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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Arkansas

COUNTY: Hempstead

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ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Goodlett Gin

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 3 miles west of Ozan on Highway 4

CITY OR TOWN: Ozan

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Fourth

STATE: Arkansas CODE: 05 COUNTY: Hempstead CODE: 057

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Mrs. D. M. Goodlett and Sons

STREET AND NUMBER: Box 39

CITY OR TOWN: Ozan

STATE: Arkansas

CODE: 05

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Hempstead County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Hope

STATE: Arkansas

CODE: 05

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE OF SURVEY: April 8, 1974

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

STREET AND NUMBER: Suite 1030, Plaza West

CITY OR TOWN: Little Rock

STATE: Arkansas

CODE: 05

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry	losophy	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	Architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	_____
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Goodlett gin is significant because it is the only completely steam-powered cotton gin still operable in the United States. Built in 1883 by Captain Dave Goodlett, this gin has been continually owned and operated by the Goodlett family.

Soon after the Civil War Captain Dave Goodlett bought 1400 acres of land in Hempstead County. After clearing the land he began growing cotton. For several years he used a nearby gin to process his crop, but in 1883 he built a gin of his own. Using pine cut from his own farm Captain Goodlett built a gin building and scale house. These buildings have required only a few minor repairs during their 90 year history.

For the first 15 years of its operation the gin produced an average of two bales of cotton per day. Seed cotton was brought to the gin in baskets all fall and winter. The stands were fed by hand and the lint was tramped by foot. Mules were used to power the screw press. During the late 19th century most areas of the Cotton Belt had a gin in every county and at many county crossroads. The farmers would draw their wagons up in a line and wait their turn to have their cotton ginned. During the ginning season farmers spent many sociable hours waiting their turn at the gin. The Goodlett gin is representative of this era of American agricultural history.

In 1898 the gin was modernized with the installation of two 60-saw stands, a new boiler and an Atlas steam engine. This \$250.00 steam engine was used to power a tramper, a continental drop-side press, and a Thomas steam ram.

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8. Significance (Page 2)

A wooden continental distributor with lint flue was added in 1911, along with a drag type, wooden-box conveyer distributor. In the late 1930's two rebuilt 70-saw stands and two rebuilt feeders were installed, and the original boiler was replaced with a new one.

Syrup-making was another service long-performed by the Goodlett gin. Sorghum and ribbon cane were crushed by a steam powered mill and the syrup cooked in a steam heated pan. A third production of the Goodlett gin was that of cornmeal. A stone grist mill was used for many years to grind corn, but has now been replaced by a hammer mill. In the early days of the mill the neighborhood customers often brought their corn and sorghum to the mill on week-ends and enjoyed a sociable gathering while their meal and cane were being ground.

The last major repair on the gin plant was made in 1952 when a new set of piston rings were made by a machinist familiar with the Goodlett gin. For three generations the Musgrave family of Nashville, Arkansas did all the repair work on the engine and has kept it in running condition since its installation in 1898.

During the 1950's and 1960's the production of cotton, corn, sorghum and ribbon cane greatly declined in the Ozan area. With no cotton to gin or corn to grind the gin and mill shut down commercial production in 1966.

Though cotton gins are, of course, still in operation throughout the South, the Goodlett gin is unique in that it is steam powered. Although not in operation at this time, the unique Goodlett gin is still fully operable. It is a replica of the agricultural and commercial way of life of the rural South in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
(Check One)			(Check One)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The old steam powered gin, commonly referred to as the Goodlett gin, stands on the Goodlett farm near Ozan, Arkansas. A principal two-storey wood building and two additional wood edifices comprise the building complex. They are located in what was a heavily wooded site adjacent to a one-half acre mill pond dug about the time the original building was constructed in 1883. The pond supplied the gin's water needs of several hundred gallons per day.

One adjacent wood building served as a shed under which wagons were weighed. It was built during the 1890's. The other building, of one-storey wood frame construction is located beside the principal structure and connected to it by a shed roof. It served as a cotton seed house for seeds removed from the cotton.

The central two-storey structure with gable roof and rectilinear plan is straddled by one-storey shed roof extensions on either side of its short axis. The buildings were constructed from timber cut from the nearby forest. The timbers were of varying sizes to accommodate the different space needs of the gin. Most timbers are cut from "heart pine." A siding of one (1") inch by twelve (12") inches pine sheathes the structures. A corrugated, galvanized sheet metal roof is in good shape, as is most of the lumber used in the original construction. The ground floor is of compacted dirt and contains the main power source, a 250 horse-power steam engine, and its attendant jack shafts, pulleys and belts. The upper storey of wood frame construction contains the essential cotton ginning machinery. The supplementary operations of the gin include a feed and meal grinder and a sorghum press located on the ground floor.

Few alterations to the original structure have been made, other than minor repairs. Periodically, new equipment was added which increased the efficiency of the gin.

The State of Arkansas has recently purchased the Goodlett gin and plans are underway to relocate it at nearby Old Washington State Park. The Goodlett gin will be put back into operation to illustrate for park visitors the cotton ginning industry of the late 19th century.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Dianna Kirk, Staff Historian and Anthony S. Riddle, Architect

ORGANIZATION: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program DATE: May 3, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Suite 1030, Plaza West

CITY OR TOWN: Little Rock STATE: Arkansas CODE: 05

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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 National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: William E. Henderson

Title: State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: June 11, 1974

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

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Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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Keeper of The National Register

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM**  
*(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)*

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Goodlett Gin		
<b>2. LOCATION</b>		
STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Arkansas	Hempstead	Ozan
STREET AND NUMBER		
Arkansas Highway 4, three miles west of Ozan		
<b>3. PHOTO REFERENCE</b>		
PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
Robert Dunn	April 25, 1974	Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>		
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		
East facade viewed from the east.		

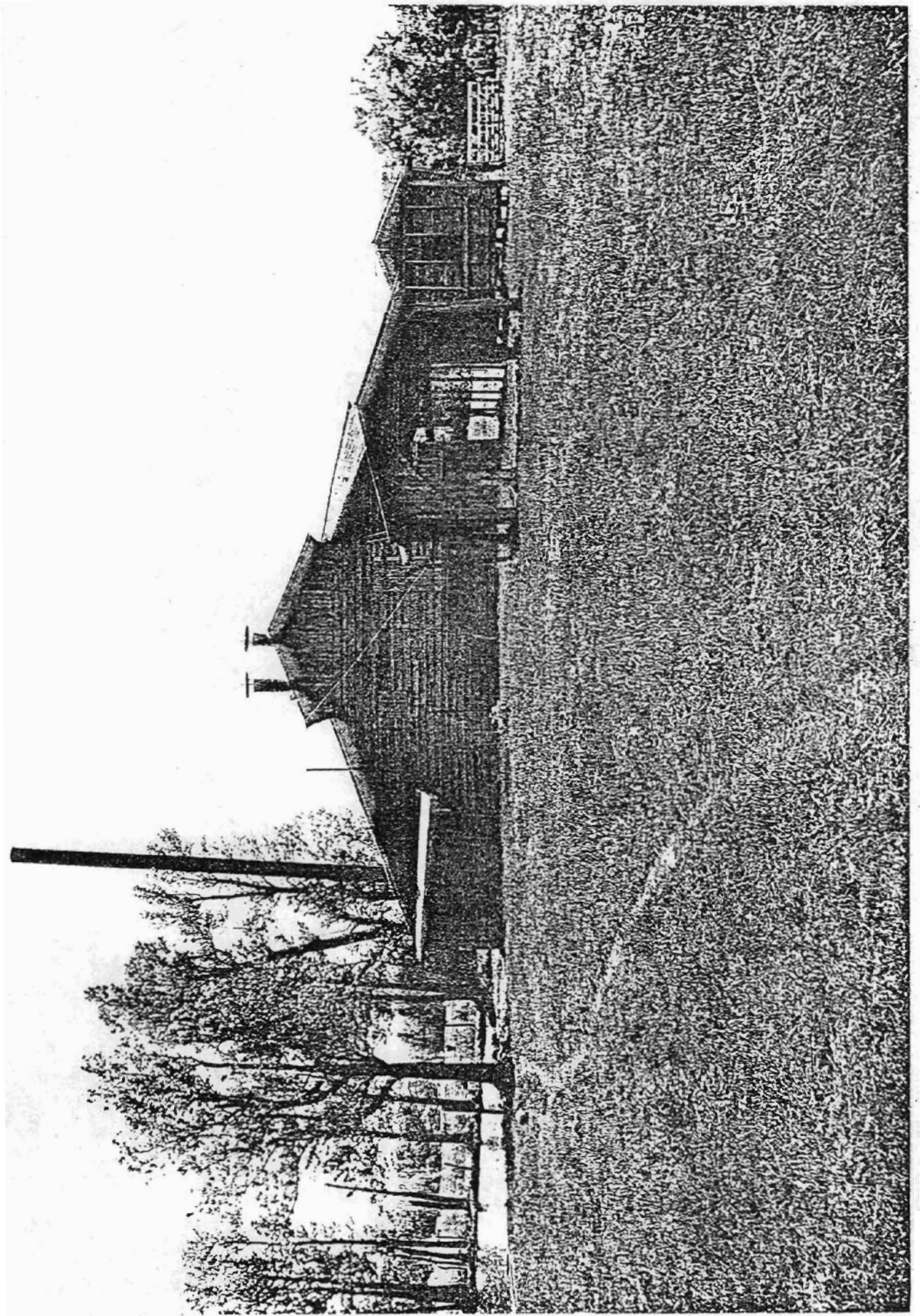
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**PROPERTY MAP FORM**  
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<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>		
SOURCE	DATE	SCALE
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REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW





COLUMBUS QUADRANGLE  
ARKANSAS  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

