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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.



### 1. Name of Property

Historic name: Grey, William H., Gravesite

Other names/site number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

### 2. Location

Street & number: 108 Wire Street

City or town: Helena - West Helena State: AR County: Phillips

Not For Publication:  Vicinity:

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

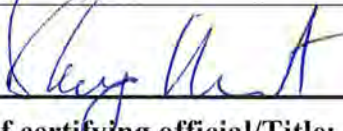
I hereby certify that this X nomination \_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

\_\_\_ national X statewide \_\_\_ local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

\_\_\_ A X B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D

 _____ <b>Signature of certifying official/Title:</b> <u>Arkansas Historic Preservation Program</u> <b>State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government</b>	<u>7-15-19</u> _____ <b>Date</b>
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In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.	
_____ <b>Signature of commenting official:</b>	_____ <b>Date</b>
_____ <b>Title :</b>	_____ <b>State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government</b>

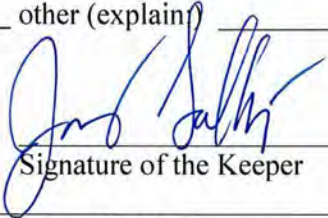
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**4. National Park Service Certification**

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register  
 determined eligible for the National Register  
 determined not eligible for the National Register  
 removed from the National Register  
 other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

  
Signature of the Keeper

9.27.2019  
Date of Action

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private:   
Public – Local   
Public – State   
Public – Federal

**Category of Property**

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s)   
District   
Site   
Structure   
Object

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**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	_____	buildings
<u>1</u>	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>1</u>	_____	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register \_\_\_\_\_

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**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Funerary – Graves/Burials

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

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Funerary – Graves/Burials

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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## 7. Description

### Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

No style

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**Materials:** (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: Stone

### Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

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### Summary Paragraph

The William H. Grey Gravesite consists of a seven tiered sandstone obelisk in the southern end of the Magnolia Cemetery. Decorations on the stone are limited to the East side. The East side is engraved with various symbols, many of masonic origin, as well as important dates in his life and a poem written in his honor.

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## Narrative Description

The very top tier on the East side hosts a 5-pointed star, representing the Biblical Star of the East that guided the Magi to Bethlehem. Below the star is the Masonic square and compass. The second tier reads:

W. H. GREY.  
BORN IN  
WASHINGTON D.C.  
DEC. 22, 1829.  
DIED  
IN HELENA. ARK.  
NOV. 8. 1888.

The third tier of the obelisk is engraved with an anchor, used by Masons as a symbol of well-grounded hope. The fourth tier from the top is engraved with the most symbols. Present on this stone are two pillars, representing strength and establishment and sometimes used as a reference of the Temple of Solomon (Masonic Lodges are referred to as "Temples" in reference to the Temple of Solomon). On the far left of this tier is a bell representing a call to worship. On the far right is a ladder, known as Jacob's ladder, the rungs represent the guiding virtues of freemasonry. In the middle, between the two pillars, is an open book, representing the Book of Life, with the Masonic square and compass engraved on its pages. Engraved on the top left of the tier is the sun, with the moon and stars engraved on the far right. These images combined are used by the freemasons to represent God, whom the sun, moon and stars obey. Directly between the sun and the moon and stars is an eye with rays of light, this is a common Masonic symbol that represents the all-seeing God. The fifth tier from the top holds the most writing, it reads:

“WAS MADE A MASON IN ST JOHN’S LODGE. CINCINNATI. O. 1852  
MEMBER OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF ARK. 1868  
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATURE 1868  
CIRCUIT CLERK AND RECORDER OF DEEDS OF  
PHILLIPS CO. ARK. 1870  
SECOND TIME ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE OF  
PHILLIPS CO. IN THE ARK. LEGISLATURE 1872  
STATE LAND COMMISSIONER OF ARK. AND COMMITTEE  
OF IMMIGRATION 1872  
APPOINTED COMMISSIONER TO REPRESENT THE STATE  
OF ARK. IN THE VIENNA EXPOSITION IN AUSTRIA 1873  
ELECTED 1<sup>ST</sup> GR. MASTER OF THE F & A.M OF ARK. 1873  
ELECTED CLERK OF PHILLIPS CO. AND PROBATE COURT  
1876”

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The sixth tier is the last tier with any engraving, it holds a poem that reads:

*“Up all the “illegible” graded steps.  
From Life obscure to Fame  
Thous’t studied, toiled, prayed and fought  
To leave thy race a name -*

*A name in legislature hall.  
And high official station.  
The highest in the mystic craft.  
Worthy of emulation.”*

Following the poem is a note on the origin of the monument:

ERECTED TO THE MEMORY OF  
W. H. GREY  
BY THE MASONS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

The bottom tier has no engravings and was left rough on all four faces.

### **Integrity**

The William H. Grey Gravesite has decent integrity. The monument is somewhat weathered and there is lichen growing on the stone in places. The top tier has twisted slightly and has a chipped edge on the East side. The third tier has a crack on the West corner. The fourth tier has a chipped edge on the East side and a chipped corner on the West side. The foundation is somewhat deteriorated, exposing brick used in the foundation of the monument. The area surrounding the monument remains a cemetery, as it has been since 1899.

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## 8. Statement of Significance

### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Politics/Government  
Ethnic Heritage/Black

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Period of Significance**

1865-1878

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

**Significant Dates**

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

**Significant Person**

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Grey, William H.

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

**Cultural Affiliation**

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**Architect/Builder**

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## Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph

### SUMMARY

The gravesite of William H. Grey, located in Magnolia Cemetery, Helena – West Helena, Phillips County, Arkansas, is the only surviving property in Arkansas associated with his life. Grey was a leader in the black community during the period of Reconstruction. He was a minister, a Masonic leader, and a prominent member of the Republican Party in Arkansas. Especially renowned for his oratory skills, he was the first black politician to address a national convention. As such, the property is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under **Criterion B** with **statewide significance**. The property is eligible for inclusion under **Criteria Consideration C: as a grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance**.

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## Narrative Statement of Significance

### ELABORATION

William H. Grey was born a free man in Washington, D.C., on December 22, 1829. The identity of his parents is unknown. However, census records list him as “mulatto,” indicating that one of his parents, most likely his father, was white. While in Washington, D.C., Grey attended a “pay school” founded by John F. Cook.<sup>1</sup> He also worked as a servant for politician and future Virginia governor, Henry A. Wise. Wise was known as a gifted orator and allowed Grey to attend sessions of Congress where it is likely Grey learned the parliamentary process of debate.<sup>2</sup>

Sometime around 1840 Grey’s family moved from Washington, D.C., to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and then on to Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1852 his mother and stepfather passed away during a cholera epidemic. Grey became a minister and moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where he took up work as a

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<sup>1</sup><http://www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net/encyclopedia/entry-detail.aspx?entryID=5696>

<sup>2</sup><http://arkansasblacklawyers.uark.edu/lawyers/whgrey.html>

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cook on steamboats traveling the Ohio and Mississippi rivers.<sup>3</sup> In 1854, he married Henrietta Winslow of Louisiana. Their first child was born in 1856 and they would go on to have 7 more children together.<sup>4</sup>

By 1863 the family had relocated to Helena, Arkansas, where Grey established a grocery and bakery with business partners, Oliver Winslow and H. B. Robinson.<sup>5</sup> Though he was a business owner, records indicate that Grey owned no property.<sup>6</sup> In 1865 the Convention of Colored Citizens of the State of Arkansas held a meeting in Little Rock to discuss the future welfare of blacks in Arkansas. This convention was the catalyst to Grey's political career and formed his reputation as a skilled orator capable of great pathos.<sup>7</sup> In 1867 Grey was one of four delegates chosen to the constitutional convention from his constituency. Alongside the seven other black delegates, Grey defended the Radical Republican platform and worked to promote the rights of the freedmen. He emerged as the leader among the black delegates, serving on four standing committees and taking the floor twenty-five times to oppose pro-Confederate Democrats. He pioneered a resolution establishing federal aid for the poor and allowing freed slaves to homestead government lands.<sup>8</sup>

On January 13, 1868, Grey countered a Democratic measure to reinstate the Constitution of 1864 that would effectively disenfranchise Black Arkansans.<sup>9</sup> He asserted that blacks had earned their citizenship with their sacrifices on the battlefields. He declared:

“[t]he right of franchise is due the Negroes bought by the blood of forty thousand of their race shed in three wars.... The government has made a solemn covenant with the Negro to vest him with the right of franchise if he would throw his weight in the balance in favor of the Union and bare his breast to the storm of bullets; and I am convinced that it would not go back on itself . . . Give us the franchise, and if we do not exercise it properly, you have the numbers to take it away from us. It would be impossible for the Negro to get justice in a State whereof he was not a full citizen.... Justice should be like the Egyptian statue, ‘blind and recognizing no color’.”<sup>10</sup>

The convention voted largely against the Democratic measure, thereby blocking the reinstatement of the 1864 constitution and securing nearly all male citizens the right to vote and hold office. On July 6, 1869, Grey was admitted to practice of law but no records indicate he ever practiced as an attorney<sup>11</sup> Grey remained involved in state politics following the 1868 convention and was elected to the state legislature in 1869. In 1870 he was appointed as the First Circuit Court clerk and ex-Officio Recorder of Deeds.<sup>12</sup> In 1872 Grey attended the Republican National Convention as a delegate. By seconding the nomination of President Ulysses S. Grant, he became the first African American to address a national presidential

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<sup>4</sup> St. Hilaire, Joseph M. “The Negro Delegates in the Arkansas Constitutional Convention of 1868: A Group Profile.” *Arkansas Historical Quarterly* 33 (Spring 1974): 38–69

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<sup>9</sup> <http://arkansasblacklawyers.uark.edu/lawyers/whgrey.html>

<sup>10</sup> Kilpatrick, Judith. “(EXTRA)Ordinary Men: African-American Lawyers and Civil Rights in Arkansas Before 1950: 315-326

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nominating convention. Appointed by Republican Governor Elisha Baxter, Grey served as the Commissioner of Immigration and State Lands from 1872 to 1874.<sup>13</sup>

Outside of politics, Grey had joined the Masons when he lived in Cincinnati and when the Grand Lodge of Arkansas was established in 1873, he was named the First Grand Master.<sup>14</sup> Later that same year Grey suffered what is believed to be a stroke while in New York to oversee arrangements for Arkansas's exhibit at the 1873 World's Fair in Vienna. This setback forced him to return to Arkansas.<sup>15</sup> Grey continued to be involved in government, filling a vacancy in the state senate in 1875 and serving as the Phillips County Probate and County Court clerk until 1878, when Democrats regained control.<sup>16</sup> In September of 1878 Grey suffered another apparent stroke. From this he never recovered and died in Helena, November 8, 1888.<sup>17</sup>

Today, William H. Grey's tombstone, erected in his honor by the Masons of Arkansas, is the only surviving property known to exist in Helena that is associated with the life of this influential Republican politician. Although the Old State House in Little Rock still stands, it only represents a small part of William H. Grey's life and significance.

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

William H. Grey was a key figure in the black community of Helena, Arkansas, during the turbulent times of Reconstruction following the Civil War. He was a minister, Mason, lawyer, businessman and politician. He was an eloquent speaker who used his gift to fight for rights for the freedmen at the Constitutional Convention of 1868. He became a lawyer in 1869 and that same year was elected to the Arkansas State Legislature. In 1870 he was appointed the First Circuit Court clerk and ex-Officio Recorder of Deeds. In 1872, as a delegate to the Republican National Convention, he made history by being the first African American to address a national presidential nominating convention. From 1872 – 1874 he served as the Commissioner of Immigration and State Lands. In 1873 he helped establish the Grand Lodge of Arkansas and became its first Grand Master. In addition, he was chosen to oversee Arkansas's exhibit for the 1873 World's Fair in Vienna. He served in the State Senate in 1875 and finally as Phillips County Probate and County Court clerk until 1878. For its association with his life and legacy, the William H. Grey gravesite is being nominated to the National Register with **statewide significance** under **Criterion B**.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

### Bibliography

Kilpatrick, Judith. "(EXTRA)Ordinary Men: African-American Lawyers and Civil Rights in Arkansas Before 1950" *Arkansas Law Review* 53:299 (2000): 315-326

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### 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 # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

### Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other
- Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):  N/A

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**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreeage of Property** Less than 1 acre

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

**Latitude/Longitude Coordinates**

Datum if other than WGS84: \_\_\_\_\_

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

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|--------------|------------|
| 1. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 2. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 3. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 4. Latitude: | Longitude: |

**Or**

**UTM References**

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

NAD 1927 or  NAD 1983

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| 1. Zone: 15 | Easting: 720604 | Northing: 3824867 |
| 2. Zone:    | Easting:        | Northing:         |
| 3. Zone:    | Easting:        | Northing:         |
| 4. Zone:    | Easting :       | Northing:         |

**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The boundary of the property is a 20 foot radius centered on UTM Coordinate NAD 1983  
Easting: 720604 Northing: 3824867.

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

Includes the gravesite and its immediate surroundings.

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### 11. Form Prepared By

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date: February 19, 2019

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### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

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### Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

### Photo Log

Name of Property: Grey, William H., Gravesite

City or Vicinity: Helena, West Helena

County: Phillips State: Arkansas

Photographer: Travis Ratermann

Date Photographed: January 3, 2019

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

- 1 of 5 View of the gravestone looking North West
- 2 of 5 Detailed view of the bottom of the East side looking West
- 3 of 5 Detailed view of the middle of the East side looking West
- 4 of 5 Detailed view of the top of the East side looking West
- 5 of 5 View of the gravestone looking South East

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C.460 et seq.).

**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

W. H. GREY  
BORN IN  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
DEC. 22, 1829  
DIED  
IN HELENA, ARK.  
NOV. 8, 1888

WAS MADE A MASON IN ST. JOHN'S LODGE, PHENIX, ILL. 1852  
MEMBER OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF ARK. 1860  
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATURE 1868  
CIRCUIT CLERK AND RECORDER OF DEEDS OF  
PHILLIPS CO. ARK. 1870  
SECOND TIME ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE OF  
PHILLIPS CO. IN THE ARK. LEGISLATURE 1872  
DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION 1872  
STATE LAND COMMISSIONER OF ARK. AND COMMITTEE  
OF IMMIGRATION 1872  
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OF ARK. IN THE VIENNA EXPOSITION IN AUSTRIA 1873  
ELECTED 1ST GR. MASTER OF THE F. & A. M. OF ARK. 1873  
ELECTED CLERK OF PHILLIPS CO. AND PROBATE COURT  
1876

In all the ruins, aged stones  
From life, obeyed to fall  
Thou' st. which hold ground and tower  
To love the race a man  
A man as true as steel  
And high of soul and courage  
The highest of the noble  
The worth of a man

ERECTED TO THE MEMORY OF  
W. H. GREY  
BY THE MASONS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS





WAS MADE A MASON IN ST JOHN'S LODGE CINCINNATI O. 1852  
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1876

*Up all the various graded steps,  
From life obscure to fame,  
Thou'st studied, toiled, prayed and fought  
To leave thy race a name -*

*A name in legislative hall,  
And high official station,  
The highest in the mystic craft  
Worthy of emulation.*

ERECTED TO THE MEMORY OF  
**W. H. GREY**  
BY THE MASONS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

IN HELENA, ARK.  
NOV. 8. 1888.



WAS MADE A MASON IN ST. JAMES LODGE CHICAGO ILL. 1859

W. H. GREY  
BORN IN  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
DEC. 22, 1829.  
DIED  
IN HELENA, ARK.  
NOV. 8, 1888.





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action: Nomination

Property Name: Grey, William H., Gravesite

Multiple Name: \_\_\_\_\_

State & County: ARKANSAS, Phillips

Date Received: 8/13/2019      Date of Pending List: 9/13/2019      Date of 16th Day: 9/30/2019      Date of 45th Day: 9/27/2019      Date of Weekly List: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference number: SG100004441

Nominator: SHPO

Reason For Review: \_\_\_\_\_

X Accept       Return       Reject      9/27/2019 Date

Abstract/Summary Comments: Automatic listing  
Reviewed and no substantive issues found

Recommendation/ Criteria: Accept / B

Reviewer Jim Gabbert      Discipline Historian

Telephone (202)354-2275      Date \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION:    see attached comments : No    see attached SLR : No

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.



THE DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS  
**HERITAGE**

Asa Hutchinson  
*Governor*

Stacy Hurst  
*Director*

May 24, 2019

Helen Halbert  
PO Box 248  
Helena, AR 72342



Re: William H. Grey Gravesite – Helena-West Helena, Phillips County

Dear Ms. Halbert:

We are pleased to inform you that the above referenced property will be considered by the State Review Board of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, an agency of the Department of Arkansas Heritage, for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register of Historic Places is the federal government's official list of historic properties worthy of the preservation. Listing in the National Register of Historic Places provides recognition and assists in preserving our nation's heritage.

Listing of this property provides recognition of the community's historic importance and assures protective review of the federal projects that might adversely affect the character of the historic property.

Listing in the National Register does not mean that limitations will be placed on the property by the federal government. Public visitation rights are not required of property owners. The federal government will not attach covenants to the property or seek to acquire it.

We have enclosed a copy of the National Register nomination for your review. If you have any comments on the proposed nomination, please submit a letter with your comments, concerns, or concurrence to the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program at least 24 hours prior to the date of the State Review Board meeting.

You are invited to attend the State Review Board meeting at which the nomination will be considered. The board will begin meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at the Department of Arkansas Heritage headquarters at 1100 North Street in Little Rock.

If you have any questions regarding the State Review Board meeting feel free to call Ralph Wilcox, Travis Ratermann, or Mason Toms at (501) 324-9880.

Sincerely,

  
Scott Kaufman  
Director

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RE: William H. Grey Gravesite – Helena-West Helena, Phillips  
County, Arkansas

Dear Ms. Beasley:

We are enclosing for your review the above-referenced nomination. The enclosed disk contains the true and correct copy of the nomination for the William H. Grey Gravesite to the National Register of Historic Places. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

If you need further information, please call Ralph S. Wilcox of my staff at (501) 324-9787. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Stacy Hurst  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosure