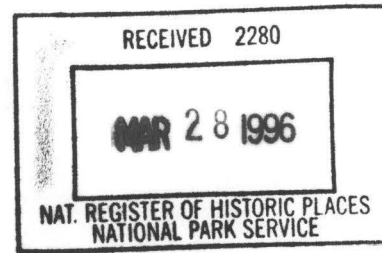


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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Van Buren Confederate Monument

other name/site number: CW0165S

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2. Location

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street & number: Courthouse Lawn (at the courthouse's northern side,
facing Main Street)

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Van Buren

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Crawford code: AR 033 zip code: 72956

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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 H. 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>CONCRETE/STONE/Marble</u>	roof	<u>N/A</u>
	walls	<u>STONE/Marble</u>	other	_____

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

Summary

The Van Buren Confederate Monument is located on the northwest side of the Crawford County Courthouse at 3rd and Main Sts. The sculpture, made of Italian marble, depicts a bearded and caped uniformed Confederate soldier shielding his eyes with his proper left hand, while his proper right arm points downward parallel to his body and holds a rifle to the ground. His proper right leg is placed before his proper left as if walking. The base consists of a concrete slab supporting a marble nonfluted shaft and an ornate capital with volutes supports the figure of the soldier. The northwest face of the column features an inscription of a classical female figure flanked by the Confederate national and battle flags, while the United Daughters of the Confederacy seal is inscribed on the southeast face of the column. The dimensions of the sculpture are 6'x1'6"x1'6"; the base is 15'x6'6"x6'6".

Elaboration

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The northwest face of the base has two crossed Confederate flags with the inscription "1899 / FURLED BUT NOT FORGOTTEN / 1861 C.S.A. 1865. / ERECTED BY THE / MARY LEE CHAPTER / UNITED DAUGHTERS / OF THE / CONFEDERACY"

Inscribed on the southwest face was "BATTLES / OAK HILL / AUG. 10, 1861. / ELK HORN / MARCH 6 TO 8, 1862. / PRAIRIE GROVE / DEC. 7, 1862. / CAPT. S. CHURCHILL CLARKE / MISSOURI BATTERY NO. 2 / KILLED AT ELK HORN. / MARCH 6, 1892, / AGED 20 YEARS."

On the southeast face of the base was "THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA: 22 FEBRUARY 1862 / DEO VINDICE / HE WINS THE MOST WHO HONOUR SAVES / SUCCESS IS NOT THE TEST. RYAN. / FATE DENIED THEM VICTORY, BUT / CROWNED THEM WITH GLORIOUS IMMORTALITY."

The northeast face reads "TO OUR / BELOVED / CONFEDERATE / DEAD. / ARKANSAS / TEXAS / LOUISIANA / MISSOURI / INDIAN TERRITORY."

The monument is positioned close to a road in an urban setting. In addition to extensive black crusting, it suffers from spalling and sugaring and there is evidence of structural instability. Also, the tip of the soldier's rifle has been broken off.

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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): B,F

Areas of Significance: SOCIAL HISTORY

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.

Summary Criterion A, statewide significance
 Criterion Consideration B and F

The Van Buren 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 Mary Lee Chapter 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

The Van Buren Confederate Monument was sponsored by the Mary Lee Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. It was erected at Fairview Cemetery in honor of the Confederate soldiers who were buried there and those who had died at the battles of Elk Horn (Pea Ridge), Prairie Grove, and Oak Hill. The monument was placed over the grave of Capt. S. Churchill Clarke, an Arkansas soldier who had died at Elk Horn at age 20, at the request of his brother, one of the project's biggest donors. Sen. James H. Berry and a large group of Confederate veterans assembled for the dedication on November 10, 1899. The monument was moved to its current site on August 4, 1906 at the request of the Sons of the Confederacy. This move was made during the historic period and has been in its current location for nearly 90 years; thus, Criterion Consideration B is met.

The Van Buren 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 Mary Lee Chapter 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.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Eno, Clara B., History of Crawford County, Arkansas, Van Buren, AR: Press Argus, 1949, pp. 23-25.

___ 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>376980</u>	<u>3921800</u>	B	<u>15</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
C	<u>15</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	D	<u>15</u>	<u> </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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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Van Buren Confederate Monument
NAME:

MULTIPLE Civil War Commemorative Sculpture MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Crawford

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: 96000461

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



Van Buren Confederate Monument

Van Buren, Crawford Co., AR

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September 15, 1995

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View from north



Van Buren Confederate Monument

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View from south



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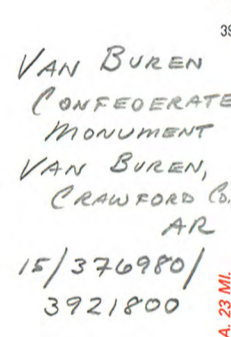
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View from northwest

VAN BUREN QUADRANGLE
ARKANSAS
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
NE/4 VAN BUREN 15' QUADRANGLE



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