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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 Cave Hill National Cemetery

other names/site number

2. Location

street & number 701 Baxter Avenue ☐ not for publication N/A

city or town Louisville ☐ vicinity N/A

state Kentucky code KY county Jefferson code 111 zip code 40204

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☒ nationally ☐ statewide ☐ locally ☐ (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

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.)

David L. Morgan, SHPO and
Executive Director May 12, 1998

Signature of commenting or other official/Title Date

Kentucky Heritage Council/State Historic Preservation Office

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

	Signature of Keeper	Date of Action
☐ 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:)		

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
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
0	0	buildings
1	0	sites
1	0	structures
2	2	objects
4	2	Total

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

Civil War Era National Cemeteries

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

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)
No style

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)
foundation Concrete
walls Concrete
roof
other Marble

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 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 of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance
(Enter categories from instructions)

Military

Period of Significance

1863-1948

Significant Dates

1863

Significant Person
(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography
(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

Department of Veterans Affairs

Cave Hill National Cemetery
Name of Property

Jefferson Co., KY
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 4.1

UTM References
(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	16	611920	4233980
2			
3			
4			

☐ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description
(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification
(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Washington, D.C. state _____ zip code 20420

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 Department of Veterans Affairs

street & number 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W. telephone _____

city or town Washington, D.C. state _____ zip code 20420

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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The Cave Hill National Cemetery consists of six burial sections in the northwest corner of the 300-acre privately-owned Cave Hill Cemetery, 701 Baxter Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky, about two miles from the center of the city. A wrought-iron gate supported by brick piers is located in the northwest corner at Payne Street, but is not used by the public as an entrance gate. When visiting the national cemetery, one must enter the Cave Hill Cemetery. A flagpole, constructed circa 1898, is located in the northeastern portion of the national cemetery. At the base of the flagpole is a bronze plaque inscribed with "Cave Hill National Cemetery" and the seal of the Veterans Administration (now the Department of Veterans Affairs). Near the center of the north boundary of the national cemetery is a rostrum situated to the side of a lily pond.

Graves were originally marked by painted and numbered headboards, which were later replaced with upright marble headstones. The cemetery closed in 1939 for interment of casketed remains. As of February 28, 1998, there were 5,633 sites used for the interment of 5,709 casketed remains and 174 sites used for the interment of 181 cremated remains. As of February 28, 1998, there were 3 gravesites available (reserved) for the interment of casketed remains and 50 sites available for the interment of cremated remains.

The stone rostrum, 22 feet by 36 feet, with concrete columns, was constructed in 1898. The floor and steps are concrete. The open trellis roof was removed circa 1955.

There is one commemorative monument within the Cave Hill National Cemetery:

GERMAN MONUMENT - A stone tablet mounted on a solid stone pedestal. The base of the monument is 16 inches wide, 67 inches long, and 8 inches above ground. The inscription in German is illegible, but documents in National Cemetery System records state that the inscription, transcribed into English, reads as follows:

HERE REST THE FIRST HEROES OF THE 32ND INDIANA GERMAN REGIMENT WHO LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES FOR PRESERVATION OF THE FREE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF NORTH AMERICA. THEY WERE KILLED DECEMBER 17, 1861, IN A FIGHT WITH THE REBELS AT ROWLETT'S STATION, KENTUCKY, IN WHICH ONE REGIMENT TEXAS RANGERS, TWO REGIMENTS OF INFANTRY, AND A BATTERY OF SIX CANNON, OVER 3,000 STRONG, WERE DEFEATED BY 500 GERMAN SOLDIERS.

IN MEMORY OF THE FIRST

VICTIMS

OF THE 32 REG. INDIANA VOL.

WHO FELL AT THE BATTLE OF ROWLETT'S

STATION

DECEMBER 17, 1861

1ST LIEUTENANT MAX SACHS, BORN 1826

SERGEANT WILLIAM STAUBE, BORN 1819

PRIVATE GEORGE BURKHARDT, BORN 1843

PRIVATE JOHN FELLERMAN, BORN 1843

PVT. GARRI KIEFFER, BORN 1817

PVT. CHARLES KNAB, BORN 1843

PVT. HENRY LOHSE, BORN 1835

PVT. CHRISTOPH REUTER, BORN 1820

PVT. ERNST SCHIEMANN, BORN 1826

PVT. DANIEL SCHMIDT, BORN 1834

PVT. THEODOR SCHMIDT, BORN 1839

PVT. FRIEDRICH SCHUMACHER, BORN 1834

PVT. RICHARD WEBE, BORN 1832

The thirteen soldiers served with the 32nd Indiana Infantry Regiment, commanded by Brigadier General August Willich, and were killed during a battle at Rowlett's Station near the Green River in

Kentucky, on December 17, 1861. They were originally buried within the enclosure at Fort Willich near Munfordville, and their graves were marked by a stone tablet bearing the inscription neatly sculpted in German.

The State of Kentucky gratefully recognized the sacrifice of these men by purchasing the ground on which they were buried and protecting it by an enclosure. With the consent of the Governor of Indiana, they were removed to the Cave Hill National Cemetery and reinterred in individual graves in the order of their original burial (Graves 2348 to 2360, Section C). Only two markers are inscribed with names (Shiemann and Reuter). The pedestal on which the stone tablet is mounted was contributed by Germans living in Louisville.

A stone tablet is located at the corner of West and Maple Avenues and is inscribed as follows:

IN MEMORY OF

UNKNOWN UNION SOLDIERS

BURIED IN THIS CEMETERY

1861 1865

ERECTED BY

KENTUCKY COMRADES

1914

The numbers shown for contributing resources within the property reflect the following:

Sites: Cemetery

Structures: Rostrum

Objects: German monument, unknown Union tablet

The numbers shown for non-contributing resources within the property reflect the following:

Objects: Flagpole, plaque at base of flagpole

NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Cave Hill National Cemetery is significant under Criterion A and is an important component of the multiple property submission of Civil War Era National Cemeteries. It is significant under Criterion A because of its association with the Civil War. The cemetery is also significant beyond the Civil War era, as it includes the remains of veterans associated with many wars and all branches of service who had served their country throughout its history.

This national cemetery meets the registration requirements of the multiple property nomination of Civil War Era National Cemeteries, but does not have a fence or wall enclosing the national cemetery proper. The privately-owned Cave Hill Cemetery is enclosed.

A variety of ways was considered to end the period of significance. Since the contributing resources date as far back as 1904, and a reasonable date could not be defined to end the period, the date of 1948 (50 years ago) was used.

Original interments were made from deaths in the hospitals established at Louisville and from troops encamped in the neighborhood. In the spring of 1867, additional interments were made of the dead gathered up at various points on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, as far south as Rowlett's

Station and from points on the Kentucky side of the Ohio River as far down as Henderson. Bodies were removed from the following locations:

Munfordville in McCracken County

Woodville and its vicinity in McCracken County

Shepardsville and its vicinity in Bullitt County

Vicinity of Red Mills

Elizabethtown in Hardin County

Belmont in Bullitt County

Vicinity of Colesburg

Nolans Station and its vicinity

Sonora and its vicinity

Henderson in Henderson County

Owensborough in Daviess County

Several other places

A former superintendent of the Cave Hill National Cemetery, H. M. Fogg, is buried in Section B opposite the flagpole. His monument is inscribed as follows:

H. M. FOGG

BORN

JUNE 1, 1843

DIED

JAN. 1, 1880

WOUNDED AT CEDAR

CREEK 1864

SERVED AS SUPT.

NATIONAL CEM.

COLD HARBOR VA

FORT LEAVENWORTH KS

& LOUISVILLE KY

A GOOD MAN

FAITHFUL OFFICER

KIND HUSBAND

AND TRUE FRIEND

There are 37 Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery.

A lodge was situated outside of and a short distance from the main entrance to the Cave Hill Cemetery on a lot purchased by the United States in 1867 and known as 1309 Baxter Avenue. It was a one-and one-half-story brick cottage, with a basement. A kitchen and porch were sometime prior to 1934. It was enclosed with an iron fence. An inspector's report states that the superintendent of the civil cemetery rented the lodge for $10 per month in consideration of his keeping the graves of Union soldiers in good order. This measure had been disapproved of by the Quartermaster General. In addition, a shop and garage were located at 637 Baxter Avenue. This wooden structure, 36 feet by 16 ¼ feet, with a brick foundation and tin roof, contained three rooms. Both these buildings were sold when the lot containing them was sold at public auction on November 16, 1938, to the Highland Company of Louisville, Kentucky, as authorized by Act of August 10, 1937 (Public Law 250, 75th Congress).

On September 11, 1861, the War Department directed, in General Orders No. 75, that commanding officers of military corps and departments were responsible for the burial of any officer or soldier who died within their jurisdiction. Partial expedients were sought by acquiring soldiers' plots in cemeteries near large general hospitals, where a far greater number of men were destined to die than fell on the battlefield. Many cemeterial associations performed a patriotic service by donating plots for Army burials.

In 1861, the Cave Hill Cemetery Company donated to the United States a parcel of land, consisting of 0.65 acre, (now Section A) dedicated to the burial of soldiers who should die in the service of the United States. This donation was later confirmed by deed dated March 23, 1877, from Mr. Bland Ballard, President of the Cave Hill Cemetery Company. The national cemetery was not actually established until 1863. By deeds dated July 23, 1863, and May 30, 1864, Mr. Isaac Everett, President of the Cave Hill Cemetery Company, conveyed to the United States 0.96 acre (Section B) for $10,528.50, and 1.26 acres (Sections C and D), for $13,113.75. These three sections are located along Cypress and Maple Avenues. In 1867, 0.22 acre, located a short distance north of the main entrance to the cemetery was acquired by purchase from Mr. Ward Payne and wife, for the sum of $1,325, and was to be used as the site for a superintendent's lodge. By deed dated June 4, 1868, a parcel containing 0.11 acre (Section E) was purchased from the Cave Hill Cemetery Company. An additional 0.36 acre of land was purchased from the Cave Hill Cemetery Company in 1893. A site, consisting of 0.5 acre, was donated by the Cave Hill Cemetery Company in 1897 to be used as the site for a permanent rostrum, with the express condition that such portion of the land which may lie outside and beyond the boundaries of the rostrum shall not be reserved for burial but shall be reserved and held for planting and ornamental purposes and subject to the rules and regulations of the Cave Hill Cemetery Company.

The War Department had not intended to purchase additional land for burials after existing graves were filled, but upon pressure from various local veterans' organizations, additional land was purchased. A land exchange was accomplished in 1910, under the authority of the act of March 12, whereby 0.07 acre was acquired from the Cave Hill Cemetery Company in exchange for 0.04 acre. In 1912, an additional 0.71 acre was purchased. Under provisions of Public Law 250, approved August 10, 1937, the Secretary of War was authorized to sell the 0.22 acre site on which the superintendent's lodge was located. The total area of the national cemetery is 4.1 acres.

The Cave Hill Cemetery was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on December 11, 1979. The national cemetery is only briefly mentioned in this nomination.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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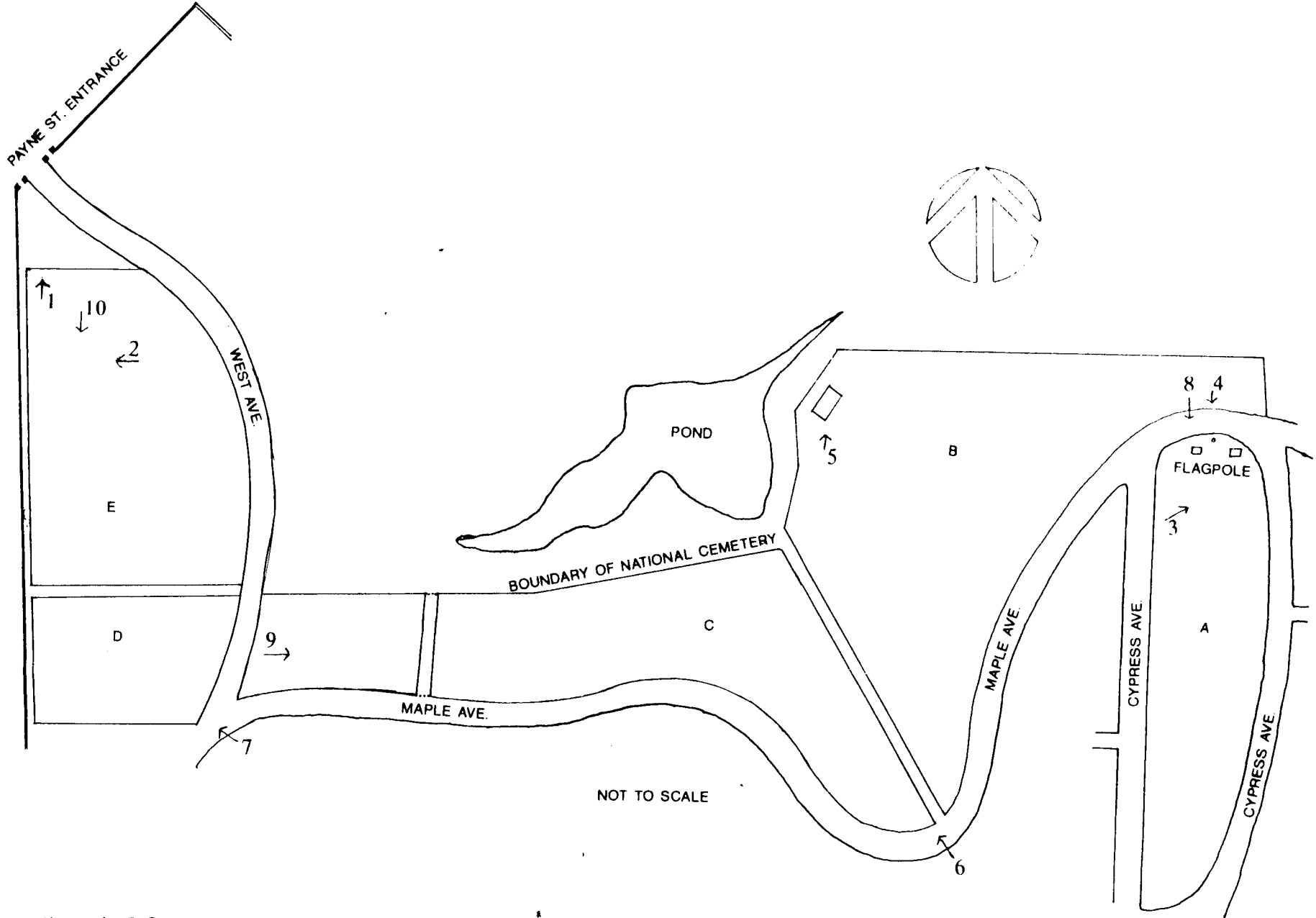
GEOGRAPHICAL DATA - VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundaries are indicated on the accompanying base map.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The National Cemetery System has used the existing boundaries of the cemetery.



Sketch Map
Cave Hill National Cemetery
Jefferson County, Kentucky

Note: Numbered arrows correspond to the views in the accompanying photographs

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1 MILE
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1 KILOMETER

ZONE · 17
EASTING · 611920
NORTHING · 4233980

KENTUCKY
QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Unimproved road
Interstate Route
U. S. Route
State Route

(MOUNT WASHINGTON) 3860 II SE

CAVE HILL NATIONAL CEMETERY

LOUISVILLE EAST, KY.

38085-B6-TF-024

1982
REVISED 1994
DMA 3860 II NW-SERIES V853

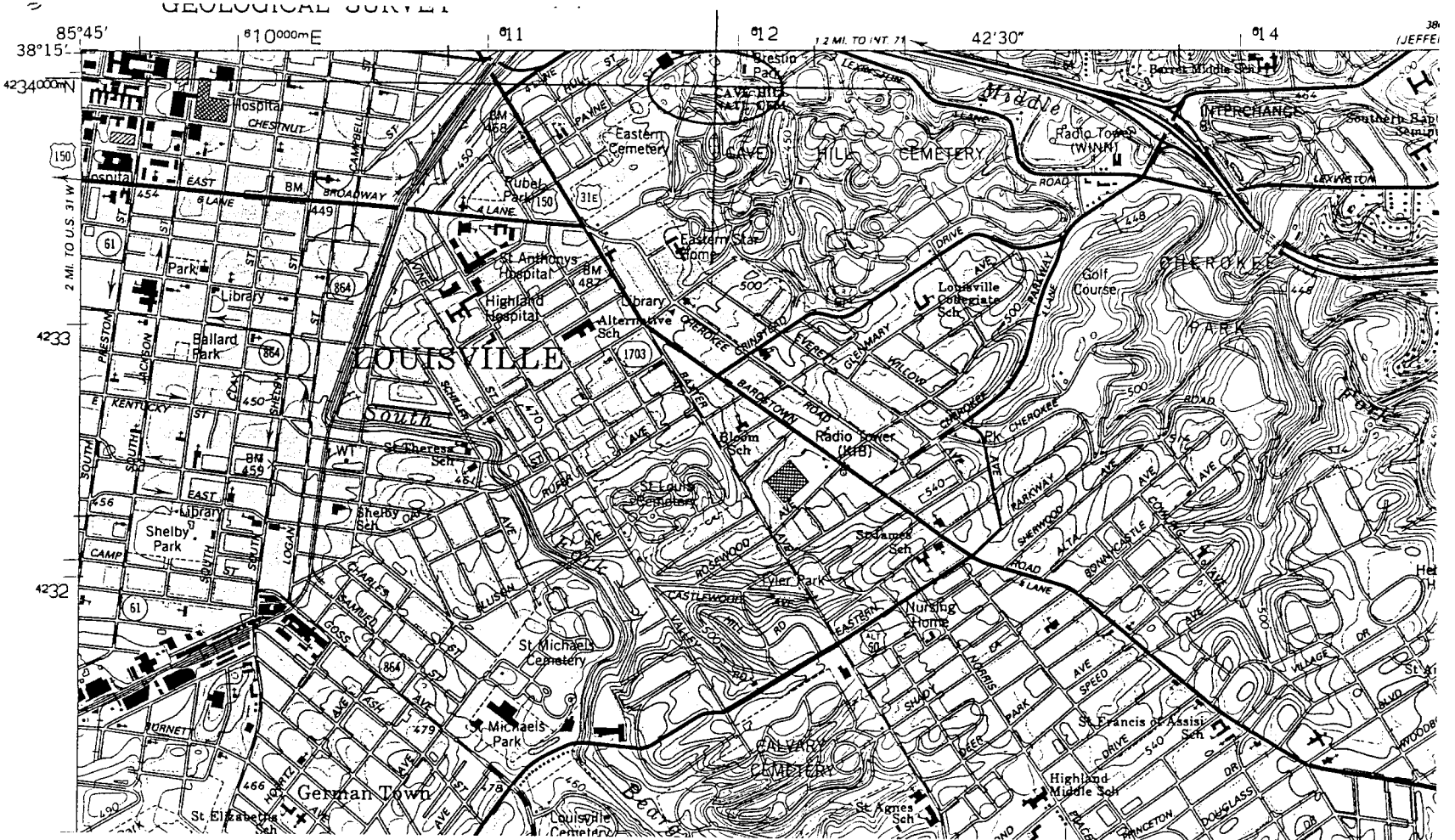
RVAL 10 FEET
ENT 5-FOOT CONTOURS
RTICAL DATUM OF 1929

STANDARDS FOR SPATIAL ACCURACY-CLASS 2
R, COLORADO 80225 OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092,
Y, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY 40506,
MMERCE, FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY 40601
AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with State of Kentucky agencies from aerial photographs taken 1991 and other sources. This information not field checked. Map edited 1994

Information shown in purple may not meet USGS content standards and may conflict with previously mapped contours

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



Base Map
Cave Hill National Cemetery
Jefferson County, Kentucky

CAVE HILL NATIONAL CEMETERY
Jefferson County, Kentucky
Armando A. Sammartino and Gary Peak photographers
Date of Photographs: October 1997

All negatives are stored with Technical Support Service (401B), National Cemetery System, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20420

VIEW OF: Gate at Payne Street
NEG. NO. 7569-17
PHOTO 1 of 10

VIEW OF: Wall along west boundary
NEG. NO. 7569-19
PHOTO 2 of 10

VIEW OF: Flagpole
NEG. NO. 7569-24
PHOTO 3 of 10

VIEW OF: Plaque at base of flagpole
NEG. NO. 7569-24A
PHOTO 4 of 10

VIEW OF: Rostrum, southwest elevation
NEG. NO. 7569-22
PHOTO 5 of 10

VIEW OF: German monument
NEG. NO. 7569-23
PHOTO 6 of 10

VIEW OF: Unknown Union tablet
NEG. NO. 7569-20
PHOTO 7 of 10

VIEW OF: Fogg & Lovell monuments
NEG. NO. 7664-1
PHOTO 8 of 10

VIEW OF: Cemetery, view looking east
NEG. NO. 7569-21
PHOTO 9 of 10

VIEW OF: Cemetery, view looking south
NEG. NO. 7569-18
PHOTO 10 of 10

CAVE HILL
NATIONAL CEMETERY

IN MEMORY OF
UNKNOWN UNION SOLDIERS
BURIED IN THIS CEMETERY
1861
1865
ERECTED BY
KENTUCKY COMRADES
1914

FOGG
LOVELL