representation of the 1930s waterworks construction. The Tyronza Water Tower is being nominated under the multiple property listing "An Ambition to Be Preferred: New Deal Recovery Efforts and Architecture in Arkansas, 1933-1943."

### ELABORATION

Once Arkansas entered statehood, the legislature required that every county had at least 500 white male inhabitants. This restriction on the population of counties resulted in the proliferation of counties from 1836-1860. One of these new counties, Poinsett County, was formed February 26, 1838.<sup>1</sup> Named after Joel Robert Poinsett, the Secretary of War under former President Van Buren, Poinsett County, Arkansas, is the only county in the country named after him. Early settlement to Poinsett County was slow in comparison to settlement farther west. Most of the pioneers that came to Arkansas, originated from mountainous areas; thus, they were attracted to the hills on the western part of the state. Growth in the eastern part of the state did not occur until the latter part of the nineteenth century.<sup>2</sup>

Poinsett County harbors the area that is known as the "sunken" lands. After the New Madrid Earthquake, a large tract of land in the eastern part of the county fell below sea level. This region includes the present location of Tyronza. This area was cut off largely from communication with the county and the rest of the state.<sup>3</sup> In the nineteenth century, roads were a public service duty. If men did not complete their job, they were summoned to county jail. Despite these efforts to build roads, there was no really efficient way to market the County's vast natural resources.<sup>4</sup>

In the 1880s, the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad was built. It passed through the eastern part of the county and fostered growth in towns such as Marked Tree and Tyronza. The town of Tyronza began sometime before the Civil War and named after an Indian Chief. In 1880s, early settlers sought a need for and established a municipal government under the leadership of Sam Watson. With the improvement of the railroad, businesses sprang up rapidly at the turn of the century. The first Mr. Wright's store, built in 1899, and the first bank, built in 1907, was reflective of this new growth.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *The Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Northeastern Arkansas* (Nashville: The Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1889) 570.

<sup>2</sup> *Poinsett County Arkansas History and Families* (Paducah, KY: Turner Publishing Co., 1998) 11.

<sup>3</sup> *The Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Northeastern Arkansas*, 574.

<sup>4</sup> *Poinsett County Arkansas History and Families*, 12.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, 91.

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Following the flood of 1927, an emerging class of businessmen lobbied for an improved drainage system for the eastern part of the state including Poinsett County. The administration that had formed Drainage District Seven had gone bankrupt as a result of the Depression, and could not provide funds for the improvements. So, the businessmen lobbied congress for government funding. The Federal Government sponsored the St. Francis Levee Project which would improve the drainage system throughout the area.<sup>6</sup>

In addition to the levee projects, the federal government aided with improvements for the municipal governments. In 1929, Tyronza built an artesian well, which was the first source of water for the town. In 1930, a curb was constructed around the well with shrubbery.<sup>7</sup> In 1934, the Public Works Administration provided a \$7, 190 grant and a \$19,000 loan for the construction of a water tower.<sup>8</sup> Construction on the water tower began in 1935 and was completed in that same year.

The Tyronza Water Tower stands prominently in downtown Tyronza off Main Street. The historic water tower stands behind a new water tower, but is still used as a source of water for the town. It is reminder of the improvements and progress made in Tyronza during the 1930s.

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Tyronza Water Tower in Tyronza, Poinsett County, Arkansas is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its association to the Public Works Administration activities in the 1930s. It is also being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C for its excellent representation of the 1930s waterworks construction. The Tyronza Water Tower is being nominated under the multiple property listing "An Ambition to Be Preferred: New Deal Recovery Efforts and Architecture in Arkansas, 1933-1943."

<sup>6</sup> Jeannie Whayne, *Reshaping the Rural South: Land, Labor and Federal Policy in Poinsett County, Arkansas, 1900-194* (San Diego, CA: University of San Diego Press, 1989) 305.

<sup>7</sup> *Poinsett County, Arkansas History and Families*, 92.

<sup>8</sup> Information on PWA found in the AHPP files.

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### **VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

The boundary consists of the land located with in a twenty-five foot radius of the center of the water tower.

### **BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION**

This boundary includes all of the land historically associated with the Tyronza Water Tower.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Tyronza Water Tower  
NAME:

MULTIPLE New Deal Recovery Efforts in Arkansas MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Poinsett

DATE RECEIVED: 8/09/07 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/27/07  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 9/11/07 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/22/07  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 07000963

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 9.20.07 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

**Entered in the  
National Register**

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



**Permit Parking  
ONLY**

Violators will be towed at owner's expense  
permits obtained at City Hall

1. TYRONZA WATER TOWER
2. TYRONZA, POINSETT COUNTY, AR
3. SARAH JAMPOLE
4. JANUARY 2007
5. ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM, LITTLE ROCK, AR
6. SOUTH ELEVATION LOOKING NORTH
7. # 1





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3. SARAH JAMPOLZ
4. JANUARY 2007
5. ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM, LITTLE ROCK, AR
6. VIEW FROM SOUTHWEST Looking up southwest leg showing construction detail
7. # 2





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4. JANUARY 2007
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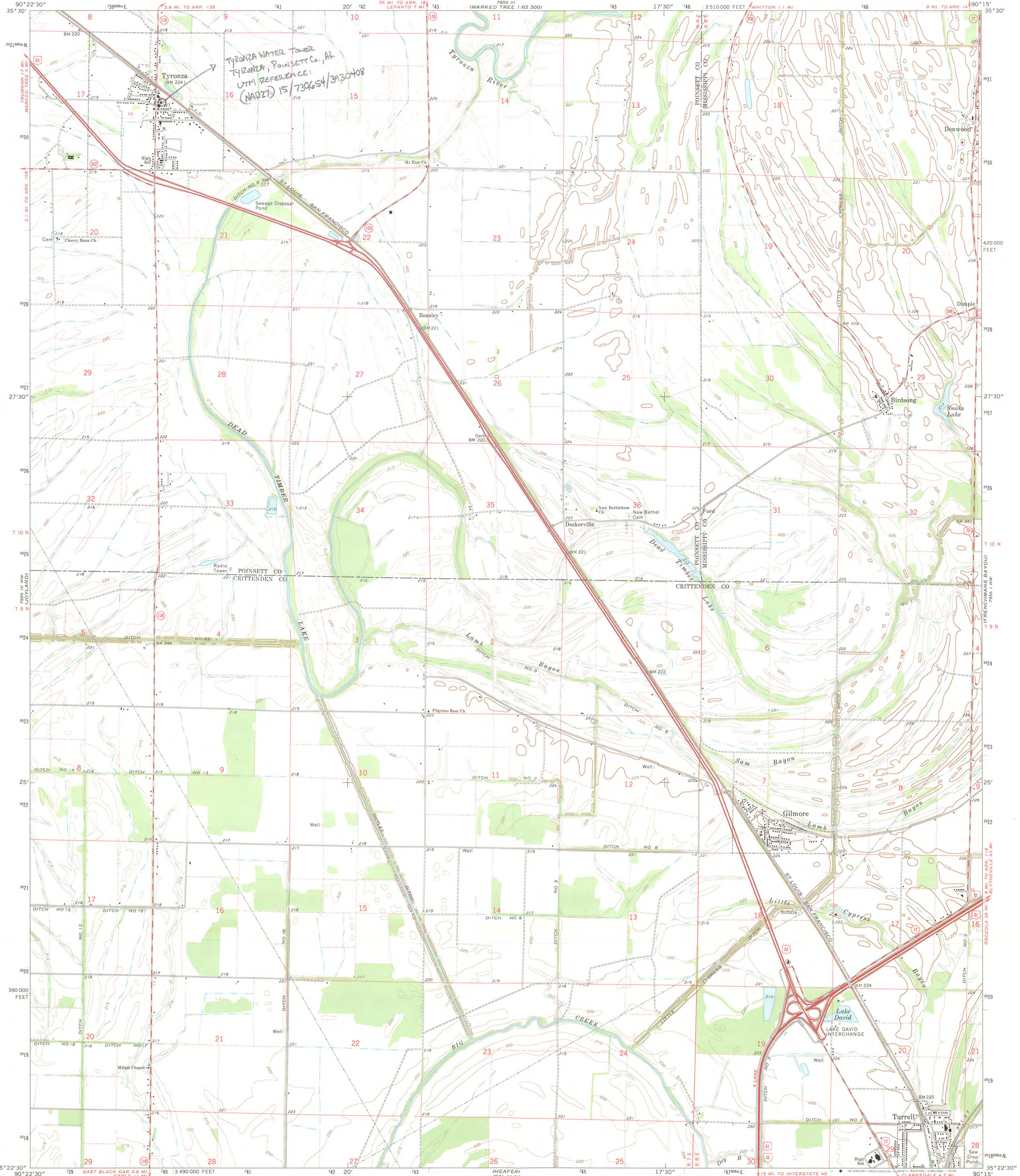
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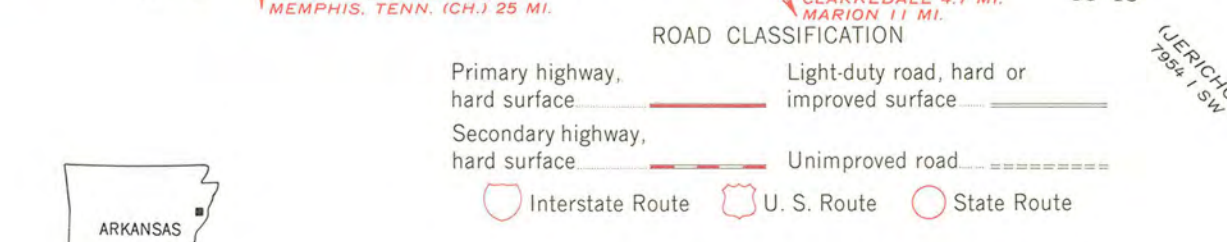
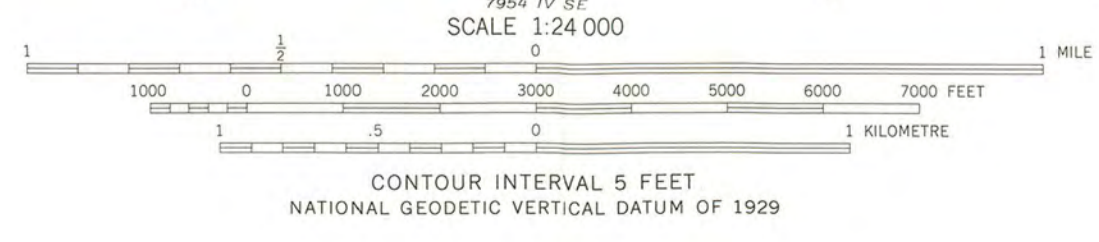
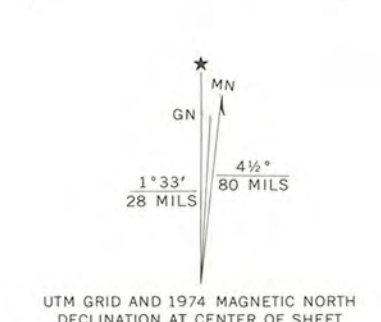


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7. # 5





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RE: Tyronza Water Tower – Tyronza, Poinsett County,  
Arkansas

Dear Dr. Matthews:

We are enclosing for your review the above-referenced nomination. 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,

Cathie Matthews  
State Historic Preservation Officer

CM:rsw

Enclosure