United States Department of the Interior
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 __John C. Breckinridge Memorial________________________
other names/site number ____FA-DT-114________________________

2. Location

street & number ___Courthouse Lawn____ not for publication_ NA _
city or town ___Lexington________________ vicinity_ NA __
state ___Kentucky_____ code_ KY _ county ___Fayette_____ code_034____
zip code _40507_ __

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 __ 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.)

Signature of certifying official
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

State or Federal agency and bureau
4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register  
- determined eligible for the National Register  
- determined not eligible for the National Register  
- removed from the National Register  
- other (explain):  

Signature of Keeper: [Signature]  
Date of Action: 7/17/97

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

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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 __NA___________________________
other ____Bronze_______________________

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)

___X___ 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.

___X___ 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 _____Henry-Bonnard Bronze Co., NY, 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
_X_ 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 719490 4213900 3 ______ ______ Quad. - Lexington East
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.)
John C. Breckinridge Memorial (FA-DT-114) Fayette County, Kentucky

11. Form Prepared By

name/title__Joseph E. Brent, Historic Sites Data Coordinator________
organization__Kentucky Heritage Council_________ date________________
street & number__300 Washington Street_________ telephone__(502) 564-7005
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

(Check this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)
name _______ Mayor - City of Lexington (Pam Miller)____________
Lexington-Fayette Urban Co. Govt.
street & number__200 E. Main Street_________ telephone_(606)________
city or town____Lexington____________________ state_KY_ zip code __40507__

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.
Description: The John C. Breckinridge Memorial on the courthouse lawn in Lexington is two parts: a bronze statue and a granite pedestal. The monument was erected in 1887 by the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The monument is approximately 25 feet tall with the statue and the pedestal being of equal height. The pedestal is plain except for the face which bears the inscription: “John Cabell Breckinridge erected by the Commonwealth of Kentucky A.D. 1887.” The statute is very typical of 19th Century figures. Breckinridge stands in Mid-nineteenth Century attire, one hand resting on a draped object while the other is an outstretched palm.

Statement of Significance: The John C. Breckinridge Memorial meets National Register Criterion A and is significant within the context of “Civil War Monuments in Kentucky, 1861-1935.” This is a good example of property type “statue.” Breckinridge served as vice-president of the United States under James Buchanan. He ran for president in 1860 under the dissident Southern Wing of the Democratic Party. He was a Confederate general and Secretary of War. The monument was erected by the Commonwealth of Kentucky in 1887 to honor the memory of a man who fought against his state during the Civil War.

Verbal Boundary Description - The John C. Breckinridge Monument whose boundaries form a circle with a radius of fifteen feet centered on the monument located on the west lawn of the Fayette County Courthouse.

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.
Books:


Coulter, E. Merton, *The Civil War and Readjustment in Kentucky*, (Chapel Hill, University of North Carolina Press, 1926)


Foster, Gaines M., *Ghosts of the Confederacy: Defeat, the Lost Cause, and the Emergence of the New South 1865-1913*, (New York, Oxford University Press, 1987)


Widner, Ralph W., Jr., Ph. D. *Confederate Monuments: Enduring Symbols of the South and the War Between the States* (Washington, D. C., Andromeda Association, 1982)

Periodicals:

*Kentucky Citizen* (Paris, KY), November 23, 1887.
