

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Marquis Calmes Tomb

other names/site number WD 86

2. Location

street & number Paynes Mill Road

NA not for publication

city, town Versailles

vicinity

state Kentucky

code KY

county Woodford

code 239

zip code 40383

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

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

Category of Property

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

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Pisgah Area of Woodford County, Kentucky

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

David L. Morgan, SHPO
Signature of certifying official

12-22-88
Date

Kentucky Heritage Council

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

NA
Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. 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:)

Patrick Andrews

2/10/89

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

burial site

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

burial site

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)n/a

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone

walls stone

roof stone

other n/a

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The tomb of Marquis Calmes and wife, Patricia Hale Calmes is located on a high point of rather level ground that is presently used as pasture on a horse farm. A young tree is the single natural landscape feature within the contemporary board fence that surrounds the tomb. The structure is built of dry-laid, quarried limestone and has been pointed with cement mortar within the 20th century. The stones are evenly coursed ashlar with a single opening placed midway in the east wall. The opening is supported by flat sill and lintel stones. The rectangular mass measures approximately 10 by 12 feet with the walls tapering in at the top to a height of about eight feet. The center of the roof is open and if a stone once capped this rectangle, it has now fallen into the tomb or has been removed.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

architecture

Period of Significance

1820-1839

Significant Dates

n/a

Cultural Affiliation

n/a

Significant Person

Marquis Calmes

Architect/Builder

attributed to Marquis Calmes

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The tomb of Marquis Calmes and wife, Patricia Hale Calmes is significant as the only remaining property associated with Marquis Calmes, a figure of outstanding historical importance to the area. It is also significant as a well preserved and unusual funerary structure in the rural Bluegrass region of Kentucky.

Calmes immigrated to Woodford County from the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia with Buck Pond owner, Col. Thomas Marshall in the 1780's. He received a military patent on 1,000 acres of land adjacent to Buck Pond, named it Caneland, and had erected a large, two-story log home with stone end chimneys. Calmes was distinguished in the Revolutionary War, and in Kentucky served as a justice of the Woodford County Court, named the town of Versailles (seat of Woodford County) was appointed by the governor to select the site for the first permanent state house in Frankfort, and welcomed old friend, the Marquis de Lafayette, during his visit to Kentucky in 1825.

Tradition maintains that Calmes was a wealthy eccentric, "a little cracked". He certainly was wealthy. As early as 1814 he owned 36 slaves. And when his estate was sold in 1839, five years after his death, it brought over \$12,000.00. Before his death, he personally supervised one of his slaves in the construction of the well fitted limestone tomb.

In central Kentucky, most burials take place in family graveyards and church cemeteries. Head and foot stones and occasionally, a small stone slab, mark the burials. Calmes tomb is a rare example of a different type of funerary structure. At present, it is the only known burial structure of its type in the Bluegrass region of Kentucky.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Woodford Sun, June 13, 1974. p.2
Woodford County Tax Assessments: 1814. Woodford County Historical Society, Versailles, Kentucky.
Kentucky Heritage Council Survey files: WD 86: General Calmes Tomb

Previous documentation on file (NPS): NA
 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 # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data: _____
 State historic preservation office
 Other State agency
 Federal agency
 Local government
 University
 Other
Specify repository:
Kentucky Heritage Council

10. Geographical Data

Acres of property less than one acre

UTM References

A

1	6	7	0	4	0	4	0	4	2	1	4	7	1	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

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D

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See continuation sheet 10.1

Verbal Boundary Description

see continuation sheet

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

see continuation sheet

See continuation sheet

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Verbal boundary description and justification:

From the southeast corner of the structure, point a is located 10' southeast of that corner. From point a, the boundary forms a rectangle 10' feet beyond the structures four walls following the alignments of those walls and roughly encircling the present board fence and a single tree. The boundary is justified as including a small perimeter around the structure and no additional buffering land. Because the property is significant for its association with Calmes and for its architectural uniqueness, and because the surrounding landscape no longer conveys an historic appearance, additional land will not enhance the property's significance.

Photographs

The following information is the same for all photographs listed:

- 1) Name: Marquis Calmes Tomb (WD 86)
- 2) Location: vicinity of Versailles, Kentucky
- 3) Photographer: Christine Amos
- 4) Date: June, 1988
- 5) Negative location: Kentucky Heritage Council, Frankfort

Photo	Description of view
1	looking northeast toward tomb
2	looking southeast toward tomb
3	detail of opening and stone work on southeast wall

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 88003346

Date Listed: 2/10/89

Marquis Calmes Tomb
Property Name

Woodford
County

KY
State

Pisgah Area of Woodford County MPS
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Patrick Andrews
Signature of the Keeper

2/10/89
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

The Period of Significance and Area of Significance for this nomination have to be amended. The period extends beyond the date of Calmes death, and there is no Area of Significance to indicate his importance under Criterion B. Finally, two property categories are checked when only one is appropriate. Marty Perry with the KY SHPO says that the form should be changed to have the Period of Significance end in 1834 (year of Calmes death), Politics/Government should be added to the Areas of Significance (for Criterion B), and only structure should be recorded as the property type. The form is now officially amended to reflect these changes.

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 88003348

Date Listed: 2/10/89

Pisgah Rural Historic District
Property Name

Woodford
County

KY
State

Pisgah Area of Woodford County MPS
Multiple Name

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Signature of the Keeper

2/10/89

Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

The Period of Significance for this district is defined as extending to 1945, but the form does not address the issue of this being an exception to the National Register Criteria and a property of exceptional importance. Marty Perry with the KY SHPO requested that the Period of Significance be changed to end in 1939. This will bring it to the 50 year point and will not exclude any properties from the contributing category (as no buildings in the district date from 1939-1945). The nomination is now officially amended to change the period of significance so that in now ends in 1939.

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