

Gould Jones Reservoir

Newton Co, Arkansas

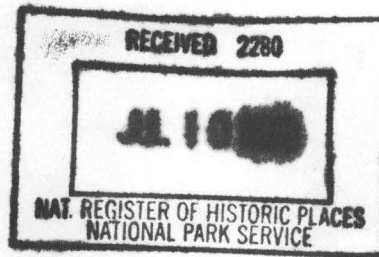
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NPS Form 10-900  
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OMB No. 1024-0018  
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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service



**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

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**1. Name of Property**

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Historic Name: Gould Jones Reservoir

Other Name/Site Number: NW0060

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**2. Location**

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Street & Number: Arkansas Highway 7

Not for Publication: N/A

City/Town: Jasper

Vicinity: N/A

State: AR County: Newton Code: AR101 Zip Code: 72641

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**3. Classification**

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Ownership of Property: Public-local

Category of Property: Structure

Number of Resources within Property:

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

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


Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

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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

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official

6-29-98  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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 D. R. Lugin 8/24/98  
    \_\_\_ 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 Keeper      Date  
                                    of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic: Industry/Processing/ Sub: waterworks  
          Extraction

Current : Education Sub: library storage

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification:

No Style  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Materials: foundation concrete roof concrete  
              walls concrete other brick  
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Describe present and historic physical appearance:

**Summary**

The Gould Jones Reservoir was built in 1946 utilizing the materials of concrete and brick. It is located just off of Arkansas Highway 7 on the grounds of the Newton County Library. The purpose of the structure was for the supply of public water to the town of Jasper in Newton County. Although the reservoir is currently not in use, the structure is in good condition, and the library plans to make some slight alterations to the structure in order to use it as a storage area. The library also plans to use the reservoir as an educational tool as a part of their programs.

**Elaboration**

The Gould Jones Reservoir was constructed out of poured concrete and brick by Gould Jones in 1946. The round structure was created out of poured concrete with a band of red brick at the top. The reservoir is capped by a concrete conical roof with a very shallow pitch. The roof contains a access door at the west side and a ventilation area at the roof peak. This ventilation area is crowned with a truck wheel rim which is said to have been placed there by the builder as a similar wheel rim is incorporated into the structure of a nearby church which was also built by Jones. The reservoir is said to have had a one cylinder motor pump at the time of construction.

The Gould Jones Reservoir sits on the same property as the new Newton County Library with was built approximately two years ago. The library plans to incorporate the reservoir into its educational and cultural programs, with landscaping proposed by the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville's School of Architecture. The library plans minimal changes to the structure in concert with the new landscaping: painting the concrete a neutral color, cleaning the brick, and putting a plexi-glass cover over the access hole on the roof. A door will be cut into the reservoir on the side that is blind to State Highway 7 with a grill at the bottom for ventilation. A metal cap will be built over the peak of the roof over the truck wheel rim to aid in ventilation for the structure. The library plans to use the reservoir for storage, and as an educational tool for the community.

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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

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Areas of Significance: Conservation  
Engineering

Period(s) of Significance: 1945-1946

Significant Dates: 1945-1946

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Gould Jones

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above:

### **Summary**

The Gould Jones Reservoir is being nominated under Criterion A with local significance due to its importance as the first source of public water in the town of Jasper, the county seat for one of the most undeveloped counties in the state. The reservoir is also being nominated under Criterion C with local significance as a good example of this type of structure in Newton County. Jones was known locally as a maverick builder, having completed at least a half-dozen buildings in Jasper that exhibit unique rock work and which are still standing.

### **Historical Background**

One of the earliest settlements of the Ozark Mountains, Jasper was plotted in 1842. A hundred years later, REA delivered electricity to its residents in 1941. A year or so later, Gould Jones built the first water reservoir in Jasper which provided water for the only factory which has ever done business in this town-- a tomato factory, which provided precious \$2.50 a day jobs to about thirty women who peeled tomatoes, and to many farmers and tomato "haulers." The current reservoir replaced a smaller reservoir which was also built by Gould Jones.

The canning factory was closed by the Arkansas Department of Health. According to one resident, the factory "ruined our wells, with tomato juice found in them." According to Gilbert Jencks, Gould Jones replaced the original reservoir with a larger one in 1946, providing "a big service for the community." It was the first water system to Jasper residents, to whom the structure and service was a "novelty." Guy Bennett, who moved to Jasper on Halloween of 1938 and hauled tomatoes from farms to the canning factory in 1945 and 1946, thinks that the

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current reservoir was used both by the factory and by local residents, reasoning that the factory required the larger, current tank. Bennet was employed by Jones in the 1940s to haul rocks from the Buffalo River (now a National Park), for Gould's many building projects. County Sheriff from 1959 to 1965, Bennet says that "Gould Jones could do anything with steel, a fork and an anvil," He adds that Jones "figured how to make the top of the reservoir rounded, when everyone told him he couldn't do it, that he'd have to settle for a flat roof." Bennet notes that the pump Jones built for the reservoir was a "one-lunger, cylinder type."

After 1952, when State Highway 7 was finally paved past the Reservoir south to Pelsor, water was provided to residents by the Arkansas Soil & Water Conservation program from other sources, but the reservoir has remained a local landmark and symbol of mountaineering ingenuity since that time.

Two years ago, the property on which the reservoir sits was developed as the site of the Newton County Library, and plans are currently in place to incorporate the reservoir into educational and cultural landscaping, proposed by the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville's School of Architecture. The reservoir will function symbolically as a "Reservoir of Goodwill" for a community that prides itself in its many traditions of goodwill, the best-known of which may be to wave as residents pass each other on any of the roads within Newton County, regardless of their family roots or community affiliations. The structure will also function as a storage building for library landscaping and maintenance equipment.

Locally significant under Criterion A, the Gould Jones Reservoir provided from 1946 to c.1953 (for National Register purposes, the period of significance is 1945-1947) the first public water system in Jasper. It provided water to the only factory to have existed in Jasper, and in turn aided in the development of this community. The Gould Jones Reservoir is also being nominated under Criterion C with local significance as a good example of this type of structure in Newton County. The reservoir exists as a remarkable example of the ingenuity of local craftsmanship, and gives evidence to the versatility of the work of Gould Jones who also completed at least a half-dozen unique rock work buildings in Jasper which are still standing.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Lackey, Walter F. History of Newton County Arkansas. Point Lookout, Missouri: S of O Press, 1950.

### Articles:

"Gould Jones, Blacksmith, Machinist, Builder, Dies," The Newton County Times, March 22, 1972, page 4.

"Winning Photo of Old Watertank," The Newton County Times, July 13, 1995, page 3.

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## Interviews:

Summer, 1996 and 1-11-97. Anne Courtemanche-Ellis, Interviewer. Ardella Vaughn, 99 year-old local authority, whose husband associated with Gould Jones regarding many community developments.

1-6-97. Anne Courtemanche-Ellis. Margaret Phillips, community leader, local newspaper correspondent, who was employed by the tomato canning factor in Jasper during the time her husband was County Treasurer, from 1942 to 1946.

1-7-97. Anne Courtemanche-Ellis. Gilbert Jencks, who returned to Jasper from Florida in 1944 and remembers an earlier Gould Jones tank that was replaced by the current Gould Jones reservoir in 1946.

1-13-97. Anne Courtemanche-Ellis. Thomas W. Tougaw, Rural Development Director, Department of Agriculture, Harrison, Arkansas. Tougaw oversaw the installation of the FmHA's extended water system in Jasper in the 1970's. Tougaw was a teacher in Newton County during the historic period of the Reservoir.

1-14-97. Anne Courtemanche-Ellis. Guy Bennett, who has lived in Jasper since 1938, remembers the current Reservoir being used both by the canning factory in 1945 and as storage for a residential water system until 1952. Bennet was County Sheriff from 1959 to 1965.

The transcripts are stored with the Newton County Library, P. O. Box 516, Jasper, Arkansas 72641.

## 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>483310</u>	<u>3984120</u>	B	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>
C	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	D	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>

Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at a point in the exact center of the reservoir, proceed north approximately 165 feet due north, thence circle the reservoir in a path located approximately 10 feet from the exterior wall of the reservoir to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification:

This boundary contains all of the historic materials associated with this resource that maintain their integrity.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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Name/Title: Anne Courtemanche-Ellis, Newton County Library Board Member

Organization: Newton County Library      Date: 7-16-97

Street & Number: P.O. Box 516, Jasper, AR 72641      Telephone: (501) 446-2983

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



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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 98000956

Date Listed: 8/24/98

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Property Name

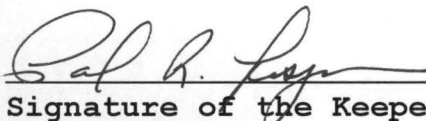
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N/A

Multiple Name

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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.

  
Signature of the Keeper

8/24/98  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Significance:

The areas of significance under Criterion A are changed to read: Community Planning & Development and Engineering. [These areas best reflect the property's importance as an illustration of early community infrastructure development in Jasper during the 1940s.]

The nomination fails to establish the property's eligibility under Criterion C, either as an example of the work of a local builder (insufficient context and comparative analysis) or as a significant example of twentieth-century engineering technology.

This information was confirmed with H. Hope of the Arkansas SHPO.

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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 NAME: Jones, Gould, Reservoir

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Newton

DATE RECEIVED: 7/10/98 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 7/20/98  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/05/98 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/24/98  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 98000956

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

COMMENT WAIVER: N

\_\_\_ACCEPT \_\_\_RETURN \_\_\_REJECT \_\_\_\_\_DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

**The Gould Jones Reservoir is locally significant under National Register Criterion A in the areas of Community Planning & Development and Engineering. The modest concrete and brick reservoir served as the first "public" source of water in the isolated Ozark mountains community of Jasper, Arkansas. In an isolated and underdeveloped community such as Jasper, which contained limited public infrastructure, the development of a dependable public water source was an important achievement, perhaps matched only by the earlier development of local electrical service by the REA in 1941.**

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept Criterion A

REVIEWER Paul R. Lusignan DISCIPLINE HISTORIAN

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 8/24/98

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





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Jasper, Newton County, AR

Photo by Helen Barry

September 1996

Negative on file at AHPP

View from Northwest



Gould Jones Reservoir

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View from South





Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
Control by USGS and USC&GS  
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial  
photographs taken 1964. Field checked 1967  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, north zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 15, shown in blue  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

UTM GRID AND 1967 MAGNETIC NORTH  
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

SCALE 1:24,000  
CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242  
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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Jasper, Newton County, AR  
15/483310/3984120



ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Medium-duty ——— Light-duty ———  
Unimproved dirt ———  
State Route

JASPER, ARK.  
N3600—W9307.5/7.5

1967

AMS 7356 II SW—SERIES V884





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June 26, 1998

Ms. Carol D. Shull  
Chief of Registration  
United States Department of the Interior  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
800 North Capitol Street, Suite 250  
Washington, DC 20002

RE: Gould Jones Reservoir – Newton County

Dear Carol:

I am 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 Slater  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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