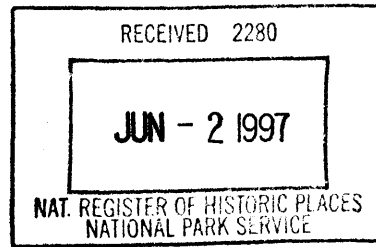


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United States Department of the Interior  
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Confederate Memorial

other names/site number JS-N-75

2. Location

street & number Courthouse Lawn not for publication NA  
city or town Nicholasville vicinity NA  
state Kentucky code KY county Jessamine code 057  
zip code 40356

3. 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant      nationally      statewide X locally. (      See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

David L. Morgan 4-23-97  
Signature of certifying official Date  
David L. Morgan, SHPO  
Kentucky Heritage Council, State Historic Preservation Office  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property      meets      does not meet the National Register criteria. (      See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. 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):

Edson H. Beall 7/17/97  
 Signature of Keeper Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	sites
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	structures
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	objects
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Civil War Monuments in Kentucky, 1861-1935

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Other: Civil War Monument Sub: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Other: Civil War Monument Sub: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

\_\_\_ NA \_\_\_\_\_

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation \_\_\_ Granite Base/Limestone Pedestal \_\_\_

roof \_\_\_ NA \_\_\_\_\_

walls \_\_\_ NA \_\_\_\_\_

other \_\_\_ Bronze \_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)  
(See attached)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

\_\_\_ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

\_\_\_ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

\_\_\_ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

\_\_\_ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

\_\_\_ B removed from its original location.

\_\_\_ C a birthplace or a grave.

\_\_\_ D a cemetery.

\_\_\_ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

F a commemorative property.

\_\_\_ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

\_\_\_ Social History \_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance \_\_\_ 1896 - 1935 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates \_ 1896 \_

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

NA

Cultural Affiliation NA

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)  
(SEE ATTACHED)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone Easting	Northing	Zone Easting	Northing	
1	16 713420	4195160	3	_____	Quad. - <u>Nicholasville</u>
2	_____	_____	4	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.					

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)  
(See attached)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Joseph E. Brent, Historic Sites Data Coordinator

organization Kentucky Heritage Council date \_\_\_\_\_

Confederate Monument JS-N-75

Jessamine County, Kentucky

street & number 300 Washington Street telephone (502) 564-7005

city or town Frankfort state KY zip code 40601

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Additional Documentation  
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Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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Property Owner  
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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Jessamine County Judge/Executive (Wm. Neal Cassity)

street & number 101 North Main Street telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Nicholasville state KY zip code 40356

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Confederate Memorial  
Jessamine County, Kentucky

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**Description** The Confederate Memorial on the courthouse lawn in Nicholasville consists of two parts: the statue and the base. The statue is a seven foot tall bronze figure of a Confederate soldier at rest, but watchful. He is holding his rifle near the bayonet with both hands. He is wearing a kepi hat and a nap sack. The pedestal is about eleven feet tall and is made of unpolished granite. It is inscribed on all four sides. The inscriptions read from the front clockwise: "Our Confederate Dead Who they were few may know What they were all know 1861-1865;" "Nor braver bled for brighter land nor brighter land had a cause so grand;" "On fame's eternal camping ground their silent tents are spread and glory guards with solemn round the bivouac of the dead;" "The muffled drums sad roll has beat the soldier's last tattoo no more on life's parade shall meet the brave and daring few."

**Statement of Significance** The Confederate Memorial on the courthouse lawn in Nicholasville meets National Register criterion A and is significant within the context of "Civil War Monuments in Kentucky, 1861-1935." This monument was the result of 16 years of fund raising in Jessamine County. Jefferson Oxley a former Confederate soldier and citizen of Jessamine County began fund raising to erect a suitable monument in 1880. He formed the Jessamine County Memorial Association and the effort moved slowly forward. By the mid 1890s the association still had not raised enough funds for a memorial. However, they were alerted to an unclaimed statue that a monument company would sell at a discount. The statue originally designed as a Union soldier was altered to become a Confederate and for some \$1,500 a memorial was erected in Nicholasville. This monument was unveiled in 1896 in front of some 3,500 people on the courthouse lawn by Lawson Oxley, the son of Jefferson Oxley, who died just prior to the event. A special train from Louisville brought another 160 including keynote speaker Bennett Young, who over the course of his life would dedicate numerous Confederate monuments in Kentucky. This monument is an excellent example of the property type "statue."

**Verbal Boundary Description** - The Confederate Memorial whose boundaries form a circle with a radius of ten feet located on the courthouse lawn in Nicholasville.

**Verbal Boundary Justification** - The area associated with the monument is restricted to the ground on which the monument sits and a small buffer around it. The setting outside such a restricted area is not seen as critically important to maintaining an integrity of association. Because the focus of the multiple property submissions is the significance of the monuments, their proposed area of listing will reflect that they have been considered by-and-large, in isolation from their surrounds.

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