

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Lebanon National Cemetery
AND/OR COMMON
Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
1 mi SE of Lebanon off KY 208
CITY, TOWN
Lebanon
STATE
Kentucky
VICINITY OF

CODE
021
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
02
COUNTY
Marion
CODE
155

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Veteran's Administration Cemetery Service
STREET & NUMBER
730 Peachtree Street N. E. Room 720
CITY, TOWN
Lebanon
STATE
Kentucky

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Marion County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN
Lebanon
STATE
Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky (Supplement)
DATE
1974
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
Kentucky Heritage Commission
CITY, TOWN
Frankfort
STATE
Kentucky

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This cemetery is located southeast of the town of Lebanon, Marion County, Kentucky, in a predominantly agricultural area. The distance is approximately one mile from the city limits. Kentucky Highway 208 runs in front of the cemetery. The cemetery is approximately 1/2 mile from the junction of Kentucky 208 and U. S. Highway 68, at a right angle to the road.

The original plot of ground was selected, purchased and paid for by an office of the Quartermasters Department of the Army during the progress of the Civil War, as a burial place for U. S. soldiers. The original tract contained two acres. An additional strip containing three-eighths of an acre was purchased on the northeast side as a garden and site for the keeper's lodge. At present the cemetery includes 2.83 acres.

The cemetery lodge to the left of the entrance was built in 1870 with an addition in 1927. It is of brick with a stone foundation. It has two stories one of which is under a Mansard roof. Since 1956 the polychrome slate roof has been replaced with asphalt shingle and the front porch has been enclosed with brick and jalousie windows; however, the original stone trim and brick corner quoin of the building remain (see photo 3).

The cemetery is enclosed by a stone wall that is approximately 48 inches in height and 36 inches at the bottom tapering to 24 inches at the top. The original cost was \$4.60 per lineal foot. A shallow work line drainage ditch around the wall has recently been filled in (see photo 6).

In addition to the lodge the old stable building still exists. This brick structure whose surface is divided by narrow brick pilaster strips has been remodeled and added to over the years (see photo 8). A new service building was added in 1971.

The majority of the trees in the cemetery are sugar and hard rock maple, which were either present or planted at the time the cemetery was started. There is one large Cedar of Lebanon (approximately 75 to 80 feet tall) that probably was planted in 1862.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lebanon National Cemetery is considered by historians of the Civil War one of the more important burial places in the State. By far the largest number of those interred there were among the Union dead who fell during the Battle of Perryville, which took place in nearby Boyle County. The battle, which occurred on October 8, 1863 is considered by many the turning point of the Civil War in Kentucky as it marked the last Confederate invasion into the State. After the battle, most of the Union dead were buried in a little cemetery near Perryville on the road to Springfield, county seat of adjacent Washington County; the Confederate dead are said to have been left on the field for the vultures. Provision for the acquisition of lands for use as national cemeteries was made in an act of February 22, 1867. (National cemeteries for soldiers and sailors originated in 1850, the army appropriation bill of that year provided money for a cemetery near Mexico City for the interment of the remains of soldiers killed in the Mexican War.) In 1867 the U. S. National Military Cemetery at Lebanon, Kentucky was formally established. At this time the Union dead from Perryville buried along the Springfield Pike were disinterred and reburied in the Lebanon National Cemetery and Camp Nelson National Cemetery near Nicholasville, Jessamine County, Kentucky.

Dr. J. F. McElroy in his History of Lebanon (published in 1910 but apparently based on earlier contemporary newspaper accounts), stated: "A cemetery for soldiers, was established in January 1863, about one mile south of town, where now lie the remains of 490 soldiers, besides a number that have been removed by their friends. All the graves have been neatly sodded and, painted boards bearing the name, company and regiment of the deceased placed at the head and foot. Several marble slabs have been placed there by friends, and a circle has been left on which the government designs erecting an appropriate monument. [This central point is now occupied by a flagpole photo 4.] Arrangements are now being made to erect a porter's lodge near the gate and place a man there to keep the cemetery in order." (Chapter XIV) Because of the reference to the as yet unbuilt porter's lodge, this item appears to date from before 1870. It was about this time that the original burials in the cemetery at Lebanon were disinterred and reburied in an orderly pattern radiating from the central feature. Also, the scattered and neglected Union dead from the following localities were disinterred and transferred to Lebanon: Lebanon and vicinity, Rolling Fork, Green River Bridge, Greensburg, New Market, Campbellsville, Salama, Neatville, the country within a radius

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

McElroy, Dr. J. F. "History of Lebanon," The Lebanon Enterprise (Lebanon, 1910), Chapter XIV.

"National Cemeteries." Dictionary of American History. Volume 3, 1946.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.83 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A 16 452960 411571470 HL
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

Lat. SW 37° 33' 11" Long. SW 85° 16' 10"
 NW 37° 33' 15" NW 85° 16' 07"
 SE 37° 33' 10" SE 85° 16' 02"
 NE 37° 33' 11" NE 85° 16' 01"

B
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Walter F. Blake, Superintendent, Lebanon National Cemetery

MC

ORGANIZATION

Lebanon National Cemetery

DATE

February 13, 1974

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Lebanon

STATE

Kentucky 40033

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Eldred W. Melton

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

4-24-75

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

6/5/75

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

JUN 2 1975

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of 50 miles or more from Lebanon. The original number of interments was 865. There is some question as to the actual number of original and present interments: 865 or 866 is the number usually given for the original group after the War, of which 283 were "unknown." With later burials, there are at the present time a total of 1768 interments at Lebanon, of which 277 are still unknown.