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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: Conway Confederate Monument

other name/site number: FA0876S

AHPP

2. Location

street & number: Southwest corner of courthouse lawn

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Conway

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Faulkner code: AR 045 zip code: 72032

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-local

Category of Property: Object

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing      Noncontributing

<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	buildings
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	sites
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	structures
<u>  1  </u>	<u>      </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

Cathryn 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): _____	_____	_____

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Signature of Keeper Date  
of Action

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#### 6. Function or Use

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Historic: <u>RECREATION AND CULTURE</u>	Sub: <u>Monument/marker</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
urrent: <u>RECREATION AND CULTURE</u>	Sub: <u>Monument/marker</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

Period(s) of Significance: 1925

Significant Dates: 1925

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 Conway 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 Robert E. Lee 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 Criteria Consideration F: Commemorative Properties.

### Elaboration

The Conway Confederate Monument, sponsored by the Robert E. Lee Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy at the cost of about \$1,500, was erected in honor of the Confederate soldiers from the area. On Sunday afternoon, October 18, 1925, it was unveiled before a large audience at the county courthouse. The featured oration was written by Dr. O. E. Goddard and read in his absence by Prof. W. O. Wilson. Goddard emphasized harmony between the North and South, while still praising Confederate virtues. "[This monument] does not stand for sectional hatred," Goddard wrote. "The old south produced a chivalry, a heroism, a bravery that have rarely been equalled and never surpassed....Coming generations must know that we cherish the memory of our noble dead and we shall not cease to honor them so long as rich red southern blood runs in our veins, and southern sentiment throbs in our hearts." In addition to the speech, flowers were placed around the monument and "I'm an Old Time Confederate" was sung.

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## 7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Neoclassical

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Other Description: N/A

Materials:	foundation	<u>STONE</u>	roof	<u>N/A</u>
	walls	<u>STONE</u>	other	_____

Describe present and historic physical appearance. \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

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## Summary

The Conway Confederate Monument is located in front of the Faulkner County Courthouse. It is a standard obelisk structure, made of stone with dimensions of 200"x45"x45".

## Elaboration

The Conway Confederate Monument is located in front of the Faulkner County Courthouse. It is a standard obelisk structure, made of stone with dimensions of 200"x45"x45".

The east face of the monument contains the inscription "1861-65 / (carving of crossed flags) / DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY / OF OUR CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS / THE BRAVEST OF THE BRAVE / ERECTED BY / ROBERT E. LEE CHAPTER / NO. 718 U.D.C. / OCT. 1925."

The north, south, and west faces simply are marked "C.S.A."

There is some chipping and organic growth on the monument. As noted in a 1994 SOS! survey, however, it is well-maintained and 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

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): F

Areas of Significance: SOCIAL HISTORY

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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"Confederate Monuments and Markers in Arkansas," Arkansas Division U.D.C., 1960, p. 41.

Log Cabin Democrat, October 19, 1925, p. 4.

\_\_\_ 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>550780</u>	<u>3882820</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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NO. 718. U.D.C.

OCT. 1925





SOUTH  
 4 000  
 4000 5000 6000 7000 FEET  
 1 KILOMETER  
 1 MILE  
 LAKE HAMILTON 7 MI.  
 ARKADAPOLIS 37 MI.  
 LAKE CATHERINE 6 MI.  
 MALVERN 22 MI.  
 ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
 Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———  
 Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———  
 U.S. Route ○ State Route  
 INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA—1988  
 498000m E  
 93°00' 34°30'  
 19 MI. TO INTERSTATE 30  
 LITTLE ROCK 48 MI.  
 T. 2 S. 38 19000m N.  
 T. 3 S.  
 LAKE CATHERINE  
 7452 N NW



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L MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
 OLORADO 80225, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092  
 ON. LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72204  
 ID SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST