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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 Latham Confederate Monument

other names/site number CH-H-204

2. Location

street & number Riverside Cemetery not for publication NA
city or town Hopkinsville vicinity NA
state Kentucky code KY county Christian code 024
zip code 42240

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 R. 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"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<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

roof NA

walls Granite

other NA

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 1887 - 1935

Significant Dates 1887

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Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

NA

Cultural Affiliation NA

Architect/Builder Hollowell Granite Company, Bangor, Mo., 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	
1	16 457100	4080940	3	_____	_____	Quad - <u>Kelly</u>
2	_____	_____	4	_____	_____	

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 _____

Latham Confederate Monument (CH-H-204)

Christian 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 Mayor - City of Hopkinsville (William Wallace Bryan, Jr.)

street & number P. O. Box 707 telephone (502)

city or town Hopkinsville state KY zip code 42240

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Description: The Latham Confederate Monument in Riverside Cemetery in Hopkinsville is 37.5 feet tall. The base of the structure is eight feet three inches square, supporting a pedestal of two polished stones with intaglio border, the upper stone projecting. On the southern face in a raised panel is inscribed: "Confederate Dead." Above this is the die seven feet in height by four and a half foot square with four highly polished panels each with an inscription: west side-"This monument is erected at the place of his birth by a surviving comrade to commemorate the virtues of the Confederate Dead A.D. 1887;" north side- "Beneath the sod is mingled the sacred dust of 101 unknown soldiers, who were attached to the following commands: 1st Mississippi Regiment, 2nd Mississippi Regiment, 7th Texas Regiment, 8th Kentucky Regiment, Forrest's Cavalry, Woodward's Kentucky Cavalry, Green's Kentucky Artillery War Between the States 1861-1865;" east side- "While martyred for conscience's sake are respected, the valor and devotion of the Confederate soldiers will be admired by the good and the brave;" south side- "Round this column is buried all the heroism that could die."

The north and south sides of the die are decorated with bronze cannon and the east and west sides with laurel wreaths. Above the die is a plain square shaft 12 feet high. On the front of the shaft are two crossed swords with a laurel wreath. The structure is ornamented with a Corinthian cap-stone, bearing on its summit a pyramid of five polished granite cannon balls 18 inches in diameter. At the approach to the monument on the south side is an ornamented entrance of granite eight feet wide. On the posts of the entrance are engraved branches of laurel and oak and underneath an antique dagger encircled by a wreath of laurel. The lot on which the monument stands and the soldiers are buried is heart shaped and border with granite curbing.

Statement of Significance: The Latham Confederate Monument in Riverside Cemetery in Hopkinsville, Kentucky meets National Register criterion A and is significant within the context of "Civil War Monuments in Kentucky, 1861-1935." The monument was erected in 1887 by John C. Latham a former resident of Hopkinsville, who had moved to New York. Latham paid some \$14,000 to create the monument and to remove 101 unknown Confederate soldiers from various graves and rebury them in the lot where the monument was placed. The lot chosen was one of the highest in the cemetery and was placed there so it could be seen from the railroad and from the heights of the city. The unveiling ceremonies had the feel of a funeral procession. This is fairly typical of monuments erected in the 19th Century, especially those in cemeteries. The ceremony included prayer and a benediction and was described by the newspaper as "... an eloquent tribute to the dead." It is a good example of the property type "shaft or obelisk." It is one of the more expensive and largest monuments erected in the state.

Verbal Boundary Description - The Latham Confederate Monument boundaries form a circle with a radius of 100 feet and include the heart shaped lot where 101 Confederate soldiers are buried, the monument and ornamental entrance and the granite curbing that surrounds the lot located in Riverside Cemetery in Hopkinsville, 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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