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National Park Service



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

NATIONAL  
REGISTER

1. Name of Property

historic name: \_\_\_Lincoln, Abraham, Statue\_\_\_\_\_

other name/site number: \_\_\_LUH-23\_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number: \_\_\_Public Square\_\_\_\_\_

not for publication: N/A

city/town: \_Hodgenville\_\_\_\_\_

vicinity:

state: KY county: \_Larue\_\_\_\_\_ code: 123 zip code: 42748

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: \_Public\_\_\_\_\_

Category of Property: \_Object\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
__0__	__0__	buildings
__0__	__0__	sites
__0__	__0__	structures
__1__	__0__	objects
__1__	__0__	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: \_N/A\_

Name of related multiple property listing: \_Larue County Multiple Resource Area

4. 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.      See continuation sheet.

*David L. Morgan*

*11-19-90*

Signature of certifying official

Date

David L. Morgan, State Historic Preservation Officer, 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.

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**

entered in the National Register

See continuation sheet.

*Delores Byrum 1/10/91*

determined eligible for the National Register

See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register

removed from the National Register

other (explain):

*for*

Signature of Keeper

Date

of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: RECREATION AND CULTURE

Sub: Commemorative Monument

Current : RECREATION AND CULTURE

Sub: Commemorative Monument

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

\_\_N/A\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Materials: foundation \_\_N/A\_\_\_\_ roof \_\_N/A\_\_\_\_  
                  walls     \_\_N/A\_\_\_\_ other  \_\_N/A\_\_\_\_  
  \_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance.   X   See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance

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

Applicable National Register Criteria:   A  

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) :   F  

Areas of Significance:   Lincoln Iconography    
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance:   1909 - 1940  

Significant Dates :   N/A  

Significant Person(s):   N/A    
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation:   N/A  

Architect/Builder:   Adolph Weinmann/Sculptor    
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.   X   See continuation sheet.

9. Major Bibliographical References

\_X\_ See continuation sheet.

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:

- X State historic preservation office
- \_ Other state agency
- \_ Federal agency
- \_ Local government
- \_ University
- \_ Other -- Specify Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: \_\_Less than 1 acre\_\_\_\_\_

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	16	611220	4159060	B	__	_____	_____
C	__	_____	_____	D	__	_____	_____

Hodgenville Quad

Verbal Boundary Description: \_X\_ See continuation sheet.

Boundary Justification: \_X\_ See continuation sheet.

11. Form Prepared By

Name/Title: \_\_Philip Thomason\_\_\_\_\_

Organization: Thomason and Associates \_\_\_\_\_ Date: February, 1990 \_\_\_\_\_

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City or Town: \_\_Nashville\_\_\_\_\_ State: TN ZIP: 37212\_\_\_\_\_

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The Abraham Lincoln Statue is a commemorative monument erected in the public square of Hodgenville in 1909. The statue is of bronze, rests on a rectangular marble base, and depicts Abraham Lincoln seated in an Empire style chair. The marble base features a Greek fret band inlaid with stars. On the east facade of the statue are bronze letters affixed to the surface which spell "LINCOLN." The statue faces to the east and is surrounded by a rectangular concrete sidewalk and hedge.

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PROPERTY TYPE: Abraham Lincoln Commemorative Properties

The Abraham Lincoln Statue is significant under criterion A and Consideration F by association with the county's efforts to memorialize Abraham Lincoln and as a commemorative monument to his life. The statue is one of several monuments and sites in the county which are associated with Lincoln iconography. Since the early 20th century, Larue County has promoted its association with Lincoln for tourism development. The Abraham Lincoln Statue is the first publicly funded monument to Lincoln in the county and retains its original site and setting.

Interest in commemorating Lincoln's life in Larue County increased following the organization of the Lincoln Farm Association. In 1904, the Kentucky Legislature established the Lincoln Monument Commission to plan and erect a monument in Hodgenville to Lincoln. The Commission recommended the creation of a statue which was to be placed in the Hodgenville public square. Five thousand dollars was appropriated by the state while ten thousand dollars was appropriated by the U.S. Congress.

The original plan called for a copy of sculptor Augustus St. Gaudens' Lincoln statue in Chicago to be created and brought to Hodgenville. These plans did not materialize and a former student of St. Gaudens, Adolph Weinmann, was selected to create a new design. Weinmann worked on the statue for over a year with unveiling taking place on May 31, 1909. Over 10,000 people were in attendance with Mrs. Ben Hardin Helm, sister-in-law of Lincoln, performing the unveiling. Kentucky Governor A.E. Wilson accepted the statue on behalf of the Commonwealth, and Lincoln's son, Robert T. Lincoln also attended the ceremony.

Since 1909, the Abraham Lincoln Statue has remained in its original location on the Hodgenville public square and is maintained by local civic organizations.

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Verbal Boundary Description: The boundary for the Abraham Lincoln Statue is shown on the accompanying Larue County tax map H-C-1. The boundary is a rectangular lot in the middle of the public square of Hodgenville. The statue is bounded by a sidewalk on the east and by hedges on the north, west, and south.

Verbal Boundary Justification: The boundary for the Abraham Lincoln Statue includes all property historically associated with the site.

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Abraham Lincoln Statue  
Photo by: Thomason and Associates  
Date: February, May, 1990  
Location of Negs: Kentucky Heritage Council

Photo # 1  
View of Abraham Lincoln Statue facing northwest.