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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: Washington Confederate Monument

other name/site number: HE0719

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2. Location

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street & number: State Highway 4

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Washington vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Hempstead code: AR 057 zip code: 71862

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Object

Number of Resources within Property:

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

Washington Confederate Monument

Name of Property

Hempstead County, AR

County and State

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. Statu

Signature of certifying official

10-11-96

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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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

Edson R. Beall 12-6-96  
Entered in the  
National Register

Washington Confederate Monument

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\_\_\_ 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

Current: RECREATION AND CULTURE

Sub: Monument/marker

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification:

Neoclassical

Other Description: N/A

Materials: foundation Brick  
walls Marble

roof N/A  
other N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance.  
sheet.

\_\_\_ See continuation

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### Summary

The Washington Confederate Monument is a tall marble obelisk atop a three-tiered brick base located at the west end of Washington Presbyterian Cemetery located west off Highway 4 at Washington in Hempstead County.

### Elaboration

The Washington Confederate Monument is a tall marble obelisk atop a three-tiered brick base located at the west end of Washington Presbyterian Cemetery located west off Highway 4 at Washington in Hempstead County.

The obelisk is 7'8" tall, 1'7" wide and 1'7" deep. The base is 4'10" tall and 5'2" wide and deep at its widest point. It was fabricated by the Rosebrough Sons stoneworks in St. Louis. The base consists of three sections of mortar-laid brick in gradually descending sizes. These are topped by a concrete pad on which the obelisk sits.

The east face of the obelisk reads: CONFEDERATE DEAD/1861-65.

The north face reads: ERECTED BY OUR CITIZENS/TO THE MEMORY OF THE/CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS/WHO DIED AT THIS POST/DURING/OUR LATE CIVIL WAR; FAR/FROM HOME AND KINDRED/ROSEBROUGH SONS/ST. LOUIS

The south face reads: THEY GAVE THEIR LIVES/TO A CAUSE THAT WAS LOST/THEIR SURVIVORS/WILL NEVER SUFFER/THEIR MEMORY TO PERISH.

The obelisk and base both have some organic growth and there is some sugaring on the obelisk.

The monument, which was refurbished in 1994, is in good condition.

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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



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Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): F

Areas of Significance: SOCIAL HISTORY  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period(s) of Significance: 1888-1911 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates: 1888 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Architect/Builder: Rosebrough Sons Stoneworks  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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  
Criteria Consideration F

The Washington Confederate Memorial 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 small community in Arkansas. As such, it is eligible under Criterion A with statewide significance for its associations with the efforts of the people of Washington, Arkansas, to reflect their perception of the noble character and valor of their veterans and their cause. Thus, it also meets the eligibility requirements of Criteria Consideration F: Commemorative Properties.

## Elaboration

Washington, Arkansas, strategically placed on the Southwest Trail, lay in the path of troop movements to and from Texas and, following the fall of Little Rock to Union troops in September 1863, was the seat of Confederate government in the state as well. Some 74 Rebel soldiers, including Texans heading north in 1862, casualties of the Battle of Prairie DeAnn, and Missourians from the town's 1864-65 garrisons, were buried in Washington's Presbyterian Cemetery.

The people of Washington, apparently through public subscription, raised money for a marble obelisk to be placed near the unmarked graves of the dead Confederate soldiers. The monument was erected in early August of 1888.

In March 1911 the Presbyterian Cemetery Association plastered over the original brick base; this was removed and a cream-colored brick base installed in the 1960s.

In the summer of 1994, a local youth, Joshua Williams, led the restoration of the monument's base as an Eagle Scout project. Brick similar to that of the original base was used in rebuilding the base and new plants and a concrete walkway were installed during the project. The monument was rededicated on October 16, 1994, some 108 years after its initial installation.

The Washington Confederate Memorial 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 small community in Arkansas. As such, it is eligible under Criterion A with statewide significance for its associations with the efforts of the people of Washington, Arkansas, to reflect their perception of the noble character and valor of their veterans and their cause. Thus, it also meets the eligibility requirements of Criteria Consideration F: Commemorative Properties.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Brochure: "The Old Confederate Monument."

Information submitted by Keenan Williams, Hope, AR.

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\_\_\_ 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>436000</u>	<u>3737240</u>	B	<u>15</u>	_____
C	<u>15</u>	_____	_____	D	<u>15</u>	_____

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

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

An area areound 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

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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: 10/02/96

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  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Washington Confederate Monument  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Civil War Commemorative Sculpture MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Hempstead

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: 96001410

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: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

✓ ACCEPT      RETURN      REJECT 12-6-96 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the  
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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





Washington Confederate Monument  
Washington, Hempstead Co, AR  
Photo by C. R. Logan

May 1996

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View from NE







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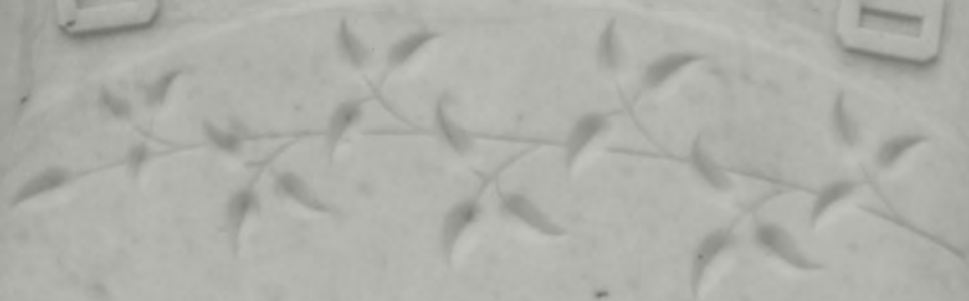


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Detail from South



CONFEDERATE  
1861-1865  
DEAD



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Detail from East



*Roschrough Sons*  
*St. Louis*

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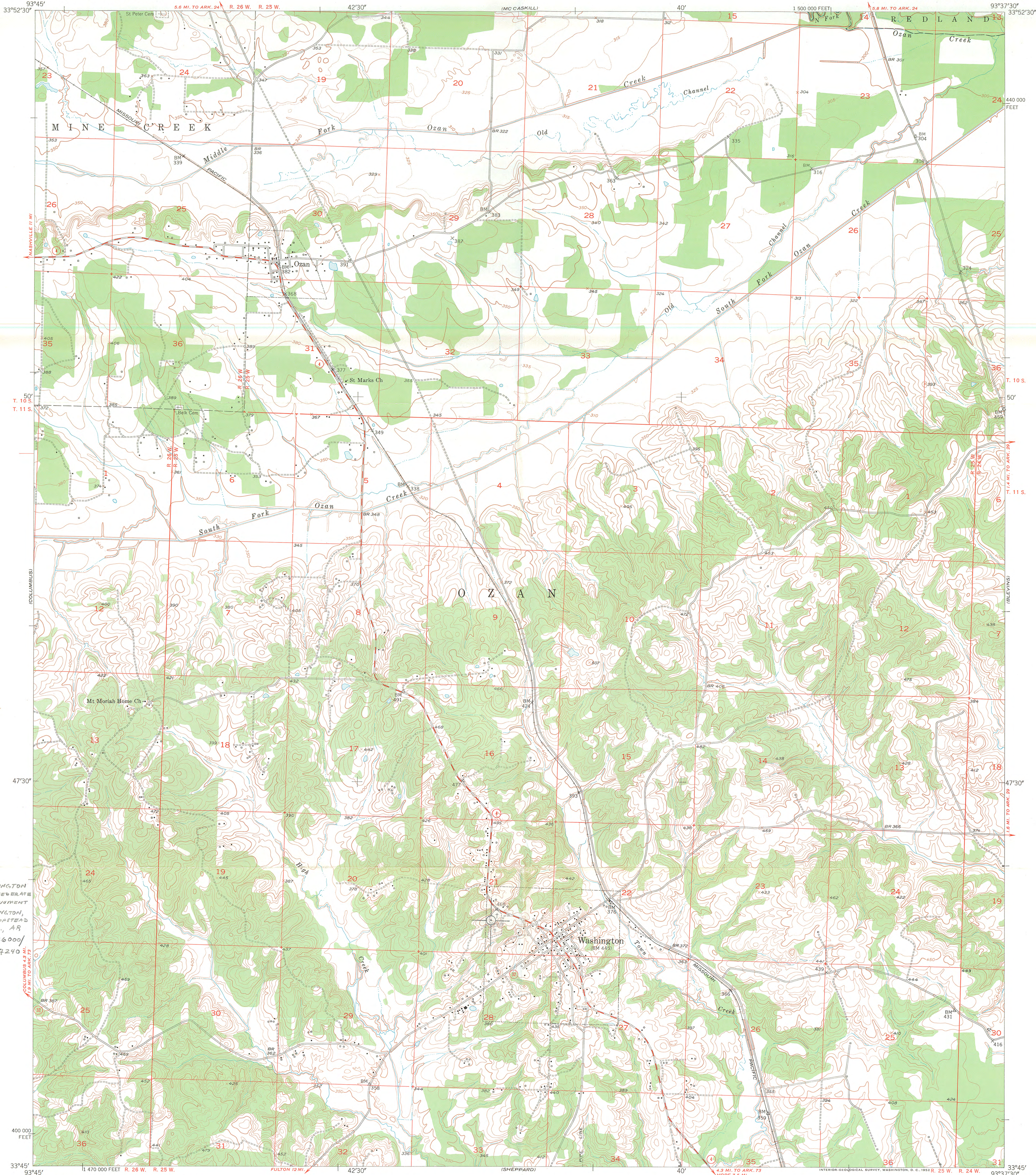
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Detail from East





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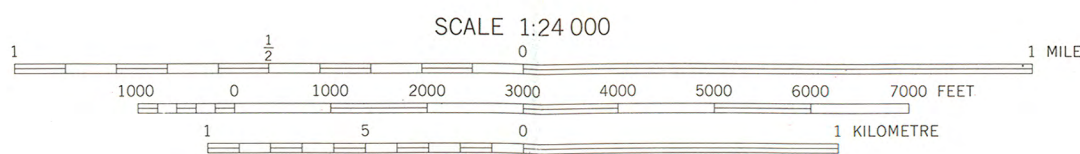
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10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system,  
south zone

TRUE NORTH  
MAGNETIC NORTH  
APPROXIMATE MEAN  
DECLINATION, 1951



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DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

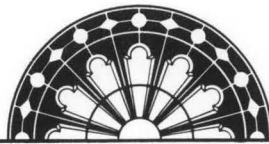
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Heavy-duty ——— 4 LANE 16 LANE Light-duty ———  
Medium-duty ——— 4 LANE 16 LANE Unimproved dirt ———  
U. S. Route ——— State Route ———

WASHINGTON, ARK.  
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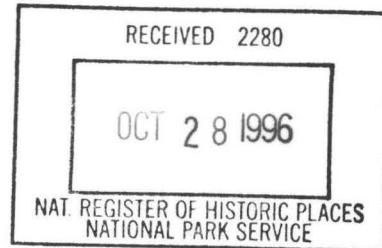




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October 11, 1996

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National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
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Washington, D.C. 20002



RE: Washington Confederate Monument, Hempstead County  
Confederate Section, Hollywood Cemetery, Garland County  
Confederate Section, Oakland Cemetery, Ouachita County  
Confederate Section, Fairview Cemetery, Crawford County

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review the nomination of the above referenced property. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathy Buford Slater  
State Historic Preservation Officer

CBS:rm

Enclosures

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