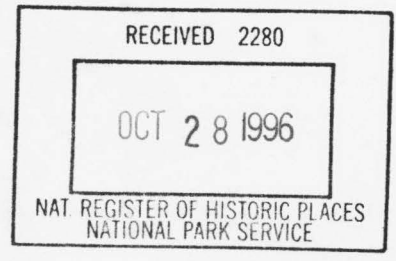


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service



**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Confederate Section, Oakland Cemetery

other name/site number: OU0029

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2. Location

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street & number: North of Pearl St., between Adams and Young Streets

not for publication: N/A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: Site

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	buildings
<u> 1 </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> 1 </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u>232</u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>234</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.

Cathy Slaton _____ 10-11-94
Signature of certifying official 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.

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:

X entered in the National Register Paul R. Jones 12/12/96

Confederate Section, Oakland Cemetery
Name of Property

Ouachita County, AR
County and State

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 Keeper Date
of Action

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6. Function or Use

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Historic: RECREATION AND CULTURE Sub: Monument/marker
FUNERARY Cemetery

Current: RECREATION AND CULTURE Sub: Monument/marker
FUNERARY Cemetery

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Neoclassical

Other Description: N/A

Materials: foundation Fieldstone roof N/A
walls Granite/Marble other N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance. See continuation sheet.

Summary

The Confederate Section, Oakland Cemetery, is an area of less than one acre within Camden's Oakland Cemetery at Pearl Street and Adams in Camden. It contains some 231 marked burials of Confederate dead, both known and unknown, within an iron chain fence. A tall stone monument stands in the western part of the section.

Elaboration

The Confederate Section, Oakland Cemetery, is an area of less than one acre within Camden's Oakland Cemetery at Pearl Street and Adams in Camden. It contains some 231 marked burials of Confederate dead, both known and unknown, within an iron chain fence. A tall stone monument stands in the southwestern part of the section.

The white marble gravestones are arranged in 33 rows that are seven deep, except where blocked by the monument. The burial area is surrounded by an iron-chain fence.

The centerpiece of the Confederate Section is a granite monument, approximately 18' tall and 4' 3" wide and deep. The monument consists of several two broad blocks topped by an inscribed section beneath an obelisk with a cannon ball on top. This in turn sits atop a rough fieldstone base roughly 3' high and 5' wide and deep.

The monument is inscribed as follows:

The east face says: WE CARE NOT WHENCE THEY CAME,/DEAR IS THEIR LIFELESS CLAY/WHETHER UNKNOWN OR KNOWN/TO FAME,/THEIR CAUSE AND COUNTRY STILL/THE SAME/THEY DIED - AND WORE THE GRAY./ERECTED/MAY 29. 1886.

The west face says: "IN MEMORIAM"/1861.-1865./OUR/CONFEDERATE/DEAD.

Both the sculpture and base show missing caulk or mortar and the sculpture is spattered with bird guano, exhibiting black crusts and organic growth, and showing evidence of sugaring. The monument would benefit from treatment, but the overall cemetery is well maintained.

Sculpture in Arkansas, 1886-1934 as a commemorative cemetery financed and erected through the efforts of a local memorial organization and a monument association in Arkansas. As such, it is eligible under Criterion A with statewide significance for its associations with the efforts of the people of Camden and reflect members' perception of the noble character and valor of their veterans and their cause. Thus, it also meets the eligibility requirements of Criteria Consideration D: Cemeteries, and Criteria Consideration F: Commemorative Properties.

Elaboration

By mid-June 1865, organized Confederate resistance in Arkansas had ended and all major military commands had surrendered to victorious Union troops. Shortly thereafter, a Memorial Association was formed in Camden, a town briefly occupied by Federal troops during the 1864 Red River campaign, to honor the Rebel dead buried in the city cemetery.

The group worked immediately after the war to mark the some 250 Confederate graves, which even then were becoming hard to identify. An obelisk was erected in the largest group of graves and inscribed "Unknown Dead."

The memorial association held its first public decoration day on November 9, 1866. Following a speech by Methodist preacher Rev. Horace Jewell, a large group of citizens, including 75 women clad in white and bearing wreaths of flowers, proceeded to the cemetery where the Hon. E.A. Warren spoke and a Rev. Wheat conducted devotional exercises. The plot was then bedecked with flowers.

The Memorial Association protected the Confederate plot until 1886, when a Confederate Monument Association was formed. This group erected a larger, more substantial granite monument, which was dedicated on May 29, 1886. Dr. J. W. Meek, chairman of the Confederate Monument Association, made the presentation speech. Mayor C. K. Sithen also spoke and Gov. S. P. Hughes made an oration.

Though Camden's Hugh McCollum United Confederate Veterans Camp and Grinstead Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy erected a more elaborate monument on the Ouachita County Courthouse lawn in 1915 (Camden Confederate Monument, NR 5/7/96), the Confederate Section, Oakland Cemetery is the historic resource most closely associated with the activities of the early

Camden memorial association and the later Confederate Monument Association and is thus deserving of recognition on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Confederate Section, Oakland Cemetery at Camden is associated with the historic context "Something So Dim It Must Be Holy": Civil War Commemorative Sculpture in Arkansas, 1886-1934 as a commemorative cemetery financed and erected through the efforts of a local memorial organization and a monument association in Arkansas. As such, it is eligible under Criterion A with statewide significance for its associations with the efforts of the people of Camden and reflect members' perception of the noble character and valor of their veterans and their cause. Thus, it also meets the eligibility requirements of Criteria Consideration D: Cemeteries, and Criteria Consideration F: Commemorative Properties.

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9. Major Bibliographical References
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"Camden," by Mrs. J.W. Meek, "Confederate Cemeteries of Arkansas," Publications of the Arkansas Historical Association, Vol. 2, pp. 303-305, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 1908.

___ 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

Confederate Section, Oakland Cemetery
Name of Property

Ouachita County, AR
County and State

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>515600</u>	<u>3716900</u>	B	<u>15</u>	_____
C	<u>15</u>	_____	_____	D	<u>15</u>	_____

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

An area around the site defined by a line running around the exterior of the associated chain fence that encloses this rectangular plot.

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: Mark Christ, Communications/Development Director

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 10/07/96

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

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

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**

Section number _____ Page _____

SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 96001408

Date Listed: 12/12/96

Oakland Cemetery, Confederate Section

Ouachita

AR

Property Name

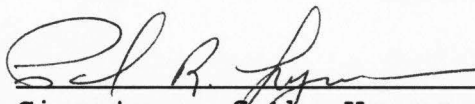
County

State

Civil War Commemorative Sculpture MPS

Multiple Name

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.


Signature of the Keeper

12/17/96
Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Verbal Boundary Description:

The VBD is amended to add the following: The nominated area encloses a rectangle defined by the iron chain fence (contributing feature) that surrounds the cemetery plot, creating a boundary line that extends out approximately six (6) feet beyond the outermost gravemarkers located within the Confederate cemetery grounds.

The information was confirmed with P. Zollner 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 NAME: Oakland Cemetery, Confederate Section

MULTIPLE NAME: Civil War Commemorative Sculpture MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Ouachita

DATE RECEIVED: 10/28/96 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 11/14/96
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 11/30/96 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 12/12/96
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 96001408

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

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

COMMENT WAIVER: N

___ACCEPT ___RETURN ___REJECT _____DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Oakland Confederate Cemetery 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 monument and the associated graveyard meet the registration requirements set forth in the MPS cover document.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A

REVIEWER Paul R. Lusignan

DISCIPLINE HISTORIAN

TELEPHONE _____

DATE 12/12/96

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

Data Collector Recommendation: SLR Clarification/Return

Lower Action: SLR Final Return
 None

DOCUMENTATION ISSUES--DISCUSSION SHEET

State Name AR County Name Orachita Resource Name Hollywood Cemetery
Confederate Section, Oakland Cemetery
Reference No. 96-1408/96-1409 Multiple Name _____
Listed Date _____

Section of Nomination:

<input type="checkbox"/> Classification	<input type="checkbox"/> Description	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geographical Data
<input type="checkbox"/> State/Agency Certification	<input type="checkbox"/> Significance	<input type="checkbox"/> Accompanying Documentation
<input type="checkbox"/> Function	<input type="checkbox"/> Bibliographical References	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

See Page _____ Paragraph _____

Solution:

See SLR : ^{According to SHPO;} Without going back to site to get measurements there is no way to provide any better information than SLR/nomin. Since the iron fence is ~~an~~ an essential feature of the site, I have less of a concern about it disappearing than a modern chain-link fence that could disappear tomorrow.

NR Staff:

P. Lusoman

Date:

12/12/96

Data Collector's Explanation of Problem:

Sec. 10-

Verbal Boundary Description - they need to give us a more accurate description. What if the fence was torn down or moved?
need parcel, lot # etc.

Data Collector:

Sarah Dillard

Date:

11/18/96

Resolution in Data Base:

D.B. Corrected:

Date:



FOR
UNDEVELOPED HEAD

Confederate Section, Oakland Cemetery

Camden, Ouachita Co., AR

Photo by A. Witsell

June 1996

Negative on file at AHPP

View from Southwest



Confederate Section, Oakland Cemetery

Camden, Ouachita Co., AR

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View from East

ERECTED
MAY 29. 1886.



Confederate Section, Oakland Cemetery

Camden, Ouachita Co., AR

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East Monument detail

IN MEMORIAM

1861. — 1865.

OUR
CONFEDERATE DEAD



Confederate Section, Oakland Cemetery
Camden, Ouachita Co., AR

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West monument detail



UNKNOWN
CONFEDERATE
SOLDIER

Confederate Section, Oakland Cemetery

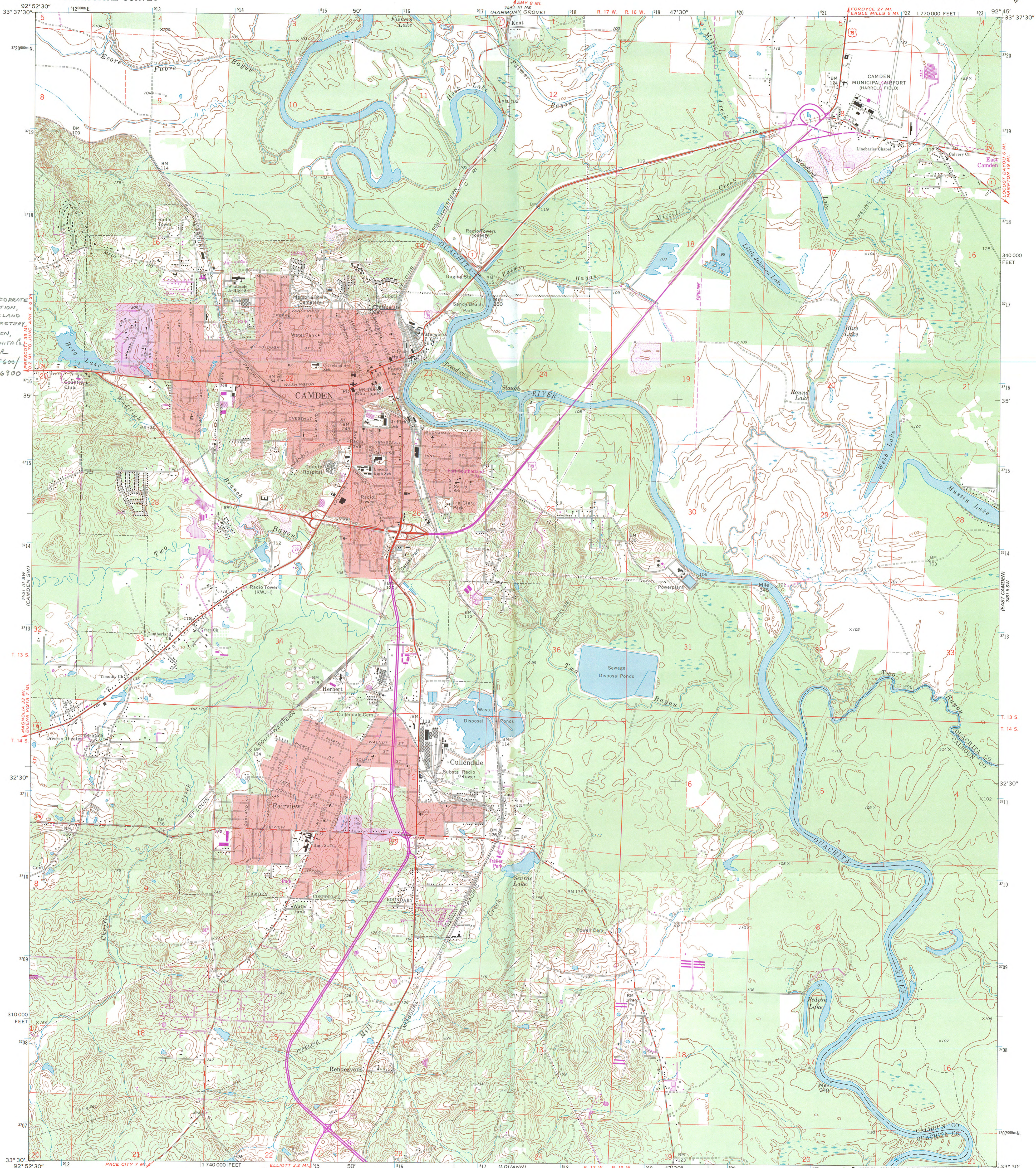
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Detail from South



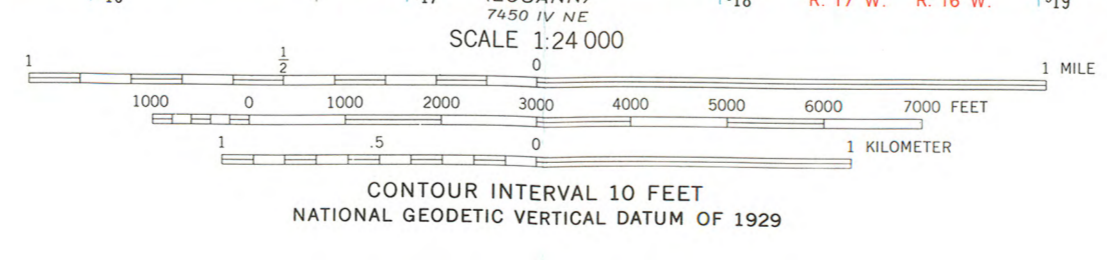
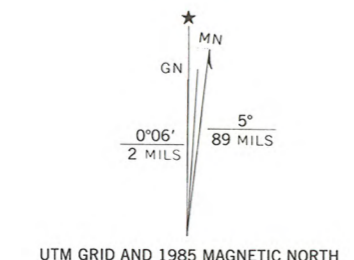
CONFEDERATE SECTION, OAKLAND CEMETERY, CAMDEN, OUACHITA CO., AR. 15/515600 3716900

(BUENA VISTA) 7400 IV NW

7401 NW (EAGLE MILLS)

(SNOW HILL) 7400 IV NW

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Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983, move the projection lines 10 meters south and 15 meters east as shown by dashed corner ticks
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	Light duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road

○ Interstate Route □ U. S. Route ○ State Route

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROPERTY REPORT

REFERENCE No.: 96001408

Control No.: 961118/sbd

PROPERTY NAME: Oakland Cemetery, Confederate Section

OTHER NAME/ 0U0029

SITE No. :

MULTIPLE NAME: Civil War Commemorative Sculpture MPS

ADDRESS/ N of Pearl St., between Adams and Young Sts.

BOUNDARY :

CITY: Camden

COUNTY: Ouachita

STATE: ARKANSAS

Restricted Location Information: Owner: LOCAL Resource Type: SITE

Contributing Noncontributing

Buildings	0	0
Sites	1	0
Structures	1	0
Objects	232	0

Nomination/Determination Type: MULTIPLE RESOURCE

Nominator: STATE GOVERNMENT

Nominator Name:
NOT APPLICABLE

Federal Agency: NOT APPLICABLE

NPS Park Name: NOT APPLICABLE

Certification: DATE RECEIVED/PENDING NOMINATION

Date: 10/28/96

Other Certification: NOT APPLICABLE

Historic Functions: RECREATION AND CULTURE

Historic Subfunctions: MONUMENT/MARKER

Current Functions: FUNERARY

Current Subfunctions: CEMETERY

Level of Significance: STATE Applicable Criteria: EVENT

Significant Person's Name: NOT APPLICABLE

Criteria Considerations: CEMETERY
COMMEMORATIVE PROPERTY

Area of Significance: SOCIAL HISTORY

Periods of Significance: 1850-1874 1875-1899 Circa: Specific Sig. Years:

1866

1886

Architect/Builder/Engineer/
Designer:

Cultural Affiliation:

unknown

NOT APPLICABLE

Other Documentation:

NOT APPLICABLE

HABS No. N/A

HAER No. N/A

Architectural Styles: CLASSICAL REVIVAL

Describe Other Style: NOT APPLICABLE

Foundation Materials: STONE
Wall Materials: GRANITE MARBLE
Roof Materials: INAPPLICABLE
Other Materials: NONE LISTED

Acreage: 0.9

UTM	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
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