

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: General Robert E. Lee Monument

other name/site number: LE0100S

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2. Location

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street & number: City Park

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Marianna

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Lee code: AR 077 zip code: 72360

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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

3-4-96
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:

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. Fugate 5/10/96

h 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/Marble</u> | roof | <u>N/A</u> |
| | walls | <u>STONE/Marble</u> | other | _____ |
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Describe present and historic physical appearance. _____ See continuation sheet.

Summary

The General Robert E. Lee Monument at Marianna in Lee County faces south in the center of the city park surrounded by Court, Chestnut, and Main streets. Made by the McNeel Marble Co. of Marietta, Georgia, the figure is a life-sized statue of General Lee dressed in his Confederate officer's uniform. He is holding a hat at his proper right side and a pair of gloves in his proper right hand. His proper left hand is resting on the hilt of a sheathed scabbard hung about his waist on the proper left side. He is looking straight ahead. The base contains a fountain, which receives water from the downward-pointing carved cannons on its east and west sides. Both the base and the sculpture are made of marble. The base is 20' high with a diameter of 12'. The sculpture is 72"x30"x30".

Elaboration

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On the upper shaft of the south base is written "FIDELUS / FORTISSIMUS." The mid base of this side contains the inscription " 1861 / 1865 / ERECTED BY D. G. GOVAN CHAPTER / U. D. C. / 'NO BRAVER FOR A / BRIGHTER LAND HAD / A CAUSE SO GRAND.' "

On the lower side of the east base is the inscription "THEIR MEMORIES E'ER / SHALL REMAIN FOR US: / AND THEIR NAMES, BRIGHT / NAMES, WITHOUT STAIN / FOR US: / 'OUR HEROES IN GRAY.' "

The lower side of the north base has the inscription "UPWARD, ONWARD, NO /

RETREAT, THEY STRUGGLED, THEY / TOILED, THEY CONQUERED / DEFEAT, / THOSE MEN
WITH THEIR / THINNING LOCKS OF / GRAY. / GOD BLESS THOSE BOYS / OF THE
SIXTIES, OUR / VETERANS OF TODAY!"

The lower side of the west base is marked "DEAD HEROES! DID WE / HEAR ONE
SAY? / DEAD, NEVER! THEY WILL / LIVE FOR AYE / IN HEARTS OF LOVE; / ON
HISTORY'S PAGE / THEY'LL LIVE THROUGH / EVERY COMING AGE; / THEY'LL LIVE
WHILE / VALOR'S DEEDS ARE SUNG / IN PRAISE FROM THE HEART / AND TONGUE."

Written at the base of the sculpture is "ROBERT E. LEE".

There is considerable staining on the sculpture's body and some on the base.
Sugaring also affects both the sculpture and base.

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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: 1910 _____

Significant Dates: 1910 _____

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A _____

Architect/Builder: McNeel Marble Company

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 General Robert E. Lee 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 D.G. Govan 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 General Robert E. Lee Monument was unveiled on Thursday December 8, 1910. Despite the unpleasantly cold weather, a large crowd gathered to watch the unveiling of the monument, which was erected by the D. G. Govan Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy at a cost of between \$3,000 and \$3,600 in honor of the Confederate soldiers of Lee County. The ceremony was relatively brief, perhaps due to the chilly conditions outside, but the Lee County Courier described it as being "impressive in its simplicity and expressive in its solemnity." The featured speaker, the Hon. F. N. Burke, praised both Lee and the Confederate veterans. "Dixie" was played as the monument was revealed, a moment at which, according the Courier, "a shout went up from the impulsive young while the heads of the older were bowed in reverence and their bodies swept up by the emotions of memory."

The General Robert E. Lee 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 D.G. Govan 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

Lee County Courier, November 19, 1910, p. 1.

"Confederate Monuments and Markers in Arkansas," Arkansas Division U.D.C., 1960, p. 181.

Lee County Courier, December 10, 1910, 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 |
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| A | <u>15</u> | <u>705280</u> | <u>3850070</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.

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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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Gen. Robert E. Lee Monument
NAME:

MULTIPLE Civil War Commemorative Sculpture MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Lee

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: 96000450

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 _____DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The General Robert E. Lee Monument is eligible under National Register 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 _____ DATE 5/10/96

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



General Robert E. Lee Monument
Marianna, Lee County, Arkansas
Photo by Mark Christ

July 9, 1995

Negative on file at AHPP

View from South

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D.C. GOWAN CHAPTER
U.D.C.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
LEE COUNTY'S
CONFEDERATE
SOLDIERS.

"NO BRAVER BLED FOR A
BRIGHTER LAND
NO BRIGHTER LAND HAD
A CAUSE SO GRAND"

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Detail of south exposure



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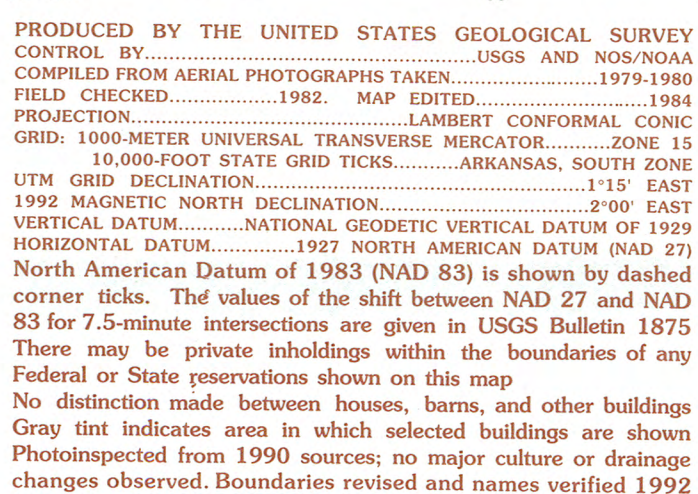
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D.D. 6
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
THE CONFEDERATE
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WHO FIGHTED FOR A
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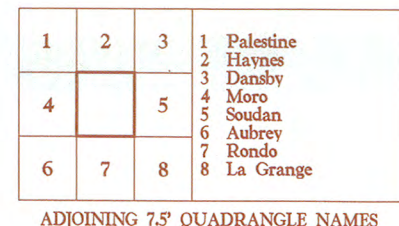
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July 9, 1995

Photo Negatives on file at AHPP
Detail from Southeast



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