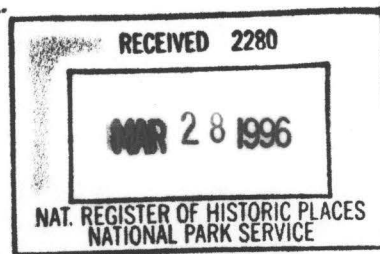


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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Camden Confederate Monument

other name/site number: OU0046S

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2. Location

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street & number: Courthouse Lawn (at the courthouse's northern corner)

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Camden

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Ouachita code: AR 103 zip code: 71701

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Public-local

Category of Property: Object

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
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<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> buildings
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> structures
<u>  1  </u>	<u>      </u> objects
<u>  1  </u>	<u>  0  </u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: "Something So Dim It Must Be Holy:" Civil War Commemorative Sculpture in Arkansas, 1886-1934

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**4. State/Federal Agency Certification**  
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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Cathryn A. Slater  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official

3-12-96  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

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Signature of commenting or other official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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

- ☒ 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] 5/7/96  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

[Signature] 5/7/96  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Keeper Date  
of Action

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**6. Function or Use**  
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Historic: RECREATION AND CULTURE

Sub: Monument/marker

Current: RECREATION AND CULTURE

Sub: Monument/marker

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## 7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Neoclassical

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Other Description: N/A

Materials:	foundation	<u>STONE/Granite</u>	roof	<u>N/A</u>
	walls	<u>STONE/Marble</u>	other	_____

Describe present and historic physical appearance. \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

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### Summary

The Camden Confederate Monument, also known as the Confederate Women's Memorial, is located at the west side of the southwest lawn of the Ouachita County Courthouse on Jefferson St. between Harrison St. and Scott Alley. The sculpture depicts a lone female figure in a long period dress, standing with her feet together and clutching a flagpole that leans against her proper left shoulder. She is placed on a block of Waynesboro, NC, granite at the base of a tall dedicatory obelisk (both are components of a piece). The Italian marble sculpture is 60"x24"x18"; the granite obelisk is 28'x8'x8'.

### Elaboration

The Camden Confederate Monument, also known as the Confederate Women's Memorial, is located at the west side of the southwest lawn of the Ouachita County Courthouse on Jefferson St. between Harrison St. and Scott Alley. The sculpture depicts a lone female figure in a long period dress, standing with her feet together and clutching a flagpole that leans against her proper left shoulder. She is placed on a block of Waynesboro, NC, granite at the base of a tall dedicatory obelisk (both are components of a piece). The Italian marble sculpture is 60"x24"x18"; the granite obelisk is 28'x8'x8'.

The front base of the sculpture contains the inscription "1861 / 1865 / TO OUR CONFEDERATE WOMEN."

The proper right base of the obelisk is marked "THEIR INSPIRATION TRANSFORMED / THE GLOOM OF DEFEAT INTO THE / HOPE OF THE FUTURE AND THEIR / MEMORY SHALL NOT BE FORGOTTEN / EVEN IN THE HOURS OF PEACE."

The proper left base of the obelisk is inscribed "ERECTED BY THE VETERANS / OF / HUGH McCOLLUM / CAMP 778 / AIDED BY / GRINSTEAD CHAPTER / U.D.C. / AND OUACHITA COUNTY / CAMDEN, ARKANSAS / 1914 / ---- / TO THE WOMEN OF THE CONFEDERACY."

On the rear face of the obelisk is the inscription "TO THE CONFEDERATE WOMEN / WHOSE PIOUS MINISTRATION / TO OUR WOUNDED SOLDIERS, / SOOTHED THE LAST HOURS OF THOSE / WHO DIED FAR FROM THE OBJECTS / OF THEIR TENDEREST LOVE; / WHOSE DOMESTIC LABORS / CONTRIBUTED MUCH TO SUPPLY / THE WANTS OF OUR DEFENDERS / IN THE FIELD; WHOSE ZEALOUS / FAITH IN OUR CAUSE SHONE / A

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SUSTAINED / THEM UNDER ALL THE PRIVATIONS / TO WHICH THEY WERE SUBJECTED; /  
AND WHOSE PATRIOTISM / WILL TEACH THEIR CHILDREN TO / EMULATE THE DEEDS OF  
THEIR SIREs."

There is a loss of detail on the sculpture due to severe sugaring, and the  
nearby trees are causing staining on both the obelisk and the sculpture. The  
sculpture also has some black crusting and bird guano.

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## 8. Statement of Significance

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

Applicable National Register Criteria: A

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): F

Areas of Significance: SOCIAL HISTORY  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period(s) of Significance: 1899-1906 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates: 1899-1906 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person(s): N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation: N/A \_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder: Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria  
considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.  
\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

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### Summary

Criterion A, statewide significance  
Criterion Consideration F

The Camden Confederate Monument is associated with the historic context  
**"Something So Dim It Must Be Holy": Civil War Commemorative Sculpture in  
Arkansas, 1886-1934** as a commemorative monument financed and erected through  
the efforts of a veterans' organization in Arkansas. As such, it is eligible  
under Criterion A with statewide significance for its associations with the  
efforts of the Hugh McCollum Camp 778 to reflect members' perception of the  
noble character and valor of the women who supported their cause. Thus, it  
also meets the eligibility requirements of Criteria Consideration F:  
Commemorative Properties.

## Elaboration

Primarily sponsored by the Hugh McCollum Camp 778 of the United Confederate Veterans, the Camden Confederate Monument was erected at the county courthouse in mid-April 1915. (The UCV camp was assisted in the effort by the Grinstead Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and Ouachita County in the effort to erect the monument.) The official dedication ceremony took place on the courthouse lawn on Saturday, May 15 of that year. Featured orator Judge W. T. Martin stated that the memorial "will perpetuate in stone the unparalleled sacrifices, loyalty and devotion of the women of that momentous period, an episode in the History of this beautiful southland which will live in song and story long after this beautiful statue has crumbled into dust." He continued to praise the statue, saying "her beauty and symmetry and sacred devotion that beam from her beautiful and lovely face is a prototype of the high civilization of the time in which she appeared in the tragic drama, a fitting mould in which she was cast, a time when patriotism stood at full tide and fair Arcadia pulsated with Knight errant, and chivalry and honor decorated and adorned her loveliness." The Camden Beacon added the comment that the monument "will stand for all time as a living tribute to the sainted womanhood of the Southern Confederacy." The inscriptions were selected by Mrs. J. W. Meek of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Mr. S. B. Lid of the United Confederate Veterans, and Mr. Thomas I. Thorn of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Mr. J. W. Juniel was chairman of the monument committee.

The Camden Confederate Monument is associated with the historic context "Something So Dim It Must Be Holy": Civil War Commemorative Sculpture in Arkansas, 1886-1934 as a commemorative monument financed and erected through the efforts of a veterans' organization in Arkansas. As such, it is eligible under Criterion A with statewide significance for its associations with the efforts of the Hugh McCollum Camp 778 to reflect members' perception of the noble character and valor of the women who supported their cause. Thus, it also meets the eligibility requirements of Criteria Consideration F: Commemorative Properties.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Camden Daily Beacon-Herald, May 18, 1915, p. 2.

Camden Beacon, April 22, 1915.

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- X State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency

— Local government  
— University  
— Other -- Specify Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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### 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	<u>15</u>	<u>515740</u>	<u>3715870</u>	B	<u>15</u>	<u>          </u>
C	<u>15</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	D	<u>15</u>	<u>          </u>

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

An area around the monument defined by a 25 foot radius centered on the monument itself.

Boundary Justification: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource.

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### 11. Form Prepared By

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Name/Title: John Slater, Special Projects Intern/AHPP Staff

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 03/08/96

Street & Number: 323 Center Street, Suite 1500 Telephone: (501) 324-9880

City or Town: Little Rock State: AR Zip: 72201

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 96000462

Date Listed: 5/7/96

Camden Confederate Monument  
Property Name

Ouachita  
County

AR  
State

Civil War Commemorative Sculpture MPS  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

*Sal B. Fox*  
Signature of the Keeper

5/7/96  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Period of Significance:

The period of significance is revised to read: 1915.  
[This reflects the date of the erection of the monument on the courthouse lawn, as described in the narrative.]

This information was confirmed with Ken Story of the AR SHPO.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file  
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Camden Confederate Monument  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Civil War Commemorative Sculpture MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Ouachita

DATE RECEIVED: 3/28/96 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 4/09/96  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 4/25/96 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 5/12/96  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 96000462

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: Y PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT ☐ DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Camden Confederate Monument is eligible under National Register Criterion A as a representation of the significant and enduring role of commemorative activities (associated with the important social and political themes of remembrance and recovery) in the post-Civil War South. The statue meets the registration requirements set forth in the MPS cover document.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A

REVIEWER Paul R. Lusignan

DISCIPLINE HISTORIAN

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 5/7/96

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR YN



Comden Confederate Monument  
Comden, Ouachita County, Arkansas  
Photo by Helen Borrey  
July 1995  
negative on file @ AHPP  
view from the South



Camden Confederate Monument

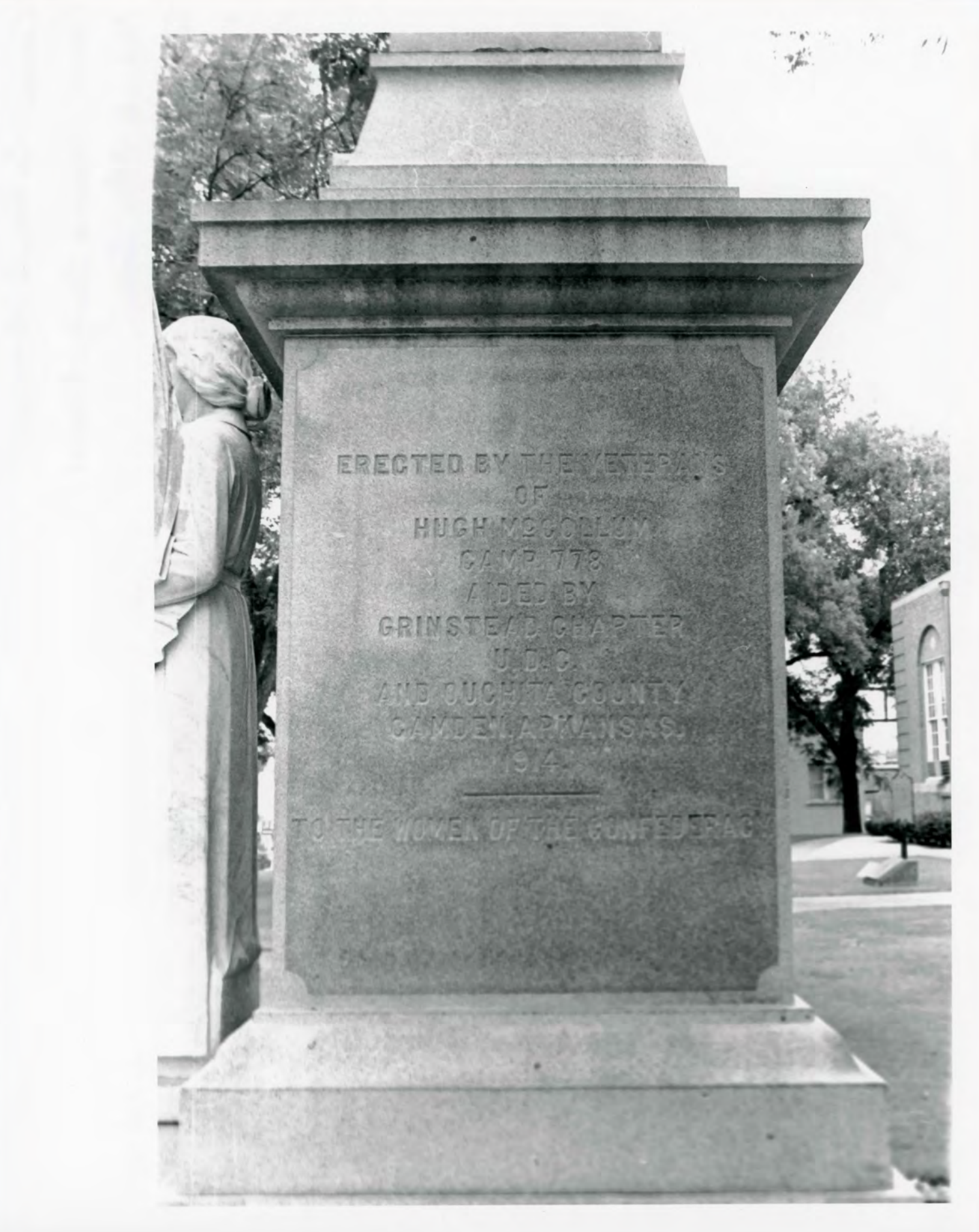
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U.D.C.  
AND OUCHITA COUNTY  
CAMDEN ARKANSAS  
1945

TO THE WOMEN OF THE CONFEDERACY

Comden Confederate Monument


Comden, Ouachita County, Arkansas

Photo by Helen Barry

July 1995

Negative on slide @ AHPP

View from West - Detail

A black and white photograph of a large, rectangular stone monument. To the right of the monument stands a statue of a woman in a long dress, facing left. The monument's face is inscribed with a four-line text. The background shows a street scene with trees, a building, and cars.

THEIR INSPIRATION TRANSFORMED  
THE GLOOM OF DEFEAT INTO THE  
HOPE OF THE FUTURE AND THEIR  
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Comden Confederate Monument


Comden, Ouachita Co., Arkansas

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view from East - Detail



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TO OUR WOUNDED SOLDIERS,  
SOOTHED THE LAST HOURS OF THOSE  
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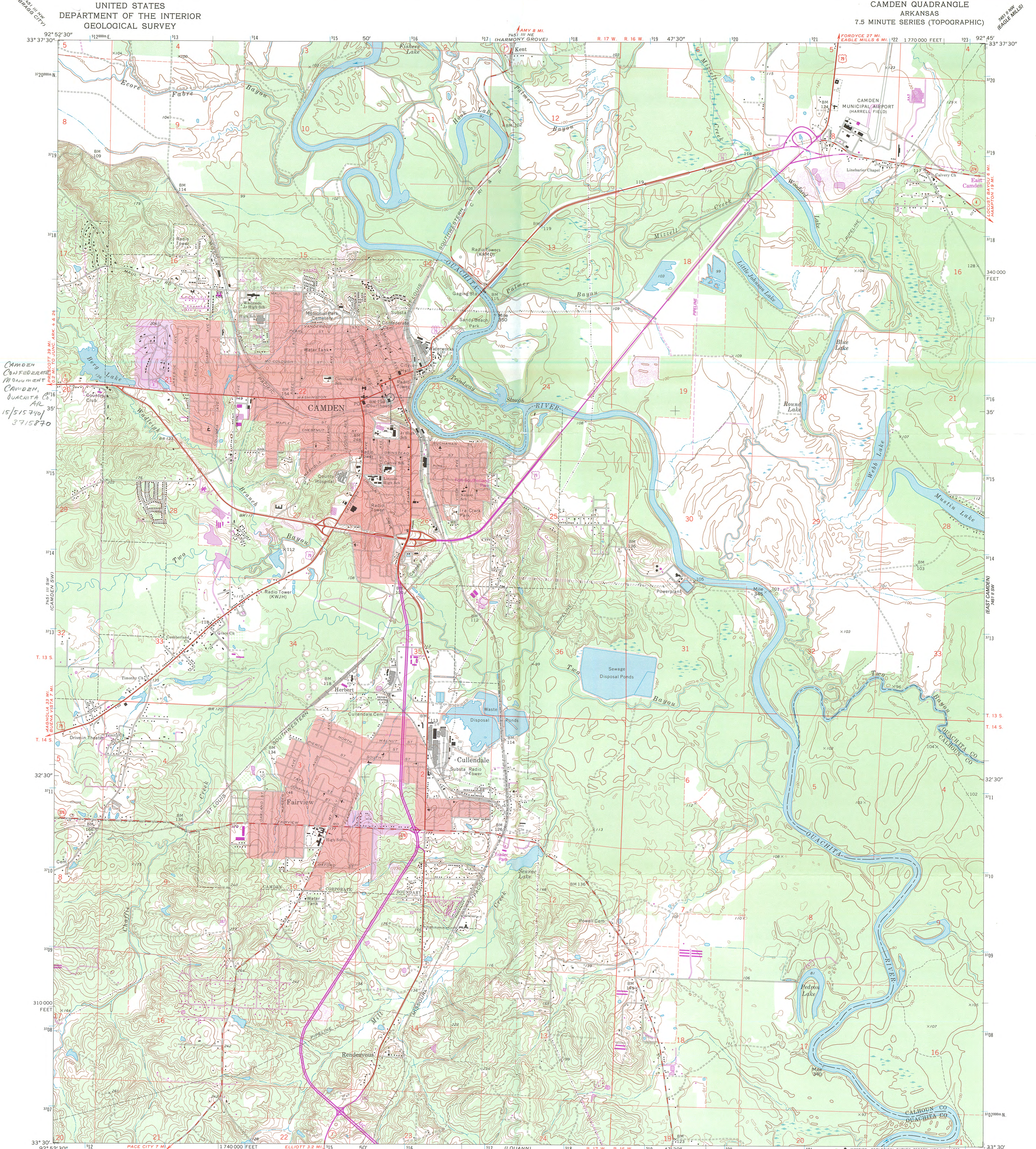
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view from North - detail



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Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown  
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SCALE 1:24 000  
CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Primary highway, hard surface  
Secondary highway, hard surface  
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface  
Unimproved road  
Interstate Route  
U. S. Route  
State Route

CAMDEN, ARK.  
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