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National Park Service

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REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Washington Confederate Monument

other name/site number: HE0719 S

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2. Location

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street & number: State Highway 4

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Washington

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Hempstead code: AR 057 zip code: 71862

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Object

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
<u>1</u>	_____	objects
<u>1</u>	_____	Total

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Hempstead County, AR

County and State

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.

Cathryn A. Glavin
Signature of certifying official

10-11-96
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

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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>Brick</u>	roof	<u>N/A</u>
	walls	<u>Marble</u>	other	<u>N/A</u>

Describe present and historic physical appearance. See continuation sheet.

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Summary

The Washington Confederate Monument is a tall marble obelisk atop a three-tiered brick base located at the west end of Washington Presbyterian Cemetery located west off Highway 4 at Washington in Hempstead County.

Elaboration

The Washington Confederate Monument is a tall marble obelisk atop a three-tiered brick base located at the west end of Washington Presbyterian Cemetery located west off Highway 4 at Washington in Hempstead County.

The obelisk is 7'8" tall, 1'7" wide and 1'7" deep. The base is 4'10" tall and 5'2" wide and deep at its widest point. It was fabricated by the Rosebrough Sons stoneworks in St. Louis. The base consists of three sections of mortar-laid brick in gradually descending sizes. These are topped by a concrete pad on which the obelisk sits.

The east face of the obelisk reads: CONFEDERATE DEAD/1861-65.

The north face reads: ERECTED BY OUR CITIZENS/TO THE MEMORY OF THE/CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS/WHO DIED AT THIS POST/DURING/OUR LATE CIVIL WAR; FAR/FROM HOME AND KINDRED/ROSEBROUGH SONS/ST. LOUIS

The south face reads: THEY GAVE THEIR LIVES/TO A CAUSE THAT WAS LOST/THEIR SURVIVORS/WILL NEVER SUFFER/THEIR MEMORY TO PERISH.

The obelisk and base both have some organic growth and there is some sugaring on the obelisk.

The monument, which was refurbished in 1994, is in good condition.

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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

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Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): F

Areas of Significance: SOCIAL HISTORY

Period(s) of Significance: 1888-1911

Significant Dates: 1888

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Rosebrough Sons Stoneworks

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 Consideration F

The Washington 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 a small community in Arkansas. As such, it is eligible under Criterion A with statewide significance for its associations with the efforts of the people of Washington, Arkansas, 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

Washington, Arkansas, strategically placed on the Southwest Trail, lay in the path of troop movements to and from Texas and, following the fall of Little Rock to Union troops in September 1863, was the seat of Confederate government in the state as well. Some 74 Rebel soldiers, including Texans heading north in 1862, casualties of the Battle of Prairie DeAnn, and Missourians from the town's 1864-65 garrisons, were buried in Washington's Presbyterian Cemetery.

The people of Washington, apparently through public subscription, raised money for a marble obelisk to be placed near the unmarked graves of the dead Confederate soldiers. The monument was erected in early August of 1888.

In March 1911 the Presbyterian Cemetery Association plastered over the original brick base; this was removed and a cream-colored brick base installed in the 1960s.

In the summer of 1994, a local youth, Joshua Williams, led the restoration of the monument's base as an Eagle Scout project. Brick similar to that of the original base was used in rebuilding the base and new plants and a concrete walkway were installed during the project. The monument was rededicated on October 16, 1994, some 108 years after its initial installation.

The Washington 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 a small community in Arkansas. As such, it is eligible under Criterion A with statewide significance for its associations with the efforts of the people of Washington, Arkansas, 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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Brochure: "The Old Confederate Monument."

Information submitted by Keenan Williams, Hope, AR.

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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:

- 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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Acreeage of Property: Less than one

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	<u>15</u>	<u>436000</u>	<u>3737240</u>	B	<u>15</u>	_____
C	<u>15</u>	_____	_____	D	<u>15</u>	_____

See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: See continuation sheet.

An area areound 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

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Resource.

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11. Form Prepared By
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