

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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===== 1. Name of Property ARPP =====

historic name: Little Rock Confederate Memorial

other name/site number: PU5271

===== 2. Location =====

street & number: Confederate Road

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Little Rock vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Pulaski code: AR 119 zip code: 72206

===== 3. Classification =====

Ownership of Property: Public-federal

Category of Property: Object

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	_____	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.

Signature of certifying official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property X meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Catherine A. Slater

Signature of commenting or other official

3-5-96

Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

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): _____

Signature of Keeper

Date
of Action

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6. Function or Use
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Historic: FUNERARY

Sub: Graves/burials

Current: FUNERARY

Sub: Graves/burials

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Neoclassical

Other Description: N/A

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

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

Summary

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Elaboration

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"U.D.C." is written in raised lettering midway up the shaft on the west side of the monument. Inscribed on the bottom of the shaft on the same side is "1913." The main face of the west side of the base contains the inscription "IN MEMORY OF / THE NINE HUNDRED CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS / BURIED WITHIN THIS ENCLOSE, MOST / OF WHOM DIED IN THE / HOSPITALS IN LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS / IN 1863." At the bottom of the west base "OUR CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS" is written in raised lettering.

Inscribed on the face of the north base is "GATHER THE SACRED DUST / OF THE WARRIORS TRIED AND TRUE / WHO BORE THE FLAG OF A NATION'S TRUST / AND FELL IN A CAUSE, THOUGH LOST STILL JUST / AND DIED FOR ME AND YOU. / AND THE DEAD THUS MEET THE DEAD, / WHILE THE LIVING O'ER THEM WEEP. / AND THE MEN BY LEE AND STONEWALL LED, / AND THE HEARTS THAT ONCE TOGETHER BLED / TOGETHER STILL THEY SLEEP."

The south face of the base contains the inscription "ALL LOST! BUT BY THE GRAVE / WHERE MARTYRED HEROES REST / HE WINS THE MOST WHO SAVES / SUCCESS IS NOT THE TEST. / IT RECKS NOT WHERE THEIR BODIES LIE / BY BLOODY HILLSIDE, PLAIN OR RIVER, / THEIR NAMES ARE BRIGHT ON FAME'S PROUD SKY / THEIR DEEDS OF VALOR LIVE FOREVER."

A 1994 survey indicates that the monument is currently in good condition but is surrounded by trees that will lead to quicker deterioration.

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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: 1913 _____

Significant Dates: 1913 _____

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 Little Rock 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 Memorial Chapter No. 48 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 Little Rock Confederate Memorial was erected by the Memorial Chapter No. 48 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy at a cost of \$650. Several other U.D.C. chapters contributed funds, but the Memorial Chapter paid for the large majority of the cost. The monument was dedicated on Decoration Day, May 11, 1913, with a ceremony before several hundred spectators in Little Rock's Oakland Fraternal Cemetery. Featured speaker Judge W. C. Ratcliffe praised both Northerners and Southerners for their efforts in

healing the rift between the regions, using the federal government's acquisition of and care for the Oakland Cemetery as an example. He noted that this was the first example of the U.S. government assuming responsibility for a formerly Confederate cemetery and credited the U.D.C. for encouraging the arrangement. "When the women who are supposed to be the leaders in maintaining the old spirit of prejudice take the lead in such a movement, it proves conclusively that all hatred has died, that all barriers between the North and South have been removed," he said of the U.D.C. He closed his oration by stating that "these men whose memory we honor here have not died in vain....It was for the making of a better nation." In addition to the unveiling of the monument, the day's festivities included the decoration of each of the 855 Confederate graves with roses by local schoolchildren.

The Little Rock 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 Memorial Chapter No. 48 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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Arkansas Gazette, May 12, 1913, p. 2.

Minutes of the 1913 Arkansas Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy state meeting, p. 85, on file at the Arkansas History Commission.

___ 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:

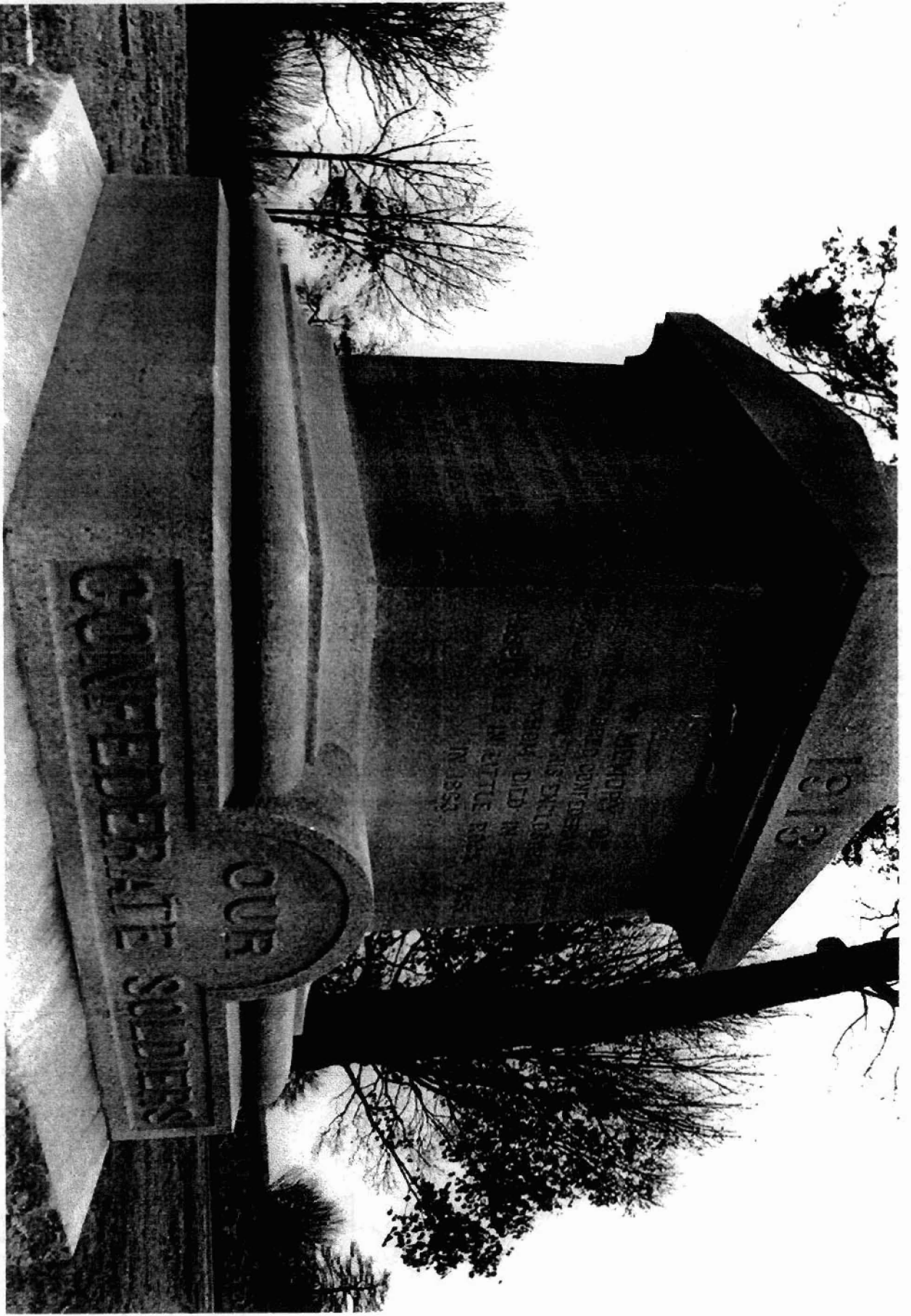
- X State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: Less than one



OUR GOVERNMENT SOLDIERS

OUR

1913

IN 1863

