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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 Danville National Cemetery

other names/site number

2. Location

street & number 277 North First Street ☐ not for publication N/A

city or town Danville ☐ vicinity N/A

state Kentucky code KY county Boyle code 021 zip code 40442

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.)

Karen Rome Tupek Fed. Preserv. Officer 4/28/98
Signature of certifying official/Title Date
Department of Veterans Affairs
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 3-23-98
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:

☒ 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:)

Signature of Keeper: Edson H. Beall
Date of Action: 5/29/98

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
0	0	structures
4	2	objects
5	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)
N/A

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation
walls
roof
other Limestone

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

1868-1947

Significant Dates

1868

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

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 0.3

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

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
1	16	696660	4169530	3			
2				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

name/title Therese T. Sammartino, Staff Assistant, National Cemetery System

organization Department of Veterans Affairs date December 31, 1997

street & number 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W. telephone (202) 565-4895

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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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the 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 Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.0. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Materials:

Other: Bronze

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The Danville National Cemetery is located within the Bellevue Cemetery, 277 North First Street, Danville, Kentucky, in Boyle County. The national cemetery site, located in the northwest corner and containing 0.3 acre, consists of eighteen cemetery lots laid off in the form of a rectangle. Near the center of the north side is a bronze plaque inscribed with "Danville National Cemetery" and the seal of the Veterans Administration (now the Department of Veterans Affairs). A square limestone post, with the letters "U. S." inscribed on the upper face, is situated at each corner of the national cemetery. A flagpole, 70 feet high, constructed in 1971, is located just south of the bronze plaque identifying the national cemetery. There are no buildings, walls, or fences within the national cemetery.

Graves were originally marked by properly numbered stakes, which were later replaced with upright marble headstones. The cemetery closed in 1952. As of October 31, 1997, there were 393 sites used for the interment of 393 casketed remains, and there was 1 reserved gravesite.

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

Sites: Cemetery

Objects: Boundary posts (4)

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

Objects: Flagpole, plaque identifying cemetery

NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Danville 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 every branch of service who had served their country throughout its history.

Although this national cemetery meets the registration requirements of the multiple property nomination, it does not possess all the same physical characteristics. There is not a fence or wall enclosing the national cemetery. The national cemetery is located within the Bellevue Cemetery, which is enclosed.

A variety of ways was considered to end the period of significance. Since the only contributing resources are the site itself and the corner posts constructed many years ago, and a reasonable date could not be defined to end the period, the date of 1947 (50 years ago) was used.

During the early months of 1863, Confederate detachments continued to infiltrate among the Union garrisons trying to protect the state of Kentucky. The city of Danville was captured on March 24, 1863, by General John Pegram and his cavalry brigade, despite stout resistance from Colonel Frank Wolford, commander of the First Kentucky Union Cavalry. Pegram had previously been Edmund Kirby Smith's chief of staff.

Danville was also the site of several hospitals which cared for the Civil War wounded.

On September 11, 1861, the War Department had 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.

The site of the Danville National Cemetery was appropriated by the government in 1862 and had been used for some years for the burial of Union soldiers. It was not established as a national cemetery until 1868. By deed dated June 12, 1868, from the Board of Trustees of the Town of Danville, the following lots within the Danville City Cemetery were conveyed to the United States, at a cost of $600.00: Lots 10 to 17, lots 30-33, lots 35 and 36, and lots 38-41. The plat was originally divided into six sections, five of which were used for the burial of soldiers and one for the interment of citizens.

NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Continued)

Original interments were made from the hospitals in Danville. Bodies were also removed from South Danville, Hustonville in Lincoln County, and from Middleburg in Casey County.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Holt Dean W. American Military Cemeteries. North Carolina. McFarland and Company, Inc., 1992.

Harrison, Lowell H. The Civil War in Kentucky. The University Press of Kentucky, 1975.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA - VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundaries are indicated on the accompanying base map. Also included with this nomination is a drawing showing the location of the national cemetery within the Bellevue Cemetery.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

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

DANVILLE NATIONAL CEMETERY
Boyle County, Kentucky
Armando A. Sammartino, photographer
Date of Photographs: October 15, 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: Bronze plaque identifying national cemetery
NEG. NO. 7567-5
PHOTO 1 of 5

VIEW OF: Square limestone boundary post
NEG. NO. 7567-1
PHOTO 2 of 5

VIEW OF: Flagpole, view looking south
NEG. NO. 7567-2
PHOTO 3 of 5

VIEW OF: Cemetery, view looking south

NEG. NO. 7567-3
PHOTO 4 of 5

VIEW OF: Cemetery, view looking west
NEG. NO. 7567-4
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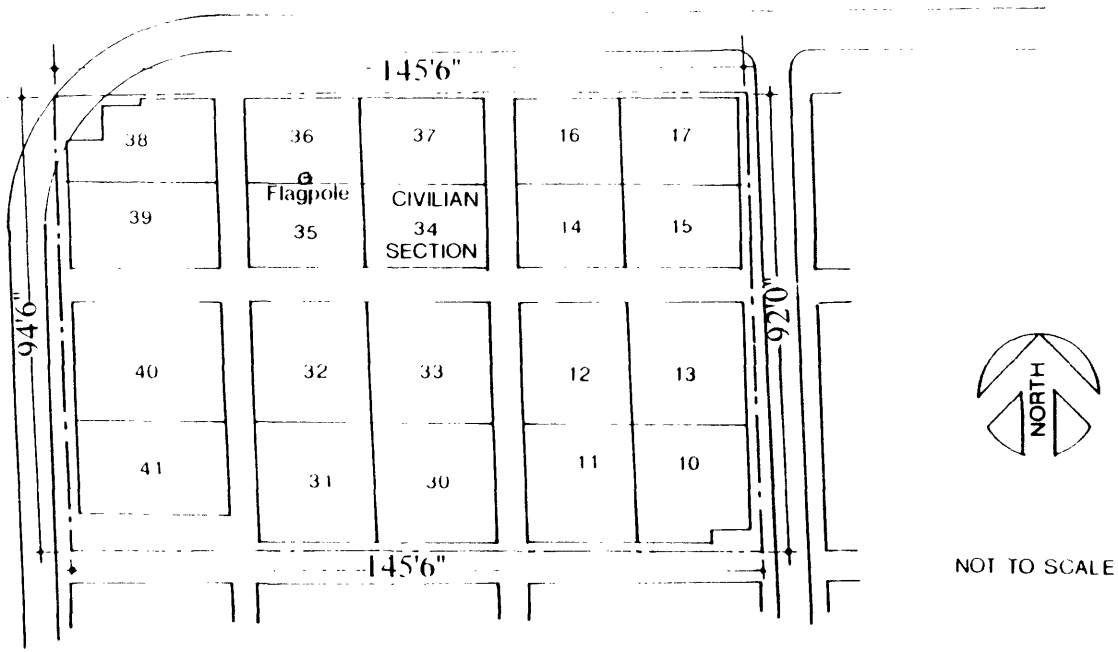
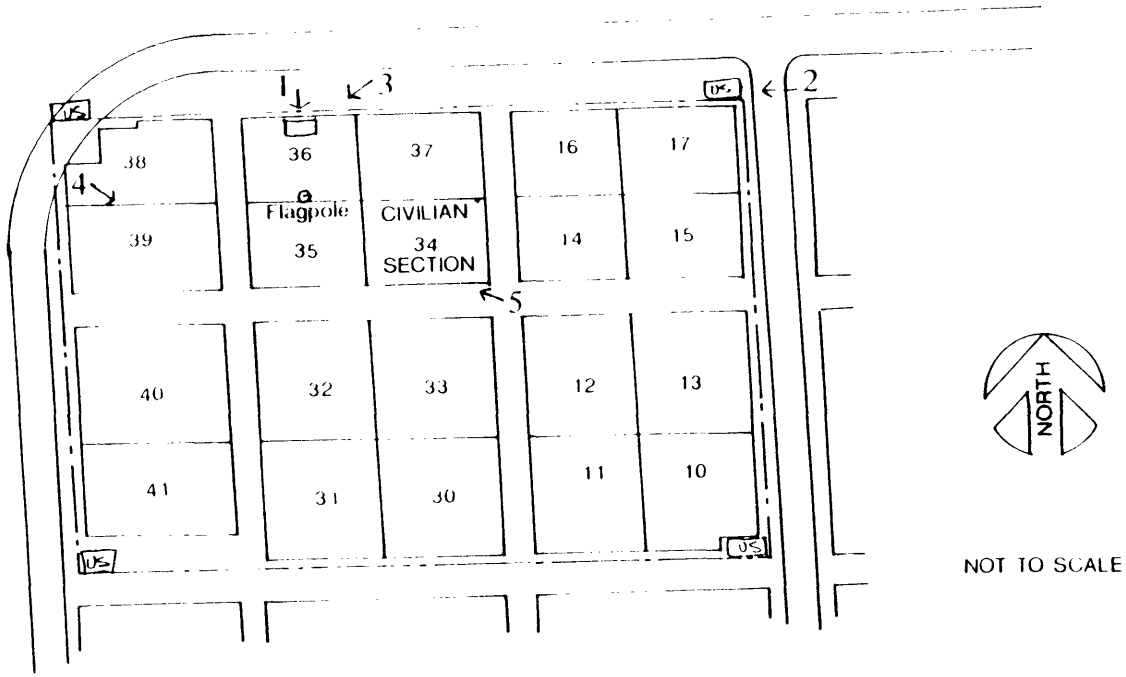


Base Map

Danville National Cemetery

Boyle County, Kentucky



Sketch Map

Danville National Cemetery

Boyle County, Kentucky

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

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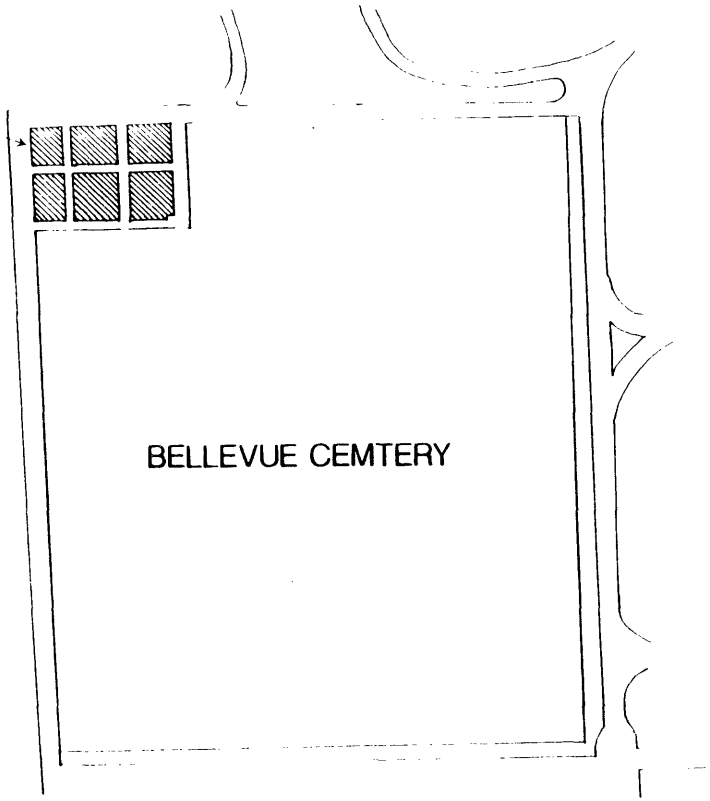

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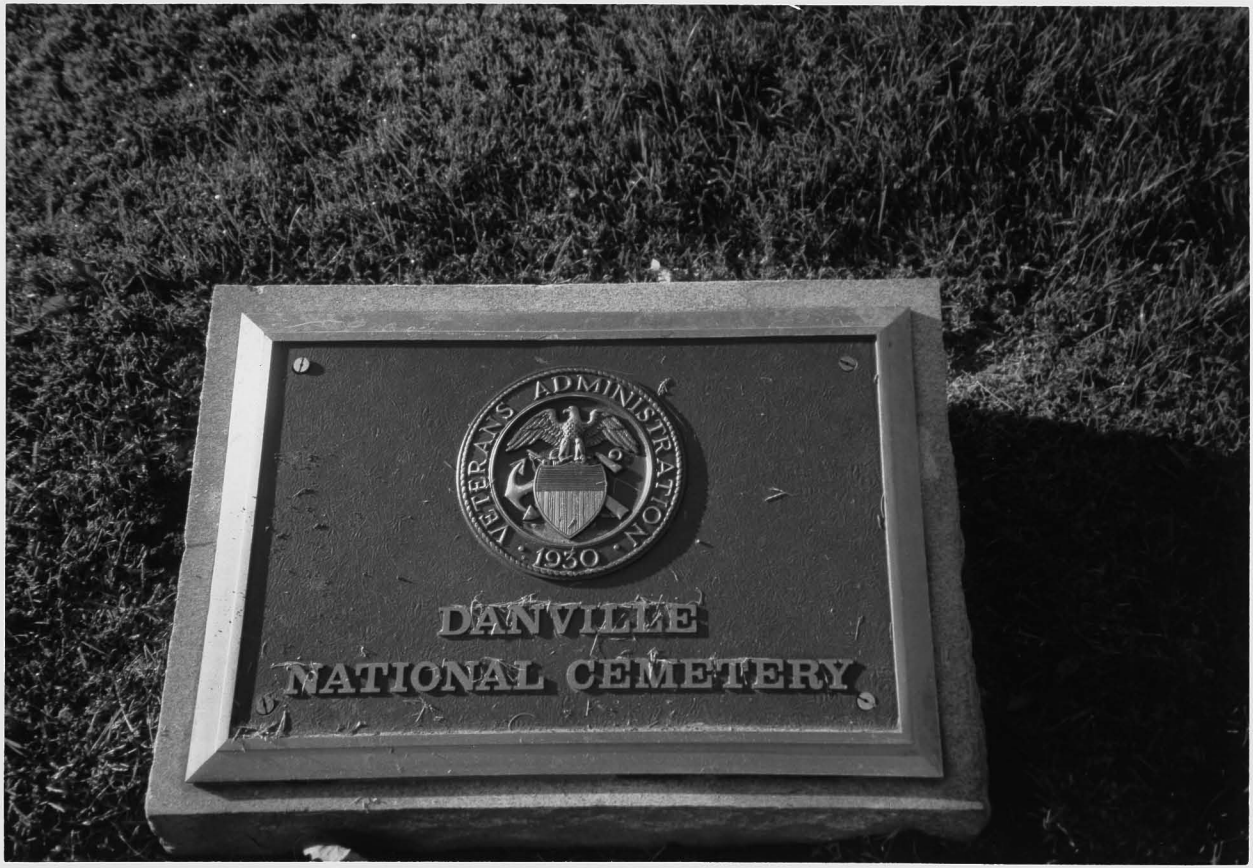
Danville National Cemetery

Boyle County, Kentucky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