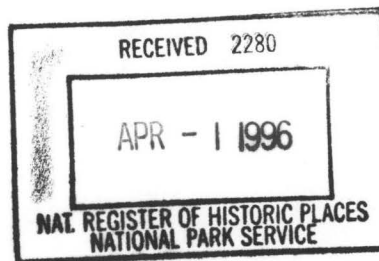


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Arkadelphia Confederate Monument

other name/site number: CL0906S

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2. Location

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street & number: Northeastern corner of courthouse lawn

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Arkadelphia

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Clark code: AR 019 zip code: 71923

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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. Slater

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): _____

Edson H. Beall 5-3-96

Entered in the MAY 3 1996
National Register

[Signature] _____
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/Marble</u>	roof	<u>N/A</u>
	walls	<u>STONE/Marble</u>	other	_____

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

Summary

The Arkadelphia Confederate Monument faces north on the southeast side of the Clark County Courthouse's front lawn. Built under the direction of R. P. Phillips, it depicts a Confederate soldier about to leave for war. The figure is standing with his proper left foot forward and both hands are grasping his rifle, which is resting in front with the butt to the ground. He is wearing a hat and is gazing forward, his blanket roll draped across his proper left shoulder. A canteen is attached to the proper right side of his belt, and a scabbard is fastened to the belt on the proper left side. The sculpture, which was carved in Italy from Italian marble, is 72"x18"x18". The base, made of Georgia marble, stands 21'x7"x7".

Elaboration

The Arkadelphia Confederate Monument faces north on the southeast side of the Clark County Courthouse's front lawn. Built under the direction of R. P. Phillips, it depicts a Confederate soldier about to leave for war. The figure is standing with his proper left foot forward and both hands are grasping his rifle, which is resting in front with the butt to the ground. He is wearing a hat and is gazing forward, his blanket roll draped across his proper left shoulder. A canteen is attached to the proper right side of his belt, and a scabbard is fastened to the belt on the proper left side. The sculpture, which was carved in Italy from Italian marble, is 72"x18"x18". The base, made of Georgia marble, stands 21'x7"x7".

Inscribed on the north side of the shaft and base is "C. S. A. / MAY - 1911 / 1861 - 1866." Also on this side of the base is a pair of crossed Confederate flags.

On the south side of the base is the inscription "WHEN THE LAST TRUMPET / IS SOUNDED, MAY EACH ONE / ANSWER THE ROLL CALL / OF THE HEAVENLY ARMY."

The east side of the base reads "THE PRINCIPLES FOR / WHICH THEY FOUGHT LIVE ETERNALLY." Beneath that, on the same side, is the inscription "ERECTED BY / THE HARRIS FLANAGIN CHAPTER, U.D.C. / TO THE MEMORY OF THE SOLDIERS / OF THE SOUTHERN CONFEDERACY / WHOSE INVINCIBLE COURAGE MADE / A HUNDRED BATTLE FIELDS FAMOUS / AND WHOSE UNSELFISH DEVOTION TO A / PRINCIPLE MADE THEIR CAUSE GLORIOUS."

The west side of the base is marked with the inscription "ON FAME'S ETERNAL CAMPING / GROUND / THEIR SILENT TENTS ARE / SPREAD; / AND GLORY GUARDS WITH / SOLEMN ROUND / THE BIVOUAC OF THE DEAD."

At the time of the 1993 SOS! survey both the base and sculpture's base joints were washed out. The scabbard was nicked in two places as was the front edge of the rim of the hat. Both the base and sculpture suffered from bird guano, black crusts, organic growth, and sugaring.

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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: 1911 _____

Significant Dates: 1911 _____

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
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The Arkadelphia 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 descendants' organization in Arkansas. As such it is eligible under Criterion A with statewide significance for its associations with the efforts of the Harris Flanagin Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy to reflect members' perception of the noble character and valor of their veterans and their cause.

Elaboration

The Arkadelphia Monument was sponsored by the Harris Flanagin Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, which raised approximately \$1,500 for their tribute to the Confederate soldiers. On Saturday May 27, 1911, the new monument was unveiled as part of a grand ceremony that lasted from 10 A.M. to late afternoon. Arkadelphia residents, out-of-town visitors, and Confederate veterans crowded onto the courthouse lawn for the program that included music, prayers, and speeches by local dignitaries. The Arkadelphia Southern Standard reported that when the monument was finally revealed, "a mighty shout went up from the throng and the pulsations of old and young alike were quickened."

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Arkadelphia Southern Standard, September 8, 1910, p. 1.

Arkadelphia Southern Standard, June 1, 1911, 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: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing			
	A	15	495300		3775280	B	15	_____	_____

____ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ____ See continuation sheet.

A circular 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 Arkadelphia Confederate Monument
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Clark

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 5.3.96 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



Arkadelphia Confederate Monument
Arkadelphia, Clark Co., AR
Photo by Jeff Holder
Negative on file at AHPP
View from northeast



Arkadelphia Confederate Monument

Arkadelphia, Clark Co, AR

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July 1994

Negative on file at AHPP

View from South



Arkadelphia Confederate Monument

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North side detail

