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 of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property
   historic name: Bransford Spring Pumphouse
   other names/site number: 25

2. Location
   street & number: Mammoth Cave National Park
   city, town: Mammoth Cave
   state: Kentucky
   code: KY
   county: Edmonson
   county code: 61
   zip code: 42259

3. Classification
   Ownership of Property
   - [ ] private
   - [ ] public-local
   - [ ] public-State
   - [X] public-Federal

   Category of Property
   - [ ] building(s)
   - [ ] district
   - [ ] site
   - [X] structure
   - [ ] object

   Number of Resources within Property
   - [ ] contributing
   - [ ] noncontributing

   Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification
   As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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 forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

   In my opinion, the property [ ] meets [ ] does not meet the National Register criteria. [ ] See continuation sheet.

   Signature of certifying official
   [ ](firstName) [ ]lastName
   [ ] (signature)
   [ ] date

   State or Federal agency and bureau: National Park Service

   In my opinion, the property [ ] meets [ ] does not meet the National Register criteria. [ ] See continuation sheet.

   Signature of commenting or other official
   [ ] (firstName) [ ] (lastName)
   [ ] (signature)
   [ ] date

   State or Federal agency and bureau: Kentucky Heritage Council

5. National Park Service Certification
   I hereby certify that this property is:

   [X] 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
   [ ] (signature)
   [ ] date

   Date of Action: 5/6/91
6. Function or Use
Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Industry/Processing/Extraction:
waterworks

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Vacant/Not in use

7. Description
Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)
other:NPS rustic

Materials (enter categories from instructions)
foundation sandstone
walls sandstone
roof asphalt shingle
other wood, concrete

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

See continuation sheet
7. Description of present and historic physical appearance.

The Bransford Spring pumphouse, located on an access road 2/10 mile east of Great Onyx Road, consists of 1 contributing site, Bransford Spring, and 2 structures, the pumphouse and cistern. The facility is set in a wooded area on Flint Ridge.

The Bransford Spring pumphouse, built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1939, is a cottage-like, one story, two room sandstone and wood building with an asphalt shingled, gable roof. The structure, which faces west, has rough-cut sandstone foundation, walls, window sills, chimney, and porch steps and a concrete interior floor. There are five casement windows of varying sizes and two batten doors. The rafters extend to the exterior of the building and the board and batten upper gable ends of the structure have decorative scalloped edges. Inside the structure are abandoned water and pumping equipment. A 10 X 10 feet entry extension with a shed roof has been added to the front door on the west side of the building. This addition does not detract from the historic character of the structure.

Just southwest of the building is a circular concrete cistern which measures approximately 25 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height. Until the early 1980's the cistern held water that was pumped from Bransford Spring.

The structures and sites associated with the Bransford Spring pumphouse are in excellent condition. Though the facility is no longer used for its original purpose and the water pumping and treatment equipment has been abandoned, integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association are intact.
8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally  ☐ statewide  ☒ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria  ☒ A  ☐ B  ☐ C  ☐ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)  ☐ A  ☐ B  ☐ C  ☐ D  ☐ E  ☐ F  ☐ G  ☒ N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)  
Entertainment/recreation

Period of Significance  1939-1942

Significant Dates  1939

Cultural Affiliation  N/A

Significant Person  N/A

Architect/Builder  Civilian Conservation Corps

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

☐ See continuation sheet
9. Major Bibliographical References

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 #

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property _____________________________

UTM References

A

Zone Easting Northing

B

Zone Easting Northing

C

Zone Easting Northing

D

Zone Easting Northing

Verbal Boundary Description

Boundary Justification

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8. Statement of significance, criteria justification, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance.

Bransford Spring Pumphouse is historically significant under the context discussing "The Development of the Mammoth Cave Area into a National Park (1926 to 1942) and represents the property type "Civilian Conservation Corps Buildings and Structures." The period of significance, 1939-1942, falls within the years that the CCC was constructing buildings and structures during the development of Mammoth Cave National Park, i.e., 1933-1942.

When the Civilian Conservation Corps was created in 1933 by the Roosevelt administration, the Mammoth Cave properties were in transition from private and state ownership to national park status. The CCC was charged with the responsibility of developing a recreational wilderness area out of what had been primarily agricultural land for decades. In addition to razing structures, planting trees, and building roads and park facilities, the CCC also constructed buildings and structures to meet the operational needs of a National Park, such as employee housing, maintenance facilities, ranger stations, and an entire plumbing system.

Bransford Spring Pumphouse is one of two water pumping facilities in Mammoth Cave National Park. The pumphouse and cistern were built on Flint Ridge, near Bransford Spring, in close proximity to the Park Headquarters, Mammoth Cave Hotel, and residential and maintenance areas of the park. This facility, along with that at nearby Three Springs, provided water to these areas and allowed the park to be self-sufficient in meeting its water needs. Bransford Spring Pumphouse met these needs until the early 1980s, when the park began receiving water from the Green River Reservoir System.
9. Major Bibliographical References


10. Geographical Data
Acreage of property: less than one acre

UTM References
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Verbal Boundary Description
Beginning at a point on Bransford Spring 60’ northeast from the northeast corner of the Bransford spring Pumphouse, proceed south 145’ along the east bank of Bransford spring. Then proceed 150’ along the woodline south of the pumphouse. Then proceed north 120’ along the woodline west of the pumphouse. Then proceed 100’ east to the point of origin.

Boundary Justification
The boundary includes the pumphouse, cistern, and the portion of Bransford Spring in close proximity to the pumphouse, all of which are historically associated with the Bransford Spring Pumphouse.
Bransford Spring Pumphouse, showing addition (1935)
Mammoth Cave National Park, Kentucky
Bransford Spring Pumphouse (025)
Mammoth Cave Nat’l Park
Mammoth Cave, Ky
Kelly Lally
January 1988
Mammoth Cave Nat’l Park Library
Southeast view