United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property
historic name: Grand Army of the Republic Memorial
other name/site number: WH1702S

2. Location
street & number: North-central section of Evergreen Cemetery
not for publication: N/A
city/town: Judsonia
state: AR county: White code: AR 145 zip code: 72081

3. Classification
Ownership of Property: Public-local
Category of Property: Object

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 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

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

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

6. 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

FUNERARY Cemetery

Current: RECREATION AND CULTURE Sub: Monument/marker

FUNERARY Cemetery
Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other - Specify Repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description: See continuation sheet.

The exterior boundary of the thirty-one foot square within which lie the G.A.R. Memorial itself and the twelve associated Union burials.

Boundary Justification: See continuation sheet.

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

11. Form Prepared By

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Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 03/13/96
Street & Number: 323 Center Street, Suite 1500 Telephone: (501) 324-9880
City or Town: Little Rock State: AR Zip: 72201
7. Description

Architectural Classification:

roc classical

Other Description: N/A

Materials: foundation walls roof other N/A

STONE/Fieldstone STONE/Fieldstone N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance. See continuation sheet.

Summary

The Grand Army of the Republic Memorial of Judsonia is located in the north central section of Evergreen Cemetery in Judsonia, White County. Fabricated by the Morriss Brothers company in Memphis, it is a tall, vertical structure that is visually divided into three parts. The first section, the base, has a very rusticated face. Above this rests a tapered cube-like form, which contains the inscriptions. The third section is obelisk-like and gradually tapers at the top. This part contains two bands of rusticated stone at the top and bottom with relief sculptures in the center. The work is capped by a decorative globe with floral details. The base, made of fieldstone, has dimensions of 11"x6'x6'. The obelisk sculpture, also made of stone, is 12'6"x4'x4'. The monument is located within a 31'-square low fieldstone boundary wall and contains several burials of Union veterans.

Elaboration

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The east face of the monument is simply inscribed with "G. A. R." On the obelisk section is carved an eagle sitting on a sword and nine cannonballs, which rest on a five-pointed star.

The south face contains the inscription "ERECTED / BY / W. T. SHERMAN, / POST NO. 84. / G. A. R. / 1894." A relief sculpture of two crossed rifles is carved in the obelisk section.

On the west face is the inscription "IN MEMORY OF THE / DEFENDERS OF THE / UNION / 1861 - 1865." Carved in relief in the obelisk are two crossed...
Confederate flags.

At the bottom of the north base is carved the foundry name, "MORRISS BROS. / MEMPHIS." This side also features a relief sculpture of two crossed swords. The sculpture suffers from black crusts, organic growth, and sugaring. The base has organic growth and some chips are missing.

The monument lies within a 31'-square low fieldstone wall, which also surrounds the graves of several Union veterans, including soldiers from Indiana, Vermont, Tennessee, Ohio, Kentucky and Illinois. The wall and burials are included in this nomination.

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: 1894

Significant Dates: 1894

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: MorriSS Brothers

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 Grand Army of the Republic 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 veterans' organization in Arkansas. As such, it is eligible under Criterion A with statewide significance for its associations with the efforts of the W.T. Sherman Post No. 84 of the G.A.R. 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.

The Grand Army of the Republic Memorial of Judsonia was erected by the W. T. Sherman Post No. 84 of the G.A.R. in 1894. According to local historian W. E. Orr, it was the first Union monument to be built south of the Mason-Dixon line. The dedication ceremony, which took place in Evergreen Cemetery, was attended by both Confederate and Federal veterans and sympathizers and fostered unity between the former enemies rather than resentment or tension. The curtain was pulled by Ethel Newman and Carly Kinney, both daughters of Federal soldiers, and Nell Young and Laura Hanson, both daughters of Confederates. In the years following the dedication of the monument, 16 graves of G.A.R. veterans who lived in Judsonia after the war were added nearby.

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9. Major Bibliographical References


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