NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property
   historic name: Grand Army of the Republic Memorial
   other name/site number: BE0503S

2. Location
   street & number: Southern end of Twin Springs Park
   not for publication: N/A
   city/town: Siloam Springs
   state: AR county: Benton code: AR 007 zip code: 72761
   vicinity: N/A

3. Classification
   Ownership of Property: Public-local
   Category of Property: Object
   Number of Resources within Property:
   Contributing Noncontributing
   buildings sites structures objects
   1 1 0 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
4. State/Federal Agency Certification

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

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
State or Federal agency and bureau

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Signature of commenting or other official

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

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

6. Function or Use

Historic: RECREATION AND CULTURE Sub: Monument/marker

Current: RECREATION AND CULTURE Sub: Monument/marker
7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Neo-Classical

Other Description: N/A

Materials: foundation STONE/Granite/CONCRETE roof N/A
walls STONE/Granite other N/A

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

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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.

8. Statement of Significance
Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Statewide

Likely National Register Criteria: A

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): F

Areas of Significance: SOCIAL HISTORY

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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


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
Acreage of Property: Less than one

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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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