

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
**CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM**

**PLEASE:**

- Type or print, using a ball-point pen, when filling out this form. Legibility is critical.
- Do not guess at the information. An answer of, "Unknown," is more helpful.
- Include a photograph of each viewable side and label it with name & direction of view.

- Thank You.

**Type of Memorial**

Monument *with* Sculpture                       Monument with *Cannon*  
 Monument *without* Sculpture                       Historical Marker                       Plaque

**Affiliation**

G.A.R. (Post Name & No. Curtis Post)                       M.O.L.L.U.S.  
 W.R.C. (Corps Name & No. of the Curtis Post)                       Other Allied Order  
 SUVCW (Camp Name & No. Unknown)                      (Please describe below)  
 DUVCW (Tent Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Original Dedication Date** 1928                      Please consult any/all newspaper archives for a local paper's article that would have information on the *first* dedication ceremony and/or other facts on the memorial. Please submit a copy of your findings with full identification of the paper & date of publication. Thank you.

**Location**

The Memorial is *currently* located at:

Street/Road address or site location E Twin Springs St @ S Maxwell N36°10'57.8" W94°32'24.6"

City/Village Siloam Springs                      Township \_\_\_\_\_                      County Benton

The front of the Memorial faces:     North                       South                       East                       West

**Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner** (of private cemetery that Memorial is located in)...

Name Siloam Springs Parks & Recreation                      Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address 120 So Mt Olive

City Siloam Springs                      State AR                      Zip Code 72761

Contact Person Peggy Chipman                      Telephone ( 479 ) 524-5779

If the Memorial has been moved, please list former location(s)...

N/A

**Physical Details**

Material of Monument or base under a Sculpture or Cannon =  Stone                       Concrete                       Metal                       Undetermined  
 If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) Granite

Material of the Sculpture =  Stone  Concrete  Metal  Undetermined  
 If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) White Granite  
 If the Sculpture is of metal, is it solid cast or "hollow?" \_\_\_\_\_

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = \_\_\_\_\_

Material of Cannon =  Bronze  Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm  
 Markings on muzzle = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Markings on Left Trunion \_\_\_\_\_ Right Trunion \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial?  If so, describe \_\_\_\_\_

**Approximate Dimensions** (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points  
 Monument or Base: Height 15 ft Width 6 ft Depth 6 ft or Diameter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sculpture: Height \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_ or Diameter \_\_\_\_\_

For Memorials with multiple Sculptures, please record this information on a separate sheet of paper for each statue and attach to this form. Please describe the "pose" of each statue and any weapons/implements involved (in case your photos become separated from this form). Thank you!

**Markings/Inscriptions** (on stone-work / metal-work of monument, base, sculpture)  
 Maker or Fabricator mark / name? If so, give name & location found \_\_\_\_\_

The "Dedication Text" is formed:  cut into material  raised up from material face

Record the text (indicate any separation if on different sides...) Please use additional sheet if necessary.  
 GAR Star \_\_\_\_\_  
 WRC Cross \_\_\_\_\_  
 Erected by Curtis Post 1928 \_\_\_\_\_  
 SUV Medallion \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Environmental Setting**

(The general vicinity and immediate locale surrounding a memorial can play a major role in its overall condition.)

**Type of Location**

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Plaza/Courtyard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Town Square"      | <input type="checkbox"/> Post Office     | <input type="checkbox"/> School          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Building | <input type="checkbox"/> State Capitol   | Other: _____                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Courthouse         | <input type="checkbox"/> College Campus  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Circle     | <input type="checkbox"/> Library         | _____                                    |



**Surface Coating**

Does there appear to be a coating? \_\_\_ Yes  No \_\_\_ Unable to determine  
If known, identify type of coating.

\_\_\_ Gilded \_\_\_ Painted \_\_\_ Varnished \_\_\_ Waxed \_\_\_ Unable to determine

Is the coating in good condition? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Unable to determine

**Basic Surface Condition Assessment (check one)**

In your opinion, what is the general appearance or condition of the Memorial?

Well maintained \_\_\_ Would benefit from treatment \_\_\_ In urgent need of treatment \_\_\_ Unable to determine

**Overall Description**

Briefly describe the Memorial (affiliation / overall condition & any concern not already touched on) .  
Listed in National Register of Historic Places on 5/3/1996. Only Judsonia Arkansas Post Monument

is further south.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Supplemental Background Information**

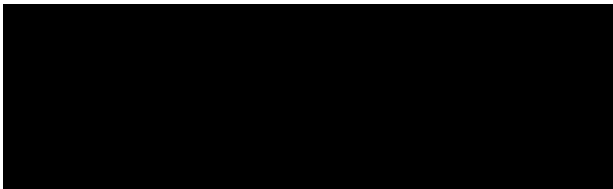
In addition to your on-site survey, any additional information you can provide on the described Memorial will be welcomed. Please label each account with its source (author, title, publisher, date, pages). Topics include any reference to the points listed on this questionnaire, plus any previous conservation treatments - or efforts to raise money for treatment. Thank you.

**Inspector Identification**

Date of On-site Survey 3/16/2011  
Your Name Walter E Busch US Grant Camp 68  
Address PO Box 381 Arcadia  
State MO Zip Code 63621 Telephor [REDACTED]

Please send this completed form to:

Bruce B. Butgereit, PDC, Chair



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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National Civil War Memorials Committee





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1928

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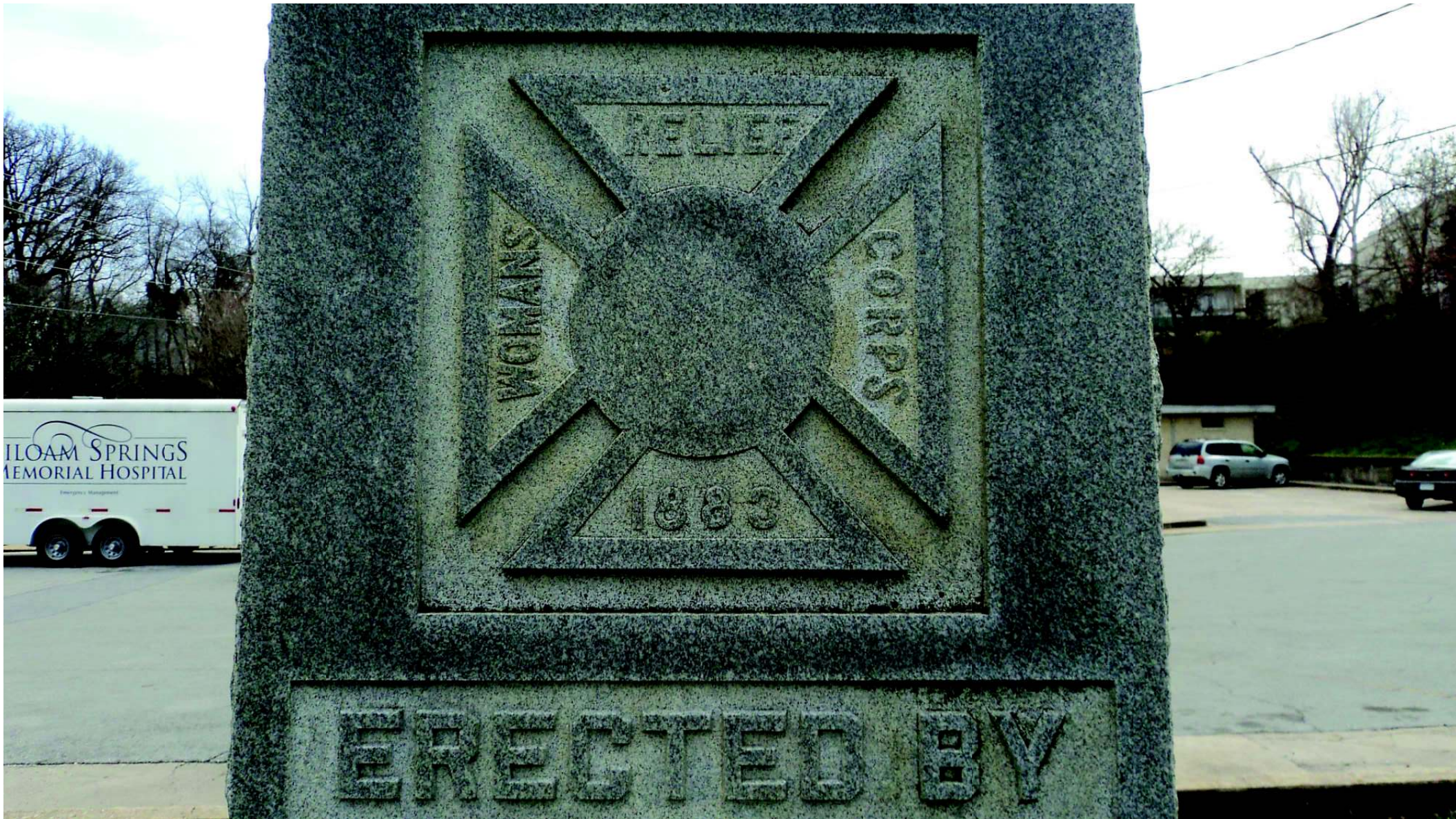
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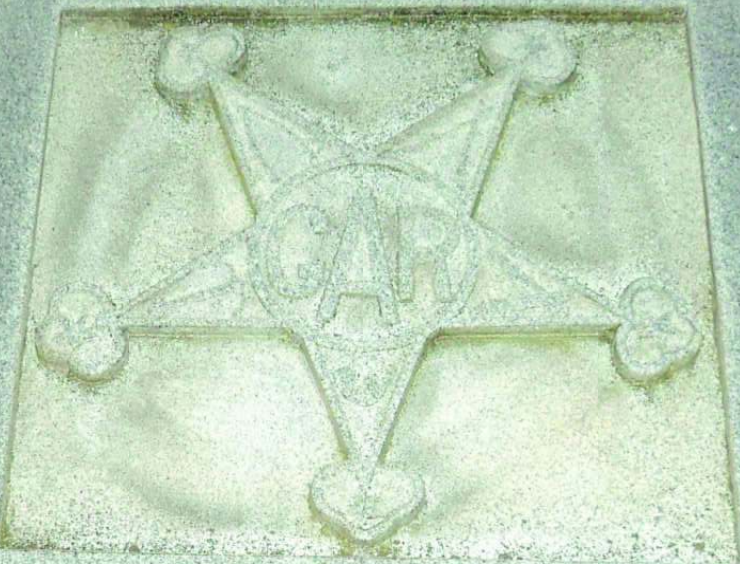






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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

MAY 03 1996

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1. Name of Property

historic name: Grand Army of the Republic Memorial

other name/site number: BE0503S

2. Location

street & number: Southern end of Twin Springs Park

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Siloam Springs

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Benton code: AR 007 zip code: 72761

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. Slatu \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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

\_\_\_\_\_

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Other Description: N/A

Materials:      foundation      STONE/Granite/CONCRETE      roof      N/A  
                 walls                      STONE/Granite                      other      \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Summary

Located in the southern section of Twin Springs Park at Siloam Springs in Benton County, the Siloam Spring Grand Army of the Republic Monument is a three-tiered commemorative monument on a concrete base. The monument stands 11'6" tall while the lowest tier is 6' x 6'.

Elaboration

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The bottom two tiers are wide, flat granite slabs with rusticated sides and smooth tops. They are topped by a granite column topped by a smooth, onion-shaped element.

The granite column has a smooth, engraved front; the other three sides are rusticated. Engravings are, from the top down:

- \* An upside down, five pointed star labeled GAR
- \* The words "IN GOD WE TRUST"
- \* A Maltese cross engraved with the words "WOMENS RELIEF CORPS 1833"
- \* The words "ERECTED BY/CURTIS POST/1928"
- \* A wreath topped by an eagle and backed by crossed cannon; in the center are the stylized letters "US"; in a circle within the ring are the words "PRESERVED BY THE GRACE OF GOD".

The monument appears to be well maintained, though there is evidence of organic growth on the base and spray paint on the column.

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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.

licable National Register Criteria: A

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): F

Areas of Significance: SOCIAL HISTORY  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance: 1928

Significant Dates: 1928

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.

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#### Summary

Criterion A, statewide significance  
Criterion Consideration F

The Siloam Springs G.A.R. 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 ancestors' organization in Arkansas. As such, it is eligible under Criterion A with statewide significance for its associations with the efforts of the S.R. Curtis Post No. 9 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 Siloam Springs GAR Monument was unveiled in 1928 in Twin Springs Park, south of Sager Creek, by the Samuel R. Curtis Post No. 9. The post, named for the commander of the Union army at the Battle of Pea Ridge in 1862, was founded in 1884, shortly after the return of the GAR to Arkansas. The monument is the only one in Arkansas known to bear the emblem of the Women's Relief Corps, one of the G.A.R.'s ladies auxiliaries, which was founded in 1883.

While little information exists on the history of the Samuel R. Curtis G.A.R. post, it likely was an active post since the state GAR's Twentieth Annual

Encampment was held in Siloam Springs in May 1902, with the Curtis post hosting the event. Also, the minutes from the twentieth and twenty-first encampments indicated that the Siloam Springs post was among the state's top five for those years in terms of dues-paying members. Finally, it is significant that the post had sufficient support to erect a monument in 1928, which definitely was a late date in the movement to erect Civil War commemorative monuments.

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### 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Goodspeed, 1889 History of Benton County, p 105. Information supplied by Don Warden, Siloam Springs Museum, letter dated September 20, 1995.

Proceedings of the Twentieth Annual Encampment, Arkansas Department, Grand Army of the Republic, May 14, 1902.

\_\_\_ 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>361500</u>	<u>4005160</u>	B	<u>15</u>	<u>          </u>
C	<u>15</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	D	<u>15</u>	<u>          </u>

       See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description:        See continuation sheet.

A circular 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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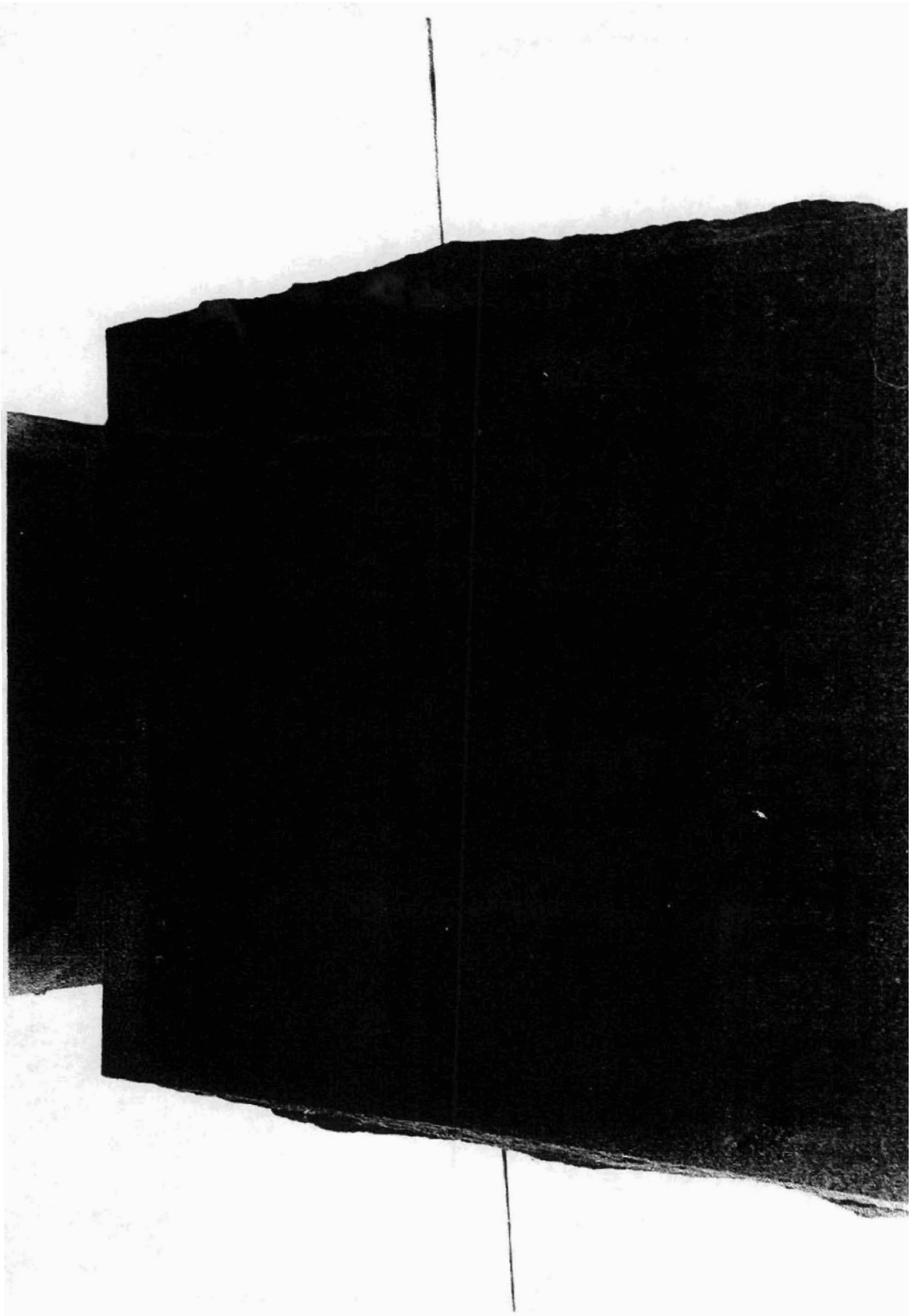
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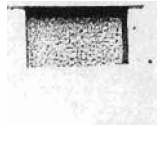
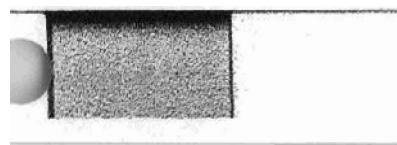
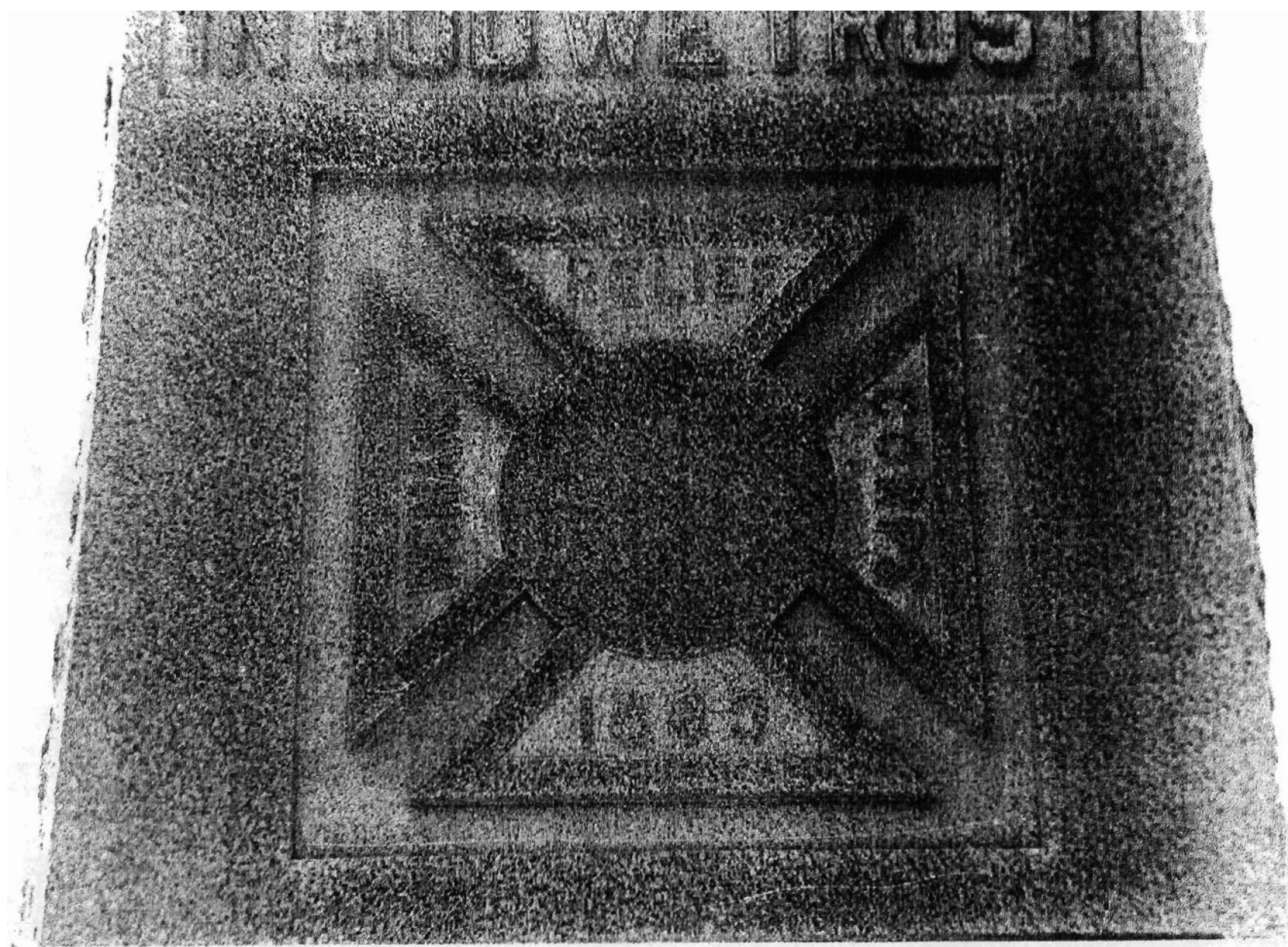
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