

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 National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. 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 certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).

### 1. Name of Property

historic name Waterloo Community Mausoleum

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Location

street & number Maplewood Cemetery, North Center Street

<input type="checkbox"/>	not for publication
<input type="checkbox"/>	vicinity

city or town Waterloo

state Indiana code IN county DeKalb code 033 zip code 46793

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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 at the following level(s) of significance:

\_\_\_ national \_\_\_ statewide x local

[Signature] Signature of certifying official/Title  
1-29-2014 Date

Indiana DNR-Division of Historic Preservation &  
Archaeology  
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_ meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting official Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:  
 entered in the National Register  
 determined not eligible for the National Register  
 determined eligible for the National Register  
 removed from the National Register

other (explain:)  
Patrick Andrews Signature of the Keeper  
3/25/2014 Date of Action

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**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
 (Check as many boxes as apply.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	private
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	public - Local
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - State
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - Federal

**Category of Property**  
 (Check only one box.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	building(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	district
<input type="checkbox"/>	site
<input type="checkbox"/>	structure
<input type="checkbox"/>	object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
 (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	district
0	0	site
0	0	structure
0	0	object
1	0	<b>Total</b>

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
 (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

The Early Community Mausoleum Movement in  
 Indiana

**Number of contributing resources previously  
 listed in the National Register**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
 (Enter categories from instructions.)

FUNERARY: graves/burials  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Functions**  
 (Enter categories from instructions.)

FUNERARY: graves/burials  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
 (Enter categories from instructions.)

LATE 19<sup>TH</sup> AND 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY REVIVALS:  
 Classical Revival  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**  
 (Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: STONE: Limestone  
 walls: STONE: Limestone  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 roof: SYNTHETICS: Rubber  
 other: METAL: Steel  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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### Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance of the property. Explain contributing and noncontributing resources if necessary. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, setting, size, and significant features.)

#### Summary Paragraph

The community mausoleum of Waterloo is located in the northeast corner of Maplewood Cemetery, the public burial ground for Waterloo that is located on the northwest side of the town. The mausoleum is approximately 44' wide and 32' long with a central recessed entrance that faces west. The mausoleum is a one-story, rectangular building built of large limestone block stylistically distinguished with a combination of Classical detail and Gothic buttresses.

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### Narrative Description

The location of the Waterloo mausoleum in Maplewood Cemetery appears to have been coordinated with design features of the cemetery. It is sited near the rear (east side) of the cemetery just north of an area platted for veterans' graves and near the intersection of two of the cemetery drives. The land falls away north and east of the mausoleum in an area containing pauper graves. Fill may have been brought in to create a level base for the building. A former railroad line is located immediately east of the cemetery.

The building is composed almost entirely of large, smooth limestone block. Its foundation is below grade on the south elevation but emerges as the ground slopes away so that the water table is approximately a foot above grade on the north elevation. The building's simple rectangular massing is broken at the corners by angular buttresses and, on the west side, by a pediment feature above the entrance. The building's roofline is marked by a projecting cornice of cyma recta profile. Above it, a parapet with coping combines with the cornice to form an entablature-like cap above the plain limestone walls. The west elevation has a centered, deeply recessed entrance (photo 0001). The entrance is flanked by two broad piers that rise through the cornice-parapet entablature and frame the pediment. Each pier has a tall recessed panel. A pair of Roman Doric columns in antis between the piers rests on the entrance porch floor and supports a shallow architrave molding that wraps around the recessed porch and separates the mausoleum doors from the transom above. The doors are not historic and the transom is covered by a large sheet of metal.

The north and south elevations (photos 0002, 0003), are almost identical except for the change in grade previously described. Each elevation had a pair of openings centered in them which have been almost completely filled with concrete block covered with cement on the exterior. Two rectangular vents occupy part of each opening. A pair of small vents is located at the top of each wall just below the entablature and on the north elevation a second pair appear just above the foundation.

The east elevation (photo 0003) is relieved by two large recessed panels. Five small vents just above the foundation and five just below the entablature pierce the wall. The roofline cornice originally had scuppers to carry rain water away from the building but these have been removed and the wall has been stained by the resulting drainage from the roof. The interior of the mausoleum has a single, broad hall (photo 0004) running north to south with crypts along the east wall and flanking the entrance (photo 0005). The floor is covered with small hexagonal white ceramic tile and a Greek key pattern of black tile that forms a border. There are four rows of crypts vertically placed in each wall and approximately eighty-eight total crypts in the building. Each crypt is separated from its neighbor by a marble frame and covered by a marble panel engraved with the deceased's name and birth and death years. Small metal grilles are regularly spaced beneath the lowest row of crypts for ventilation.

The ceiling is plastered and painted light gray although evidence of original gold paint is visible. Wood hoist supports with metal chains that are supported by the frames above the top row of crypts in the east and west walls remain in the building.

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Three interments occurred in 1917, the year following the building's construction. One family member who died in 1910 was reinterred in the building, probably in 1917. While most of the interments were made during the 1920s through the 1940s the building was used for interments into the 1960s with the latest interment made in 1966. A few more than half of the crypts are occupied.

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**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.)

Property is:

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

ARCHITECTURE

SOCIAL HISTORY

**Period of Significance**

1916

**Significant Dates**

**Significant Person**

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

**Cultural Affiliation**

**Architect/Builder**

Ohio Mausoleum Company

Bryan, Cecil E.

**Period of Significance (justification)**

The period of significance is 1916, the year the mausoleum was constructed. Although the mausoleum continued to be used for interments into the 1960s, the areas of significance of architecture, engineering, and social history culminated with the construction of individual mausolea.

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**Criteria Considerations (explanation, if necessary)**

Criterion Consideration D has been checked because the mausoleum is located within a cemetery. However, the Waterloo Community Mausoleum is eligible for its significance as an architectural type and as a social history artifact. Only the mausoleum, not the entire cemetery falls within the boundary of what is being nominated.

**Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance and applicable criteria.)**

The Waterloo Mausoleum is eligible for the National Register under criteria A and C. It is eligible under criterion A because of the community's embrace of a burial method not previously practiced in the United States. This represents a shift in cultural and social norms and is significant under social history. The mausoleum is eligible under criterion C because of its high level of architectural craftsmanship. The mausoleum has the associative and physical qualities specified in the registration requirements of the Early Community Mausoleum Movement in Indiana Multiple Properties Documentation Form.

**Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least one paragraph for each area of significance.)**

**SOCIAL HISTORY**

The development of the community mausoleum was a new concept for burial in the United States when it was designed and promoted during the first years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The community mausoleum movement began in Ohio and expanded across the United States. Possibly due to the exposure they had given their proximity to the Ohio border, the community mausoleum movement's early years found a receptive audience in DeKalb County where every community of any considerable size constructed mausoleums between 1914 and 1922. Waterloo was the second community in DeKalb County to construct a community mausoleum in 1916.

The construction of mausolea during this early period was more typical of small family vaults; the construction of community mausolea was infrequent and was usually reserved for larger communities or urban areas. The rural nature and subsequent size of Waterloo is an unusual condition in which to find a community mausoleum constructed during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The importance of Waterloo's mausoleum was evident in its position when the town's new cemetery was designed. While the city beautiful movement of the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries typically had little impact on small rural communities, one location where this was concept was often implemented was the platting of town cemeteries. The concept included features like winding drives and round-a-bouts that had memorials in their centers. The Waterloo Mausoleum is located immediately north of an area reserved for military veterans and a war memorial.

Community mausolea were promoted for several reasons. Mausolea were promoted as a return to a more sensitive and respective way to deal with the remains of the departed. By the placement of the remains of family members in an above ground crypt versus the placement of remains in the ground it was thought that family members could more easily deal with grief and show respect to their loved ones. The mausolea were also considered to be more enduring than the typical practice of ground burials. At the time the community mausolea movement was occurring concrete vault burials were just becoming a practice and many old cemeteries were being razed and moved due to their unsightly conditions. Mausolea were also promoted as a more sanitary method of burial due to the process through which decomposition of the body occurred in a controlled, engineered manner rather than unwanted contamination of the ground in and around the cemetery.

A DeKalb County resident by the name of Frank Emerick represented an Ohio-based mausoleum company and helped form the local ownership entities necessary to maintain the buildings by the sale of crypts in the mausolea. He had promoted the development of the community mausoleum in his hometown of Butler two years prior to his involvement with Waterloo. The Waterloo Community Mausoleum appealed to a broad cross-section of residents. A prominent farming family's member, David Link, was the first to be interred in the mausoleum in 1917. Alice Bowman was also one of the first interments in the mausoleum. She died on May 16, 1917 and the body was interred in the Butler Mausoleum until the mausoleum at Waterloo could be finished. Other bodies were exhumed and relocated to the mausoleum after it was constructed. The body of Franklin Hamman, who died in 1910, was relocated to the mausoleum when his wife, Phebe, died and was interred there in 1917. The Hammans were farmers.

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Other individuals interred at the mausoleum include George and Barbara Newcomer (died in 1933 and 1928 respectively); George was the head of a large farm in the community and retired to Waterloo in 1901. Arthur and Mildred (Bowman) Grogg died in 1933 and 1961 respectively and were also interred in the mausoleum. Arthur was a rural mail carrier in the Waterloo community prior to purchasing a farm near his father. Arthur was the son of Abraham and Ada Grogg, who are interred in the crypts beneath Arthur and Mildred Grogg. They died in 1921 and 1933 respectively. The elder Groggs were also had a large farm in the community. Mildred Grogg's mother was Alice Bowman, one of the first interments in 1917. Also interred in the Waterloo Mausoleum are Willis and Dora Dannells. Willis maintained a farm for many years before they moved to Auburn where he became an independent excavating and ditch contractor. He was elected county commissioner during which time a new county courthouse was constructed. He later served as a janitor in the public schools. They died in 1935 and 1937 respectively.

#### ARCHITECTURE

The Waterloo Mausoleum is representative of a new architectural form: the community mausoleum. This building type was developed in Ohio in the early years of the 1900s. The building's style also represents a period of architecture that reflected permanence by the adaptation of historical precedents from the Classical period. The Waterloo Mausoleum is designed in the Classical Revival style.

The Waterloo Mausoleum appears monolithic in its construction with massive stone block walls. It has a formal entrance portico and extensive use of marble in the interior. The interior contains marble cladding and mosaic tiled floors. The most striking architectural features of the mausoleum include the Doric columns with exaggerated entasis that form the entry portico. The columns are short and thick and reflect the heavy weight of the wall above the entry's opening. The carved stone buttresses also reflect the overall weightiness of the walls. The mausoleum is similar to other Ohio Mausoleum Company models; the design is attributed to Cecil E. Bryan.

#### *Registration Requirements*

The Waterloo Mausoleum meets the registration requirements of the Early Community Mausoleum Movement in Indiana Multiple Properties Documentation Form because it is an example of the early era of community mausolea and retains good physical integrity. The building's only condition issue with regard to the loss of historic material is the loss of its historic art glass windows and its doors. Otherwise the building has a high degree of integrity with no other architectural changes from its original construction.

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#### **Developmental history/additional historic context information (if appropriate)**

The Town of Waterloo is located in north central DeKalb County. The first settlement in the area of Waterloo was called Uniontown in 1838. The town of Waterloo developed during the 1850s immediately southwest of the former settlement; it was platted on a state road between Ft. Wayne and Angola. In 1910 the population was 1,167.

Generally there was a significant priority placed on new civic improvements in Waterloo and throughout DeKalb County during the period the mausoleum was constructed. This may have also contributed to the development of the community mausoleum. DeKalb County constructed a new county home, courthouse and jail between 1908 and 1917. The latter two were designed in the Classical Revival style. Other important civic developments in Waterloo during this time were the Carnegie library and new town hall that were constructed in 1912, and the construction of Waterloo High School. In 1914 the Indiana Public Utilities Company supplied water and light to the town, but gas and sewer lines had not yet been installed. The town's streets were also not yet paved in 1914.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography** (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

History of DeKalb County, Indiana. Indianapolis: B. F. Bowen and Company, Inc., 1914.

Jenkins, W. C. "Post Cineres Gloriam Venit." *National Magazine* Volume XL April 1914-September 1914: pages 637-647.

Smith, John Martin, DeKalb County 1837-1987 (Volume One A and Volume Two). Auburn: DeKalb Sesquicentennial, Inc., 1990.

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
  - Other State agency
  - Federal agency
  - Local government
  - University
  - Other
- Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): 033-664-26001

**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property** Less than one acre  
(Do not include previously listed resource acreage.)

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
2	_____	_____	_____	4	_____	_____	_____
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing

**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The boundary is the footprint of the mausoleum, approximately forty-four feet wide by thirty-two feet long. The front of the building is located approximately one-tenth of a mile from the east edge of Center Street at a point approximately two-tenths of a mile north of the intersection of Lockhart Street with Center Street.

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

Only the mausoleum building is being placed on the National Register of Historic Places, therefore the boundary is restricted to the building footprint. No other contributing resources associated with the mausoleum are located outside of the building's footprint.



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**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Kurt West Garner  
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city or town Plymouth state IN zip code 46563  
e-mail kwgarnar@kwgarnar.com

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **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. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Continuation Sheets**
- **Additional Items:** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

**Photographs:**

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map.

Name of Property: Waterloo Community Mausoleum  
City or Vicinity: Waterloo  
County: DeKalb State: IN  
Photographer: Kurt West Garner  
Date Photographed: June 16, 2012  
Description of Photograph(s) and number: 0001 Front of building, looking east  
1 of 5.

Name of Property: Waterloo Community Mausoleum  
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County: DeKalb State: IN  
Photographer: Kurt West Garner

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Date Photographed: June 16, 2012

Description of Photograph(s) and number: 0002 North side of building, looking southeast  
2 of 5.

Name of Property: Waterloo Community Mausoleum

City or Vicinity: Waterloo

County: DeKalb State: IN

Photographer: Kurt West Garner

Date Photographed: June 16, 2012

Description of Photograph(s) and number: 0003 Back of building, looking northwest  
3 of 5.

Name of Property: Waterloo Community Mausoleum

City or Vicinity: Waterloo

County: DeKalb State: IN

Photographer: Kurt West Garner

Date Photographed: June 16, 2012

Description of Photograph(s) and number: 0004 Interior main hall, looking south  
4 of 5.

Name of Property: Waterloo Community Mausoleum

City or Vicinity: Waterloo

County: DeKalb State: IN

Photographer: Kurt West Garner

Date Photographed: June 16, 2012

Description of Photograph(s) and number: 0005 Interior main entrance, looking west  
5 of 5.

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**Property Owner:**

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Town of Waterloo, c/o Eugene Williams

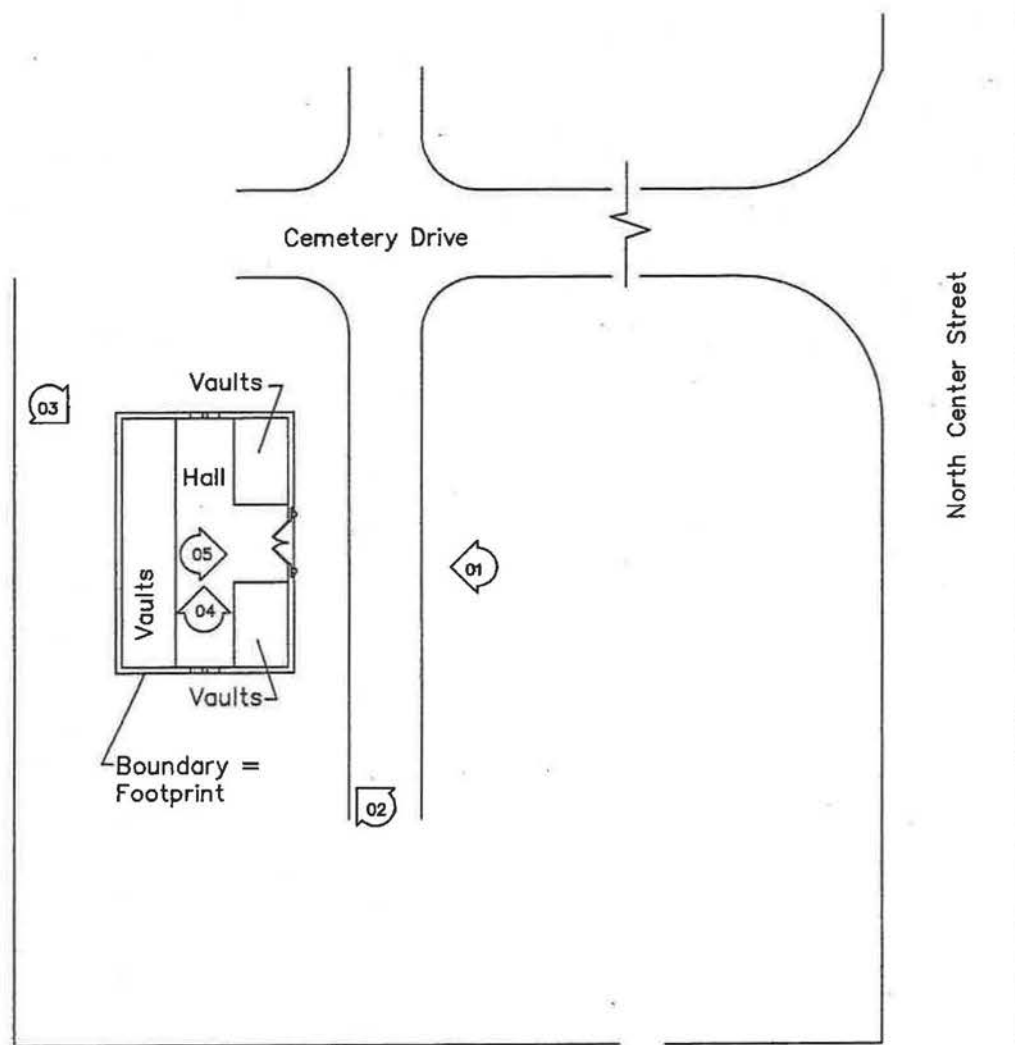
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street & number P. O. Box 96 telephone 260-837-7428  
city or town Waterloo state IN zip code 46793

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 460 et seq.).

**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18 hours per response including 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 Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.



**Waterloo Community Mausoleum**  
 National Register of Historic Places  
 Site Sketch Map  
 DeKalb County, IN

 = Photographs













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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Waterlo Community Mausoleum  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Early Community Mausoleum Movement in Indiana MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: INDIANA, De Kalb

DATE RECEIVED: 2/07/14 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 2/27/14  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 3/14/14 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/26/14  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 14000072

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: Y SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 3/25/2014 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Meets the registration requirement established in the MPS  
cover form*

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A&C  
REVIEWER Patricia Andrews DISCIPLINE Historiom  
TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 3/25/2014

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

# DNR

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January 24, 2014

Carol D. Shull  
Interim Keeper of the National Register  
National Park Service 2280  
National Register of Historic Places  
1201 "I" (Eye) Street, N.W.  
Washington D.C. 20005



Re: Waterloo Community Mausoleum, DeKalb County, Indiana

Dear Ms. Shull,

Enclosed is a National Register of Historic Places nomination for Waterloo Community Mausoleum, DeKalb County, Indiana. The Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board reviewed the application and voted to recommend its approval to the National Register of Historic Places.

The enclosed disk contains the true and correct copy of the nomination for the Waterloo Community Mausoleum (DeKalb County, Indiana) to the National Register of Historic Places.

Please address any questions you or your staff may have about this nomination to my National Register staff, Paul Diebold, Frank Hurdis, or Holly Tate.

Sincerely,

Cameron F. Clark  
State Historic Preservation Officer

CFC:PCD:pcd

enclosure: nomination package