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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

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AHPP

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not for publication: N/A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

vicinity: N/A

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:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	buildings
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	sites
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	structures
<u>  13  </u>	<u>      </u>	objects
<u>  13  </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

Calvin A. Slater \_\_\_\_\_ 3-19-96 \_\_\_\_\_  
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.

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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): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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>
	<u>FUNERARY</u>		<u>Cemetery</u>
Current:	<u>RECREATION AND CULTURE</u>	Sub:	<u>Monument/marker</u>
	<u>FUNERARY</u>		<u>Cemetery</u>

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>623660</u>	B	<u>15</u>
C	<u>15</u>	_____	D	<u>15</u>

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

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.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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Name/Title: John Slater, Special Projects Intern/AHPP Staff

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

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**7. Description**  
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Architectural Classification:

Neoclassical  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other Description: N/A

Materials:      foundation      STONE/Fieldstone      roof      N/A  
                 walls              STONE/Marble      other      \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**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.

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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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Period(s) of Significance:   1894   \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates:   1894   \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person(s):   N/A    
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation:   N/A   \_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder:   Morriss Brothers    
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State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.  
\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

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**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.

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White County's loyalties were divided during the Civil War. Although it organized seven companies of Confederate troops, its representative to the secession convention of 1861, J. N. Cypert, voted against leaving the Union and some residents actually went north to join the Yankee army. Support for the Federal cause continued during the postwar years, as the area's Northern veterans formed a thriving chapter of the G.A.R.

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**  
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Orr, W.E., "That's Judsonia: An Informal History of a Small Town in Arkansas," Judsonia: White County Printing Co., 1957, p. 25, p. 90.

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

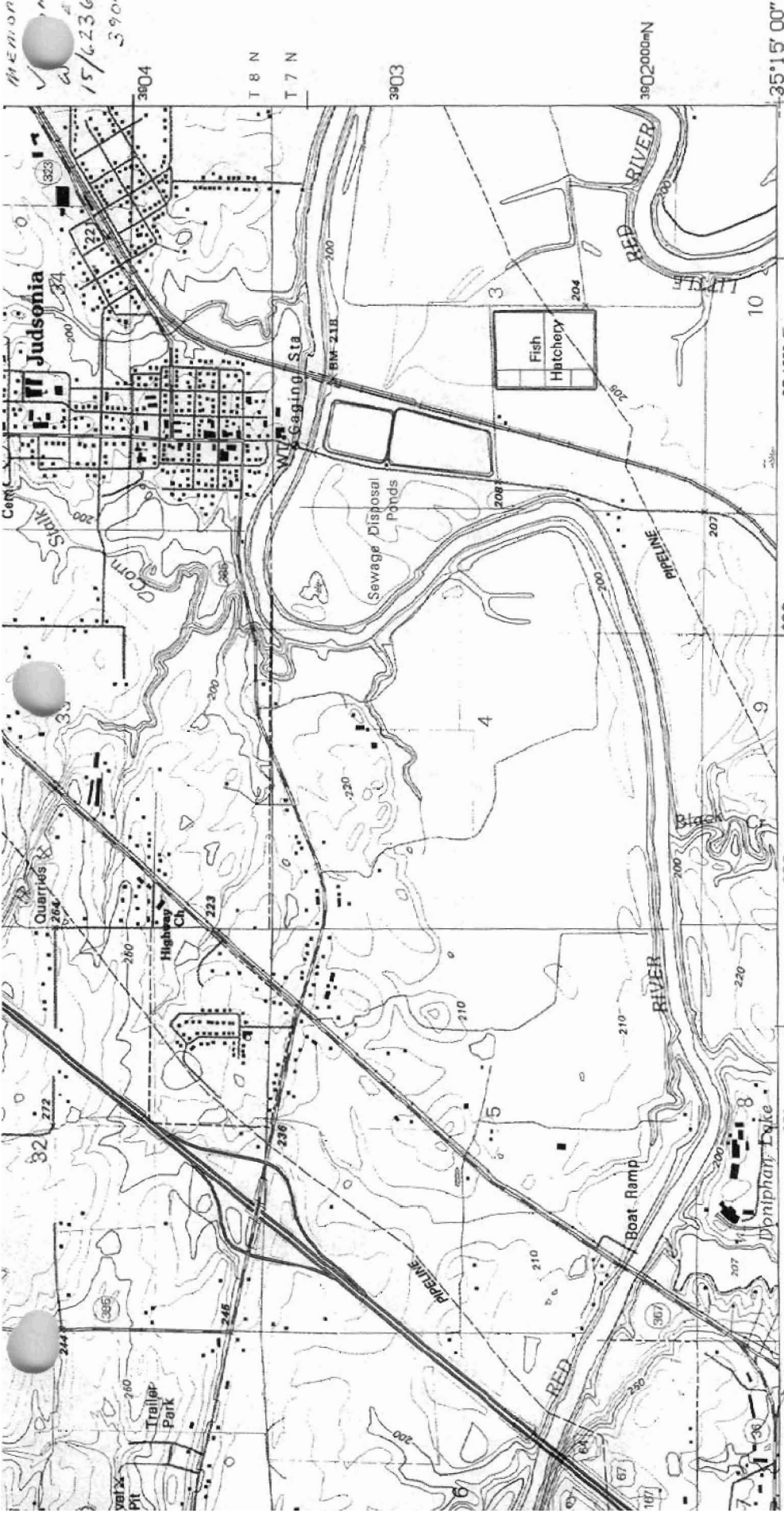
- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- X State historic preservation office
- Other state agency



MEMORANDUM  
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• INTERIOR - GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA - 1984

**ROAD CLASSIFICATION**

- Primary highway hard surface .....
- Light-duty road, hard or improved surface .....
- Secondary highway hard surface .....
- Unimproved road .....

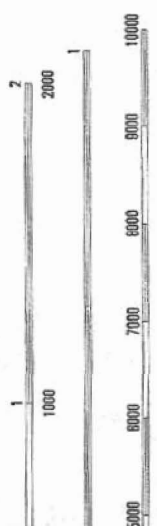
- Interstate Route
- U.S. Route
- State Route



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1 Pangburn	2 Steprock	3 Velvet Ridge	4 Letona	5 Bald Knob	6 Garner	7 Kennett	8 West Point

ADJOINING 7.5' QUADRANGLE NAMES



SCALE 10 FEET  
 INTERVAL 5 FEET  
 CAL DATUM OF 1929

MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
 COLORADO 80225, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092  
 IN, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72204

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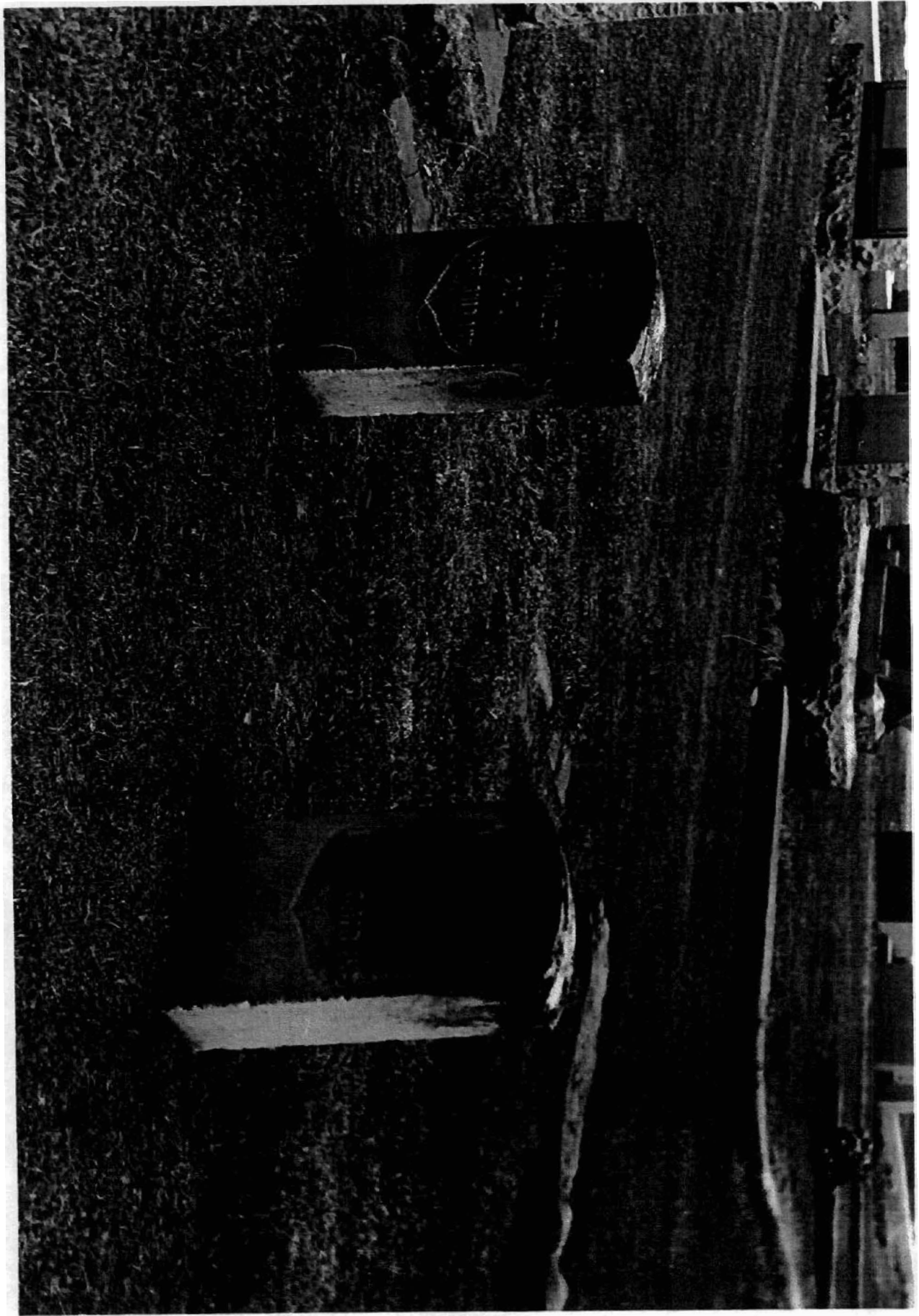
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