

Mountain View Waterworks  
Name of Property

Stone County, Arkansas  
County and State

NR 10-5-06

IPS 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: Mountain View Waterworks

Other Name/Site Number: ST0318

**2. Location**

Street & Number: Corner of Gaylor Street and King Street

Not for Publication: NA

City/Town: Mountain View

Vicinity: NA

State: AR County: Stone Code: AR137 Zip Code: 72560

**3. Classification**

Ownership of Property: Public-local

Category of Property: Structure

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing    Noncontributing

___	___	buildings
___	___	sites
<u>2</u>	___	structures
___	<u>1</u>	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

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

Name of related multiple property listing: "An Ambition to be Preferred": New Deal Recovery Efforts and Architecture in Arkansas, 1933-1943

**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.

*Carole M. ...* 8/1/06

Signature of certifying official                      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.

Signature of commenting or other official                      Date

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: INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRACTION Sub: waterworks

Current : INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRACTION Sub: waterworks

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification: OTHER/Plain Traditional

Materials: foundation Concrete roof Metal, stone  
walls Metal, asphalt other NA

Describe present and historic physical appearance:

**SUMMARY:**

The Mountain View Waterworks is located on the corner of Gaylor and King streets in Mountain View, the seat of Stone County in north-central Arkansas. The metal water tower and associated well house were built by the Public Works Administration in 1936-37.

**ELABORATION:**

The Mountain View Waterworks is located on the corner of Gaylor and King streets in Mountain View, the seat of Stone County in north-central Arkansas. The metal water tower and associated well house were built by the Public Works Administration in 1936-37.

The water tower is supported by four metal latticed legs that slope inwards toward 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 a large metal pipe. A metal walkway with metal pipe handrail around the base of the tank accesses a ladder that ascends one leg of the tower. The walls of the tank are constructed of pieces of curved sheet metal and the words "Mountain View" adorn one side in large, black letters. The tank is crowned by a conical metal roof.

Just west of the water tank is the well house. It is a square fieldstone structure topped by a modern shed roof covered in asphalt shingles. The original fieldstone structure features a single door on the south façade a single six-pane casement window on each of the other three facades. Despite the addition of the shed roof to the flat-roofed building, the well house is considered a contributing structure to the waterworks. The chain-link fence surrounding the compound is considered non-contributing.

The Mountain View Waterworks was built by the Public Works Administration and retains good integrity, having suffered few if any alterations. The associated well house has an altered roofline, but since it still serves the original function of the Mountain View Waterworks, it is considered a contributing structure. In addition, the setting of Mountain View remains a small town, much as it would have been when the waterworks was constructed.

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**8. Statement of Significance**

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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: ENGINEERING; POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

Period(s) of Significance: 1936-1956

Significant Dates: 1936-1956

Significant Person(s): NA

Cultural Affiliation: NA

Architect/Builder: Public Works Administration

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

**SUMMARY:**

The Mountain View Waterworks is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places with **local significance** under **Criterion A** for its association with the activities of the Public Works Administration in Mountain View and Stone County and under **Criterion C** by virtue of its status as a good example of a 1930s water tower and the only surviving example of a PWA-built waterworks in the county. The Mountain View Waterworks is being nominated to the National Register under the multiple-property listing "An Ambition to be Preferred: New Deal Recovery Efforts and Architecture in Arkansas: 1933-1943."

**ELABORATION:**

Stone County was established in 1873, being formed from parts of Independence, Izard, Searcy and Van Buren counties and Mountain View was designated its county seat a year later. Farming was the major livelihood for most Stone County residents, and Mountain View, though a good distance from the White River and the limited railroad penetration of the county in the early twentieth century, was the commercial and political core of the county.

By the 1930s, Mountain View was in need of a good public water supply and its city government decided to take advantage of the services offered through the Emergency Administration of Public Works. On September 2, 1933, the Mountain View Town Council met in special session and passed an ordinance to "proceed at once to have the necessary reports prepared and open negotiations for the securing of funds for the purpose of installing [a]... Water & Sewer system." The city applied to the PWA for a waterworks and on September 25, 1935, the agency awarded a \$16,000 loan and a \$12,964 grant for the project. A contract for \$25,778 was awarded on

November 26, 1935, and construction began on March 27, 1936. The facility was completed by April 29, 1937, and the Mountain View Waterworks continues to serve the people of the community to this day.

The Mountain View Waterworks remains today as a testament to the work of the Public Works Administration, a New Deal agency that put unemployed Americans to work during the Great Depression while bringing badly needed infrastructure to communities of all sizes throughout Arkansas.

## CONCLUSION

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Don Brown, *History and Architectural Heritage of Stone County* (Little Rock: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, 1985).

Information on Public Works Administration projects from the files of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program.

Mountain View Ordinance Number 34, from the files of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program.

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 #

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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: Less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing    Zone Easting Northing

A 15 579504    3969997 B

Verbal Boundary Description:

An area around the water tower defined by a 100-foot radius centered on the water tower itself.

Boundary Justification:

This boundary contains the Mountain View Waterworks and all of the property with which it is historically associated.

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### 11. Form Prepared By

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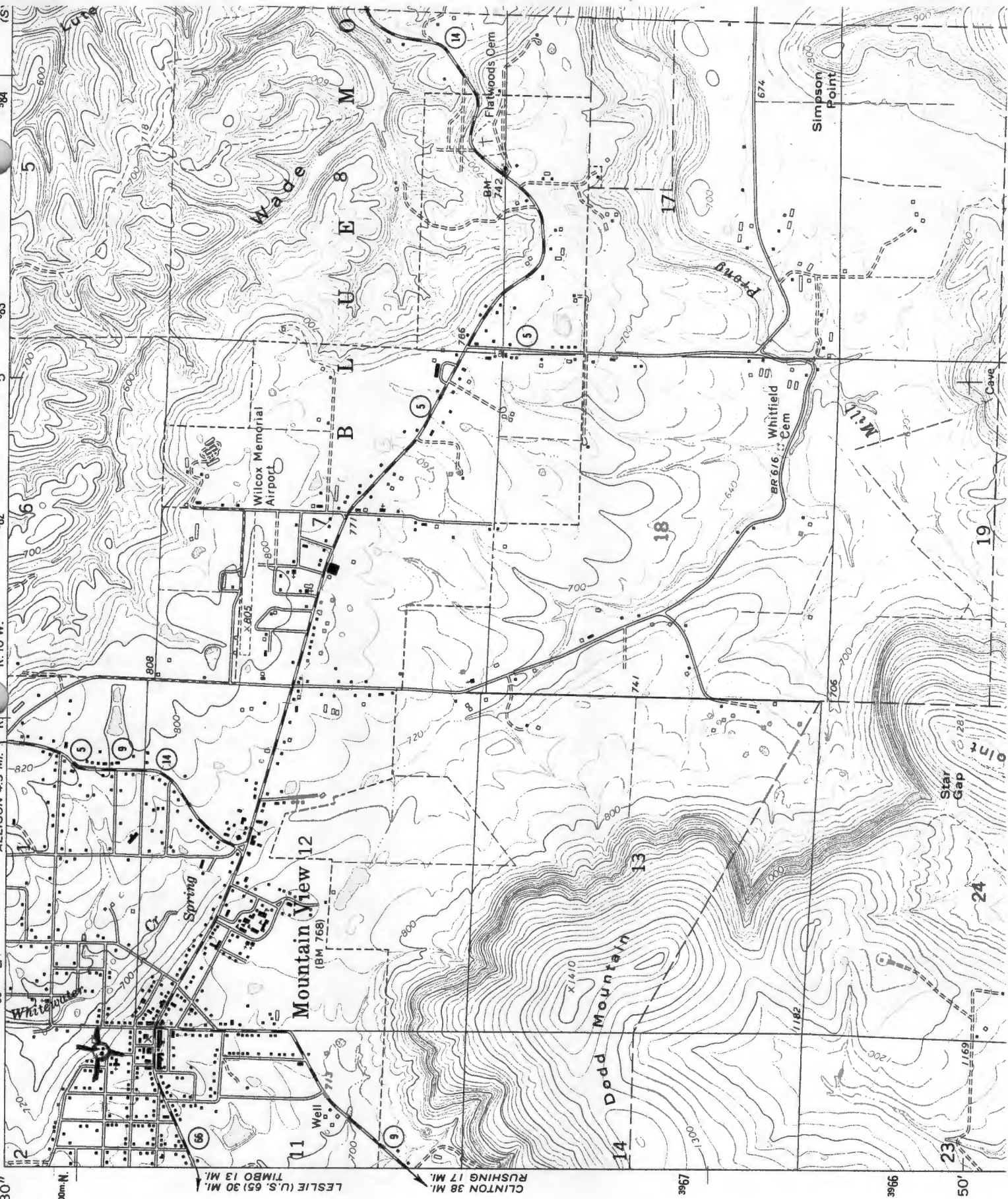
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