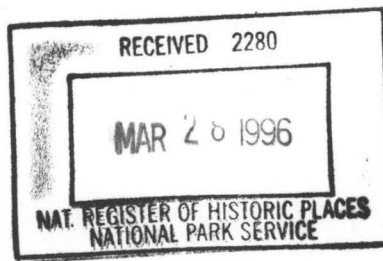


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Hot Springs Confederate Monument

other name/site number: GA0118S

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2. Location

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street & number: Landmark Plaza (triangle bound by Market St. on the south, Ouachita Ave. on the west and Central Ave. on the east)

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Hot Springs

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Garland code: AR 051 zip code: 71902

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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

3-12-96

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 4.26.96

Entered in the
National Register

Beall

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/Granite</u>	roof	<u>N/A</u>
	walls	<u>STONE/Marble</u>	other	_____

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

Summary

The Hot Springs Confederate Memorial is located in Landmark Plaza, Hot Springs, Garland County. Formerly known as Como Square, Landmark Plaza is the center of a triangle bounded by Market St., Ouachita St., and Central Ave. The monument, which faces northeast, was made by the McNeel Marble Co. of Marietta, Georgia. It depicts a standing Confederate soldier wearing a hat, coat, and pants typical of the Civil War era. His proper left foot is forward, and his hands are clasped at the top of a rifle barrel that has the butt to the ground in front of the proper right foot. A bedroll is draped over his proper left shoulder and is tied at the proper right waist line. The figure is wearing a belt with a canteen and bullet pouch on the proper right and a scabbard on the proper left. The sculpture, made of marble, is 6'x24"x24". The base, made of granite, is 12'x6'x6'.

Elaboration

The Hot Springs Confederate Memorial is located in Landmark Plaza, Hot Springs, Garland County. Formerly known as Como Square, Landmark Plaza is the center of a triangle bounded by Market St., Ouachita St., and Central Ave. The monument, which faces northeast, was made by the McNeel Marble Co. of Marietta, Georgia. It depicts a standing Confederate soldier wearing a hat, coat, and pants typical of the Civil War era. His proper left foot is forward, and his hands are clasped at the top of a rifle barrel that has the butt to the ground in front of the proper right foot. A bedroll is draped over his proper left shoulder and is tied at the proper right waist line. The figure is wearing a belt with a canteen and bullet pouch on the proper right and a scabbard on the proper left. The sculpture, made of marble, is 6'x24"x24". The base, made of granite, is 12'x6'x6'.

Carved on the north face of the base and shaft is "1861/ (flag symbol) / 1865 / CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS."

On the south face of the base is the inscription "ERECTED / IN LOVING MEMORY / BY THE / HOT SPRINGS CHAPTER / UNITED DAUGHTERS / OF THE CONFEDERACY."

The figure is badly sugared and has black stains on all undersurfaces.

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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: 1934 _____

Significant Dates: 1934 _____

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: McNeel Marble Co.

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 Hot Springs Confederate Memorial 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 Hot Springs Chapter No. 80 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

June 2, 1934, marked the end of a long struggle by the Hot Springs Chapter No. 80 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy to put a Confederate memorial in Hot Springs, which had been the only major city in the state without one. The campaign began in 1907, when Mrs. J. Davidson Smith moved to Hot Springs from Alabama, a state that had already erected many Confederate monuments, and suggested that Hot Springs build its own tribute to its Civil War soldiers. Several contributions were immediately made and a

special fund was set up to handle the finances. In 1913 U.D.C. Treasurer Mrs. S. E. Dillon oversaw a special Tag Day to raise money, as well as card parties, teas, dinners, and so forth. By 1929 the monument fund was still lacking, however, so Mrs. Dillon, now President of the State Division of the U.D.C., asked the state chapter for \$1,000, payable at \$200 per year. This plan was unanimously approved, but the monument was still several years from completion.

Following this financial victory, the next obstacle for Dillon and the U.D.C. was to find an appropriate location for their memorial. In 1933 Mr. and Mrs. Dillon convinced the city council to pass a special ordinance to allow it to be placed on what was then Como Triangle. A U.D.C. committee was then created to select a style and design for the monument. Finally, after much planning and effort, the Hot Springs Confederate Memorial was dedicated on June 2, 1934, with a ceremony that included speeches by chapter members and an address by the mayor. The final cost of the monument is believed to be approximately \$5,000. In 1953 the city formally gave the U.D.C. the deed to the memorial plot.

The Hot Springs Confederate Memorial 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 Hot Springs Chapter No. 80 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.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Gillam, Mrs. R.L., U.D.C., "Historical Markers Placed in the Hot Springs Area: Confederate Soldiers Memorial," undated typewritten manuscript on file at Arkansas Historic Preservation Program.

"Confederate Monuments and Markers in Arkansas," Arkansas Division U.D.C., 1960, p. 95.

Hot Springs New Era, February 19, 1953.

___ 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>494960</u>	<u>3818250</u>	B	<u>15</u>	_____
C	<u>15</u>	_____	_____	D	<u>15</u>	_____

____ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ____ See continuation sheet.

A triangle formed by the eastern edge of Ouachita Avenue, the western edge of Central Avenue, and the northern edge of Market Street, all in downtown Hot Springs.

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 Hot Springs Confederate Monument
NAME:

MULTIPLE Civil War Commemorative Sculpture MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Garland

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: 96000457

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



Hot Springs Confederate Memorial

Hot Springs, Garland Co., Arkansas

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View from North



Hot Springs Confederate Memorial
Hot Springs, Garland Co., Arkansas
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view from west

