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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 Gregory Dipping Vat

other names/site number CH0181

2. Location

street & number 122 Rogers Road

not for publication

city or town Lake Village

vicinity

state Arkansas

code AR

county Chicot

code 017

zip code 71653

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.)

Cedric Matthews

8/4/06

Signature of certifying official/Title

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:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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Gregory Dipping Vat  
Name of Property

Chicot 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	
0	0	buildings
0	0	sites
1	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.)

"Dip That Tick: Texas Tick Fever Eradication in Arkansas, 1907-1943."

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

N/A

**6. Function or Use**

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

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTANCE: animal facility

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

VACANT/NOT IN USE

**7. Description**

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

NO STYLE

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE: cast concrete

walls CONCRETE: cast concrete

roof N/A

other N/A

**Narrative Description**

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

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.)

- Criteria A, B, C, D with checkboxes and descriptions of property significance.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- Criteria A through G with checkboxes and descriptions of property characteristics.

Levels of Significance (local, state, national)

Local

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

AGRICULTURE

Period of Significance

c. 1930-c. 1943

Significant Dates

c. 1930-c. 1943

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation (Complete if Criterion D is marked)

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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):

- Documentation criteria including preliminary determination, National Register listing, National Historic Landmark, and Historic American Buildings Survey/Engineering Record.

Primary location of additional data:

- Primary location options: State Historic Preservation Office, Other State Agency, Federal Agency, Local Government, University, Other.

Name of repository:

Gregory Dipping Vat  
Name of Property

Chicot County, Arkansas  
County and State

### 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

#### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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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

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#### 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 Jerry Hopper  
street & number 529 Par Drive telephone 870-739-5914  
city or town Marion state Arkansas zip code 72364

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### SUMMARY

The Gregory Dipping Vat is a concrete structure located about one-quarter mile south on a grassy lane that spurs off Rogers Road, on the edge of the Town of Lake Village, Chicot County, Arkansas. The vat is in good condition.

### ELABORATION

The Gregory Dipping Vat is a concrete structure located about one-quarter mile south on a grassy lane that spurs off Rogers Road, on the edge of the Town of Lake Village, Chicot County, Arkansas. The vat is in good condition.

The facility is comprised of the concrete dipping vat; no other structures associated with the dipping vat are extant. The vat measures approximately 27 feet in length, four feet in width, and seven feet in depth. The vat is in the middle of a wooded area, and is a few feet from Bayou Macon, which was the water source for the vat. The vat is accessible by foot. The vat is easily discernable from the immediate environment.

### INTEGRITY

The Gregory Dipping Vat is in good condition, with all of its walls intact with no signs of collapse or wear and tear due to either weathering or chemicals, thus meeting the registration requirements of the multiple-property listing "Dip That Tick: Texas Tick Fever Eradication in Arkansas, 1907-1943." The property exhibits excellent integrity of location, remaining at its original site just south of Rogers Road, down a grassy lane, east of the main center of town, in Lake Village, Chicot County, Arkansas. The dipping vat's location also provides the property integrity of setting, feeling and association. Showing no signs of deterioration, the vat displays outstanding integrity of design. Its continued high degree of structural integrity is proof of its workmanship, and none of its original materials have been compromised.

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### SUMMARY

The Gregory Dipping Vat is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under **Criterion A** with **local significance** as it is a good example of an intact concrete structure erected as part of the government's efforts to eradicate the Texas Tick Fever from Arkansas cattle between the years 1907-1943. The Gregory Dipping Vat is being nominated under the multiple-property listing, "Dip That Tick: Texas Tick Fever Eradication in Arkansas, 1907-1943."

### ELABORATION

Created by the Territorial Legislature on October 25, 1823, Chicot County was carved from part of Arkansas County. The southeastern-most county in the state, Chicot County, with its rich, fertile soil, is a flat farmland whose primary commercial activity has always been agriculture, with the main emphasis being on cotton, rice and soybean production, with catfish farming and processing gaining momentum annually. Like all counties bordering the Mississippi River, the county boasts of some of the best arable land in the entire nation, due to its abundance of alluvial flood plain (accounting for over four-fifths of the total land area within its borders). The richness of the soil, combined with the high temperatures that prevail in this part of the state, provide some of the best cotton-growing land in the country, making Chicot County the most productive cotton-growing county per acre in the nation with the sole exception of East Carroll Parish in Louisiana. This is in spite of the fact that the farmers did little to replenish the soil's nutrients and that each cotton crop extracts a relatively high percentage of those nutrients during its growing cycle.

The county's name originated from an early-19<sup>th</sup> century settlement called *Illechecko* or *Isle Chicot* (meaning "Stump Island"), and consisted of a few families. The name came from the many cypress "knees" dotting the river. The first two county seats were at Columbia, both of which had unfortunately been washed away by the shifting course of the Mississippi River. The third county seat, Macona, which was established in 1855, was located at the head of Bayou Macon but was too far away from the Mississippi for business activities. Two years later, in 1857, the county seat was once again moved to a location platted in 1856 by John Sumner, to a town located on the western shore of Lake Chicot, where it has since remained. Lake Village was originally incorporated in 1860; however, its charter was disrupted by the Civil War, and municipal elections were postponed until after the end of the War. The central location of the community within the county and its accessibility via the Mississippi River and Lake Chicot elevated Lake Village's importance as a local governmental, commercial and transportation hub.

Although cotton was the dominant crop in Lake Village, many families in the Delta town also raised animals, among them cattle. Cattle-raising provided families with self-sufficiency as well as an additional source of money. Beef cattle were more popular than the milking variety, with the cows being milked mainly in the spring.

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As the interest in cattle grew stronger, so did the dependence on subsistence livestock farming not only in Chicot County, but also in the Lake Village area as well. Area farmers soon became concerned with the Texas Tick Fever just as were farmers from across the state. To combat the fever, a vat was constructed on the western edge of town, close to the Ashtown community.

Cattle farming soon became a major source of subsistence and income for the local people. As the fear of the Texas Tick Fever spread, the dipping vat was constructed in a wooded area, along the edge of Bayou Macon. Although the exact date of construction is unknown, it was likely built c. 1930, roughly 15 years after the tick eradication program began across the state.

The location of the dipping vat in the Ashtown area was convenient for the rural and country farmers and residents. People in rural settlements would bring their cattle through Ashtown to be dipped as they continued on their way to Lake Village to conduct their business of the day. The vat continued to be used likely until the end of the program in 1943.

After the vat was no longer actively used, it remained open and was used by local youths as a play area, and a great place to release fish that had been caught in the nearby bayou. Accessible via a grassy country lane, the vat's remote setting has never necessitated the need to cover or fill in the vat. The vat's location on the idyllic lane which spurs off Rogers Road, has helped protect the integrity and character of the vat.

Today, the Gregory Dipping Vat remains an important reminder of the agricultural heritage of Ashtown, Lake Village, and Chicot County. The vat represented an effective government program that was devised to protect the livestock in the area from a devastating epidemic that affected not only cattle, but also farmers' livelihood.

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under **Criterion A** with **local significance**, the Gregory Dipping Vat is located at the eastern edge of Lake Village, about one-quarter miles south on a grassy lane that spurs off Rogers Road, Chicot County, Arkansas. The vat is an intact reminder of the government's efforts of the Texas Tick Fever eradication that took place from the early 1900s until the mid-1940s. As such, the property is being nominated under the multiple-property listing, "Dip That Tick: Texas Tick Fever Eradication in Arkansas, 1907-1943."

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Name of Property

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County and State

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### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

A 50-foot circle centering on the UTM coordinate 15/655274/3687141.

### BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary includes all land historically associated with the Gregory Dipping Vat.

Copy Dipping Vat  
Lodge Village Community, Okla of CO, Arkansas  
UTM: 15 / 3085 274 / 3087 141





