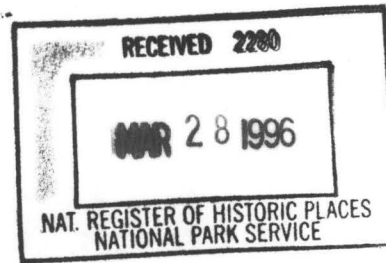


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM



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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Bentonville Confederate Monument

other name/site number: BE3045S

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2. Location

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street & number: Public Square Park

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Bentonville

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Benton code: AR 007 zip code: 72712

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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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|----------|------------------|
| _____ | _____ 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.

Cathryn A. Slater
Signature of certifying official

3-12-86
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

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|------------|------------|----------------------|-------|------------|
| Materials: | foundation | <u>STONE/Granite</u> | roof | <u>N/A</u> |
| | walls | <u>STONE/Granite</u> | other | _____ |
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Describe present and historic physical appearance. _____ See continuation sheet.

Summary

The Bentonville Confederate Monument, also known as the Confederate Veterans of Benton County Memorial, is located in the Public Square Park, across from the Benton County Courthouse. It depicts a bearded Confederate soldier holding his rifle in front with the butt grounded and his hands resting across the barrel. A blanket roll is draped from his proper left shoulder to his proper right hip, while a pouch, its strap hanging off his proper right shoulder, rests against his proper left hip. The 7'x2'x2' granite sculpture is supported by a 14'x9'x9' granite base.

Elaboration

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A metal plate attached to the west face of the monument contains the message "JAMES H. BERRY / 1841-1913 / SOLDIER AND STATESMAN / BELOVED OF ARKANSAS / 2ND LIEUTENANT / CO. E 16TH ARK. INFANTRY, C.S.A. / LEGISLATOR - JURIST / GOVERNOR OF ARKANSAS / UNITED STATES SENATOR / HE PERFORMED EVERY DUTY / WITH AN EYE / SINGLE TO THE PUBLIC WELFARE / AND HIS OWN UNBLEMISHED HONOR / THIS TABLE IS PLACED HERE / BY THE JAMES H. BERRY CHAPTER / UNITED DAUGHTERS OF / THE CONFEDERACY / THE PAT CLEBURNE CAMP / SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS / AND OTHER FRIENDS / IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE / AND APPRECIATION / OF HIS NOBLE LIFE AND CHARACTER." This plate was dedicated on January 30, 1914; the one-year anniversary of Berry's death.

Engraved in the granite of the west face is "TO THE SOUTHERN *SOLDIERS / ERECTED BY A. J. BATES AND / THE JAMES H. BERRY CHAPTER / UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY / AUG. 8, 1908. / CONFEDERATE."

The inscription on the south face of the base reads "1861-65 / CONFEDERATE."

The east face is inscribed "THEY FOUGHT FOR HOME AND FATHERLAND / CONFEDERATE."

The north face contains the inscription "THEIR NAMES ARE BORNE ON HONOR'S SHIELD / THEIR RECORD IS WITH GOD / CONFEDERATE."

There is minor spalling and guano on the base and some organic growth on the sculpture. However, a 1993 SOS! survey reports that the monument is in good condition and is well-maintained.

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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: 1908 _____

Significant Dates: 1908 _____

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 Bentonville 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 James H. Berry 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 Bentonville Monument was sponsored by the James H. Berry Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in honor of Benton County's Confederate veterans. The total cost of the monument was \$2,500, of which Mr. A. J. Bates gave \$1,000 and Sen. James H. Berry provided \$1,500. It was dedicated on August 8, 1908 with a ceremony described by historian J. Dickson Black as being "one of the most colorful programs ever held in Benton County." It featured a parade that included several decorated carriages, marching veterans, and an elaborately decorated float adorned by 14 girls representing each of the seceded states. The parade progressed through town, passing by homes decorated especially for the occasion, to Park Spring, where a large crowd awaited. The unveiling of the monument was met with great applause and strains of "Dixie." Featured speaker the Hon. Clifton R. Breckinridge closed out the afternoon, declaring that the South not only "had a perfect and constitutional right to secede" but that it did so to ensure "the faithful administration of all [the Constitution's] powers upon the sacred principle, not of privilege, but of equal rights."

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9. Major Bibliographical References

"Confederate Monuments and Markers of Arkansas," Arkansas Chapter U.D.C., 1960, p. 15, p. 17.

Black, J. Dickson, "History of Benton County," Little Rock: International Graphics Industries, 1975, p. 267.

Benton County Democrat, August 13, 1908, p. 2.

___ 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>391730</u> | <u>4025670</u> | B | <u>15</u> | <u> </u> |
| C | <u>15</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | D | <u>15</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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Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 03/07/96

Street & Number: 323 Center Street, Suite 1500 Telephone: (501) 324-9880

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 Bentonville Confederate Monument
NAME:

MULTIPLE Civil War Commemorative Sculpture MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Benton

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: 96000459

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




Bentonville Confederate Monument
Bentonville, Benton County, AR

Photo by Helen Barry

October 1995

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View from west



TO THE SOUTHERN SOLDIERS
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UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY
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CONFEDERATE

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View of west side detail



Bentonville Confederate Monument

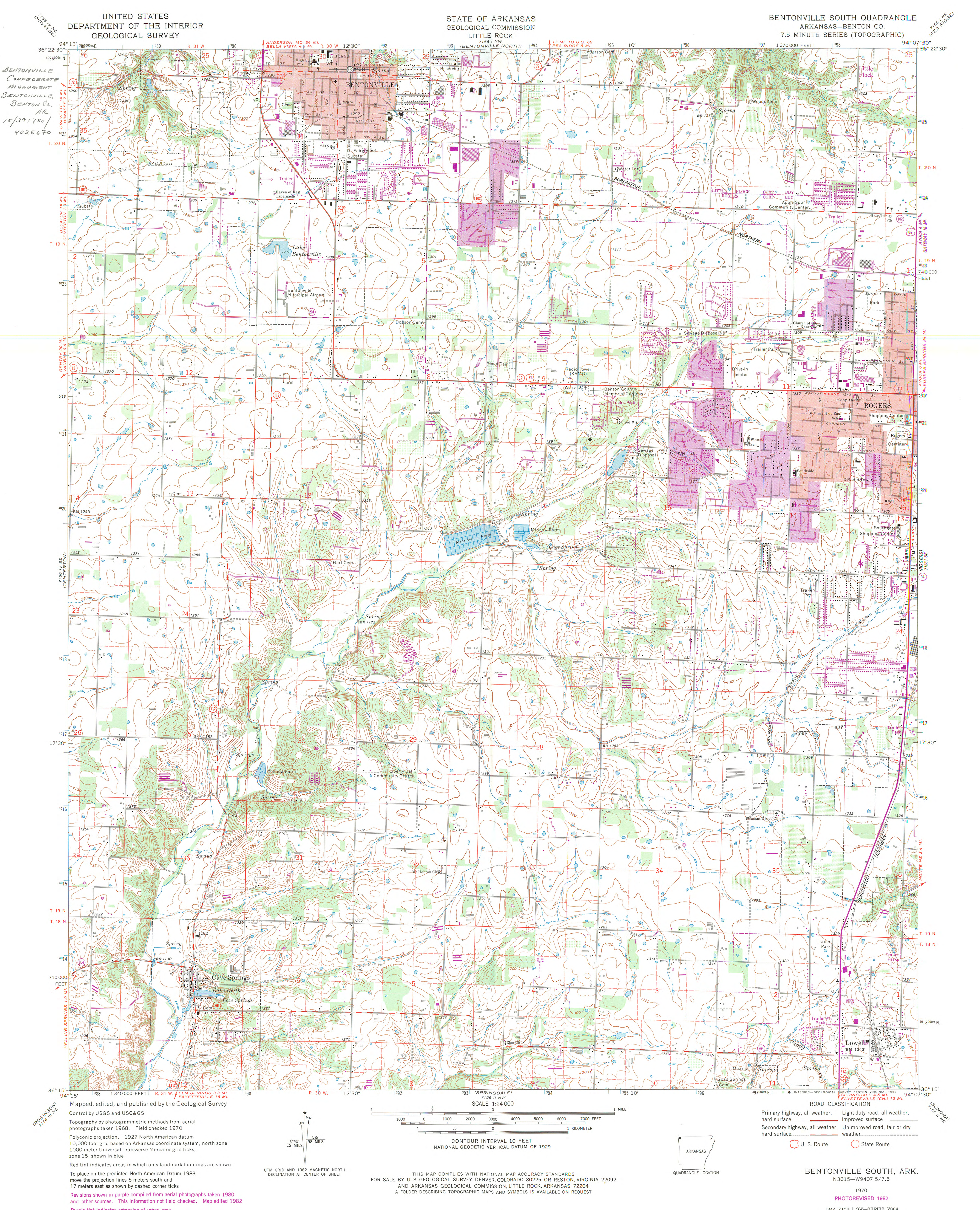
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View from east



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BENTONVILLE
CONFEDERATE
MONUMENT
BENTONVILLE
BENTON CO.,
AR.
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STATE OF ARKANSAS
GEOLOGICAL COMMISSION
LITTLE ROCK

ANDERSON, MO. 24 MI.
BELLA VISTA 4.9 MI. R. 30 W. 12' 30"

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(BENTONVILLE NORTH)

13 MI. TO U.S. 62
PEA RIDGE 3 MI.

BENTONVILLE SOUTH QUADRANGLE
ARKANSAS—BENTON CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

94° 07' 30"
36° 22' 30"

Maped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, north zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
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17 meters east as shown by dashed corner ticks
Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs taken 1980
and other sources. This information not field checked. Map edited 1982
Purple tint indicates extension of urban area

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NATIONAL GEODETTIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, all weather, hard surface
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface
Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Unimproved road, fair or dry weather
U. S. Route
State Route

QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ARKANSAS

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