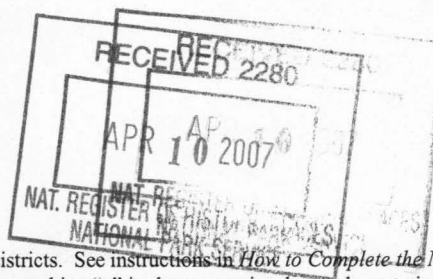


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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form



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 Tuckerman Water Tower

other names/site number Site #JA0518

2. Location

street & number South end of Front Street

☐ not for publication

city or town Tuckerman

☐ vicinity

state Arkansas code AR county Jackson code 067 zip code 72473

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.)

Cathy Marrans  
Signature of certifying official/Title

3/12/07  
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:) \_\_\_\_\_

Edson H. Beall  
Signature of the Keeper

5-22-07  
Date of Action

Tuckerman Water Tower  
Name of Property

Jackson County, Arkansas  
County and State

## 5. Classification

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

- ☐ private  
☒ public-local  
☐ public-State  
☐ public-Federal

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

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

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

Contributing

Noncontributing

	buildings
	sites
1	structures
	objects
1	Total

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

An Ambition to Be Preferred: New Deal Recovery Efforts  
and Architecture in Arkansas, 1933-1943

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

## 6. Function or Use

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

INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRACTION/waterworks

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

INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRACTION/waterworks

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## 7. Description

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

OTHER/Plain-Traditional

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**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE

walls METAL

roof METAL

other

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## Narrative Description

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

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### SUMMARY

The Tuckerman Water Tower is located at the south end of Front Street in the small town of Tuckerman, Jackson County, in northeastern Arkansas. The tower is located at the city's waterworks complex, and was built by the Pittsburgh Des Moines Steel Company with assistance from Public Works Administration (PWA) in 1935.

### ELABORATION

The Tuckerman Water Tower is located at the south end of Front Street in the small town of Tuckerman, Jackson County, in northeastern Arkansas. The tower is located at the city's waterworks complex, and was built by the Pittsburgh Des Moines Steel Company with assistance from Public Works Administration (PWA) in 1935.

The water tower, which is painted gray, is supported by four metal latticed legs that slope inwards towards the tower as they rise. Metal crosspieces and rods provide lateral rigidity and support between the legs. At the center of the tower a large metal pipe conveys the water to and from the tank.

The water tank has a bowl-shaped bottom that is pierced in the center by the large pipe. A metal walkway with metal pipe handrail around the base of the tank accesses a ladder that ascends the tower's southwestern leg. The walls of the tank are constructed of pieces of curved sheet metal and the southwest side has the word "TUCKERMAN" painted in large black letters on it. The top of the tower is crowned by a metal conical roof.

### Integrity

The Tuckerman Water Tower retains good integrity. The water tower has not been altered. In addition, the setting of Tuckerman remains a small town, much as it would have been when the water tower was built.

Tuckerman Water Tower

Name of Property

Jackson County, Arkansas

County and State

## 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

Politics/Government

### Period of Significance

1935-1957

### Significant Dates

1935-1957

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

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

### Architect/Builder

Pittsburgh Des Moines Steel Company, Builder

### 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 Tuckerman Water Tower is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with **local significance** under **Criterion C** as a good example of a 1930s water tower, and as the last Public Works Administration (PWA)-built water tower remaining in Jackson County. The Tuckerman Water Tower is also being nominated to the National Register under **Criterion A** for its associations with the activities of the PWA in Jackson County during the 1930s. The Tuckerman Water Tower is being submitted to the National Register of Historic Places under the multiple-property listing "An Ambition to Be Preferred: New Deal Recovery Efforts and Architecture in Arkansas, 1933-1943."

### ELABORATION

Little is known about the early settlement of Jackson County other than the first settlers arrived in the area prior to 1830. The population was sizable enough that Jackson County was created on November 5, 1829, by the territorial legislature. Originally, Jackson County also included almost all of Woodruff County as well until it was separated in 1862. The original county seat was established at Litchfield in 1832, but in 1839 it was moved to Elizabeth. In 1852 it was moved to Augusta and then on to Jacksonport in 1853.<sup>1</sup> (The county seat was moved to Newport, its current location, in 1891-1892.)

As the construction of railroad lines began in earnest in Arkansas after the Civil War, it spurred settlement along its routes, including the Tuckerman area of Jackson County. Historic railroad maps of the area show that a railroad line was in the planning stages in 1864 and 1872.<sup>2</sup> The railroad line, which would become the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern in 1874, was completed by 1873.<sup>3</sup> Tuckerman's post office was established in 1872, likely as the railroad was being constructed.<sup>4</sup>

After Tuckerman was founded, the town grew at a fairly steady pace. By the late 1880s, according to the *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Northeast Arkansas*, "Tuckerman, on the Iron Mountain Railway...is comprised of a post-office, three general stores, two groceries, two drug stores, two blacksmith and wood shops, one hotel, two boarding-houses, a school-house, a church, two saw-mills and cotton-gins combined, and has a population of 150."<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Northeast Arkansas*. Chicago: Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1889, p. 832.

<sup>2</sup> *Railway and county map of the Southern States*. Map. Cincinnati, E. Mendenhall, 1864 and *Maps showing Arkansas Central, the Helena & Corinth, and the Pine Bluff & Southwestern Railroads together forming the Texas & Northeastern Railway*. Map. New York, G.W. & C. B. Colton & Co., 1872.

<sup>3</sup> McLeod, W. E. "Old Roads in North Arkansas." *Lawrence County Historical Society Quarterly*, Spring 1978.

<sup>4</sup> Baker, Russell Pierce. *From Memdag to Norsk: A Historical Directory of Arkansas Post Offices, 1832-1971*. Hot Springs, AR: Arkansas Genealogical Society, 1988, p. 222.

<sup>5</sup> *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Northeast Arkansas*. Chicago: Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1889, p. 839.

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Due to the continued growth of the community, by the first part of the twentieth century, it was determined that Tuckerman needed a water tower. The creation of the PWA under Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal programs gave Tuckerman the perfect opportunity to get a waterworks. An application was made for PWA assistance in 1934, and the project was allotted a \$38,067 loan and an \$11,862 grant on July 18, 1934. (The estimated total cost for the project was \$49,929.) On September 25, 1934, a contract for \$45,225 was finalized.<sup>6</sup>

Construction began on the water tower, which was built by the Pittsburgh Des Moines Steel Company, on January 17, 1935, and proceeded quickly. The water tower was finished on April 30, 1935.<sup>7</sup> Since the water tower was put into service, the community has continued to use the facility, and has built additional buildings to meet the community's needs, although they are not included in this nomination.

The PWA was an important part of Arkansas's New Deal history, and the Tuckerman Water Tower is a living reminder of the PWA's importance in providing jobs and development in Arkansas's communities. The Tuckerman Water Tower is a good example of a 1930s-era water tower built by the PWA, and illustrates the activities of the PWA in the early twentieth century. The survival and continued preservation of the Tuckerman Water Tower is a monument to the dedication of the Tuckerman community.

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Tuckerman Water Tower is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with **local significance** under **Criterion C** as a good example of a 1930s water tower, and as the last PWA-built water tower remaining in Jackson County. The Tuckerman Water Tower is also being nominated to the National Register under **Criterion A** for its associations with the activities of the PWA in Jackson County during the 1930s. The Tuckerman Water Tower is being submitted to the National Register of Historic Places under the multiple-property listing "An Ambition to Be Preferred: New Deal Recovery Efforts and Architecture in Arkansas, 1933-1943."

<sup>6</sup> Information on Arkansas PWA projects in the files of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*

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Tuckerman Water Tower  
Name of Property

Jackson County, Arkansas  
County and State

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one.

### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing  
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Zone Easting Northing  
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☐ See continuation sheet

### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Ralph S. Wilcox, National Register & Survey Coordinator  
organization Arkansas Historic Preservation Program date November 28, 2006  
street & number 1500 Tower Building, 323 Center Street telephone (501) 324-9787  
city or town Little Rock state AR zip code 72201

## Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

### Continuation Sheets

### Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

### Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

### Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

## Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name  
street & number telephone  
city or town state zip code

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Name of Property

Jackson County, Arkansas

County and State

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## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary consists of the land located within a 25-foot radius of the center of the water tower.

## BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary encompasses all of the land historically associated with the Tuckerman Water Tower.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Tuckerman Water Tower  
NAME:

MULTIPLE New Deal Recovery Efforts in Arkansas MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Jackson

DATE RECEIVED: 4/10/07 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 4/30/07  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 5/15/07 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 5/24/07  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 07000443

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 5-22-07 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

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TUCKERMAN WATER TOWER

JACKSON COUNTY, AR

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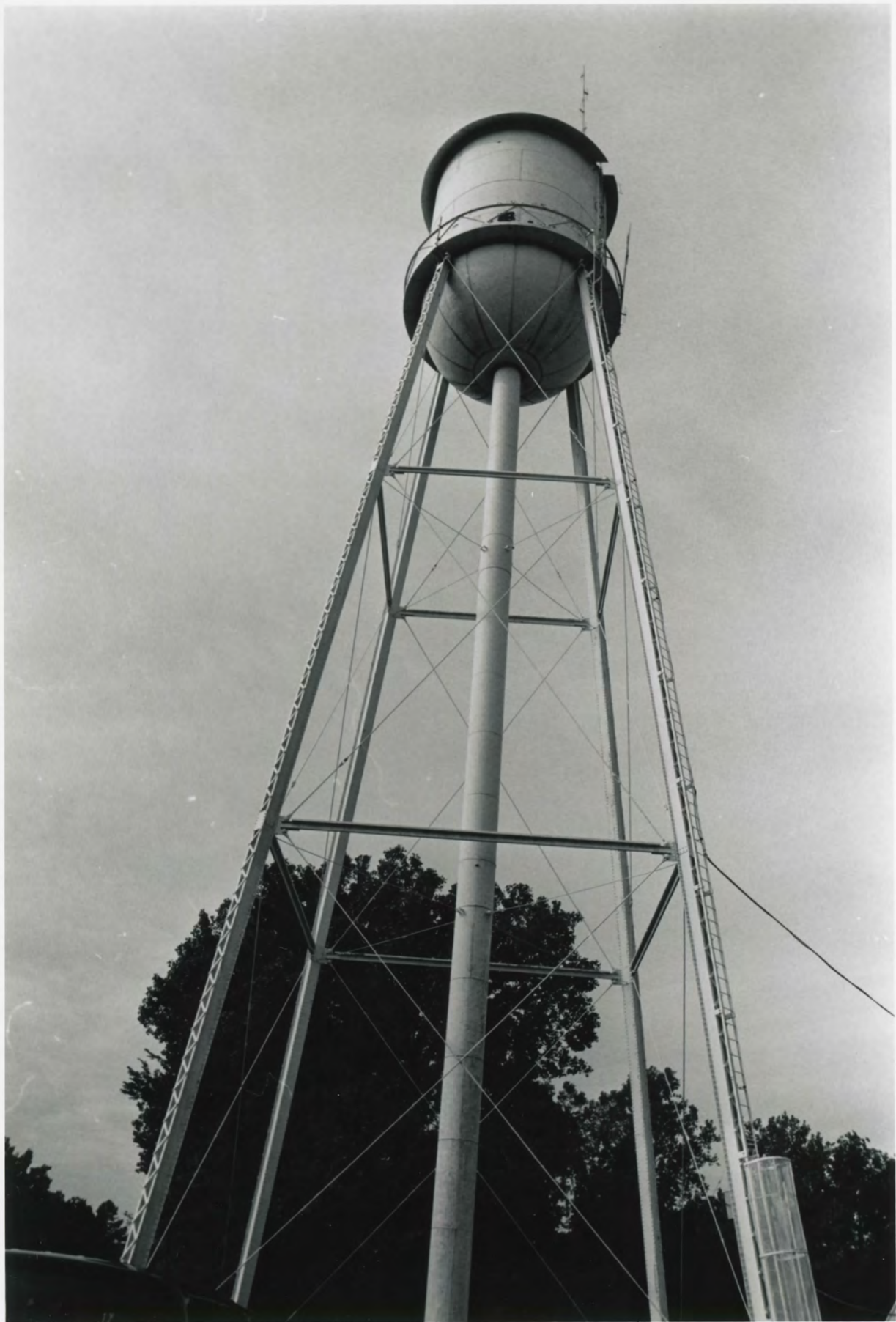
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JACKSON COUNTY, AR

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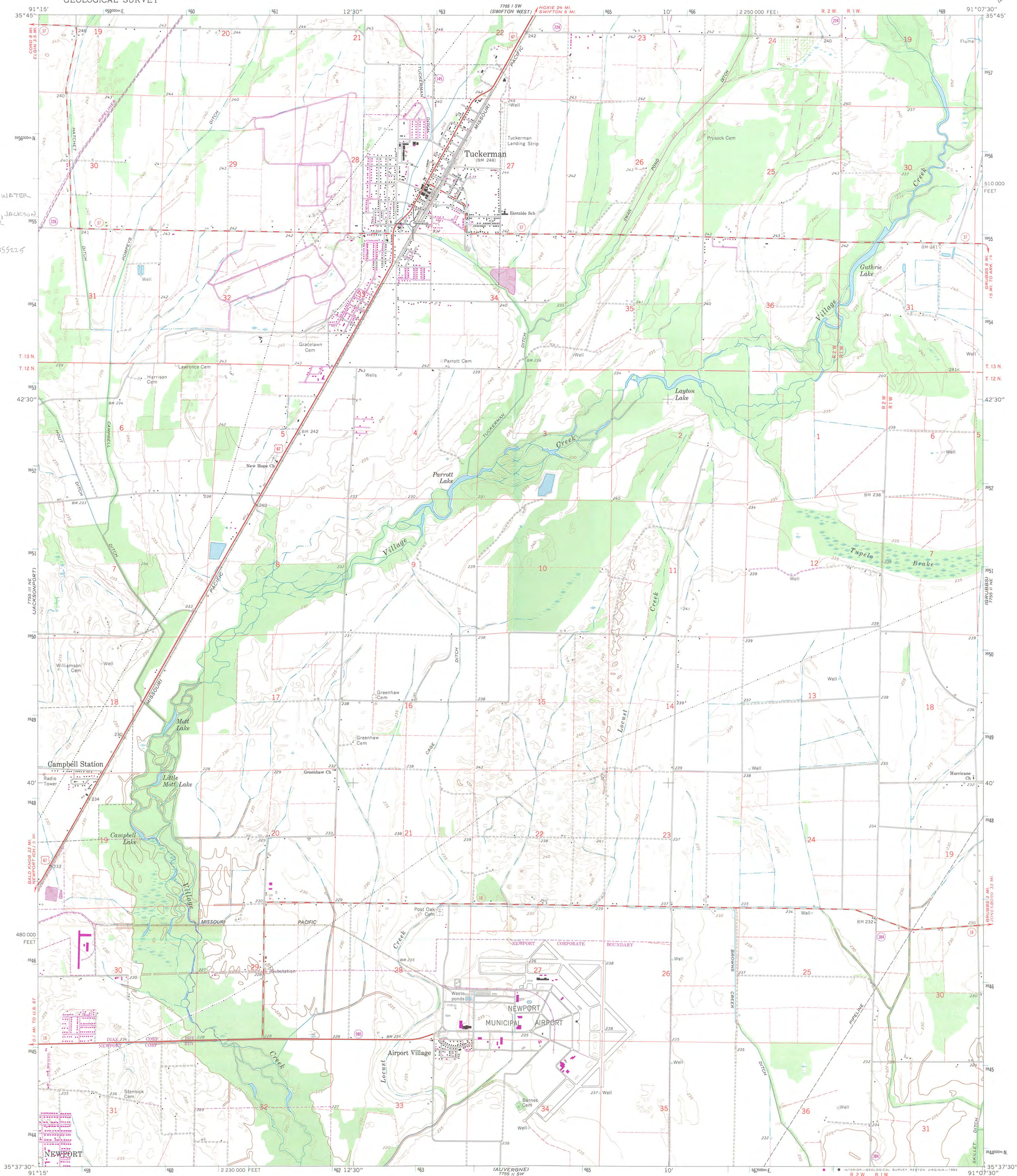
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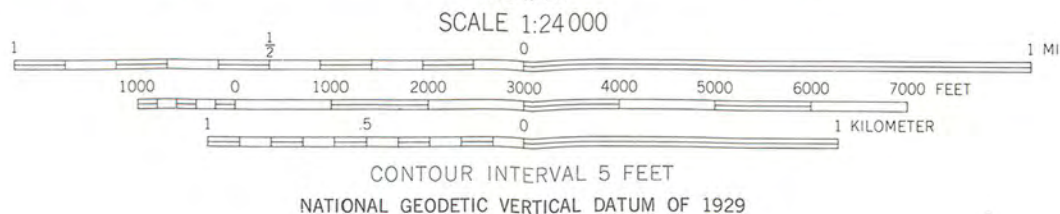
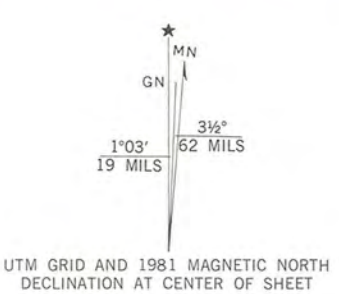
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TUCKERMAN WATER  
TOWER  
TUCKERMAN, JACKSON  
COUNTY, AR  
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
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U.S. Route ——— State Route ———

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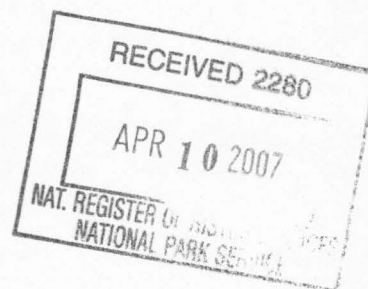
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Washington, DC 20005

RE: Tuckerman Water Tower – Tuckerman, Jackson 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