United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

- Historic name: Monticello Confederate Monument

- Other name/site number: DR0255S

2. Location

- Street & number: Oakland Cemetery

- City/town: Monticello

- Vicinity: N/A

- State: AR

- County: Drew

- Code: AR 043

- Zip code: 71655

3. Classification

- Ownership of Property: Public-local

- Category of Property: Object

4. Number of Resources within Property:

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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 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.

Catherine A. Slater
Signature of certifying official

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

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:

Neoclassical

Other Description: N/A

Materials: foundation STONE/Marble, roof N/A, walls STONE/Marble, other

Describe present and historic physical appearance. See continuation sheet.

Summary

The Monticello Confederate Monument in Drew County faces east in a grassy circle at the end of the main entrance road in Oaklawn Cemetery, which is at the intersection of Hyatt St. and West Oakland St. The sculpture is a standing, uniformed Confederate soldier wearing a broad-brimmed hat, coat, pants, and boots. A blanket roll is draped over his proper left shoulder and gathered at his proper right waist, and a scabbard is attached to his proper left waist. He is clasping a rifle, butt to ground, with both hands positioned at his front waist at the top of the muzzle. The base, which is made of marble, is 20'x109"x108". The sculpture, also made of marble, is 72"x20"x20".

Elaboration

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On the east side of the monument, "CSA" is written on the upper shaft in intertwined script. "TO THE / CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS / OF DREW COUNTY / 1861 - 1865," is inscribed on the lower base.


The west side has crossed sabers on the mid base and "LEST / WE / FORGET" on the lower base.

The south shaft has a furled Confederate flag. Beneath that, on the mid base, is "FURL THAT BANNER! TRUE, / 'TIS GORY, / YET 'TIS WREATHED AROUND /
WITH GLORY, / AND 'TWILL LIVE IN SONG / AND STORY, / THOUGH IT'S FOLDS ARE / IN THE DUST. / FATHER RYAN."

There is considerable black stain accumulation on both the base and sculpture, as well as some sugaring on the sculpture. The base joints have parted and have filled with organic material and water.

8. Statement of Significance
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: 1915
Significant Dates: 1915
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 Monticello 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 W.F. Slemons Chapter 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 Criterion Consideration F: Commemorative Properties.

Elaboration
The Monticello Confederate Monument, dedicated to the Confederate soldiers of Drew County, was sponsored by the W. F. Slemons Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy at a cost of close to $1,500. It was unveiled during a festive ceremony at 2 P.M. on Saturday May 15, 1915. A large crowd gathered to watch as local school children, accompanied by a band, put bouquets of flowers at the base of the monument, which was already decorated with garlands of ivy and wreaths of magnolia leaves. Several dignitaries, including the Hon. Patrick Henry, spoke, and "Dixie" was played as the monument was revealed. The program concluded in the cemetery when the ladies of the U.D.C. scattered flowers on the graves of the fallen soldiers.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Confederate Monuments and Markers in Arkansas, Arkansas Division U.D.C., 1960, p. 185.

Drew County Advance, May 18, 1915, p. 1.

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: __________________________

10. Geographical Data

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Verbal Boundary Description: See continuation sheet.

The monument the boundaries of which form a circle with a radius of 25 feet centered on the obelisk itself.

Boundary Justification: See continuation sheet.

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

11. Form Prepared By

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