



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 Beriah Magoffin Monument

other names/site number ME-H-152

2. Location

street & number Springhill Cemetery not for publication NA
city or town Harrodsburg vicinity NA
state Kentucky code KY county Mercer code 084
zip code 40330

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

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

NA

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Zinc

roof NA

walls NA

other Zinc

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 ca 1900 - 1935

Significant Dates ca 1900

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Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

NA

Cultural Affiliation NA

Architect/Builder American White Bronze, Chicago, Illinois, manufacturer

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	Quad.
1	16	690320	4	182220	3	<u>Harrodsburg</u>
2	_____	_____	4	_____	_____	

See continuation sheet.

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

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

Beriah Magoffin Monument ME-H-152

Mercer County, Kentucky

organization Kentucky Heritage Council date _____

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

city or town Frankfort state KY zip code 40601

Additional Documentation

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)

Property Owner

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

name Mercer County Judge/Executive (Kenneth Kirkland)

street & number 134 South Main telephone (606) 734-6300

city or town Harrodsburg state KY zip code 40330

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Description The Beriah Magoffin Monument in Harrodsburg is a cast zinc monument approximately ten feet tall that consists of two parts, a base and a bust. The base is two stepped with the very bottom part cast to resemble rough cut stone. The second tier has the name "Magoffin" in raised letters on it. The whole of the pedestal portion of the base is cast to resemble rough cut stone, save areas that where plaques are placed. These are roughly in the center of the body of the pedestal. Each side of the monument has a plaque, and all of them are inscribed. The east side (front) reads: "Our War Governor Beriah Magoffin born April 15, 1815 Died February 28, 1885;" the south side reads: "What attitude shall Kentucky occupy in the deplorable conflict looking to the constitution of the United States, the nature of our institutions and the causes of the war, I think Kentucky has a right to assume a neutral position;" the west side (rear) reads: "While opposed to the policy of the government and the measures used to preserve the constitution, we would not exchange the government of our fathers for any experiment on earth. We differ only as to the best means to preserve the Union;" the north side reads: "Ann Shelby wife of Beriah Magoffin born August 15, 1818 died May 7, 1880. 'My children are my jewels'." Above the base of the monument is a bust of Beriah Magoffin. The bust is a classical design draped in a toga and the hair and beard styled after works of antiquity.

Statement of Significance The Beriah Magoffin Monument in Harrodsburg meets National Register criterion A and is significant within the context of "Civil War Monuments in Kentucky, 1861-1935." The monument was erected ca. 1900. It is a transitional monument. Though it was placed in a cemetery, it does not evoke mourning or sadness. This monument is a tribute to Magoffin and his stand in the early days of the Civil War. When President Abraham Lincoln called for troops to crush the rebellion, Magoffin refused and declared Kentucky neutral. The inscriptions on the monument justify Magoffin's actions. The monument, which is made of zinc, was probably erected 15 to 20 years after his death at a time when justifying/celebrating the "Lost Cause" and Kentucky's role in the Civil War was part of the monument building process. Also the other zinc monuments erected in the state date from 1902 to 1907, which falls within the time period of celebration rather than mourning. The monument is an excellent example of the property type "statue."

Verbal Boundary Description - The Confederate Monument whose boundaries form a circle with a radius of ten feet centered on the monument located in Springhill Cemetery in Harrodsburg, Kentucky.

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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