

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

NR LISTED

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1. Name of Property

APR 26 1996

historic name: Jackson Guards Memorial

AHPP

other name/site number: JA0496S

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2. Location

street & number: Jacksonport State Park (on mall, due west of old courthouse)

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Jacksonport

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Jackson code: AR 067 zip code: 72075

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3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-local

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.

Allyn A. Slater _____ 3-12-96
Signature of certifying official 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): _____

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	<u> </u>

Describe present and historic physical appearance. See continuation sheet.

Summary

The Jackson Guards Memorial is located next to the levy facing south in Jacksonport State Park on the west end of the mall at the intersection of Washington and Avenue streets. The sculpture is of a standing male figure clasping a rifle, butt to ground, with both hands. The proper left hand is above the proper right hand at stomach level. The figure, a Confederate private, is dressed with hat, jacket, pants, and boots typical of the time. A bed roll is draped over his proper left shoulder. The base, which is made of granite, is 20'x10'x10'. The sculpture, made of marble, is 6'x30"x30".

Elaboration

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"C S A" is written on the south capital of the base. Below this is a carving of crossed Confederate flags and a carving of crossed swords. On the south face of the base is the inscription: "THE JACKSON GUARDS WERE ORGANIZED AT JACKSONPORT, / JACKSON COUNTY, ARKANSAS, BY CAPT. A. B. PICKETT, / A PROMINENT LAWYER OF JACKSONPORT, SUNDAY MORNING, / MAY 5, 1861. THE COMPANY WAS MARCHED TO THE / PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND THERE PRESENTED WITH / A BEAUTIFUL SILK FLAG, MADE BY THE FAIR LADIES / OF JACKSONPORT. THE PRESENTATION SPEECH / WAS MADE BY MISS MARY TOM CALDWELL, / ASSISTED BY MISS PAULINE HUDSON AND / MISS FANNIE BOARD. THE SPEECH OF ACCEPTANCE / WAS MADE BY PRIVATE S. S. GAUSE OF THE COMPANY. / THEY WERE THEN MARCHED TO THE STEAMBOAT, / MARY PATTERSON AND WITH CAPT. MORG BATEMAN, / THE OWNER AND COMMANDER, THEY TOOK PASSAGE / FOR MEMPHIS, TENN. AND FROM THERE WENT TO / RICHMOND, VA. THEIR DESTINATION AT THAT TIME." This is followed by "THE ORIGINAL MUSTER ROLL OF CO. "G". FIRST ARK REG. INF OF / JACKSON GUARDS" and a list of the officers of the Jackson Guards. Below this is "1861 1865," a list of the non-commissioned officers, and at the bottom of the base, "CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS."

The north, east, and west sides of the monument have a comprehensive list of the enlisted men, including slaves, who were part of the Jackson Guards. The names are marked with symbols indicating if the soldier was wounded, discharged, killed, transferred, died, furnished a substitute, or detailed. This list gives the monument added historical significance.

Below the list of the men of the Jackson Guards on the west side of the base is the inscription "LIST OF BATTLES IN WHICH COMPANY "G," 1ST ARK. REG. / ENGAGED IN FROM 1861 TO 1865. / FIRST BATTLE OF MANASSAS / BLOCKADE OF POTOMAC AT EVANSPORT / SHILOH - FARMINGTON / CORINTH - PERRYVILLE / MURFREESBORO - CHICKAMAUGA / MISSIONARY RIDGE - RINGGOLD GAP / 74 DAYS FROM DALTON TO ATLANTA / JONESBORO - SPRING HILL / FRANKLIN - NASHVILLE / BENTONVILLE."

The figure's rifle barrel is cracked and there is a chip on the proper right front brim of his hat. There is considerable stain, guano, and organic growth all over the sculpture, as well as sugaring of the detail.

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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): B,F

Areas of Significance: SOCIAL HISTORY

Period(s) of Significance: 1914 _____

Significant Dates: 1914 _____

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 Considerations B and F

The Jackson Guards 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 veterans and other local citizens in Arkansas. As such, it is eligible under Criterion A with statewide significance for its associations with the efforts of the people of Jackson County to reflect their 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 Jackson Guards Memorial was sponsored by private subscription and was unveiled on November 26, 1914, at the Jackson County Courthouse in Newport. It was built to honor the men from Jackson County, known as the Jackson Guards, who fought in the Civil War. It was erected in Newport rather than Jacksonport because Jacksonport, a river town, had been in decline ever since the railroad was built through the county in the 1860s. The unveiling ceremony, which was viewed by what the Newport Daily Independent called an "immense audience," was a festive occasion that included many pro-Confederate songs and speeches.

The courthouse eventually fell into disrepair, however, and in May 1962 the Jackson County Historical Society received permission to renovate the area. As a result, the memorial was moved to its current location at the state park and re-dedicated on June 5, 1965 as part of the centennial anniversary of the Confederate surrender in Arkansas. Gov. Orval E. Faubus spoke to a crowd estimated at 2,500 at the ceremony, which also included a dedication of the new state park and a new plaque commemorating the surrender. The Jackson County Historical Society won the 1971 Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History for their renovation efforts.

The Jackson Guards Monument is significant for its association with the turn-of-the-century movement in Jackson County to commemorate its soldiers who fought with for the South in the Jackson Guards. Though moved from the grounds of the Jackson County Courthouse in Newport (NR 11/18/76) to its present location some 30 years ago, it now rests on the grounds of an earlier Jackson County Courthouse at Jacksonport State Park (NR 01/21/70). It still retains its associations with the Civil War commemorative period in Arkansas and is thus eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places with statewide significance under Criterion Consideration B.

The Jackson Guards 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 veterans and other local citizens in Arkansas. As such, it is eligible under Criterion A with statewide significance for its associations with the efforts of the people of Jackson County to reflect their 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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Eno, Clara B., article in Confederate Monuments in Arkansas, Arkansas History Commission subject file

"Confederate Monuments and Markers in Arkansas," Arkansas Division U.D.C., 1960, p. 191.

Newport Daily Independent, November 27, 1914, p. 1.

Arkansas Democrat, May 15, 1962, p. 13.

Newport Daily Independent, June 7, 1965, p. 1.

"News, Notes and Comments," Arkansas Historical Quarterly, Vol 31, p. 76

___ 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>652840</u>	<u>3945030</u>	B	<u>15</u>	_____
C	<u>15</u>	_____	_____	D	<u>15</u>	_____

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

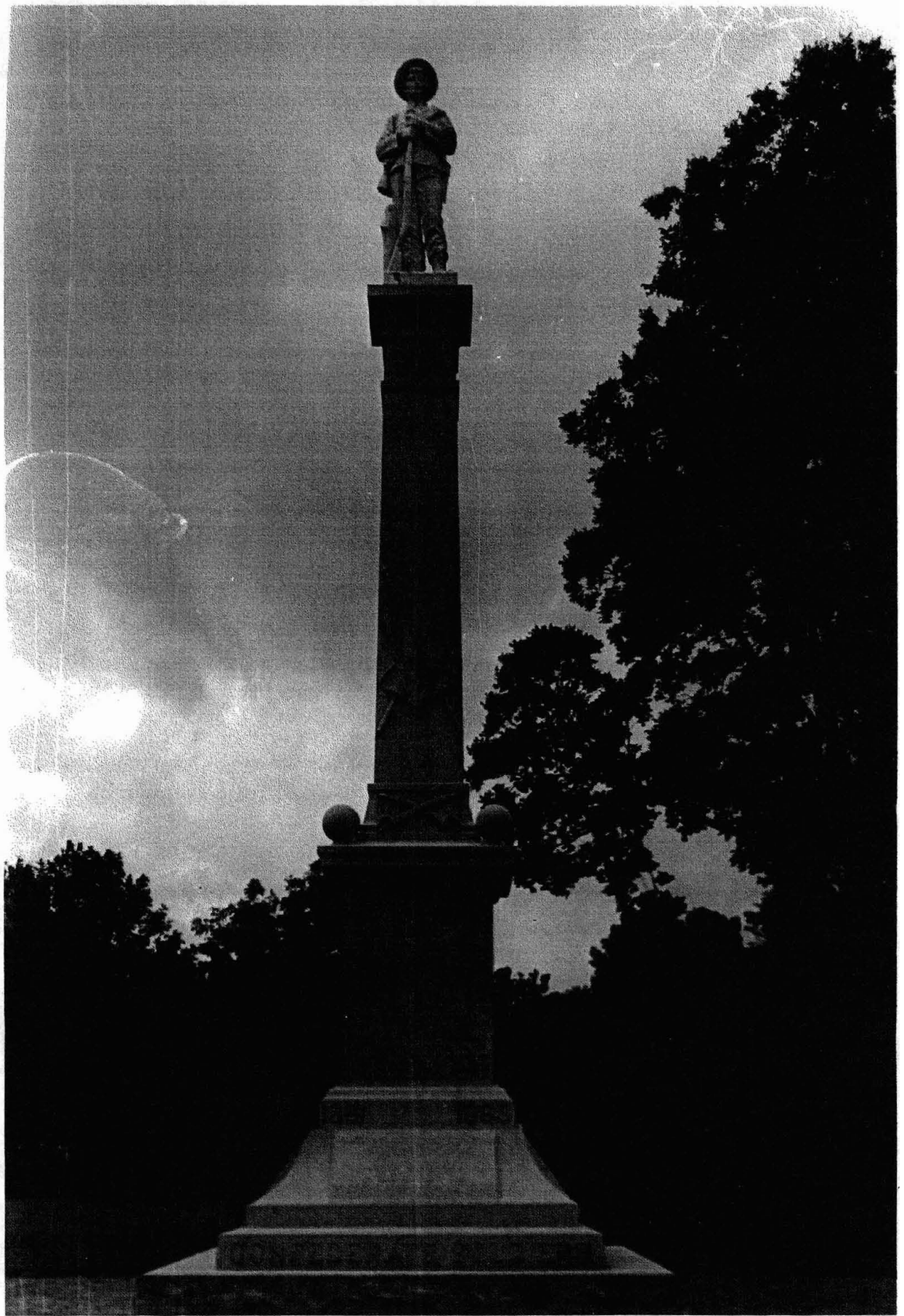
An area around the monument defined by a 25 foot radius centered on the monument itself.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

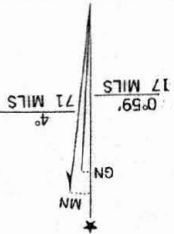
This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource.

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11. Form Prepared By
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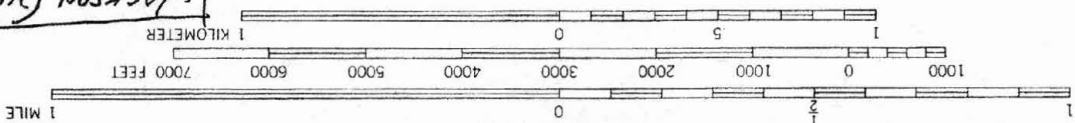
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