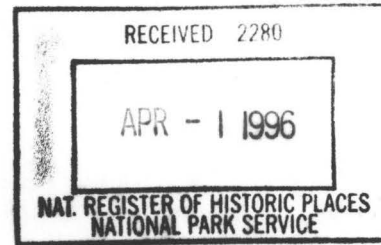


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Grand Army of the Republic Memorial

other name/site number: BE0503S

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2. Location

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street & number: Southern end of Twin Springs Park

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Siloam Springs

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Benton code: AR 007 zip code: 72761

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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): _____

B. R. Ligon 5/3/96

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

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

Summary

Located in the southern section of Twin Springs Park at Siloam Springs in Benton County, the Siloam Spring Grand Army of the Republic Monument is a three-tiered commemorative monument on a concrete base. The monument stands 11'6" tall while the lowest tier is 6' x 6'.

Elaboration

Located in the southern section of Twin Springs Park at Siloam Springs in Benton County, the Siloam Spring Grand Army of the Republic Monument is a three-tiered commemorative monument on a concrete base. The monument stands 11'6" tall while the lowest tier is 6' x 6'.

The bottom two tiers are wide, flat granite slabs with rusticated sides and smooth tops. They are topped by a granite column topped by a smooth, onion-shaped element.

The granite column has a smooth, engraved front; the other three sides are rusticated. Engravings are, from the top down:

- * An upside down, five pointed star labeled GAR
- * The words "IN GOD WE TRUST"
- * A Maltese cross engraved with the words "WOMENS RELIEF CORPS 1833"
- * The words "ERECTED BY/CURTIS POST/1928"
- * A wreath topped by an eagle and backed by crossed cannon; in the center are the stylized letters "US"; in a circle within the ring are the words "PRESERVED BY THE GRACE OF GOD".

The monument appears to be well maintained, though there is evidence of organic growth on the base and spray paint on the column.

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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: 1928 _____

Significant Dates: 1928 _____

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 Siloam Springs G.A.R. 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 ancestors' organization in Arkansas. As such, it is eligible under Criterion A with statewide significance for its associations with the efforts of the S.R. Curtis Post No. 9 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 Siloam Springs GAR Monument was unveiled in 1928 in Twin Springs Park, south of Sager Creek, by the Samuel R. Curtis Post No. 9. The post, named for the commander of the Union army at the Battle of Pea Ridge in 1862, was founded in 1884, shortly after the return of the GAR to Arkansas. The monument is the only one in Arkansas known to bear the emblem of the Women's Relief Corps, one of the G.A.R.'s ladies auxiliaries, which was founded in 1883.

While little information exists on the history of the Samuel R. Curtis G.A.R. post, it likely was an active post since the state GAR's Twentieth Annual

Encampment was held in Siloam Springs in May 1902, with the Curtis post hosting the event. Also, the minutes from the twentieth and twenty-first encampments indicated that the Siloam Springs post was among the state's top five for those years in terms of dues-paying members. Finally, it is significant that the post had sufficient support to erect a monument in 1928, which definitely was a late date in the movement to erect Civil War commemorative monuments.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Goodspeed, 1889 History of Benton County, p 105. Information supplied by Don Warden, Siloam Springs Museum, letter dated September 20, 1995.

Proceedings of the Twentieth Annual Encampment, Arkansas Department, Grand Army of the Republic, May 14, 1902.

___ 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>361500</u>	<u>4005160</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.

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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Siloam Springs, Benton Co., AR
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August 1995

Negatives on file at AHPP
View from North



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View from south



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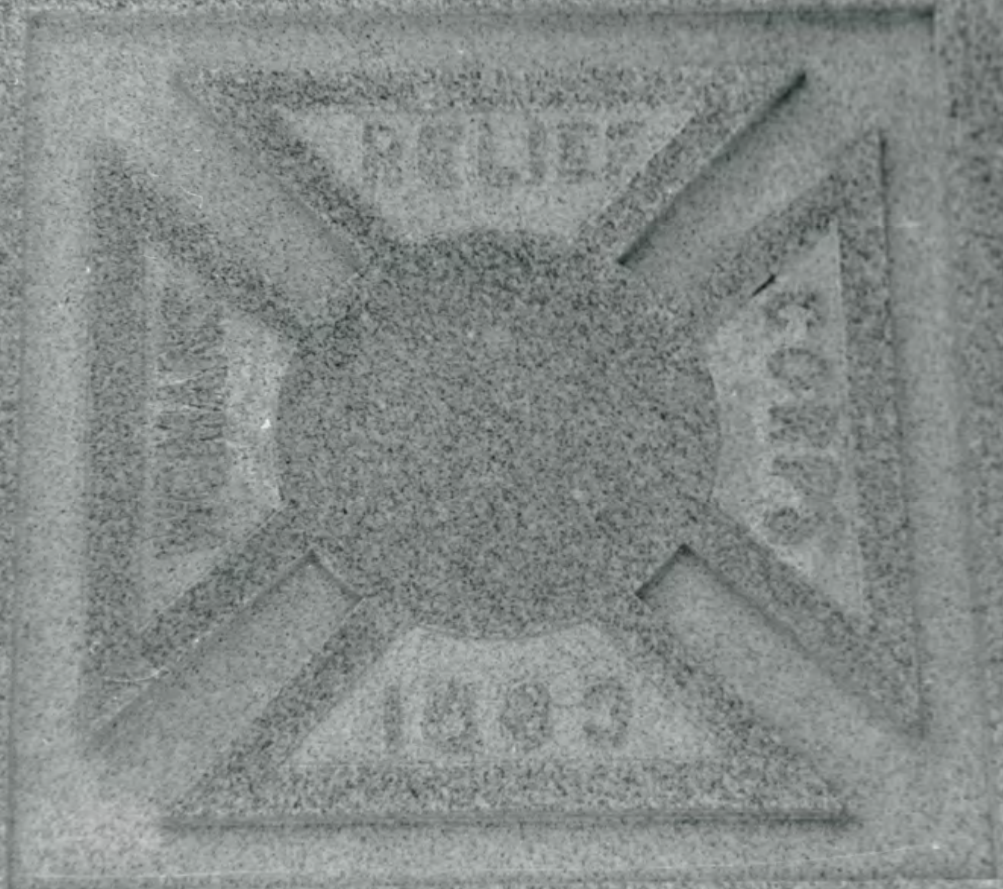
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North face detail

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