

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 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street & number South end of Front Street not for publication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 Matthews 3/12/07
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:	Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action
<input type="checkbox"/> entered in the National Register. <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined eligible for the National Register. <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined not eligible for the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> removed from the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> other, (explain:) _____	_____	_____

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Mark as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property (Check only one box)

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

- Ownership options: private, public-local, public-State, public-Federal

- Category options: building(s), district, site, structure, object

Contributing Noncontributing

Table with 2 columns: Contributing, Noncontributing and 4 rows: buildings, sites, structures, Total. Values: 1, 1

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

Number of Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

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

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRACTION/waterworks

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7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER/Plain-Traditional

foundation CONCRETE

walls METAL

roof METAL

other

Narrative Description

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

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8. Statement of Significance

Eligible 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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10. Geographical Data

Age of Property Less than one.

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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2	_____	_____	_____	4	_____	_____	_____

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 _____
street & number _____ telephone _____
city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listing. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*)

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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

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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.

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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 1853.¹ (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 1872.² The railroad line, which would become the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern in 1874, was completed by 1873.³ Tuckerman's post office was established in 1872, likely as the railroad was being constructed.⁴

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."⁵

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

² *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.

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

⁴ 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.

⁵ *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.⁶

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, 1935.⁷ 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."

⁶ Information on Arkansas PWA projects in the files of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program.

⁷ *Ibid.*

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Railway and county map of the Southern States. Map. Cincinnati, E. Mendenhall, 1864.

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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.





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(10000)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

91°15'

4560000 E

60

19

20

61

12°30'

21

63

77
(SW 1/4)

4560000 N

4560000

241

242

243

244

245

246

HATCHET

PIPELINES

DITCH

DITCH

MISSOURI

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ROADWAY

Well

Lawrence Cem

Gravelawn Cem

Artroll Cem

Tuckerman
(S.M. 242)

TUCKERMAN

(145)

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