



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):

Gibson H. Boall      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    limestone \_\_\_\_\_

roof \_\_\_\_\_ NA \_\_\_\_\_

walls \_\_\_\_\_ NA \_\_\_\_\_

other \_\_\_\_\_ Limestone \_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)  
(See attached)

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.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_ 1876 - 1935 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates \_ 1876 \_

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

\_\_\_\_\_ NA \_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ NA \_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder \_\_\_\_\_ NA \_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)  
(SEE ATTACHED)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(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: \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Geographical Data

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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 551540 4094200    3 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_    4 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Quad. - Bowling Green South

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

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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 \_\_\_ Helen Beetem, Cemetery Sexton \_\_\_\_\_

street & number \_\_\_ 1209 Fairview Avenue \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_ (502) 782-2489 \_\_\_\_\_

city or town \_\_\_ Bowling Green \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_ KY \_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_ 42101 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Description** The Confederate monument in Fairview Cemetery in Bowling Green is composed of five parts. There is the main monument which has four vertical limestone cannons approximately 20 feet from the four corners of the monument. The main monument is approximately 30 feet tall with an obelisk draped with a Confederate flag above a broader pedestal. The monument is carved of "Kentucky Marble," which is a very high grade of limestone used in construction. The pedestal of the monument features a frieze of crossed rifles on the west side and a frieze of a soldier returning to his cabin home on the east side. The latter was carved from white marble. On the north side is the inscription: "Erected by the Citizens of Warren County A.D. 1875. The inscription on the south side reads: "The Confederate Dead 1861-1865." The cannons are vertical limestone carvings approximately eight feet tall. The base of each cannon is set within a group of cannon balls. The main monument is set on a slight rise that is in the middle of a circular mass grave of Confederate soldiers that surrounds it. The cannons are placed in a dip between two parallel mounds that comprise the mass grave and encircles the monument.

**Statement of Significance** The Confederate Monument in the Fairview Cemetery in Bowling Green meets National Register criterion A and is significant within the context of "Civil War Monuments in Kentucky, 1861-1935." This is an excellent example of a monument erected in the 19th Century to mourn the Confederate dead and the Lost Cause. This memorial was erected in 1876 by the Warren County Confederate Monumental Association. No doubt this organization came into existence to create this monument and then ceased to exist once the monument was dedicated. This monument is a local monument created with local labor, local materials and paid for with money raised locally. It is also one of the larger Confederate monuments in Kentucky. This is an example of the property type "obelisk."

**Verbal Boundary Description** - The Confederate Monument whose boundaries form a circle with a radius of 40 feet centered on the monument located in Fairview Cemetery in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

**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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