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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Iron Springs Dam

other name/site number: GA 0004

2. Location

street & number: State Route 7

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Jessieville

vicinity: X

state: AR

county: Garland

code: AR 051

zip code: 71949

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-Federal

Category of Property: Structure

Number of Resources within Property:

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

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

Name of related multiple property listing: Facilities Constructed by the CCC in Arkansas, 1933-42

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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 forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. ___ See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official _____ Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

In my opinion, the property X meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. ___ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this 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 Keeper _____ Date of Action _____

6. Function or Use

Historic: Recreation and Culture Sub: Outdoor Recreation

Current : Recreation and Culture Sub: Outdoor Recreation

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Other: Rustic Architecture

Other Description: _____

Materials: foundation Stone roof N/A
walls Stone other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A, C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : N/A

Areas of Significance: Social History
Architecture
Entertainment/Recreation

Period(s) of Significance: c.1933

Significant Dates : N/A

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Civilian Conservation Corps

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above. X See continuation sheet.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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See "Facilities Constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in Arkansas, 1933-1942," Section H.

___ See continuation sheet.

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: Approximately two

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>463590</u>	<u>3846450</u>	B	___	___	___
C	___	___	___	D	___	___	___

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point on the southern edge of State Route #7 located 6,000 feet south of Bench Mark 976, proceed southerly along a line running parallel with the dam's western elevation for a distance of 400 feet; thence proceed easterly along a line running perpendicular to the dam's principal direction for a distance of 200 feet; thence proceed northerly along a line running parallel with the dam's eastern elevation for a distance of 400 feet to its intersection with the southern edge of State Route #7; thence proceed westerly along said edge for a distance of 200 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource, including the dam itself, the stonework at either end, and the property surrounding it that forms its historic setting.

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Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 8/28/91

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Description:

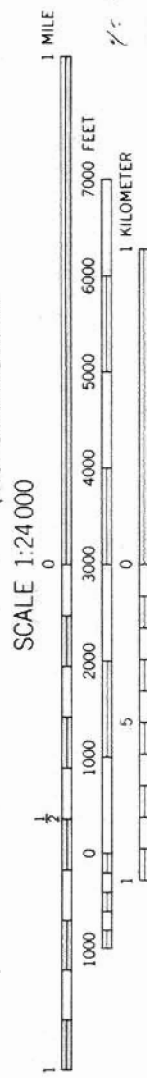
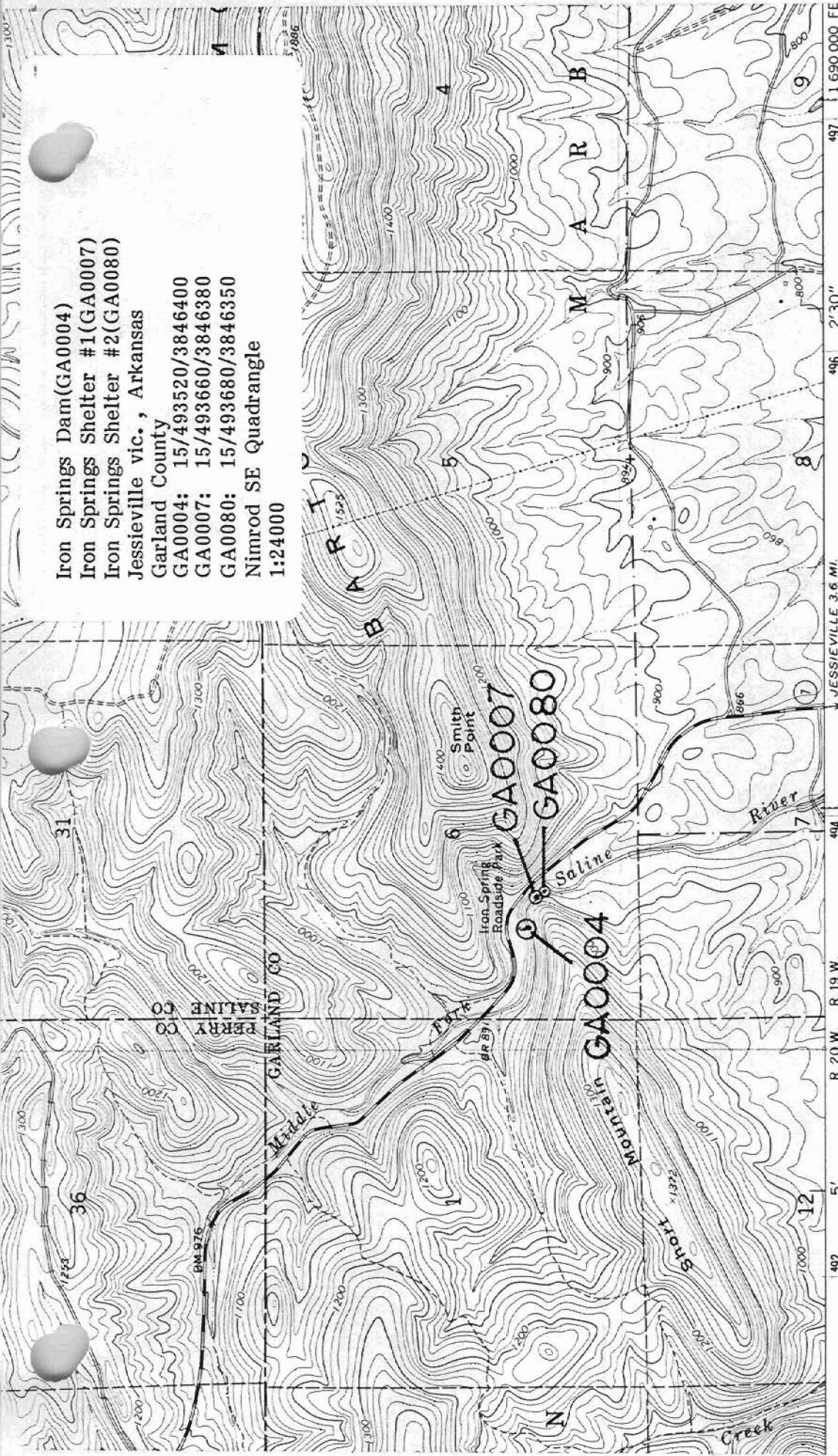
Iron Springs is a recreation area/road side rest stop located north of Hot Springs in Garland County along Arkansas Hwy. 7. One of the most outstanding features of the site is a small dam crossing the Middle Fork of the Saline River.

The dam is constructed of field stone held together by concrete mortar. The structure begins and ends with a platform structure on either bank of the river. The main structure of the dam consists of an alternating pattern of eight steps and eight water chutes. The steps are square shaped and vary in size. The water chutes vary in width corresponding to the size of the steps. The water chutes are set approximately 4 to 8 inches below the steps and the spillways of the water chutes are recessed approximately 4 to 6 inches from the face of the steps on the southern side of the structure. The dam is flanked by the Iron Springs Recreation Area to its east and by a rock bluff of approximately an 80% incline to its west.

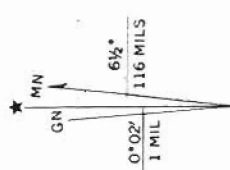
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The Iron Springs Dam was constructed circa 1933 by members of the 3767th Company of the Arkansas CCC District stationed at the Hollis and Jessieville Camps, both of which were also located on State Highway 7, to the north and south of the Iron Springs Roadside Park, respectively. It was constructed as part of a small, public recreational complex within the Ouachita National Forest (ONF) as a result of the CCC's emphasis upon recreational construction. The extant historic structures within this complex include only this dam and two shelters (nominated separately), all of which allowed the area to function purely as a swimming and picnicking facility, as it continues to do today. As such, the Iron Springs Dam remains significant through its associations with the contributions to American social history made by the Civilian Conservation Corps, its associations with the emphasis upon outdoor recreation that guided such construction, and its status as an excellent example of CCC recreational architecture in an excellent state of preservation.

Iron Springs Dam(GA0004)
 Iron Springs Shelter #1(GA0007)
 Iron Springs Shelter #2(GA0080)
 Jessieville vic., Arkansas
 Garland County
 GA0004: 15/493520/3846400
 GA0007: 15/493660/3846380
 GA0080: 15/493680/3846350
 Nimrod SE Quadrangle
 1:24000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



4 GRID AND 1968 MAGNETIC NORTH
 DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

75 493520 / 3846400
 75 493660 / 3846380
 80 493680 / 3846350



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

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 AND BY THE ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL COMMISSION, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201
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