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MRA No. 61

INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

Property Name Osage Mills Dam Property Owner Lee Harris  
Location Osage Mills *N of Osage Mills on Little Osage Creek* Address Route 1  
Construction Date c. 1890 Survey No. 2993 Bentonville, AR 72712

DESCRIPTION

Located on Osage Creek, the Osage Mills Dam is made of heavy coursed stone with rusticated faces. At different points both four and five courses are visible. At the south end a portion of the concrete milbrace remains visible above ground. The area adjacent to the pond created by the dam is presently used for picnics and swimming. Approximately ten yards below the dam is a low-water bridge.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: A, C

Area of significance: engineering  
exploration/settlement

Once the site for the regional grist mill, the dam remains the only reminder of the economic center of the community. The dam created the millpond which was connected to the actual mill by the milbrace, which ran to the southeast. No trace of the mill remains. Although dams such as this, constructed of stone to provide a power source for local mills, were once common in rural areas all over the country, few remain with the tranquil integrity of the Osage Mills dam, and no others were documented by the Benton County Survey.

Acreage less than 1 acre

Verbal Boundary Description In township 19 north, range 31 west, section 27 begin at the

Quadrangle Name Centerton, Ark. Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

UTM Reference: Zone 15 Easting 386190 Northing 4017145

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Location \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Construction Date \_\_\_\_\_ Survey No. 2993 \_\_\_\_\_

## DESCRIPTION

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION CONT.

point of the northwest corner of the dam. Proceed southwest 100 feet, thence proceed southeast 40 feet, thence proceed northeast 100 feet, and thence proceed northwest 40 feet to the point of beginning, thus encircling the property.

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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

Acreage \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

UTM Reference: Zone \_\_\_\_\_ Easting \_\_\_\_\_ Northing \_\_\_\_\_

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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

Section number \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic GroupName Benton County MRA  
State Benton County, ARKANSAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

61. Merrill House

Entered in the  
National Registerfor Keeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

62. Methodist Church

Entered in the  
National Registerfor Keeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

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63. Miller Homestead

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National Registerfor Keeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

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64. Mitchell House

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National Registerfor Keeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

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65. Morris House

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National Registerfor Keeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

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66. Myler House

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National Registerfor Keeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

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67. New Home School and Church

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National Registerfor Keeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

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68. Norwood School

Entered in the  
National Registerfor Keeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

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69. Osage Creek Bridge

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National Registerfor Keeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

70. Osage Mills Dam

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Osage Mills Dam (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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Entered in the  
National Register

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	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
		<input type="checkbox"/> 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: \_\_\_\_\_



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OSAGE MILLS DAM - 2993

OSAGE MILLS

BENTON Co. MRA

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NEGATIVES ON FILE at ANPP

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000022