



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  
 for

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
_____	_____ buildings
_____	_____ sites
_____	_____ structures
<u>1</u>	_____ objects
<u>1</u>	_____ 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 Limestone

roof NA

walls Na

other Limestone

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 1884 - 1935

Significant Dates 1884

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Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

NA

Cultural Affiliation NA

Architect/Builder NA

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	17 298280	4274740	3	<u> </u>	Quad. - <u>Vanceburg</u>
2	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	4	<u> </u>	
<u> </u> 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

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Lewis 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

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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 Lewis County Judge/Executive (George Plummer)

street & number 514 Second Street telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Vanceburg state KY zip code 41179

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**Description** The Union Monument on the courthouse lawn in Vanceburg is a 30-foot tall limestone monument that consists of three parts: the base, the pedestal and the statue. The base is comprised of cut limestone blocks that rest upon a limestone slab. It is approximately five feet tall by seven feet wide. The pedestal is very ornate, made up of eight parts. Beginning at the bottom, the pedestal has a fairly broad base which is inscribed on all four side. This is surrounded by a smaller block that is also inscribed all the way around. Upon that is the main portion of the shaft. The main portion of the shaft has three blocks of equal size, the lower of which is black, followed by one that is inscribed and the third which has friezes of cannons, swords and tents. This portion is topped with an ornate capital, with a scroll motif. Above the capitol is a slightly smaller block with a frieze of oak and laurel leaves. This is topped with a capital, an Egyptian motif. The statue is atop of this portion of the monument. The statue is of a Union soldier in a winter great coat with a cape. He is wearing a kepi hat and clasping his musket with both hands.

**Statement of Significance** The Union Monument on the courthouse lawn in Vanceburg meets National Register criterion A and is significant within the context of "Civil War Monuments in Kentucky, 1861-1935." This is the earliest Union monument erected in a public place and the earliest Civil War monument with a statue anywhere in the Commonwealth. The monument was erected by the citizens of Lewis County in 1884 and upon the pedestal of the monument are the names of the men from the county who were killed during the war. It also has the names of the battles in which they participated. This is an excellent example of the property type "statue" and the only one constructed of limestone.

**Verbal Boundary Description** - The Union Monument whose boundaries form a circle with a radius of ten feet centered on the monument located on the courthouse lawn in Vanceburg, 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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Coulter, E. Merton, The Civil War and Readjustment in Kentucky, (Chapel Hill, University of North Carolina Press, 1926)

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McConnell, Stuart, Glorious Contentment: The Grand Army of the Republic, 1865-1900, (Chapel Hill, NC, University of North Carolina Press, 1992)

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