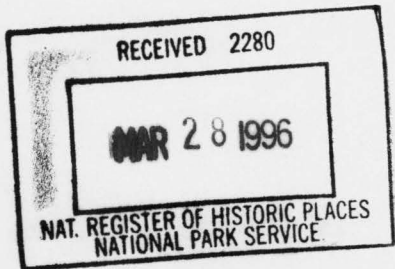


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Searcy Confederate Monument

other name/site number: WH2320S

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2. Location

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street & number: Courthouse Lawn (at the courthouse's southeast corner;
near intersection of West Arch Avenue and Spring Street)

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Searcy vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: White code: AR 145 zip code: 72143

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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	
<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.

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): _____

Edson F. Beall 4-26-96

Entered in the
National Register

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

Describe present and historic physical appearance. _____ See continuation sheet.

Summary

The Searcy Confederate Memorial is located at the southeast corner of the lawn of the White County Courthouse at West Arch Ave. and Spring St. The sculpture, made of marble, has dimensions of 72"x24"x24" and depicts a standing Confederate soldier holding his rifle at the rest position. He is hatted and has a field roll draped from his proper left shoulder to his proper right waist. His proper left hand is over his proper right hand on the gun's barrel, while his proper left foot is forward and the rifle butt is placed on ground in front of proper right foot. A typical log element is placed to the rear of his proper right leg for strength. The base, which stands 16'x72"x72", is made of granite.

Elaboration

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The southeast capital is marked with the inscription "C S A," while the southeast base is inscribed "ERECTED TO / THE MEMORY OF / THE / CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS / OF WHITE COUNTY / BY PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION 1917. / 1861-1865." A Confederate flag is carved on the capital below "C S A."

The monument is located near a road in a town setting. The base is in good condition, but the statue itself has considerable sugaring and a large amount of lichen deposits on the northern surfaces.

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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: 1917 _____

Significant Dates: 1917 _____

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.

Summary

Criterion A, statewide significance
Criterion Consideration F

The Searcy 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 local community in Arkansas. As such, it is eligible under Criterion A with statewide significance for its associations with the efforts of the people of Searcy and White County 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

The monument, which was sponsored by public subscription, was erected as part of the 1917 Confederate Veterans Reunion in Searcy's Spring Park. A local marching band and the Searcy Sweet Singers accompanied 61 surviving veterans as they proceeded from the park to the courthouse lawn on August 16, 1917. The main speaker of the unveiling ceremony, the Honorable Stephen Brundidge, moved audience members to tears as he vividly described the Civil War and the damage that was inflicted on the South. He stated his belief that the war had been fought over conflicting interpretations of the Constitution and praised the veterans for their success in rebuilding the South. He also praised Gen. Robert E. Lee and the Confederate soldiers. Following the

unveiling, the crowd gathered back at Spring Park for a huge barbecue dinner.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Searcy Daily Citizen, August 16, 1917, unpaginated clipping.

Muncy, Raymond, Searcy, Arkansas: A Small Frontier Town Grows Up With America, self-published, 1976, pp. 184-5.

___ 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>614790</u>	<u>3901380</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 monument defined by a 25 foot radius centered on the monument itself.

___ See continuation sheet.

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

11. Form Prepared By

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Searcy Confederate Monument
NAME:

MULTIPLE Civil War Commemorative Sculpture MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, White

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: 96000458

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 4.26.96 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



Searcy Confederate Monument

Searcy, White County, Arkansas

Photo by Rusty Logan

July 1995

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view from north



Semey Confederate Monument

Semey, White Co., Arkansas

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July 1995

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View from West

ERECTED TO
THE MEMORY OF
THE
CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS
OF WHITE COUNTY
BY PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION 1865

1861-1865



Secony Confederate Monument

Secony, White Co., Arkansas

Photo by Rusty Lofan

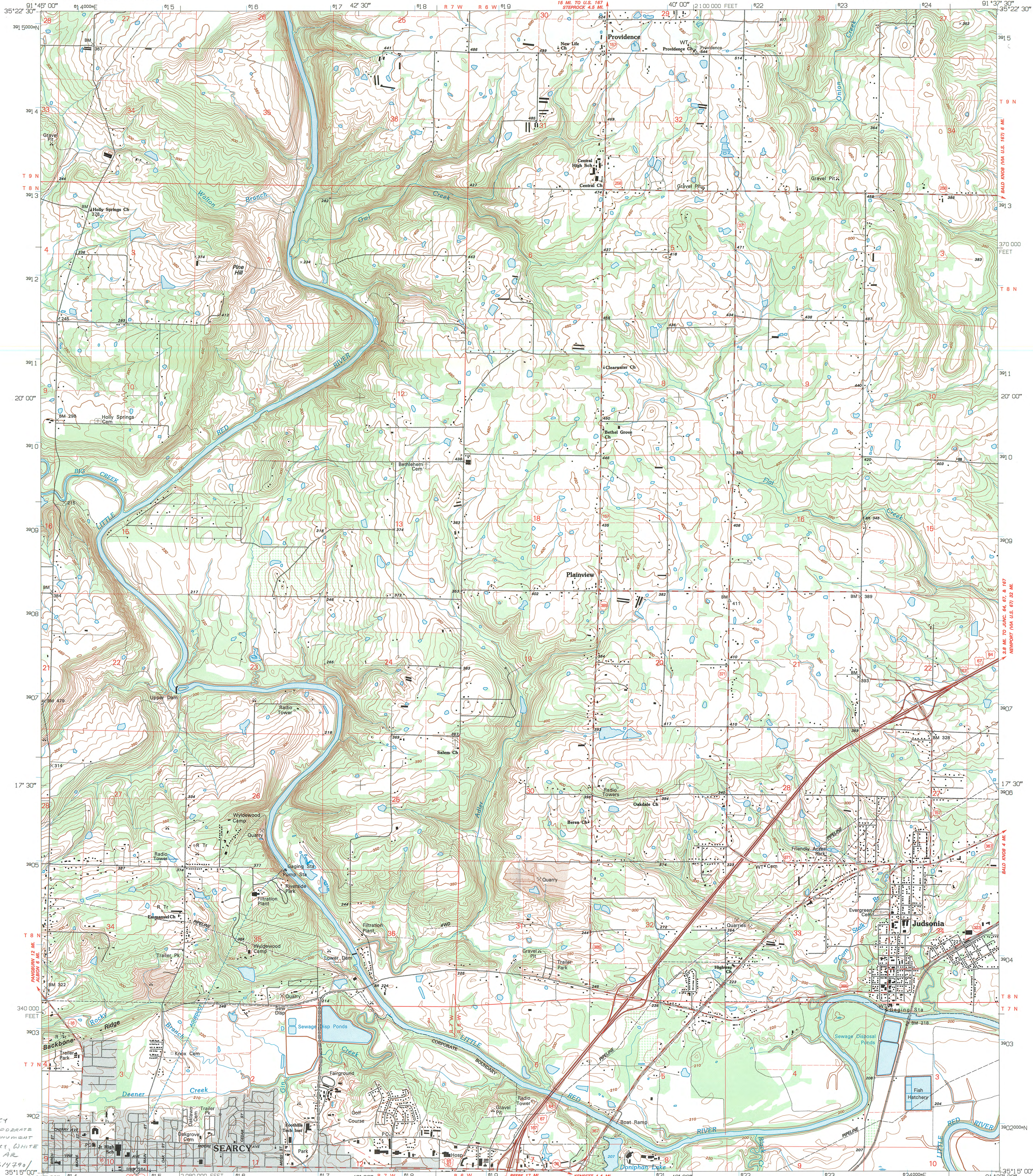
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View of monument Detail

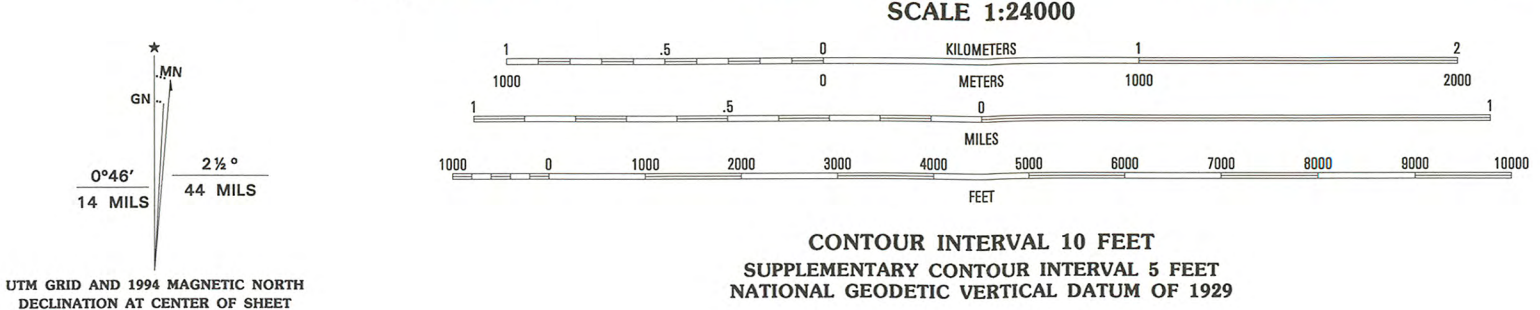
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ARKANSAS-WHITE CO.
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION		
Primary highway	hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway	hard surface	Unimproved road
Interstate Route		U.S. Route
		State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

QUADRANGLE LOCATION		
1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9

JUDSONIA, ARK.		
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