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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Shady Lake Dam

other name/site number: PL 0103

2. Location

street & number: County Road #64

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Athens

vicinity: X

state: AR county: Polk

code: AR 113

zip code: 71971

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-Federal

Category of Property: Building(s)

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: Facilities Constructed by the CCC in Arkansas, 1933-42

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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 forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. See continuation sheet.

Ivan J. DeBorris Signature of certifying official Date 9/3/93

Federal Preservation Officer Forest Service
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Cathryn R. Buford Signature of commenting or other official Date 10-9-91

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register Patty S. Chrisman 10/20/93
 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): _____

Patty S. Chrisman Signature of Keeper Date of Action 10/20/93

6. Function or Use

Historic: Recreation and Culture Sub: Outdoor Recreation
Current : Recreation and Culture Sub: Outdoor Recreation

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification:

Other: Plain Traditional

Other Description: _____

Materials: foundation Concrete roof N/A
walls Concrete 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: locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : N/A

Areas of Significance: Social History
Entertainment/Recreation

Period(s) of Significance: c.1940 _____

Significant Dates : N/A _____

Significant Person(s): N/A _____

Cultural Affiliation: N/A _____

Architect/Builder: Civilian Conservation Corps

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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Description:

The Shady Lake Dam is located along Forest Service Road No. 38 in Polk County. The dam is constructed of cast concrete and extends across the Saline River. The dam is approximate 130 ft. across and approximately 40 ft. tall. The dam is situated between two rock walls which form the river bank and holds the water to form Shady Lake.

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The Shady Lake Dam was constructed circa 1940 by members of the 742nd Company of the Arkansas CCC District stationed at the Mena Camp that was located approximately eight miles to the northeast, near the small town of Shady. It was constructed as part of a small, public recreational complex within the Ouachita National Forest (ONF) as a result of the CCC's emphasis upon recreational construction that began in earnest circa 1935. The extant historic structures within this complex include this dam, a bathhouse, a picnic pavillion, and a caretaker's house (each of which is nominated separately), all of which allowed the area to function purely as a swimming and picnicking facility, as it continues to do today. As such, the Shady Lake Dam remains significant through its associations with the contributions to American social history made by the Civilian Conservation Corps, its associations with the emphasis upon outdoor recreation that guided such construction, and its status as an excellent example of CCC recreational architecture in a remarkable state of preservation.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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See "Facilities Constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in Arkansas, 1933-1942," Section H.

___ 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	<u>15</u>	<u>405030</u>	<u>3802350</u>	B	___	_____	_____
C	___	_____	_____	D	___	_____	_____

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point on the western edge of County Road #64 located approximately 1,250 feet west of its intersection with County Road #607 proceed westerly along a line running parallel with the dam's northern elevation for a distance of 200 feet; thence proceed southerly along a line running perpendicular with the dam's principal direction for a distance of 200 feet; thence proceed easterly along a line running parallel with the dam's southern elevation for a distance of 200 feet to its intersection with the western edge of County Road #64; thence proceed northerly along said edge for a distance of 200 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource, including the dam itself and the flanking rock walls that help to contain the lake.

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Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 8/28/91
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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 93001099 Date Listed: 10/20/93

Shady Lake Dam Polk AR
Property Name: County: State:

Facilities Constructed by the CCC in Arkansas MPS

Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Patricia S. Christian

Signature of the Keeper

10/25/93

Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Technical oversight was corrected with a phone call to the Arkansas SHPO. The resource category on the nomination form was incorrectly chosen as "building(s)." The correct resource category is "structure." The nomination is officially amended to include this information.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Shady Lake Dam
NAME:

MULTIPLE Facilities Constructed by the CCC in Arkansas MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Polk

DATE RECEIVED: 9/14/93 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/28/93
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 10/14/93 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/29/93
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 93001099

NOMINATOR: FEDERAL

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: Y SLR DRAFT: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 10/20/93 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*The Shady Lake Dam is significant under
criterion A in the areas of social history
and entertainment and recreation.*

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A
REVIEWER Patty S. Christian
DISCIPLINE Historian
DATE 10/20/93

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
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

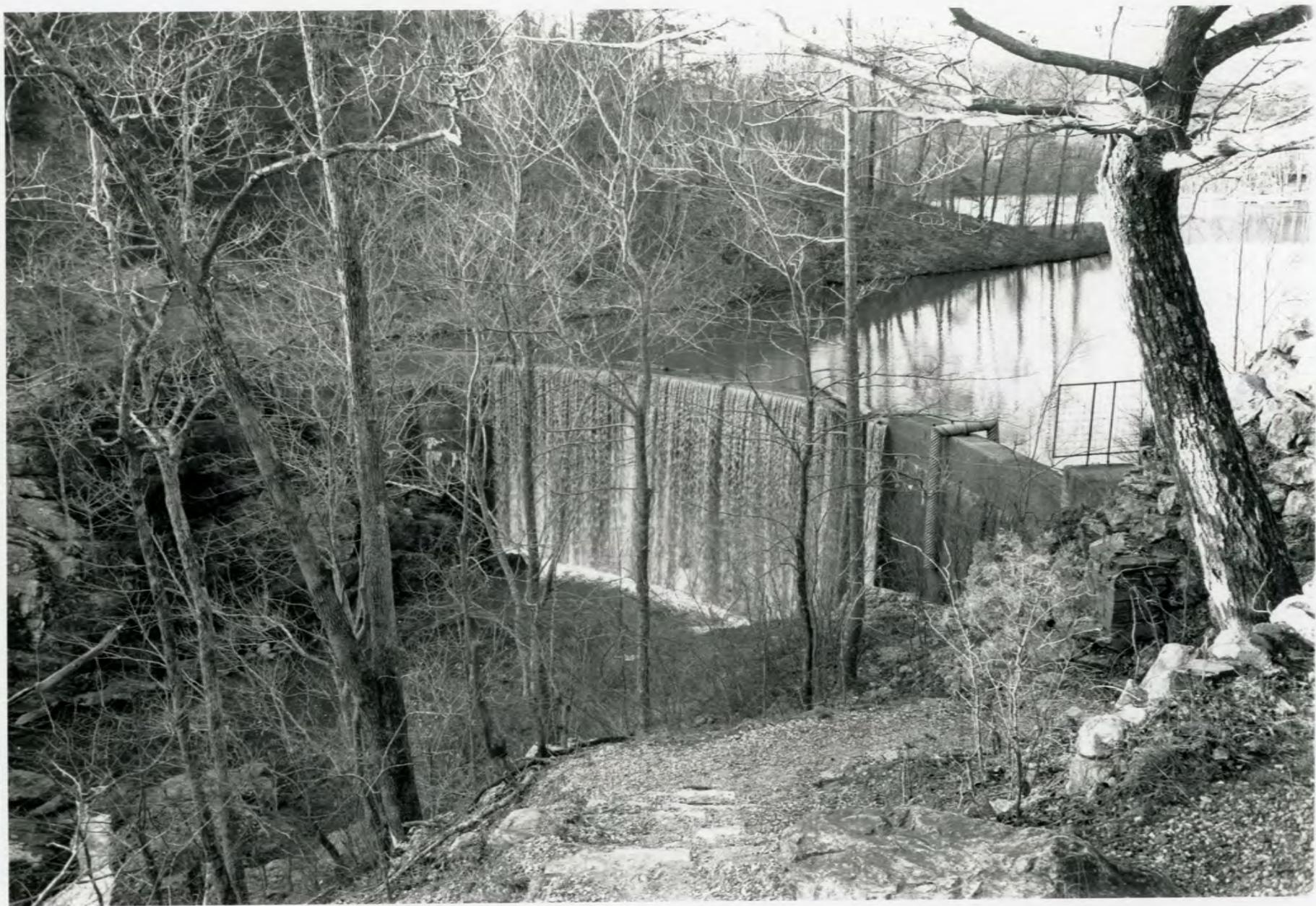
sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



Shady Lake Dam
~~Athens~~
~~Athens~~ vic., Polk Co. Arkansas

Photographed by Todd Ferguson

February 1991

Negative on file at AHPW

View from the southeast

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500019