

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: Dardanelle Confederate Monument

AHPP

other name/site number: YE0064S

2. Location

street & number: Courthouse Lawn (at the courthouse's southeast corner;
near intersection of Union and Front Streets)

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Dardanelle

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Yell code: AR 149 zip code: 72834

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.

Cathy A. Slatu _____ 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): _____

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 STONE/Marble/CAST CONCRETE roof N/A
 walls STONE/Marble other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance. See continuation sheet.

Summary

The Dardanelle Confederate Monument faces east on the Yell County Courthouse grounds, at the northwest corner of Union and Front streets. The sculpture depicts a Confederate soldier standing atop a plinth that had served as a fountain at one time. He is clean shaven, hatted, and has a blanket roll draped from proper right to proper left waist. He is holding a rifle, muzzle in front of him with the stock at the proper left foot. There is a cut tree trunk to mid thigh at the rear of his proper right leg. The fountain is no longer functional, as the plumbing has been removed. The entire marble portion of the sculpture and base stands on a cast concrete slab. The sculpture is made of white marble and stands 72"x18"x18". The base is cast concrete and marble and has dimensions of 9'x4'x4'.

Elaboration

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All the inscriptions on the monument are on the east face. On the top of this side is written "18 (space) 61, 18 (space) 65." "CSA" is written on a wreath which is over a crossed banner of stars. Inscribed on the center of the east face is "TO THE / CONFEDERATE / SOLDIERS / OF / YELL COUNTY / IN APPRECIATION OF / THEIR SPLENDID VALOR / AND LOYALTY, THIS / MONUMENT IS ERECTED." At the bottom of the east face, on the proper right, is "186 (covered)." On the proper left is "865 (covered)." The fountain bowl on the center of the east side contains the inscription "BY / JOE WHEELER / CHAPTER NO. 247 / U.D.C."

The concrete slab at the bottom of the base is cracked and worn. It is exposed and in need of repair and stabilization. The marble portion of the work has extensive lichen and black stain deposits. There is considerable sugaring of the sculpture. A 1994 SOS! survey recommends that the monument would benefit from treatment.

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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

Period(s) of Significance: 1921 _____

Significant Dates: 1921 _____

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 Dardanelle 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 Joe Wheeler 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 Joe Wheeler Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy raised

\$1,760 for this monument, which is dedicated to the Confederate soldiers of Yell County. On June 3, 1921, it was unveiled at the street end between the Dardanelle and Farmers banks in downtown Dardanelle. The first part of the unveiling ceremony, which the Dardanelle Post Dispatch called "[a program] of rare beauty, eloquence, and interest," took place at the First Presbyterian Church and featured music, prayers, and speeches. Noted local orator Col. M. L. Davis gave the address. The program then moved outside for a parade through the city that included members of two U.D.C. chapters, flower girls representing each seceded state, and 33 Confederate veterans, as well as "a large concourse of citizens." When the parade reached its conclusion, more speeches were made, and the monument was formally presented. The Post Dispatch commented that "the magnificent memorial statue is an honor to the town and county, and a credit to the splendid ladies whose efforts made it possible."

The monument was moved to its current position on the courthouse lawn in 1930, where it faced the newly built free bridge. The reasoning for this move is explained by the Arkansas Division of the U.D.C.'s book Confederate Monuments and Markers in Arkansas, which states "the idea was that all who crossed the bridge would find themselves face to face with the image in marble of the greatest soldier in the world - the Confederate soldier." The move occurred in the historic period and does not affect the National Register eligibility of the monument.

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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. 61.

Dardanelle Post Dispatch, May 19, 1921, p. 1.

Dardanelle Post Dispatch, June 9, 1921, 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: _____

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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>485770</u>	<u>3897700</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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TO THE
CONFEDERATE
SOLDIERS
OF
VIRGINIA
IN APPRECIATION
OF THEIR BRAVERY AND
LOYALTY TO THE
CONFEDERATE CAUSE

THE BELL
MAY 1861
MAY 1865

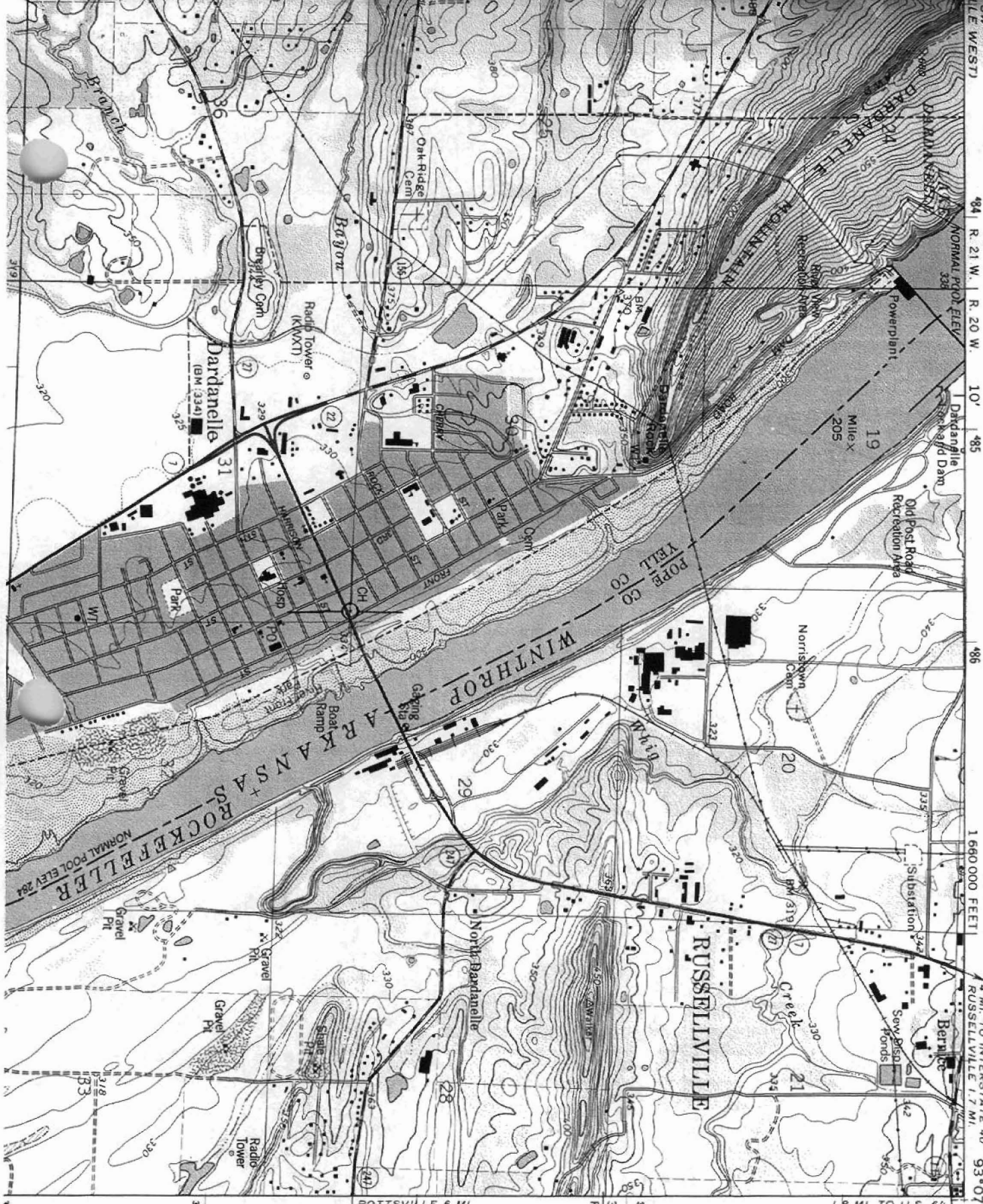
DARDANELLE QUADRANGLE
ARKANSAS

7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

1:680,000 FEET

4 MI. TO INTERSTATE 40
1.7 MI. TO RUSSELLVILLE

35° 15'
93° 07' 30"



DARDANELLE
CONFEDERATE
MONUMENT
DARDANELLE,
YELL CO., AR
15/485290/
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