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Montauk State Park

Montauk State Park is located on 633 acres of land in the southern portion of Dent County, twenty-one miles southwest of Salem, Missouri. The outstanding natural feature of the park is a spring that forms an excellent trout stream near the head of the Current River. An old mill, rehabilitated by CCC enrollees, is an important historical feature of the park. In addition to working on the old mill, Veterans Company 1770 constructed a dam and bridge, tourist cabins, and other park buildings. Fire, heavy use, and modernization have taken their toll at Montauk, leaving few of the original CCC structures intact. The buildings and structures nominated in this park are, as follows: the old mill, the shelter and footbridge, and the dam and spillway (near the fish hatchery). See inventory data sheets on these properties.

MISSOURI OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION / INVENTORY SURVEY FORM

1. NAME

HISTORIC Montauk Mill
 AND/OR COMMON "Old Mill" at Montauk State Park

2. LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER _____
 CITY, TOWN _____ VICINITY OF _____
 STATE Missouri CODE 29 COUNTY Dent CODE 065

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<u>N/A</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME State of Missouri, Department of Natural Resources
 STREET & NUMBER P. O. Box 176
 CITY, TOWN Jefferson City VICINITY OF _____ STATE Missouri

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Department of Natural Resources
P. O. Box 176
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE _____ DETERMINED ELIGIBLE? YES NO FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
Missouri State Historical Survey, 1982-1984

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> undeteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	date _____
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Old Mill at Montauk State Park was built in 1896 on the site of an earlier grist mill that had long been an important institution in the now-vanished village of Montauk, Missouri. During the 1930's, CCC workers developed Montauk and the surrounding area into a popular state park, which displaced several houses and other nineteenth-century structures. However, the CCC laborers under the direction of the National Park Service saved the mill, completing a remodeling project that included sheathing the structure with oak board and batten siding (stained with creosote) and placing a new stone foundation under the entire building. Set into the rear of the stone foundation placed under the building in 1935 are two old millstones filled with concrete. In the center of one of these is the following inscription: "Veteran Co. 1770 Sec. 2 Feb. 10. 35." In remodeling the mill, the CCC workers did not disturb the machinery for grinding wheat, which remains on the second floor of the building (Photo #6A). The smaller corn grinding apparatus remains in the small room at the rear of the first floor (Photo #5A). The Old Mill is a two and one-half story building of wood frame construction with an irregular floor plan. There is a stone and concrete mill race on the west side of the building. A prominent exterior feature is the central tower-like extension above the second-story roof. The multi-level gable roof is covered with wood shingles. The Mill retains the oak siding (stained with creosote) applied in 1935. Beautifully situated on a spring branch of the Current River, the mill remains an important historic attraction within the state Park.

3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE - CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology - prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology - historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social /
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900 -	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Recreation

SPECIFIC DATES 1935 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Original builder: William J. Furry
 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (IN ONE PARAGRAPH) Reconstruction: CCC/NPS

The Old Mill at Montauk State Park has exceptional significance under Criteria A in that it represents a combined effort of the federal and state governments, with the assistance of federal relief workers, to renovate a cultural feature as an important element of a state park development project during the 1930's. The Old Mill is associated with the following events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history: 1. the beginning of the state park movement 2. the advent of federal participation in park development within the states 3. the emergence of New Deal relief programs, such as the Civilian Conservation Corps 4. the participation of federal relief workers in a project that preserved a cultural resource as a complement to the natural resources of an area that would become a popular state park. The Old Mill is significant in the following areas: Industry: Built on the site of an earlier mill, the present Old Mill is the last remnant of the village of Montauk, which was a thriving community from the mid-1800's to the early 1900's. When the mill was in operation, the building had several offices in addition to the milling rooms. The second and partial third floors housed the machinery for wheat milling, which is still located there. The first floor contained a small apparatus for grinding corn, but functioned mainly as a storage and business area. The corn grinding apparatus remains in a back room on the first floor. This apparatus and the wheat grinding machinery were preserved in the 1935 project and remain as reminders of nineteenth-century industry in a small Ozark village. Politics/Government: The Old Mill at Montauk exists because of a combined effort of the federal and state governments to develop a park for recreational purposes and a joint decision to save the mill as an important cultural attraction in the park. Social/Humanitarian: The remodeling of the mill, in addition to other projects at Montauk State Park, provided needed work relief for World War I veterans enrolled in Company 1770 of the Civilian Conservation Corps. Recreation: The Old Mill is a vital part of the recreational development of Montauk State Park. Plans are underway to

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Goodding, Marian. "Montauk Mill History: Preliminary Study, 1979." On file at DNR.
- Missouri-Kansas District Civilian Conservation Corps, pp. 112-113.
- Missouri State Planning Board. A State-Plan for Missouri, 1938, pp. 87-88.
- "Narrative Report of Activities at Montauk State Park, SP-1, Missouri." NPS Archives, NARS. Salem News, Salem, Mo., January 22, 1968.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF PROPERTY * QUADRANGLE NAME Montauk, Mo. SCALE 1:24,000
 UTM REFERENCES *Less than one acre
 A 15 6 1 6 4 6 0 4 1 4 5 4 8 0' 3
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING ZONE EASTING NORTHING
 C _____ D _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION The nominated property is contained within a rectangle centered on the above referenced UTM point. The west line runs parallel to and 10' from the westernmost wall of the building; the north line runs parallel to and 10' from the north wall of the building and coincides roughly with the park road; the east line runs parallel to and 10' from the east wall of the building; and the south wall runs parallel to and 10' from the south wall of the

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open the mill for visits by tourists and perhaps to make the grinding machinery operational again as an educational feature of this very popular park.

¹Marian Goodding, "Montauk Mill History; Preliminary Study, 1979," unpublished manuscript on file at the Department of Natural Resources, Jefferson City, Missouri.

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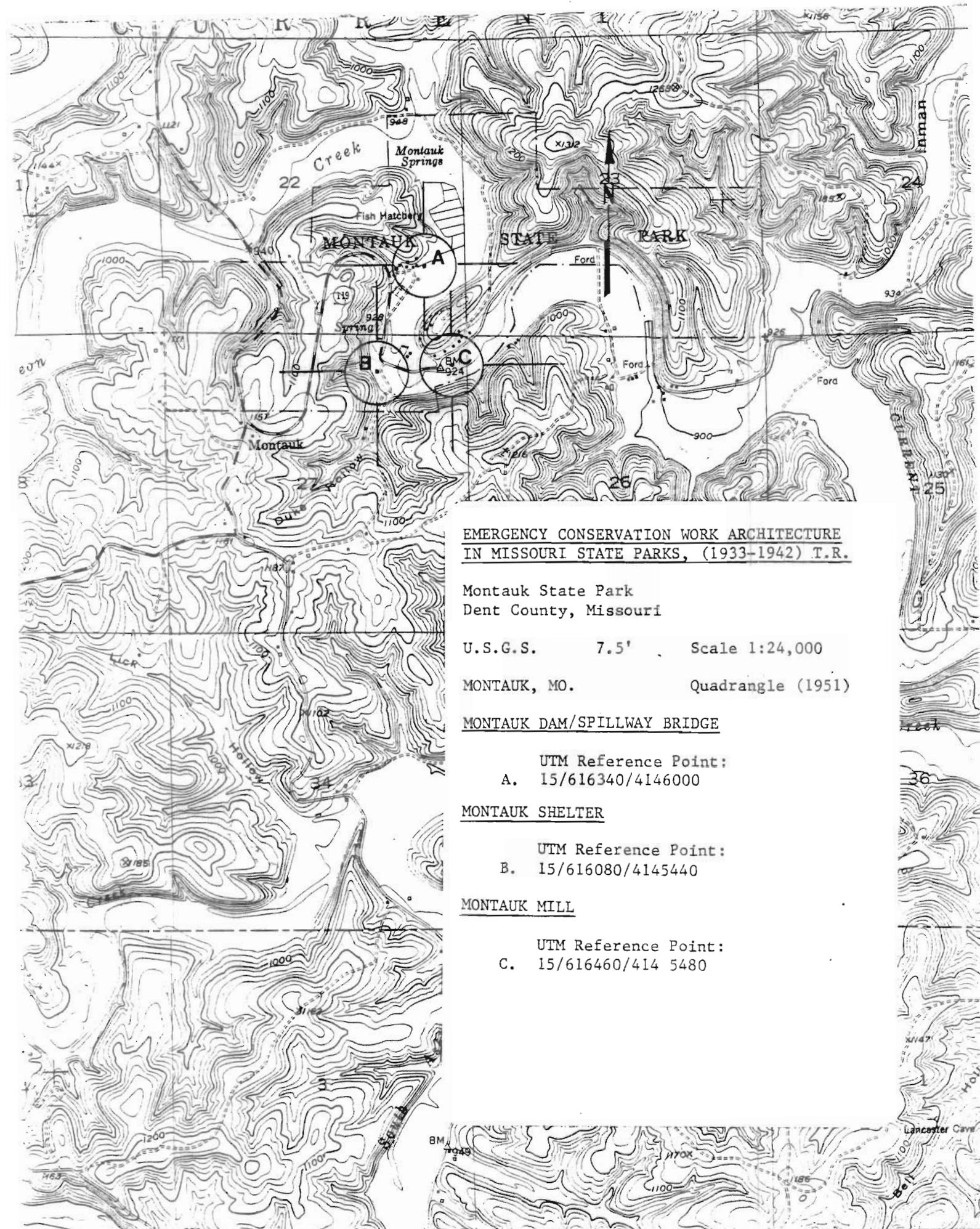
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building. The resulting rectangle, which measures 66' north-south by 78' east-west, forms a compact and convenient boundary for the structure, which is nestled between the park road and a small stream.



EMERGENCY CONSERVATION WORK ARCHITECTURE
IN MISSOURI STATE PARKS, (1933-1942) T.R.

Montauk State Park
Dent County, Missouri

U.S.G.S. 7.5' Scale 1:24,000

MONTAUK, MO. Quadrangle (1951)

MONTAUK DAM/SPILLWAY BRIDGE

UTM Reference Point:
A. 15/616340/4146000

MONTAUK SHELTER

UTM Reference Point:
B. 15/616080/4145440

MONTAUK MILL

UTM Reference Point:
C. 15/616460/414 5480









VETERAN

Co. 1770

SEC. 2

FEB. 10. 35

Hartman Childs

CARVER





