NPS Form 10-900 (Rev. 8-86)

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM



"Something So Dim It Must Be

1. Name of Property
historic name: <u>Star City Confederate Memorial</u>
other name/site number: <u>LI0044S</u>
2. Location
street & number: <u>Town Square (southwest corner)</u>
not for publication: $N/A$
city/town: Star City vicinity: N/A
state: AR county: Lincoln code: AR 079 zip code: 71667
3. Classification
Ownership of Property: <u>Public-local</u>
Category of Property: Object
Number of Resources within Property:
Contributing Noncontributing
buildings sites structures objects 0 Total
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: $\underline{\ \ N/A\ \ }$

Name of related multiple property listing: "Something So Dim Holy:" Civil War Commemorative Sculpture in Arkansas, 1886-1934

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4. State/F	ederal Agency Certification			
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6. Function				
	RECREATION AND CULTURE		Monument/marker	
Current:	RECREATION AND CULTURE	Sub:	Monument/marker	

7. Description	1 1			
Architectural	Classification:		,	
<u>Neoclassical</u>		_		,
Other Descript	cion: N/A			
Materials:	foundation walls	STONE/Marble STONE/Marble	roof other	N/A
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## Summary

The Star City Confederate Memorial in Lincoln County is located at the southwest corner of the town square at the corner of Jefferson and Bradley Streets. The sculpture is of a standing Confederate soldier in typical hat and uniform of the time. His proper left foot is forward, and a rifle is held with both hands on the upper barrel, proper left above proper right at stomach level. The butt of the gun is resting on the ground in front of his proper right foot. This figure appears identical to that in the Chicot County Plaza Monument, although the base is different. Both the base and sculpture are made of white marble. The base is 8'x10'x6'; the sculpture is 6'x2'x2'.

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The front base of the monument, which faces south, contains the inscription "IN MEMORY OF / OUR / CONFEDERATE / HEROES / 1861 - 1865."

The east side of the base is marked "LINCOLN COUNTY / REMEMBERS THE / FAITHFULNESS OF / HER SONS AND / COMMENDS THEIR / EXAMPLE TO FUTURE / GENERATIONS."

The north side of the base is inscribed "ERECTED BY / CAPT. J. MARTIN / MERONEY / CHAPTER NO. 1831 / OF LINCOLN COUNTY / U.D.C."

On the west side of the base is written "OUR FURLED BANNER / WREATHED WITH / GLORY AND THOUGH / CONQUERED, WE ADORE / IT. WEEP FOR THOSE / WHO FELL

BEFORE IT. / PARDON THOSE WHO / TRAILED AND TORE IT."

Set in the ground behind the base is a bronze plaque that reads "THIS STATUE HONORING OUR CONFEDERATE / VETERANS ERECTED AT THIS SITE IN 1928 WAS MOVED TO THE NEW / COURTHOUSE IN 1962. 'ALEX' RETURNED HOME IN 1992."

There are numerous small chips off the base and both the sculpture and the base are experiencing sugaring.

8. Statement of Significance				
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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: <u>Statewide</u> .				
Applicable National Register Criteria: A				
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): B,F				
Areas of Significance:	SOCIAL HISTORY			
Period(s) of Significance	e: <u>1928</u>			
Significant Dates: 1928				
Significant Person(s): N/A				
Cultural Affiliation: N/A				
Architect/Builder: <u>Unknown</u>				
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 Criteria Considerations B and F

The Star City 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 Captain J. Martin Meroney Chapter No. 1831 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 monument, built in honor of the "Confederate heroes" of Lincoln County, was sponsored by the Captain J. Martin Meroney Chapter No. 1831 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. They raised a total of \$2,500 for their tribute by operating a concession stand at the Old Soldiers Dinner. It was unveiled on October 8, 1926.

In 1962, the county tore down the 1911 courthouse on the courthouse square. The Star City Confederate Memorial was moved to the grounds of the 1943 Lincoln County Courthouse (NR 03/07/94) at 300 South Drew Street so that it would be better protected and more visible to visitors.

In the early 1990s, the people of Star City began a movement to better utilize the green space in the center of town that formerly held the old courthouse. As part of that movement, the monument was moved back to its original location and rededicated on April 17, 1992 as part of the dedication of the new town square and clock tower. Over 1,000 people attended the event.

Though moved twice in the modern period, the Star City Confederate Memorial now sits near its original location in the center of Star City, thus retaining its integrity of setting and environment. It clearly meets the standards of Criterion Consideration B.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Lincoln County Historical Committee, <u>A History of Lincoln County</u>, <u>Arkansas</u>, Dallas, TX: Taylor Publishing Co., 1983. P. 290.

Lincoln Ledger, May 15, 1992, p. 1.

Interview with Edwin Moss, October 24, 1995.

"Confederate Monuments and Markers in Arkansas," Arkansas Division U.D.C., 1960, p. 291.

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	Addit	cional Dat	ca:					
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10. Geographical Da	ta							
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11. Form Prepared E	By							
Name/Title:	John	Slater, S	Special Pro	oject	s Inter	cn/AHPP S	Staff	
Organization:	rganization: <u>Arkansas Historic Preservation Program</u> Date: <u>02/14/96</u>				2/14/96			
Street & Number:	Street & Number: 323 Center Street, Suite 1500 Telephone: (501) 324-9880				24-9880			
City or Town:	<u>Litt</u>	le Rock			Sta	ate: AR	Zip:	72201

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATI	CON
PROPERTY Star City Confed	derate Memorial
MULTIPLE Civil War Commen	norative Sculpture MPS
STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS,	Lincoln
DATE RECEIVED: 3/28/9 DATE OF 16TH DAY: 4/25/9 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:	DATE OF PENDING LIST: 4/09/96 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 5/12/96
REFERENCE NUMBER: 96000448	3
NOMINATOR: STATE	
REASONS FOR REVIEW:	
	N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL:
COMMENT WAIVER: N	
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ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:	Entered in the National Register
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