

United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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received AUG 9 1982

date entered

1. Name

historic The Lighthouse

and/or common Caruthersville Water Tower

2. Location

street & number West ^{3rd} Third Street not for publication

city, town Caruthersville vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state Missouri code 029 county Pemiscot code 155

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: unused

4. Owner of Property

name City of Caruthersville, Missouri

street & number 200 West Third Street

city, town Caruthersville vicinity of state Missouri 63830

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Pemiscot County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Caruthersville state Missouri 63830

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Missouri State Historical Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1982 federal state county local

depository for survey records MO Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176

city, town Jefferson City state Missouri 65102

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Caruthersville Water Tower is of an elevated stand-pipe design common to water towers built in the latter part of the nineteenth and early twentieth century.

The steel-plated 40,000 gallon tank is supported by a brick masonry tower with Gothic-derived embellishments. It is of brick, laid in a common bond pattern. Walls are twenty-four inches thick. The exterior is covered with one-fourth inch thick stucco finish and the interior bricks are exposed. An interior switchback staircase of wooden construction has in the past provided access to an observation platform approximately fifty feet above the ground. The lower section of the staircase was removed after the water tower was closed in 1950. Entrance into the base of the tower is through a wooden door set in a recessed Gothic pointed archway. At varying levels on the upper one-third of the tower there are four pointed arched openings which served both observation and illumination purposes.

The water tank itself is made up of eight steel riveted bands. Horizontally, the plates which comprise the bands are singly riveted, vertically they are double riveted. A straight steel ladder is attached to the outside of the tank and access into the tank can be gained through an iron, hinged panel located on top of the tower. Topping the structure is a bracketed cornice and belt course. Above is a wrought-iron cresting similar to that found on roof ridges of Victorian Gothic and Queen Anne style residential structures.

The height of the tower is 115 feet, excluding the ornamental cresting. The diameter of the tower is 13 feet with a circumference of 41 feet. At the northwest side of the tower is a low concrete structure which originally housed the water pump and machinery. This attached structure measures 15'-2" by 8'.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1903 **Builder/Architect** George C. Morgan

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Since its completion in 1903, the Caruthersville water tower has served as a major landmark; observable from both the Mississippi River and from Missouri Highway 84. It is a significant example of the work done by George C. Morgan, a Chicago civil engineer who had a substantial business in the midwest in building standardized water systems. The majority of municipalities at the turn of the century were constructing standpipe towers of their own design, but Caruthersville chose to accept Morgan's unusual package.

In 1901, the town of Caruthersville issued bonds for \$26,000 for the construction of the water tower. Morgan received \$250 for his plans and was retained to act as an engineer and superintendent of construction for an unrecorded sum of money.

Older residents of Caruthersville fondly remember past days when the tower served not only as the city's modern water works system but as a point of recreation in the community; people would climb the tower to look across the Mississippi River for a view of Tennessee.

As the population of Caruthersville increased, a more reliable water distribution system was needed for reliable reserves and to insure enough water for fire protection. It was the economics of the standpipe construction that was its greatest asset and selling point, particularly for a community such as Caruthersville, which was constructing its first public water works system.

The tower is visible to all river traffic and until recent construction along the riverfront, it held the distinction of being Pemiscot County's tallest structure. The use of the tower was discontinued by the community in the late 1950's, but the tower was left standing because of its local status as a landmark.

9. Major Bibliographical References

1. Carol Ann Dubie. "The Architecture and Engineering of Elevated Water Storage Structures," Unpublished Thesis, George Washington University, May 4, 1980.
2. Pemiscot County Abstract Company, Recorder of Deeds, Pemiscot County Courthouse, Caruthersville Missouri

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1 Lot (less than one acre)

Quadrangle name Caruthersville, 7.5'

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 8, Tract 4, Thrupp's map of City of Caruthersville, Missouri, being the city lot upon which the tower stands.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title 1. Dennis L. Kellogg - Planner

organization Bootheel Regional Planning Comm.

date 3 Aug. 1981

street & number Malden Industrial Park

telephone (314) 276-2242

city or town Malden

state Missouri

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Fred Adams

Director, Department of Natural Resources and
State Historic Preservation Officer

date 7-13-82

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date 9/9/82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

Melous Byers

Entered in the
National Register

date 9/9/82

Chief of Registration

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
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THE LIGHTHOUSE; CARUTHERSVILLE WATER TOWER

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Continuation sheet

Item number 11

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2. James M. Denny, Section Chief, Nominations-Survey
and State Contact Person June 1982
Department of Natural Resources
Historic Preservation Program 314-751-4096
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City Missouri 65102

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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Caruthersville Water Tower
Pemiscot County
MISSOURI

Working No. 8/9/82-2201
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-1-83
Date Due: 9-9-82 / 9-23-82
Action: ACCEPT 9/9/82
 RETURN
Entered in the National Register REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection



Caruthersville Water Tower
U.S. Hwy 85 Caruthersville
Pemiscot, MO

Mike Dale Sept. 18. 1980

Neg. Loc. Mrs. S. Swinger
Hwy Route U View-N.W.

Caruthersville, MO No. 1053

#9



Caruthersville Water Tower
U.S. Hwy 85 Caruthersville
Pemiscot, MO

Mike Dale Sept. 18, 1980

Neg. Loc. Mrs. S. Swinger

Hwy Route U View-Brick

Caruthersville, MO Bond (inter.)

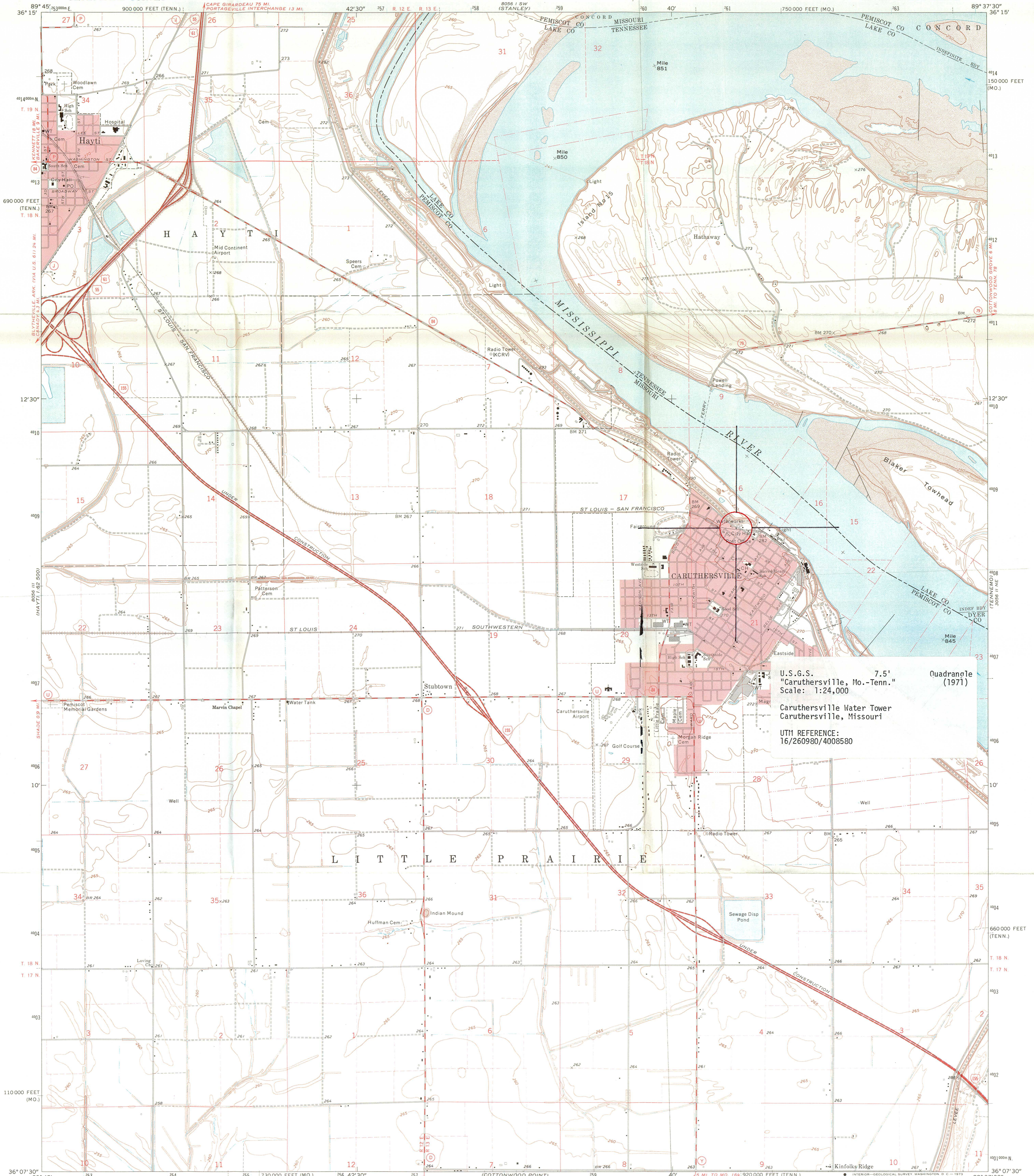
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Caruthersville Water Tower
U.S. Hwy 85 Caruthersville
Pemiscot, MO

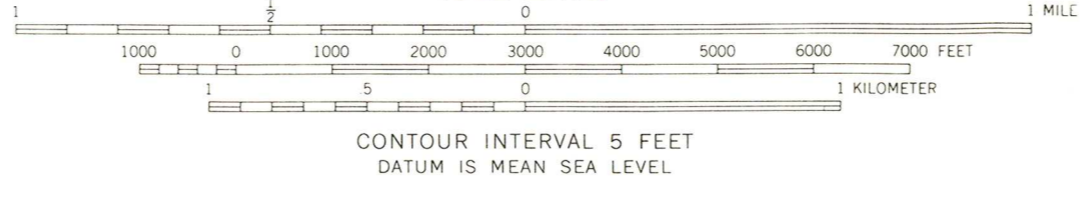
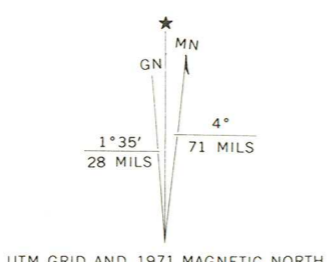
Mike Dale Sept. 18, 1980
Neg. Loc. Mrs. S. Swinger
Hwy Route U View-Interior
Caruthersville, MO No. 3 of 3

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U.S.G.S. 7.5' Quadrangle
"Caruthersville, Mo.-Tenn."
Scale: 1:24,000
Caruthersville Water Tower
Caruthersville, Missouri
UTM REFERENCE:
16/260980/4008580

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1971
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grids based on Missouri coordinate system, east zone
and Tennessee coordinate system
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 16, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



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

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR WASHINGTON, D.C. 20242
MISSOURI GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, ROLLA, MISSOURI 65401
AND TENNESSEE DIVISION OF GEOLOGY, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37219
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

CARUTHERSVILLE, MO.-TENN.
NW 4 CARUTHERSVILLE 15' QUADRANGLE
N3607.5-W8937.5/7.5
1971
AMS 8056 II NW-SERIES V879

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July 14, 1982

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Mr. William Brabham
Department of Interior
National Park Service
National Register Division
18th and C Streets, N.W.
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Bill:

I am writing to you regarding an application made by the City of Caruthersville, Missouri to have their water tower placed on the National Register of Historic Places. This application recently passed the Missouri State committee and has been forwarded to Washington.

I strongly support a favorable decision on this application. This water tower was constructed in 1902-03 by George Cadagan Morgan. It was built in the shape of a light house and overlooks the Mississippi River. It is very unique, and I urge you to give the application to place it on the National Register every consideration that you possibly can.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration in this matter. If I can be of any assistance to you please do not hesitate to let me know.

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely,

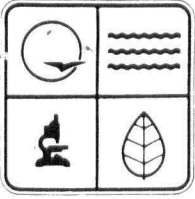


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Received in Congressional
Liaison Division:

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July 21, 1982



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

(314) 751-2479

Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

P.O. Box 176

Mr. Jerry Rogers
Associate Director
National Park Service
18th & C Streets
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Jerry:

Enclosed please find the following submission from Missouri for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places:

PRAIRIE VIEW, Pleasant Green vicinity, Cooper County, Mo.

✓ CARUTHERSVILLE WATER TOWER, Caruthersville, Pemiscot County, Mo.

HAARSTICK-WHITTEMORE HOUSES, 6420 and 6440 Forsyth Blvd., Clayton, St. Louis County, Mo.

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Fayette, Howard County, Mo.

DICK-KOBEL HOMESTEAD, Jamestown vicinity, Cooper County, Mo.

HOMER G. PHILLIPS HOSPITAL, 26101 Whittier Street, St. Louis City, Mo.

BRENTMOOR PARK, Clayton, St. Louis County, Mo.

CARRSWOLD HISTORIC DISTRICT, Clayton, St. Louis County, Mo.

ROCK HOUSE, 330 N. Gore, Webster Groves, St. Louis County, Mo.

MILLER-PORTER-LACY HOUSE, 2912 Frederick Blvd., St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Mo.

SHANLEY BUILDING, 7800 Maryland Avenue, Clayton, St. Louis County, Mo.

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS AT STARKENBURG, Rhineland vicinity, Montgomery County, Mo.

CONGREGATION B'NAI AMOONA, 524 Trinity, University City, St. Louis County, Mo.

ABOU BEA ADHEM SHRINE MOSQUE, 601 East St. Louis Street, Springfield, Greene County, Mo.

ST. PETERS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 400 West Wall Street, Harrisonville, Cass County, Mo.

Christopher S. Bond Governor
Fred A. Lafser Director

Division of Parks and Historic Preservation
John Karel Director

Mr. Jerry Rogers
July 21, 1982
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BUSCH'S GROVE, 916 Clayton Road,
Ladue, St. Louis County, Mo.

BETH SHALOM SYNAGOGUE, 3400 The Paseo,
Kansas City, Jackson County, Mo.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
AND PARSONAGE, Rich Fountain,
Osage County, Mo.

ST. JOSEPH PUBLIC LIBRARY, 10th and
Felix Streets, St. Joseph, Buchanan
County, Mo.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH,
New Melle, St. Charles, Mo.

MEYER, AUGUST HOUSE, 4415 Warwick,
Kansas City, Jackson County, Mo.

GLASGOW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
Commerce and Fourth Streets,
Glasgow, Howard County, Mo.

These nominations were approved by our State Review Board, the Missouri Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, on June 25-26, 1982 and have been signed by Missouri's State Historic Preservation Officer, Fred A. Lafser. All owners and appropriate elected public officials were notified and provided forty-five (45) days to comment on the above proposed nominations in accordance with Section 60.6(c) 36CFR60, interim regulations, using the exact notification format recommended by the National Register. No objections, notarized or otherwise, were received for the above referenced nomination.

If there are any questions concerning these submissions, please contact James M. Denny of my staff at 314/751-4096.

Sincerely,

DIVISION OF PARKS AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION



B.H. Rucker
Assistant Director

BHR:jdk

Enclosure: as stated



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:

H32-710

AUG - 4 1982

Honorable Bill Emerson
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Emerson:

Thank you for your letter of July 14 supporting the nomination of the water tower in Caruthersville, Pemiscot County, Missouri, to the National Register of Historic Places.

We have been informed by the staff of Mr. Fred Lafser, the Missouri State Historic Preservation Officer, that the nomination will be forwarded to the National Park Service in the near future. The Service sends a notice of new listings in the National Register to Members of Congress each week so you will be notified if the water tower is listed in the National Register.

We appreciate your interest in the historic preservation programs of the National Park Service.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jerry L Rogers

Associate

Director

cc: Mr. Fred A. Lafser
Director, State Department
of Natural Resources
Post Office Box 176
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101 w/c inc.

bcc: 001-R.F.

700 ->710) 190-Gilley)

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Dear Jerry:

Thank you very much for your response to my letter, dated July 14, 1982. I appreciate the immediate attention you gave to my letter.

If you need any additional information or support to place Caruthersville, Missouri's water tower on the National Register please let me know. I will be happy to provide it for you.

Thank you once again. I will look forward to hearing from you in the future.

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely,


BILL EMERSON
Member of Congress

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If you need any additional information on the National Register please let me know. I will be happy to provide it for you.

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Thank you once again. I will look forward to hearing from you in the future.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

BILL EMERSON
Member of Congress

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THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES	
DATE REC'D	SEP 9 1982
_____	INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED)
_____	INFORMATIVE MATERIAL SENT
_____	TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED)
DATE ACTION TAKEN	_____
INITIALS	_____

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Honorable Bill Emerson
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Emerson:

I am pleased to inform you that the Caruthersville Water Tower, Pemisnot County, Missouri, was entered in the National Register of Historic Places on September 9, 1982. This letter supplements the information provided in my letter to you dated August 4, 1982.

The National Register staff has informed your Washington Office of this listing by telephone. If I can be of further assistance, please let me know. Thank you for your interest in the historic preservation programs of the National Park Service.

Sincerely,

Director

cc: Mr. Fred A. Lafser, SHPO, Missouri
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