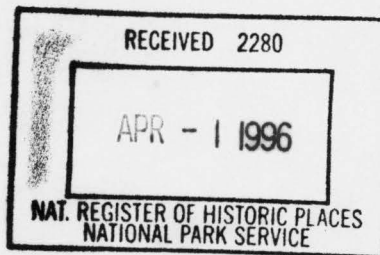


United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

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**1. Name of Property**

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historic name: Minnesota Monument

other name/site number: PU5270S

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**2. Location**

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street & number: 2523 Confederate Boulevard

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Little Rock

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Pulaski code: AR 119 zip code: 72206

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**3. Classification**

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Ownership of Property: Public-federal

Category of Property: Object

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
<u>1</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.

Xavier Rome Dupak Federal Preservation Officer 3/26/96  
Signature of certifying official Date

Department of Veterans Affairs  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Cathey A. Sater 3-4-96  
Signature of commenting or other official Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ 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): \_\_\_\_\_

Paul R. Lopez 5/3/96  
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  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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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>METAL/Bronze</u>	other	_____

Describe present and historic physical appearance. \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

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**Summary**

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**Elaboration**

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On the east side of the base are crossed palm fronds, followed by the inscription "ERECTED A.D. 1916 BY THE / STATE OF MINNESOTA / IN MEMORY OF HER SOLDIERS / HERE BURIED WHO LOST THEIR LIVES / IN THE SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES / IN THE WAR FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE UNION / A.D. 1861 - 1865."

The figure is pitted and has metallic staining, as well as evidence of "bronze disease" behind the cape behind his proper right leg. There is also some damage to the base, possibly through the use of a power weed trimmer.

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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.



In 1916 the Minnesota Monument was completed and placed in the Little Rock National Cemetery in honor of the 36 Minnesota soldiers who are buried there. This cemetery, which contains nearly 7,000 Union graves, was used as a Union graveyard throughout the Civil War and was officially designated a National Cemetery in 1868. Daniels made monuments identical to the one in Little Rock to be placed in national cemeteries in Memphis, Tennessee, and Andersonville, Georgia.

The monument was officially dedicated on September 22, 1916 with a ceremony that featured dignitaries and veterans from both Minnesota and Arkansas. Gov. J. A. Burnquist of Minnesota spoke on behalf of his state, saying "we are here to increase the friendship between the North and South, which has superseded [sic] the hatred of the other period. We are here to jointly pledge our loyalty to that great country which we all live in now." Gen. Christopher C. Andrews, commander of the Minnesota troops in Arkansas and chairman of the Monument Committee, praised the state in which he was stationed: "As I come back after 52 years, I see many evidences of the remarkable evolution of the South since the war. I see undisputed progress and prosperity of the section. I see a town with few modern improvements grown into a major city. I am indeed glad to return to the scenes where it was my fortune to be during the conflict." Arkansas's speakers included Gov. George W. Hays, Mayor Charles E. Taylor, and two former Confederate leaders. About 100 people, including a party of Confederate veterans, members of the MacPherson Post No. 1, G.A.R., and delegations from local Confederate women's groups, attended the ceremony. Later that afternoon the Minnesota delegation boarded a train for Memphis to attend another monument dedication.

The Minnesota 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 a northern state to note its troops' activities in Arkansas. As such, it is eligible under Criterion A with statewide significance for its associations with the efforts of the State of Minnesota to reflect Minnesotans' 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. As the only state-sponsored northern monument, and, indeed, one of only three known monuments in the entire state that acknowledge Union forces, the Minnesota Monument deserves statewide significance.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**  
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Minnesota Monument Commission file, Minnesota State Archives.

Scholpp, Strong, ed., "Social Directory and Who's Who of the Twin Cities, Vol. I," St. Paul, MN: The Social Directory Publishing Co., 1933, pp 99-100.

Arkansas Gazette, September 23, 1916, p. 1.

\_\_\_ 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>568040</u>	<u>3842540</u>	B	<u>15</u>	_____
C	<u>15</u>	_____	_____	D	<u>15</u>	_____

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

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

The monument the boundaries of which form a circle with a radius of 25 feet centered on the obelisk 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: 02/14/96  
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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 NAME: Minnesota Monument

MULTIPLE NAME: Civil War Commemorative Sculpture MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Pulaski

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: 96000498

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: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Minnesota Monument is eligible under NR Criterion A as a representation of the significant role of commemorative activities (associated with the important social and political themes of remembrance and recovery) in the post-Civil War South. The statue meets the registration requirements set forth in the MPS cover document.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A

REVIEWER Paul R. Lusignan

DISCIPLINE Historian

TELEPHONE 343-1623

DATE 5/3/96

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





MINNESOTA MONUMENT at Little Rock National Cemetery

Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas

Photo by Rusty Lofgren

November 1995

Negative in file @ AHPP

view from east



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view from southwest



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monument detail

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500015