

Cogburn Dipping Vat
Name of Property

Montgomery County, Arkansas
County and State

NPS Form 10-900
(Rev. 8-86)

OMB No. 1024-0018

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

1. Name of Property

Historic Name: Cogburn Dipping Vat

Other Name/Site Number: Polk Creek Dipping Vat; MN0050; 3MN1986

2. Location

Street & Number: West of Forest Service Forest Service Road 73 east of Montgomery County Road 1 south of
its junction with Arkansas Highway 8

Not for Publication: NA

City/Town: Black Spring

Vicinity: X

State: AR County: Montgomery Code: AR069 Zip Code: 71960

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-Federal

Category of Property: Structure

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Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing Noncontributing

___ ___ buildings

___ ___ sites

1 ___ structures

___ ___ objects

1 0 Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple-property listing: Dip That Tick: Texas Tick Fever Eradication in Arkansas, 1907-1943

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. ___ See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

Date

USDA Forest Service

State or Federal agency and bureau

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

Cathie Matthews 12/12/05

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

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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: AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTANCE Sub: animal facility

Current : VACANT/NOT IN USE Sub:

7. Description

Architectural Classification: NO STYLE

Materials: foundation CONCRETE roof
walls CONCRETE other

Describe present and historic physical appearance:

SUMMARY:

The Cogburn Dipping Vat is a concrete structure with an associated dripping platform located about 19 meters west of Forest Service Road 73 and northeast of a small perennial stream. It features an unusual curved design, following the contour of the landform on which it is constructed. The Cogburn Dipping Vat is in good condition.

ELABORATION

The Cogburn Dipping Vat is a concrete structure with an associated dripping platform located about 19 meters west of Forest Service Road 73 and south of a small perennial stream. It features an unusual curved design, following the contour of the landform on which it is constructed. The Cogburn Dipping Vat is in good condition.

The structure is oriented roughly north to south and includes a concrete dipping vat terminating in a rock-and-mortar dripping pad and drain for recovering cattle-dip solution. The overall length of the vat and pad is approximately 13 meters. The vat is 1 to 1.5 meters wide and is between 1 and 2 meters deep. There is a lip along the poured concrete wall to support a cover, though no cover is present.

The Cogburn Dipping Vat is in good condition, with all of its walls intact with minimal signs of collapse, thus meeting the registration requirements of the multiple-property listing Dip That Tick: Texas Tick Fever eradication in Arkansas, 1907-1943. The property has excellent integrity of location, remaining at its original site within deep forest in Montgomery County, Arkansas, a location that also provides it with integrity of setting, feeling and association. It has superb integrity of design, displaying an unusual curved shape that follows the landform on which it is constructed. Its continued high degree of structural integrity is proof of its workmanship, and none of its original materials have been compromised.

8. Statement of Significance

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

Applicable National Register Criteria: A, C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): NA

Areas of Significance: Agriculture

Period(s) of Significance: ca. 1930-1943

Significant Dates: ca. 1930-1943

Significant Person(s): NA

Cultural Affiliation: NA

Architect/Builder: NA

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above:

SUMMARY:

The Cogburn Dipping Vat is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A with local significance by virtue of its status as an intact concrete structure erected as part of the government effort to eradicate Texas tick fever from Arkansas cattle and under Criterion C with local significance for its unusual and clever design, curving along a ridgeline above a small perennial stream.

ELABORATION:

John Cogburn homesteaded nearly 163 acres in Section 34, Township 3 South, Range 26 West and in Section 3, Township 4 South, Range 26 West, receiving federal land patents for the property on August 10, 1906. Both of these original patents lie just east of Section 33, Township 3 South, Range 26 West where the nominated property is located, indicating that Cogburn or his descendants continued to build up their landholdings in the area.

Local residents say that the Cogburn family constructed the Cogburn Dipping Vat between 1930 and 1940 to serve families in the remote area of what is now the Ouachita National Forest in which the vat is located. The vat differs in design from most of its kind. The majority of Arkansas dipping vats were built with straight runs terminating in a drip pad. The Cogburn vat curves along the ridge line on which it was built. It likely was in use at least until Arkansas was removed from the tick fever quarantine in 1943.

The Cogburn Dipping Vat is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A with local significance by virtue of its status as an intact concrete structure erected as part of the government effort to eradicate Texas tick fever from Arkansas cattle and under Criterion C with local significance for its unusual and clever design, curving along a ridgeline above a small perennial stream.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Richard Graham, Arkansas Archeological Survey Site Survey Form #3MN1986

<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenwb/ar/montgomery/land/montgome.txt>, downloaded June 24, 2005.

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:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>428049</u>	<u>3811638</u>	B
C	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	D

Verbal Boundary Description:

A 22-meter circle centering on UTM point 15/428049/3811638.

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Boundary Justification:

This boundary includes all of the historic resources associated with the Cogburn Dipping Vat and its surroundings.

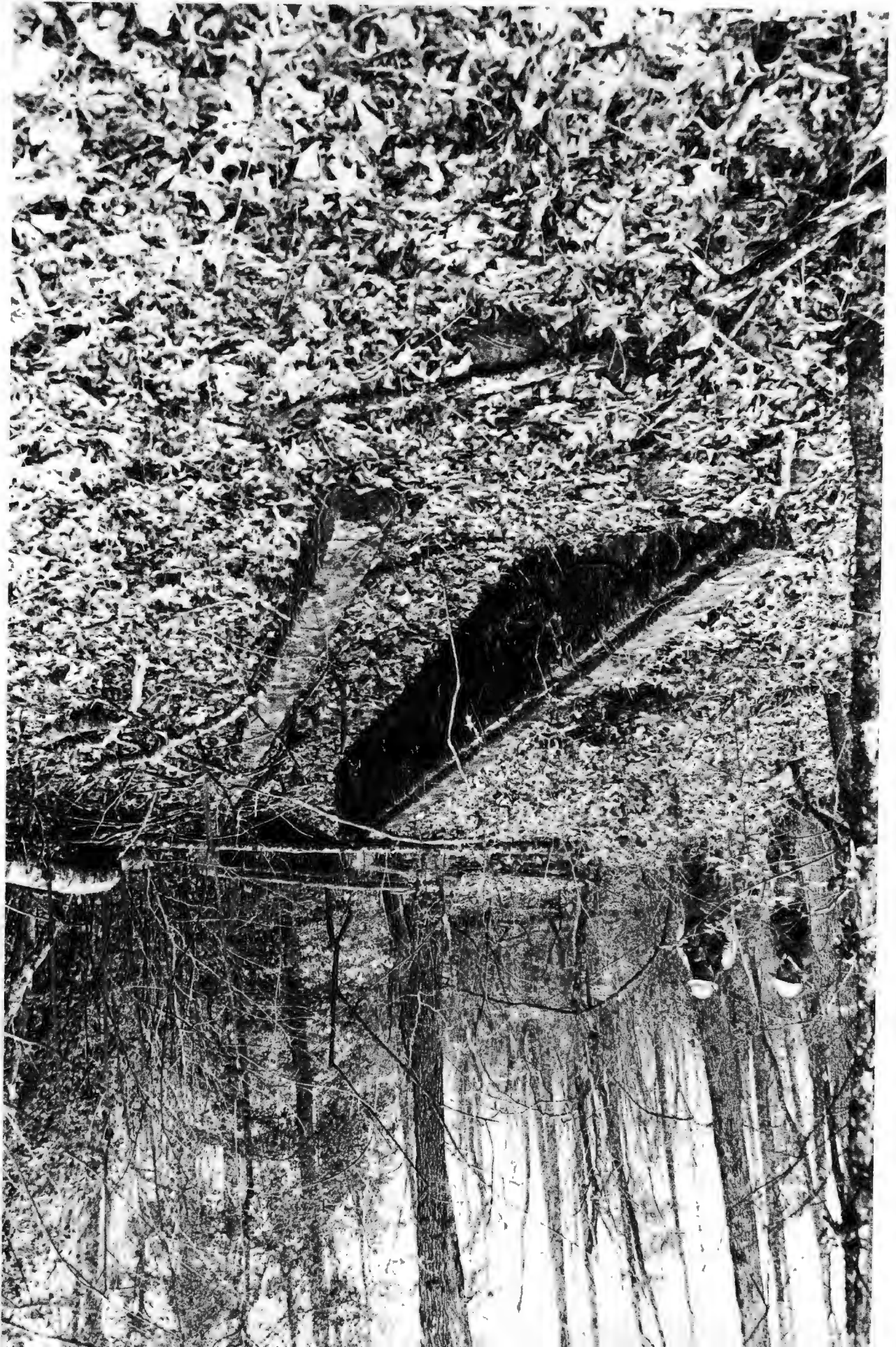
11. Form Prepared By

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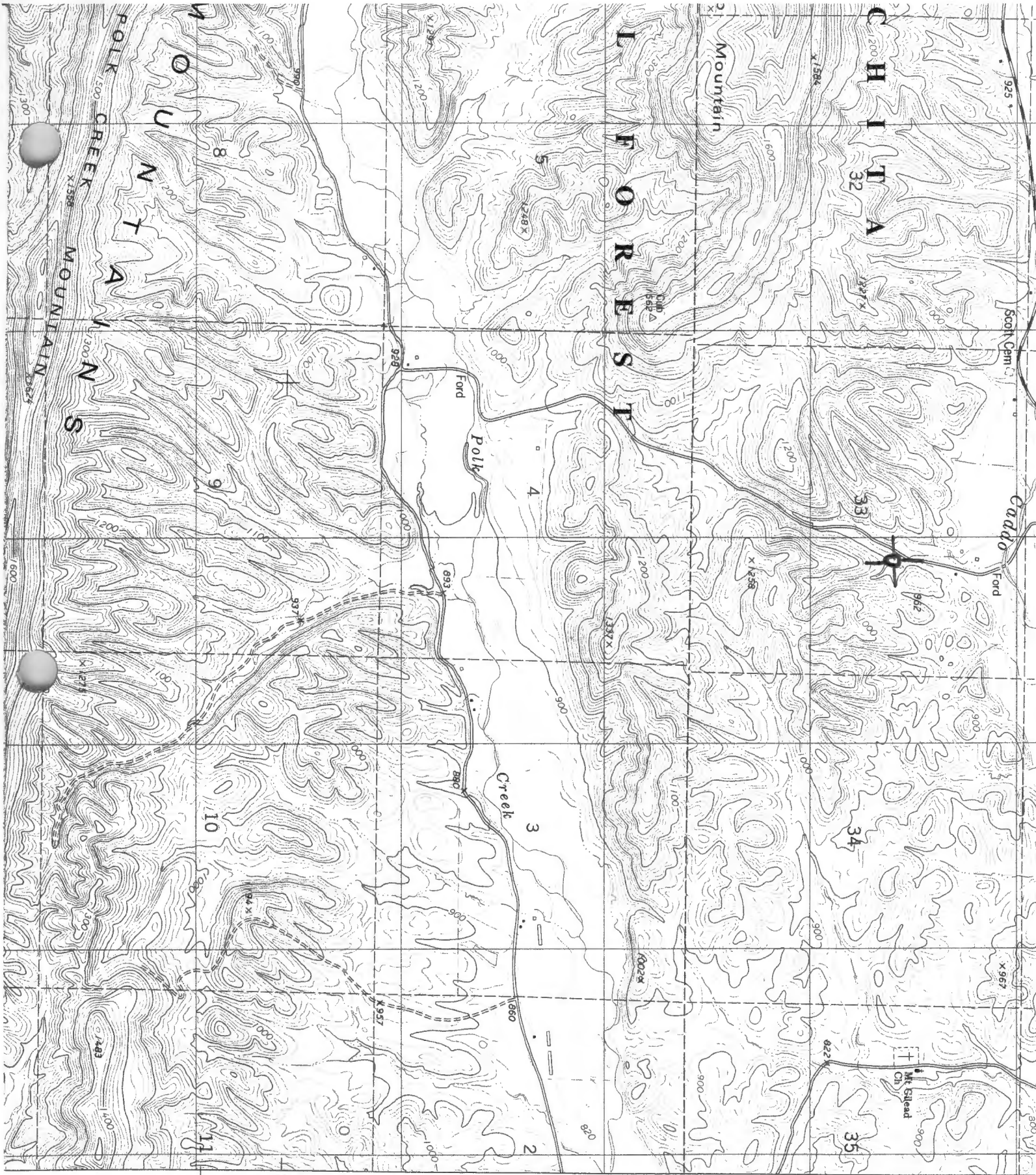
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