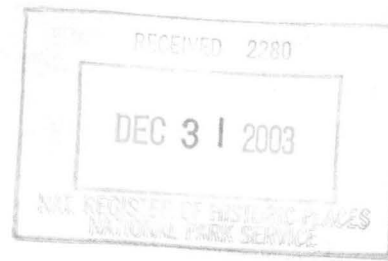


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 Langdon Filling Station

other names/site number Bosson and Delaney Service Station

2. Location

street & number 311 Park Avenue

☐ not for publication

city or town Hot Springs

☐ vicinity

state Arkansas code AR county Garland code 051 zip code 71901

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 Mallett
Signature of certifying official/Title

12/9/03
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:) _____

Gordon B. Beall
Signature of the Keeper

2-11-04
Date of Action

Langdon Filling Station

Name of Property

Garland 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	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

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

Arkansas Highway and Transportation Era Architecture,
1910 - 1965

Number of Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE: specialty store

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

VACANT/NOT IN USE

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS: Tudor
Revival

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE

walls BRICK

roof ASPHALT

other

Narrative Description

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

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Summary

Located at 311 Park Avenue in Hot Springs, the circa 1938 Langdon Filling Station is an outstanding example of an English Revival style filling station. The concrete block structure is covered with a brick veneer and topped with a gable roof. With the exception of a portico added over the gasoline pumps, the building has undergone only minor alterations which have not affected its historic integrity.

Elaboration

Facing southwest toward Park Avenue, the Langdon Filling Station is a rectangular shaped concrete block building covered with a brick veneer. The building consists of a small office/retail/storage area at the north end of the façade and three auto repair bays to the west. The exterior of Langdon Filling Station has been painted numerous times to comply with the various franchise corporate images through the years. The roof has a very high pitch, approximately 17/12, with a gable at each end. There is also a similarly pitched gable at the door into the office/retail area. All three gables are brick and have narrow rectangular gable vents, in keeping with the English Revival style. The bottom two feet of the eaves are flared, with corbelled brick brackets at each corner of the building and between the overhead doors at the front of the building. The roof is covered in composition shingles. The original window and door of the office/retail area have been replaced with a plate glass window and an aluminum storefront door, but the size of the openings has not been altered. The three overhead garage doors are also not the original doors, but fit into the original space. The remaining windows at the side and rear of the building are the original steel multi-paned windows with center opening awnings. There are men's and ladies' restrooms located at the rear of the building behind the office/retail area. The doors on both restrooms appear to be the original wooden ones, with two light vision panels and three cast iron strap hinges.

The interior of the building has not been altered from the original, except for the addition of new electrical outlets and fluorescent lighting. The walls are painted concrete block with no ornamentation. The floors are concrete, and the ceilings are plaster.

Currently the building is empty, but remains in good condition with minimal alterations to the original structure. Although some alterations have occurred, the building is still the best example of an English Revival style service station/garage along Park Avenue in Hot Springs.

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)

TRANSPORTATION

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

c. 1938 – 1954

Significant Dates

c. 1938

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation (Complete if Criterion D is marked)

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

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:

Garland County Historical Society

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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Summary

Constructed circa 1938 the Langdon Filling Station is being nominated under **Criterion A** with **local significance** for its association with automobile travel in Hot Springs, Arkansas. It is also being nominated under **Criterion C** as an excellent example of an English Revival style service station/garage.

Elaboration

The Langdon Filling Station was prominently displayed at the end of Park Avenue closest to downtown Hot Springs. It was constructed to attract tourists and automobile traffic as the conversion along Park Avenue from large residential homes to commercial businesses aimed at automobile travelers began in the mid to late-1930s. Beginning with the completion of the paved Little Rock-Hot Springs highway (Highway 70) in 1925, Park Avenue being the final stretch into "the Spa City," residents of Hot Springs and Park Avenue saw an opportunity to "make a buck" off the growing automobile traffic the highway guaranteed. In addition to being a convenient stop en route to Dallas, Texas, Hot Springs thrived as a tourist destination. Known primarily for the healing powers of the thermal waters that flowed from its hillsides, Hot Springs also boasted alligator and ostrich farms, a horse-racing track, several theaters, and two amusement parks during its visitation peak. With the growth of automobile traffic, and the expansion of the city of Hot Springs in the 1930s-40s, travelers began looking for convenient and accessible services near highways.

As a result, traveler services, including tourist courts and service stations, began appearing along Park Avenue because of its proximity to Hot Springs' major attractions and entertainment venues. The evolution of the gas station roughly went from pumps outside of general stores in downtown areas, to residential styled freestanding buildings, to corporate-designed structures identifying individual petroleum companies. The gas and service stations along Park Avenue were designed to resemble residential structures, primarily in the English Revival and Craftsman styles.

Early records of the Langdon Filling Station reveal that Albert E. Langdon built the structure around 1938 and ran the Langdon Filling Station until 1944. According to the Hot Springs City Directories, Langdon sold the property to A. C. Griffith in 1944. Griffith had sold the building to Gene Eddleman by 1946. The Gene Eddleman Filling Station occupied the site for 5 years, at which point it was purchased by Warner Howard and became the Warner Howard gas station. It is unclear whether or not any of the owners were associated with a large oil company, and the research did not reveal any corporate businesses associated with the owners or their gas stations.

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Langdon Filling Station was built circa 1938 in the English Revival style. The building is in very good condition and was used continually as a service station until the mid-1990s without compromising the integrity of the original design of the structure, though some minor updates have been preformed.

By the early-1950s medical advancements had made drugs more readily available for ailments previously treated with thermal baths, resulting in the decline of visitors to the city. Unlike their tourist court neighbors on Park Avenue, gas and service stations did not suffer because of the decline of tourism in Hot Springs. The population of Hot Springs continued to grow and production of the automobile had doubled by the 1950s. Residents continued to patronize service stations and garages allowing them to serve their original function.

Statement of Significance

Langdon Filling Station is being nominated under **Criterion A** with **local significance** for its association with automobile travel. Travel, specifically along the Little Rock–Hot Springs Highway in Hot Springs, Arkansas. It is also being nominated under **Criterion C** as a very fine example of an English Revival style gas station. The nomination is being submitted under the multiple property listing "**Arkansas Highway and Transportation Era Architecture, 1910-1965**" in conjunction with the historic context "**Arkansas Highway History and Architecture, 1910-1965.**"

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Langdon Filling Station
Name of Property

Garland County, Arkansas
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 15 494969 3819774
Zone Easting Northing
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3
Zone Easting Northing
4
☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

S28 T2S R19W, Block 144, Lot 23, part of Lot 24, Hot Springs Reservation.

Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the entire parcel historically associated with Langdon Filling Station.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Bill Wiedower
organization AHPP date September 19, 2003
street & number 1500 Tower Building, 323 Center Street telephone 501/324-9880
city or town Little Rock State Arkansas 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 Gene Scott
street & number 1775 Hamilton Dairy Road telephone 501/623-1811
city or town Hot Springs State Arkansas zip code 71901

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Langdon Filling Station
NAME:

MULTIPLE Arkansas Highway History and Architecture MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Garland

DATE RECEIVED: 12/31/03 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/27/04
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/11/04 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/13/04
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 04000003

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 2/11/04 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.



1. Langdon Filling Station
2. Garland Co, AR
3. Beth Wiedner
4. Aug. 2000
5. AHRP
6. Northwest elevation looking northeast.
7. #1

BOSSON & DELANEY, INC.
GENE'S

3711 PARK

NO SMOKING

CLOSED
Please Call Ahead

**INTERSTATE
BATTERIES**



1. Langdon Milling Station
2. Garland Co., AR
3. Beth Wiedemer
4. Aug. 2003
5. AHPP
6. Northwest facade looking southeast. (detail of entryway)
7. #2



1. Langdon Filling Station

2. Garland Co., AR

3. Beth Wiedower

4. Aug. 2003

5. AHPP

6. Northwest facade looking east.

7. #3



1. Langdon Filling Station

2. Garland Co., AR

3. Beth Wiedner

4. Aug. 2003

5. AHPP

6. Southwest elevation looking east.

7. #4



1. Langdon Milling Station

2. Garland Co., AR

3. Beth Wiedemer

4. Aug. 2003

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6. South east (back) looking west.

7. #5



1. Longden Filling Station

2. Garland Co., AR

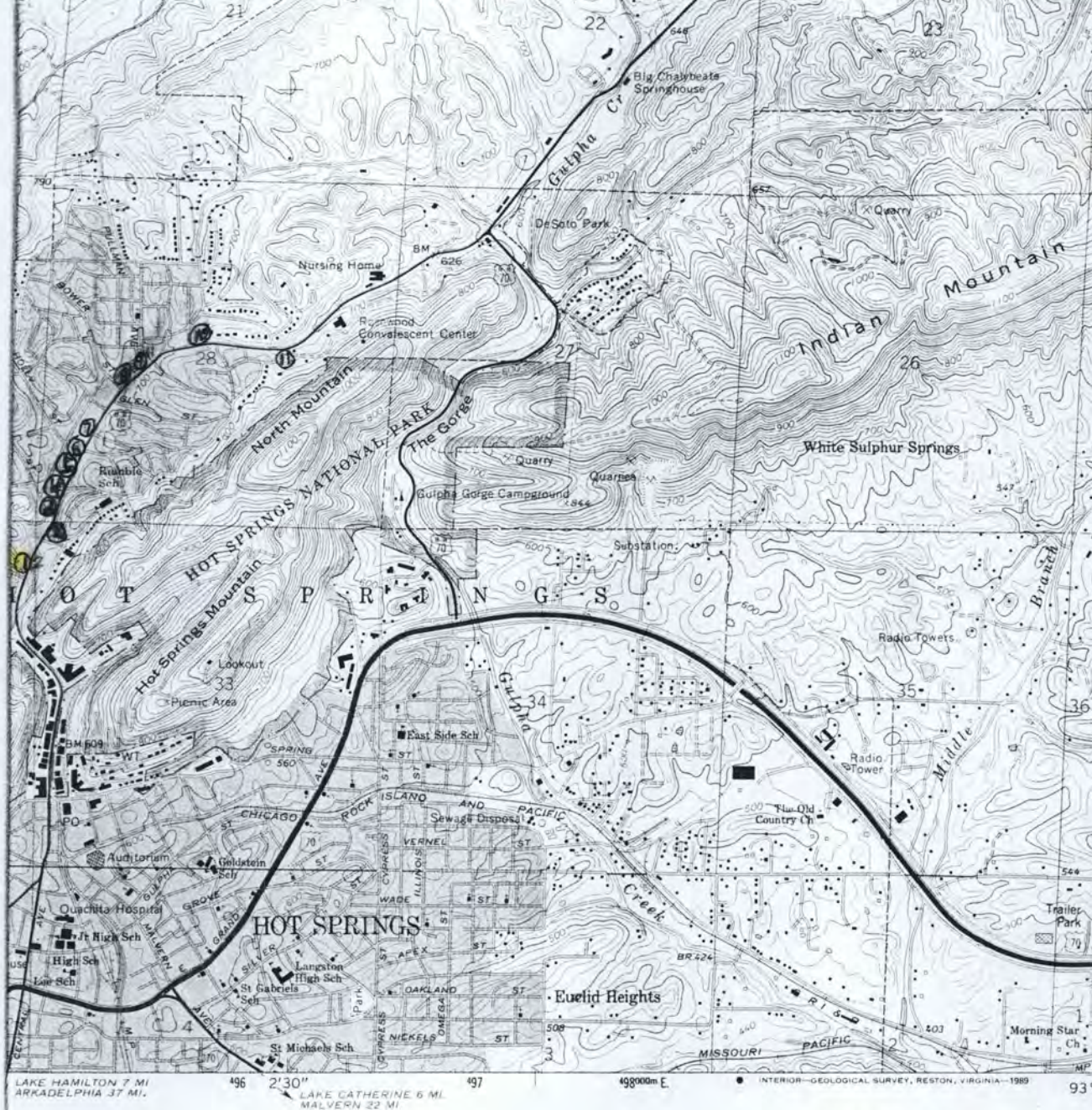
3. Beth Wiedower

4. Aug. 2003

5. AHPP

6. Northeast elevation looking southeast.

7. # 6



- LEGEND**
- 1. LANGDON FILING STATION
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15/44469/3819774
 - 2. BUTCHIE'S DRIVE IN
534 PARK AVE.
15/445075/3819972
 - 3. COTTAGE COURTS
603 PARK AVE.
15/445101/3820053
 - 4. BELLVILLE COURT
637 PARK AVE.
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 - 5. COVE TOURIST COURT
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 - 9. OPAL'S STEAK HOUSE
871 PARK AVE.
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 - 10. PERRY PLAZA COURT
1007 PARK AVE.
15/445837/3820805
 - 11. MOUNTAINEER HOTEL
1100 PARK AVE.
15/446123/3820801



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K. ARKANSAS 72204
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Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
U. S. Route	State Route

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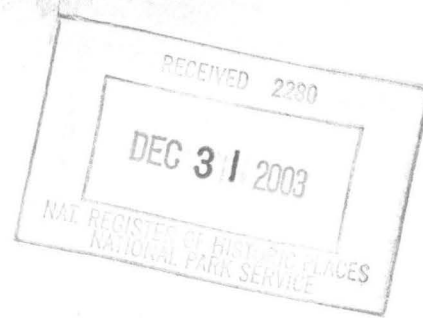
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December 4, 2003

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RE: Langdon Filling Station- Hot Springs, Garland County

Dear Carol:

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:zac

Enclosure

