

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 Pottsville Dipping Vat
other names/site number Site #PP0384

2. Location

street & number Northwest corner of Rankin Park on East Ash Street not for publication
city or town Pottsville vicinity
state Arkansas code AR county Pope code 115 zip code 72858

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.)

Cathie Mather 11/12/05
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

Pottsville Dipping Vat
Name of Property

Pope 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	
		buildings
		sites
1	1	structures
		objects
1	1	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**

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE/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
walls CONCRETE

roof N/A
other

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.)

- 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)

AGRICULTURE

Period of Significance

c.1915-c.1940

Significant Dates

c.1915-c.1940

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked)

Cultural Affiliation (Complete if Criterion D is marked)

Architect/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:

Pottsville Dipping Vat
Name of Property

Pope County, Arkansas
County and State

10. Geographical Data

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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 City of Pottsville
street & number 173 E. Ash Street telephone
city or town Pottsville state AR zip code 72858

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SUMMARY

The Pottsville Dipping Vat is a concrete structure with an associated dripping platform located at the northwest corner of Rankin Park on East Ash Street in Pottsville. The Pottsville Dipping Vat is in good condition.

ELABORATION

The Pottsville Dipping Vat is a concrete structure with an associated dripping platform located at the northwest corner of Rankin Park on East Ash Street in Pottsville. The Pottsville Dipping Vat is in good condition.

The facility includes a concrete dipping vat terminating in a concrete dripping pad and drain for recovering cattle-dip solution. The overall length of the vat and pad is approximately 42 feet long. The vat is about two feet wide and approximately seven feet deep. The vat is surrounded by a wood fence to keep people out of it, which, because of its recent date of construction, is considered to be non-contributing to the nomination.

Integrity

The Pottsville 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 the City of Pottsville in Pope County, Arkansas, a location that also provides it with integrity of setting, feeling and association. It has superb integrity of design, showing little if any sign of deterioration. 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 Pottsville 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.

ELABORATION

When Pope County was created on November 2, 1829, many of the early settlers were involved in hunting and trapping. However, the settlers soon became aware of the good soil in the county and agriculture quickly became a mainstay of many of the county's residents. The *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Western Arkansas* stated that "The soil of this country possesses all the chemical ingredients necessary to the wants and growth of plants, but each particular character of soil excels in the growth of certain species."¹

Even though agriculture was a way of life for the residents of Pope County, it was apparently the raising of crops that most of the settlers engaged in. By the 1890s, crops were still the main agricultural activity in the county, even though it was known that "Big Piney and the Illinois Bayou...afford plenty of water for stock..." and "Galla Creek...affords stock water in good supply."² Even so, the *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Western Arkansas* noted that, "Though Pope County is naturally a fine stock country little thought is given to stock-raising."³

By the early twentieth century, however, things were changing in agriculture in Pope County. Livestock farming was being heavily promoted since the county had all the natural needs for it to be successful. For example, a c.1910 promotional brochure for Russellville stated:

Pope County offers unlimited opportunities for profitable live-stock farming, and this industry is destined to develop as rapidly and enhance the values of real estate as materially as will the fruit industry and other innovations. Our short and mild winters make expensive barns unnecessary, and green pasturage can be had almost the year around at little expense. Water is plentiful, and we have an abundance of wild grasses, including Japan and White Clover. Our soil and climate have proven well adapted to alfalfa, red and bur clover, also such grasses as timothy, red top and blue grass. Bermuda, the most bountiful pasture in the world, is easily propagated and is found in abundance mixed with white and Japan clover.

¹ *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Western Arkansas*. Chicago: The Southern Publishing Company, 1891, p. 195.

² *Ibid.*

³ *Ibid.*, p. 196.

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...Our shipping facilities are good, and with the Packing House Company organized in Little Rock, it is an assured fact Arkansas is to become one of the leading states in live-stock production, and Pope the banner county of the State.⁴

As livestock farming took off in Pope County, especially in the Pottsville area, farmers became concerned with the Texas tick fever just as the rest of the state did. To combat the fever, a dipping vat was built in Pottsville on the land where Will Rankin operated a large cotton gin. Although the exact date of the vat's construction is unknown, it was likely built c.1915 shortly after the program began across the state.⁵

The location of the dipping vat in downtown Pottsville was convenient for the town's residents and the surrounding area's farmers. People would bring their cattle to town to be dipped and their cotton to be ginned and while they waited they would run errands in the town's stores. The vat continued to be used likely until the end of the program in 1943.⁶

After the vat was actively used, it was filled in with dirt, which helped to preserve its integrity. The vat was rediscovered a few years ago, and then excavated and restored. A wood fence was also constructed around the vat to keep people away from it.

Today, the Pottsville Dipping Vat remains as an important reminder of the agricultural heritage of Pottsville and Pope County. The vat represented a way to protect the livestock of the area and, therefore, the farmers' livelihood. In addition, the recent clean up and restoration efforts of the City of Pottsville are a testament to the importance of the vat to the people of Pope County.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Pottsville 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.

⁴ J. B. Lemley. *Pope County Articles*. Privately printed, c.1984. Vol. 3, pp. 49-50.

⁵ Information on the Pottsville Dipping Vat provided by Benita Duvall.

⁶ *Ibid.*

Pottsville Dipping Vat

Name of Property

Pope County, Arkansas

County and State

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Name of Property

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

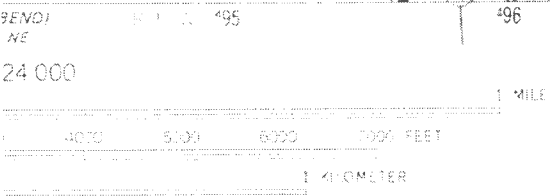
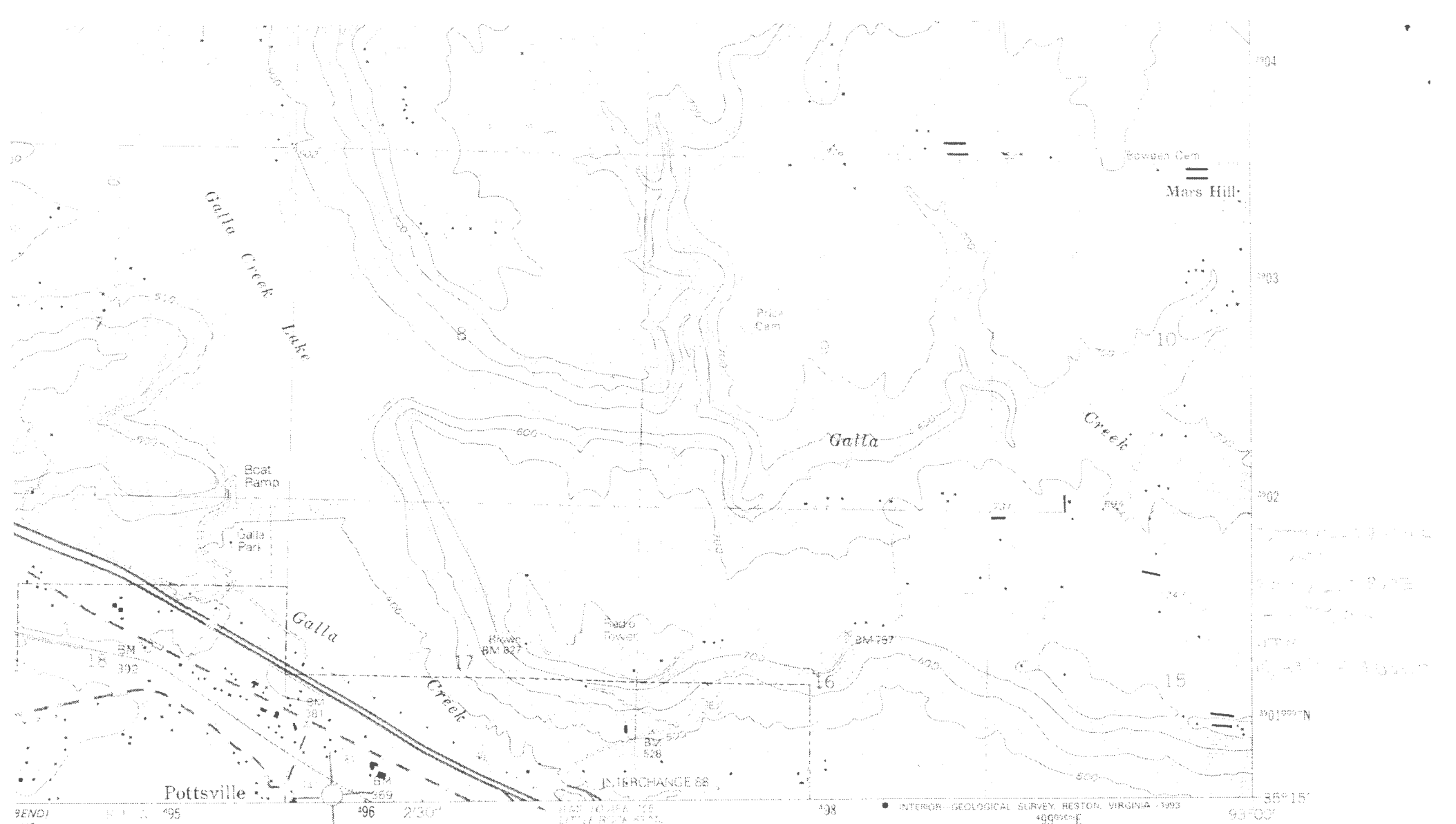
A 50-foot circle centering on UTM point 15/495765/3900817.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

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







SCALE 20 FEET
VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

STANDARDS FOR SPATIAL ACCURACY - CLASS 2
COLORADO 80225, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
NATION, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72204
AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
	State Route

RUSSELLVILLE EAST, ARK.
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