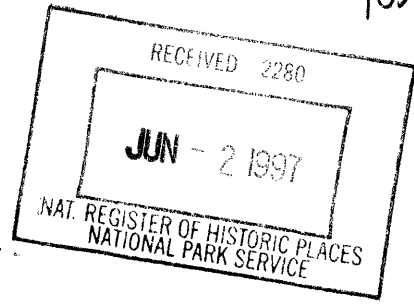


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United States Department of the Interior  
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

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 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street & number Courthouse Lawn not for publication NA  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 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*      7/17/97  
 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
_____	_____ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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)

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 \_

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

- 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. - <u>Lexington East</u>
2	_____	_____	4	_____	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

(Complete 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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John C. Breckinridge Memorial  
Fayette County, Kentucky

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**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 statue 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.

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Lexington East Quad  
Fayette County, KY

1.  
John Hunt Morgan  
Monument  
Fayette Co., Ky  
UTM Zone 16  
E 719500  
N 4213850

2.  
John C. Breckinridge  
Monument  
Fayette Co., Ky  
UTM Zone 16  
E 719490  
N 4213900



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FRANKFORT 28 MI.  
VERSAILLES (VIA U.S. 60) 13 MI.  
HARRDSBURG 32 MI.  
2'30"  
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