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National Park Service

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 The Ladies' Confederate Memorial

other names/site number FA-W-37

2. Location

street & number Lexington Cemetery not for publication NA
city or town 833 West Main Street-Lexington vicinity NA
state Kentucky code KY county Fayette code 034
zip code 40508

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 7/19/97
 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
_____	_____ 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 _____ Marble _____

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

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 _____ 1874 - 1935 _____

Significant Dates _ 1874 _

The Ladies' Confederate Memorial

Fayette County, Kentucky

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

_____ NA _____

Cultural Affiliation _____ NA _____

Architect/Builder _____ George W. Ranck, designer/Muldoon Monument Company, Louisville, 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

Acreeage of Property Less than one acre

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

	Zone Easting	Northing	Zone Easting	Northing	
1	16 718560	4215140	3	_____	Quad. - <u>Lexington West</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 _____

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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 Mr. Bob Wachs, General Manager

Lexington Cemetery

street & number 833 West Main Street telephone _____

city or town Lexington state KY zip code 40508

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Ladies Confederate Memorial
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Description: The Ladies Confederate Memorial Monument in the Lexington Cemetery is one of the most unique Civil War monuments in the state. It was erected in 1874 as a memorial to the Lost Cause. The work was done by the Ladies's Memorial and Monument Association of Lexington. The monument is composed of three parts the base, the pedestal and the cross. The base of the monument is limestone carved to resemble large rocks. This motif is repeated in the pedestal. The pedestal is more ornate. It is also limestone carved to emulate a pile of rocks. The pedestal is pyramidal with a flat top. On the various sides of the base are carved flowers. On the front of the pedestal are flowers (possibly lilies) a broken sword and a scroll with the inscription 1874. This motif is repeated on the rear of the pedestal with the inscription "Our Dead." The cross portion of the monument is made of white marble. It is carved to resemble tree trunks or limbs. On the front is a broken flag staff. The flag staff rests against the front of the cross with a Confederate flag (the stainless banner - the second national flag) draped across the arms of the cross.

Statement of Significance: The Ladies Confederate Memorial Monument meets National Register criterion A and is significant within the context of "Civil War Monuments in Kentucky, 1861-1935." This monument is an excellent example of the property type "other." It is a unique example of Victorian mourning motifs and Christian symbolism woven together to create an image of death and loss. The monument was erected in 1874, though not unveiled until 1875. It was the project of the Ladies memorial and Monument Association of Lexington. This was a group of well-to-do and influential women who sought to erect a fitting memorial to the Lost Cause. The organization was created to build the monument and ceased to exist once it was completed. This is very typical of "Ladies Memorial Organizations" and it is also very typical of 19th Century monuments. It was placed in a cemetery and is a sad tribute to the dead. There is no celebration of any kind evoked by the monument.

Verbal Boundary Description -The Ladies Confederate Memorial Monument whose boundaries form a circle with a radius of ten feet centered on the monument located in Lexington Cemetery.

Verbal Boundary Justification - The area associated with the Ladies Confederate Memorial 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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