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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name Pewee Valley Confederate Cemetery  
other names/site number OL-370

### 2. Location

South side of Maple Ave., just southeast  
street & number of its intersection with Old Floydsburg Rd. N/A not for publication  
city, town Pewee Valley X vicinity  
state Kentucky code KY county Oldham code 185 zip code 40056

### 3. Classification

#### Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

#### Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

#### Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
		buildings
<u>1</u>		sites
<u>1</u>		structures
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	objects
<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Historic Resources of Pewee Valley, Ky. MPL

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

### 4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  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.  See continuation sheet.

David L. Morgan  
Signature of certifying official David L. Morgan  
State Historic Preservation Officer, Kentucky Heritage Council

10-9-89  
Date

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.  
 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:)

Patrick Andrus

11/27/89

for Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Funerary/cemetery  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Funerary/cemetery  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Military cemetery  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A  
walls N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
roof N/A  
other stone  
Metal  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

**8. Statement of Significance**

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

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Military History  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance

1904 - 1930  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

1904  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Previous documentation on file (NPS): na  
 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:  
 State historic preservation office  
 Other State agency  
 Federal agency  
 Local government  
 University  
 Other

Specify repository:  
Kentucky Heritage Council

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property Less than 1 acre

UTM References

A 16 633240 4240370  
Zone Easting Northing  
C \_\_\_\_\_

B \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone Easting Northing  
D \_\_\_\_\_

Crestwood, Kentucky, Quad

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary circumscribes the 115 foot by 164 foot Confederate burial area and an immediately adjacent 70 foot by 30 foot plot containing the historic Confederate war memorial.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary encompasses the historic Confederate burial area and Confederate war memorial and excludes the remainder of the Pewee Valley Cemetery that has been determined not to meet National Register eligibility requirements.

See continuation sheet

**11. Form Prepared By**

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Pewee Valley Confederate CemeterySection number 7 Page 1Description

The Pewee Valley Confederate Cemetery (01-370) occupies a small portion of the Pewee Valley Cemetery located just outside the Pewee Valley city limits on Maple Avenue southwest of that street's intersection with Old Floydsburg Road. The site is within the area of the Historic Resources of Pewee Valley Multiple Property Listing. The Confederate Cemetery, laid out in 1904, is a 115 foot by 164 foot plot near the northeast corner of the main cemetery. It contains the remains of 313 Confederate veterans, most of whom were residents of the Kentucky Confederate Home located in Pewee Valley. Simple marble markers arranged in straight rows and dating from 1903 to 1930 mark the graves, and a historic low concrete retaining wall (a contributing structure) surrounds the plot. The southwest corner of the plot is curved to conform to the main cemetery drive which passes just by it. A single row of alternating cedar and dogwood trees, probably planted when the plot was laid out, is located just inside the retaining wall on both the north and south sides. A sign reading "Kentucky Confederate Home, Dedicated October 23, 1902" is centrally located just outside the west end of the enclosure. The sign, arranged on an arch created from wire mesh and supported by metal poles, was erected in the 1950s. Immediately to the north of the sign, also just outside the enclosure, is a Confederate memorial (a contributing object) that reads "Erected by Biscoe Hindman, June 1904. In memory of our Confederate dead." The monument, located on a small mound of earth, consists of a cast metal obelisk and base that sits on a larger stone base. Nearby is a non-historic metal plaque on a raised stand that gives a brief history of the Kentucky Confederate Home. This was erected by the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Both the Confederate Cemetery plot and a 70 foot by 30 foot area to the west containing the memorial monument, the non-historic sign and the UDC plaque are included in the nomination. No significant alterations have been made to the Confederate cemetery. It has slipped into disrepair several times in its history, but since the late 1950s has been fairly well maintained with the assistance of inmates from the State Reformatory in La Grange.

The remainder of the cemetery, which was laid out in 1871, consists of a mixture of modest historic and non-historic grave markers organized around a gravel road that loops through the grounds. Historic shade trees and shrubbery dot the site. Much of the cemetery has never been developed. Non-historic brick gates surmounted by an arched metalwork sign with the name "Pewee Valley Cemetery" mark the entrance, and a white-painted wood board fence runs along Maple Avenue at its north edge. Across the road to the north side of Maple Avenue is the historic black cemetery which is even more sparsely developed.

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Pewee Valley Confederate CemeterySection number 8 Page 1Statement of Significance

The Pewee Valley Confederate Cemetery (OL-370) is an important Pewee Valley site individually nominated as part of the Historic Resources of Pewee Valley Multiple Property Listing. The cemetery is eligible for the National Register under Criterion A and Criterion Consideration D and is significant in terms of Military History. Its period of significance dates from 1904 when it was established and laid out and the memorial monument was erected to 1930 when interments in the plot ceased.

The Confederate Cemetery was established in 1904 by directors of the Kentucky Confederate Home to provide a place of burial for Confederate veterans who had been its residents. There are 313 veterans buried in the cemetery. The Home, located in the center of Pewee Valley in what had been the old Villa Ridge Inn, was established in 1902 to provide a resident facility for these homeless veterans. Established with funds collected by Southern sympathizers in the state and furnished by the Kentucky division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, it was turned over to the Commonwealth of Kentucky in 1902 and run by the state until it was closed in 1934. The main building, the old Villa Ridge Hotel, burned in 1920, but the home continued in ancillary buildings until 1934 when only seven veterans remained. At this time the home was closed, and the few remaining men were moved to other locations.

The Confederate Cemetery is significant as the only intact remaining building or site in Pewee Valley associated with the Kentucky Confederate Home which played such an important role in the community during the early 1900s. In terms of Military History it is significant for documenting the Confederate legacy of the Civil War in a border state where both northern and southern interests were strongly represented. The Confederate Home was the only state supported institution for Confederate veterans in Kentucky, and the cemetery is one of the few burial grounds in the state specifically set aside for the burial of Confederate veterans. It is the only Civil War-related military site in Oldham County. Its eligibility in terms of Criterion Consideration D is determined by its important association with the Kentucky Confederate Home in Pewee Valley and by its significance in the area of military history.

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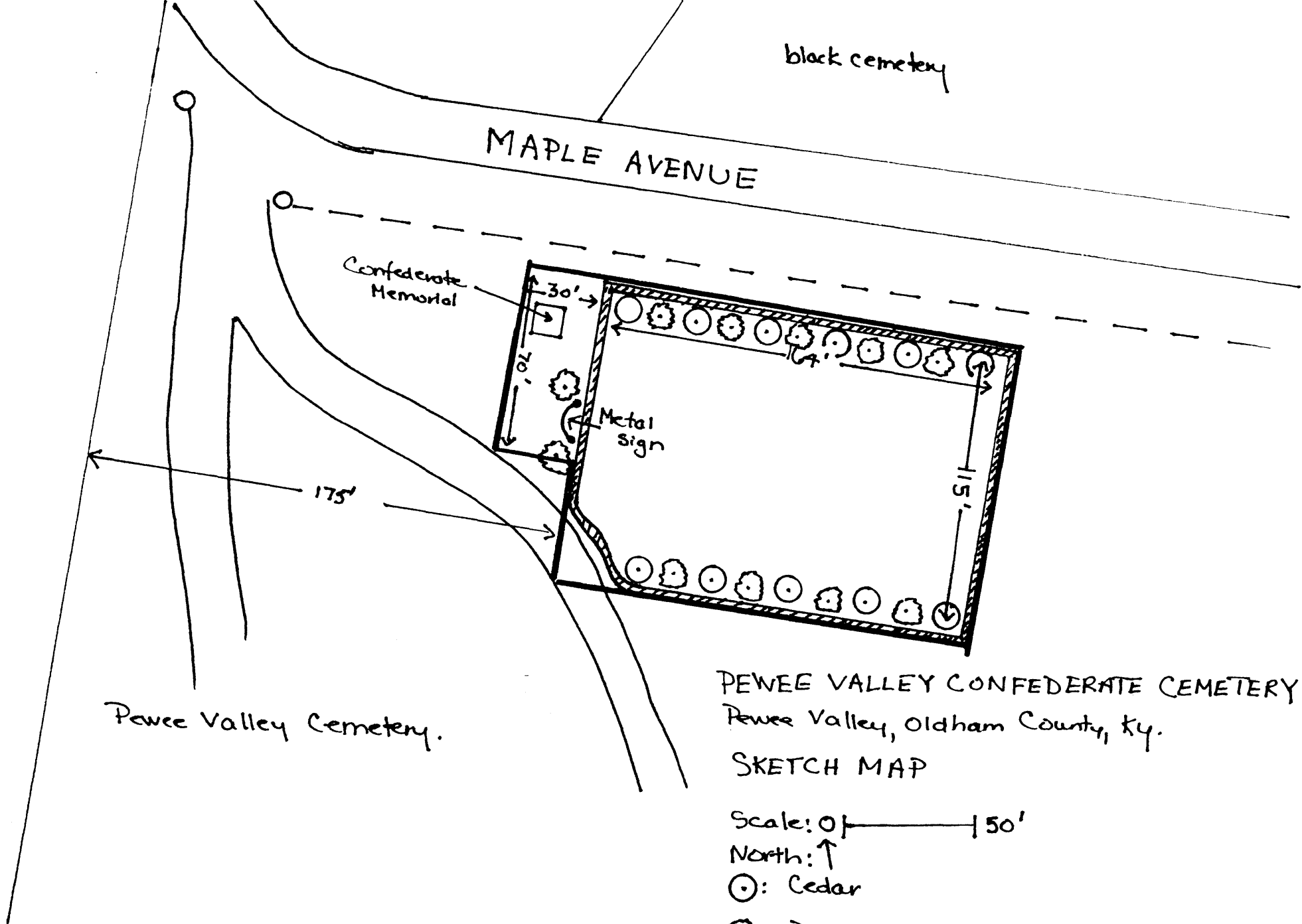
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Also see the bibliography with the Historic Resources of Pewee Valley, Kentucky Multiple Property Listing.



black cemetery

MAPLE AVENUE

Confederate Memorial

Metal Sign

Pewee Valley Cemetery.

PEWEE VALLEY CONFEDERATE CEMETERY

Pewee Valley, Oldham County, Ky.

SKETCH MAP

Scale: 0 |-----| 150'

North: ↑

○: Cedar

⊗: Dogwood

Retaining wall:

Property Boundary:



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1. Pewee Valley Confederate Cemetery
2. Pewee Valley, Oldham County, Kentucky
3. Photographer: Carolyn Brooks
4. Date: April, 1989
5. Negatives on file with the Kentucky Heritage Council, Frankfort, Ky.
6. A view of the cemetery showing the Confederate Memorial (left) and the row of cedar and dogwood trees along the northeast side of the cemetery (right); photographer facing southeast.