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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: Lake Village Confederate Monument

other name/site number: CH0162S

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2. Location

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street & number: Lakeshore Drive median, between Main and Jackson Streets

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Lake Village

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Chicot code: AR 017 zip code: 71653

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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. Slatu  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official

3-19-96  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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  
\_\_\_\_ 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

\_\_\_\_\_

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Other Description: N/A

Materials:	foundation	<u>STONE/Marble</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 Lake Village Confederate Monument is located east of the Chicot County Courthouse, facing east on the lake shore between Main and Jackson streets. The sculpture is of a Confederate soldier standing in mid-stride with his proper left leg forward. His proper right hand holds the rifle by the barrel with the butt to the ground. The figure is hatted with a bed roll draped over the proper left shoulder and tied at the hip. There appears to be a missing cannon barrel on the proper left base which seems to have once served as a fountain. Both the base and the sculpture are made of white marble. The base is 20'x12'x8'; the sculpture is 6'x2'x2'.

### Elaboration

The Lake Village Confederate Monument is located east of the Chicot County Courthouse, facing east on the lake shore between Main and Jackson streets. The sculpture is of a Confederate soldier standing in mid-stride with his proper left leg forward. His proper right hand holds the rifle by the barrel with the butt to the ground. The figure is hatted with a bed roll draped over the proper left shoulder and tied at the hip. There appears to be a missing cannon barrel on the proper left base which seems to have once served as a fountain. Both the base and the sculpture are made of white marble. The base is 20'x12'x8'; the sculpture is 6'x2'x2'.

The front, or west, side of the base has two crossed Confederate flags under the inscription: "1861-1865 CSA / TO THE CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS OF CHICOT / COUNTY, THE RECORD OF WHOSE SUBLIME / SELF SACRIFICE AND UNDYING DEVOTION / IS THE PROUD HERITAGE / OF A LOYAL POSTERITY."

The east side of the base has the inscription "ERECTED BY THE / CAPTAIN McCONNELL / AND / GEORGE K. CRACRAFT / CHAPTERS, U.D.C. / A.D. 1910 / AND CHICOT COUNTY" followed by "WE CARE NOT WHENCE / THEY CAME, / DEAR, IN LIFELESS CLAY / WHETHER UNKNOWN OR KNOWN TO FAME / THEIR CAUSE AND COUNTRY STILL THE SAME / THEY DIED AND WORE THE GRAY./ FATHER RYAN."

Since it is currently located in the center of a very narrow street, some chips of 1" to 3" are missing from the corners of the base due to traffic. There is no graffiti on the monument but it is experiencing some sugaring on both the base and the sculpture. The south side marble cannon is missing,

exposing a 3/4" copper pipe that was probably part of the fountain.

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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  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance: 1910 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates: 1910 \_\_\_\_\_

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 Lake Village 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 an ancestral' organization in Arkansas. As such, it is eligible under Criterion A with statewide significance for its associations with the efforts of the Capt. McConnell and George K. Cracraft Chapters of the United Daughters of the Confederacy to 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 F: Commemorative Properties.

**Elaboration**

Unveiled on October 26, 1910, the Lake Village Confederate Monument was sponsored by the Capt. McConnell and the George K. Cracraft Chapters of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, both based in Chicot County. According to Leona Sumner Brasher's 1915 history of Chicot County, they raised \$3,000

for the memorial. Capt. Jacob McConnell was a member of the Chicot Rangers rifle company who died on September 20, 1863, probably from battle wounds. Capt. George K. Cracraft was part of the "Immortal Six Hundred," a group of captured Confederate officers who, in retaliation for a similar Southern treatment of Union soldiers, were subjected to the fire of their own guns in Charleston, South Carolina. This punishment, which lasted for about 40 days, took place in the winter of 1864. Capt. Cracraft survived the experience and went on to become a successful cotton planter in Lake Village.

The monument was originally located closer to the Chicot County Courthouse, but when the courthouse burned it was not rebuilt next to the monument. Eventually a street was built around the memorial, which remained in its original position. Since it is currently located in the center of a very narrow street, some chips of 1" to 3" are missing from the corners of the base due to traffic.

The Lake Village 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 an ancestral organization in Arkansas. As such, it is eligible under Criterion A with statewide significance for its associations with the efforts of the Capt. McConnell and George K. Cracraft Chapters of the United Daughters of the Confederacy to 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 F: Commemorative Properties.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Widener, Ralph W., Jr., "Confederate Monuments: Enduring Symbols of the South and the War Between the States," Washington, D.C.: The Andromeda Association, 1982, p. 26.

Information supplied by Don R. Simons, Lake Chicot State Park.

Confederate Veteran, Vol. XVII, March 1909.

Information supplied by Jeffery W. Massey, General Counsel, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

\_\_\_ 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>659950</u>	<u>3689100</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.

A circular area around the monument defined by a 15 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: 03/18/96

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

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

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National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

Section number \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 96000509

Date Listed: 5/3/96

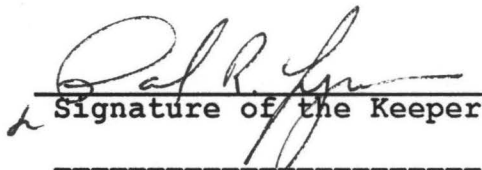
Lake Village Confederate Monument  
Property Name

Pope  
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.

  
Signature of the Keeper

5/3/96  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Verbal Boundary Description:

The boundary description is revised to read: "The boundary includes the extent of the elevated roadway median on which the sculpture now stands."

This was confrimed with Ken Story of the Arkansas 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 Lake Village Confederate Monument  
NAME:

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Pope

DATE RECEIVED: 4/01/96 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 4/16/96  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 5/02/96 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 5/16/96  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 96000509

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: Y 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 Lake Village 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 statues and graveyard meet the registration requirements set forth in the MPS cover document.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A

REVIEWER Paul R. Lusignan DISCIPLINE HISTORIAN

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 5/3/96

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



Lake Village Confederate Monument  
Lake Village, Chicot Co., Arkansas  
Photo by Rusty Logan  
November 1995  
negative on file @ AHP  
view from Northwest



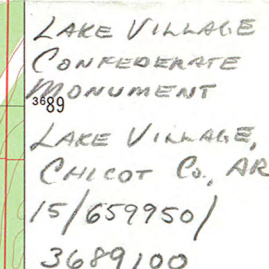
Lake Village Confederate Monument  
Lake Village, Chicot County, ARKANSAS  
Photo by Don Baker  
November 1995  
Negative on file @ AHPP  
View from East

ERECTED BY THE  
CAPTAIN McCONNELL  
AND  
GEORGE K. GRACRAFT  
CHAPTERS, U.O.G.  
A. D., 1910.  
AND CHICOT COUNTY

Lake Village Confederate Monument  
Lake Village, Chicot Co., Arkansas  
Photo By Rusty Logan  
November 1995  
Negative on file @ AHPP  
monument detail

7750 IV NW  
(JEROME)

7750 I NW  
(LUNA)



Control by USGS and NOS/NOAA

Projection and 10,000-foot grid ticks: Arkansas coordinate system, south zone (Lambert conformal conic)

1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid, zone 15  
1927 North American Datum

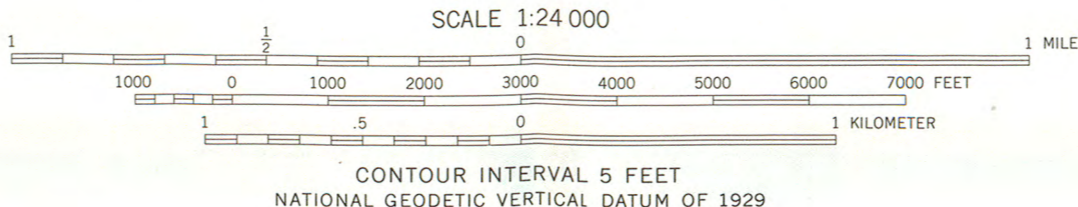
To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983  
move the projection lines 11 meters south and

11 meters east as shown by dashed corner ticks

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

UTM GRID AND 1981 MAGNETIC NORTH






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AND ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL COMMISSION, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72204  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ARKANSAS

QUADRANGLE LOCATION

**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

LAKE VILLAGE, ARK  
SE/4 LAKE VILLAGE 15' QUADRANGLE  
N3315-W9115/7.5

DMA 7750 IV SE-SERIES V884



ARKANSAS  
HISTORIC  
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PROGRAM

March 18, 1996

Carol D. Shull  
Chief of Registration  
United State Department of the Interior  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
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Washington, D.C. 20002



RE: Lake Village Confederate Monument  
Lake Village, Chicot County

"Something So Dim It Must Be Holy:" Civil War Commemorative Sculpture  
in Arkansas, 1886 -1934

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review the nominations of the above referenced properties. 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

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Enclosures

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