

STATE OF ALABAMA

ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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ALABAMA INVENTORY AND WORKSHEET FOR LANDMARKS

COUNTY AVAYAUGA

PRESENT NAME Gin Shop Hill Water Tank HISTORIC NAME Emergency Water Tank

LOCATION (Street and number) Rural

TOWN (Give directions if rural) 100 yards East of Daniel Pratt Cemetery

PRESENT USE A abandoned HISTORIC USE Emergency Water Supply

OWNERSHIP: Public Private Public acquisition being considered

OWNER'S NAME City of Prattville

MAILING ADDRESS Mayor C.M. Gray Mayors Office
Prattville, Alabama 36067

CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Ruins

INTEGRITY: Original Site Moved When? _____

From where? _____ Give details in significance.

THREATS: No Yes By What? Deterioration, ^{Encroachment} Encroachment of Civilization

RESTORATION WORK: Being considered Underway Completed Not planned

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open land Woodland Scattered buildings
High building density Commercial Industrial
Residential Rural

If there are numerous buildings in the area, could this structure be part of a Historic District? yes, Daniel Pratt Cemetery is 300 feet away from site.

SIGNIFICANCE: Why is this important associated with events, persons, or movements
Local State National
 a good example of a type or style of structure
 other

Explain: (Expand on the significance of the building. If architecturally significant, give details being very specific. Additional data on what aspects of the community's development the building represents, or a specific event, trend or person related to the building's importance.)

See attached sheets

Date of Construction: *turn of the century, circa 1900*
Builder or Architect: (Give names and biographies, if known)

Unknown

Original Owner: (Give name and biographies--attach additional sheet if necessary)

Daniel Pratt family. Deeded to the City of Prattville in 1948

Subsequent Owners (Give name and biographies)

City of Prattville

State sources of information, giving full bibliographical data:

County records

SECTION III: DESCRIPTION (In each category please state if elements are not original)
YOU MUST PROVIDE US WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE STRUCTURE, SHOWING FRONT, SIDE, REAR AND NOTABLE DETAILS.

~~Number of stories _____ Foundation _____
Basement _____ Interior framing or structural system _____~~

Wall and ceiling finish: (Include wainscotting, plasterwork, cornices, etc.)

Flooring: _____ Notable hardware: _____

General setting and orientation:

Outbuildings:

Give all alterations and additions: (Be specific, give date of change and original appearance when known)

Make a sketch of the floor plan of the building, showing dimensions, related structures, and additions. Also give north arrow and indicate front of the structure.

Form prepared by Warren S. McEachern Date 11/14/77
Address 422 Pratt Street Phone 365-2079
Town Prattville, Alabama
Organization Historical Restorations Committee, American Legion
Post #122, Prattville, Alabama.

The Emergency Water Tower is located 100 yards east of Daniel Pratt Cemetery which was placed on the list of historical sites in September of this year.

The tower is a tank constructed of riveted boiler plate with a cone shaped boiler plate top. No documented evidence is available on the builder of the tank or its exact date of construction. It is believed however from local sources that it was constructed around 1900. The tank sets on a masonry foundation which has a scuttle hole on its east side. Under the tank inside the foundation is a valve which serves as the well cap.

The tank is in very poor condition due to metal deterioration. It has hundreds of rust holes in the metal. However the tank is structurally sound enough to last another twenty years in its present situation and state of neglect.

According to County Records in 1948 the Pratt family donated the Daniel Pratt Cemetery and the Water Tank to the City of Prattville.

The Gin Shop Hill Water Tower is an outstanding example of turn of the century architecture for this type of structure. It also serves as an example to the forethought given to water shortages of a bygone era. The site is only 300 feet from another site which has already been deemed of enough historical significance to be placed on the State List of Historical Sites in Alabama.

It is felt that due to this sites unique construction and its intended use, followed by its relevant location to another significant site, it warrants placement on the State of Alabamas List of Historical Sites.

This application is submitted by the Historical Restorations Committee of W. Clyde Northington Post # 122 American Legion, Prattville, Alabama.

Sincerely
Warren S. McEachern
Chairman

Gin Shop Hill Water Tank

Significance

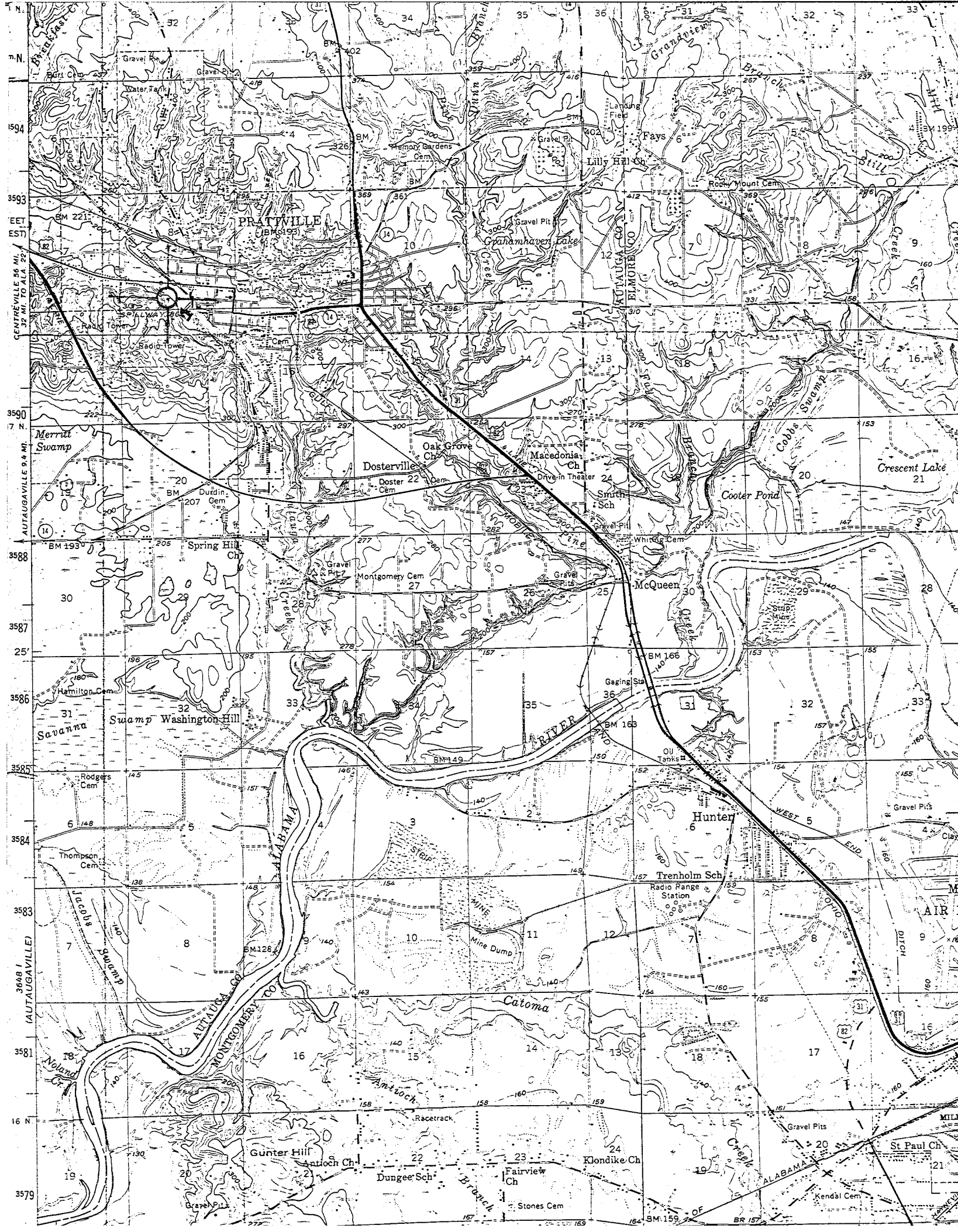
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Gin Shop Water Tank³³ **Registered Landmark**

The State Historical Commission notified Mayor C. M. Gray of Prattville; and Warren McEachern of the American Legion, that the Gin Shop Hill Water Tank had been added to the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage.

The Alabama Register is a prestigious listing of historic, architectural and archaeological landmarks.

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