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 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** Residential Area District

**other names/site number** Buildings 28 to 33

### 2. Location

**street & number** Mammoth Cave National Park (MACA)  
**city, town** Mammoth Cave  
**state** Kentucky  
**code** KY  
**county** Edmonson  
**code** 061  
**zip code** 42259

### 3. Classification

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<th>Ownership of Property</th>
<th>Category of Property</th>
<th>Number of Resources within Property</th>
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<td>private</td>
<td>building(s)</td>
<td>Contributing 6 buildings</td>
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<td>public-local</td>
<td>district</td>
<td>Noncontributing 1 sites</td>
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**Name of related multiple property listing:** Historic Resources of Mammoth Cave Nat'l Park

**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.

**Signature of certifying official:**  
[Signature]  
**State or Federal agency and bureau:** National Park Service  
**Date:** 3/20/91

In my opinion, the property [ ] meets [ ] does not meet the National Register criteria. [ ] See continuation sheet.

**Signature of commenting or other official:** David L. Morgan  
**State Historic Preservation Officer, Kentucky Heritage Council**  
**State or Federal agency and bureau:**  
**Date:** Jan. 8, 1991

### 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:)

**Signature of the Keeper:** Patrick Andrews  
**Date of Action:** 5/8/91
### 6. Function or Use

<table>
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<th>Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)</th>
<th>Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)</th>
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<td>Domestic: institutional housing</td>
<td>Vacant/not in use</td>
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<td>other: office space</td>
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### 7. Description

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<th>Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)</th>
<th>Materials (enter categories from instructions)</th>
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<td>foundation sandstone</td>
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<td>walls weatherboard</td>
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<td></td>
<td>roof asphalt shingle</td>
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<td>other</td>
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Describe present and historic physical appearance.
7. Description of present and historic physical appearance.

The Residential Area District is located approximately 3/4 mile southeast of Mammoth Cave National Park Headquarters. The district consists of six contributing buildings, residences #28-#33, and one contributing site, the "Circle" road which encircles the six houses.

The six houses in the Residential Area District were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1937 during the development of Mammoth Cave National Park and are good examples of National Park Service rustic architecture. The residences are one story frame structures with rough-cut sandstone foundations, porch steps, walkways, and chimneys. The wood exterior walls have shiplap boarding on the lower portion of the building and board and batten on the upper part. Each house has an asphalt shingled, gable roof, a screened or enclosed porch, and some simple decorative woodwork around the entrances.

The houses in the district represent two basic floor plans. The buildings of the one bedroom plan (Quarters #28, #30, #31) were constructed with four rooms and one bath. The rooms connecting the main houses to their garages, with four large windows in each, are called glassed porches. The front entrances of these houses are enclosed with screened porches (see figure 1). The buildings of the two bedroom plan (Quarters #29, #32, #33) were constructed with five rooms, one bath and a basement. The front entrances are unenclosed and the screened porches are attached to the sides of the houses. The garages of all of the two bedroom plan houses have been converted to extra bedrooms and baths (see figure 2).

The houses are basically structurally sound, but are in fair condition due to the lack of regular maintenance in the last decade. All of the CCC-constructed residences have sustained some alteration. The original wood shingle roofs were replaced with asphalt shingle roofs within the last twenty years. Though the garages of all of the two bedroom plan houses have been made into extra rooms for the houses, the alterations have been made in a similar style and with the same type of materials and the basic floor plans of these buildings are unaltered. In the spring of 1989, the park began using several of these houses for office space. These changes in plan and use do not affect the historic character of the buildings.
The Circle road, originally gravel, has been black topped, although the course it follows is unchanged. Though a number of "Mission 66" houses for employees were constructed around the outside of the Circle in the 1950s, the area has retained its residential character. Integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association in the district are intact.
8. Statement of Significance
Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

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Applicable National Register Criteria

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Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

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Period of Significance

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Significant Dates

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Cultural Affiliation

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Significant Person

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Architect/Builder

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

X See continuation sheet
9. Major Bibliographical References

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

Specify repository:

See continuation sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property ________________________________

UTM References

A Zone ____________ Easting ____________ Northing ____________
  ________________________________ ________________________________ ________________________________

  B Zone ____________ Easting ____________ Northing ____________
  ________________________________ ________________________________ ________________________________

  C Zone ____________ Easting ____________ Northing ____________
  ________________________________ ________________________________ ________________________________

  D Zone ____________ Easting ____________ Northing ____________
  ________________________________ ________________________________ ________________________________

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Raleigh
state NC
zip code 27605
date June 1989
telephone 919-828-9123
8. Statement of significance, criteria justification, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance.

The Residential Area District is historically significant in the area of Entertainment/recreation and represents the property type "Civilian Conservation Corps Buildings and Structures" (for property type information, see Section III of the Historic Resource Study, pages D-20 to D-21). The period of significance, 1937 to 1942, falls within the years that the CCC was constructing buildings and structures during the development of Mammoth Cave National Park, i.e., 1933 to 1942.

When the Civilian Conservation Corps was created in 1933 by the Roosevelt administration, the Mammoth Cave properties were in transition from private and state ownership to national park status. The CCC was charged with the responsibility of developing a recreational wilderness area out of what had been primarily agricultural land for decades. In addition to razing structures, planting trees, and building roads and park facilities, the CCC also constructed buildings and structures to meet the operational needs of a National Park, such as employee housing, maintenance facilities, ranger stations, and an entire plumbing system.

The Residential Area was constructed by the CCC in 1937 to house a community of National Park Service employees who wished to live, as well as work, within the boundaries of Mammoth Cave National Park. Though the residences are no longer used for employee housing, they remain in the residential area and are important reminders of the work of the CCC in developing Mammoth Cave National Park.
9. Major Bibliographical References


10. Geographical Data
Acreage of property: approximately 2 acres

UTM References
A 16 4115420 580840

Verbal Boundary Description
The boundary follows the exterior of the "Circle" road 1150', beginning and ending at a point 85' from the southeast corner of Quarters #28.

Boundary Justification
The boundary includes all residential cottages constructed by the CCC in the residential area and the "Circle" road and excludes the more recently constructed "Mission 66" houses in the area.
RESIDENTIAL AREA
DISTRICT
(*28 - #33)

INDEX TO QUARTER NUMBERS

LEGEND
- = BOUNDARY

SCALE:
Approx.
1 inch = 115 feet
4 photos
Residential Area District
Mammoth Cave National Park, Kentucky
Residential Area District
Mammoth Cave National Park
Mammoth Cave, Ky
Kelly Lally
December 1987
Mammoth Cave National Park Library
northwest view
2. Residential Area District
Mammoth Cave National Park, Kentucky
Residential Area District
Mammoth Cave Nat'l Park
Mammoth Cave, Ky
Kelly Lally
December 1987
Mammoth Cave Nat'l Park Library
Southeast View
3. Quarters #29 Residential Area District
Mammoth Cave National Park, Kentucky
Quarters #29,
Residential Area District
Mammoth Cave Nat'l Park
Mammoth Cave, Ky
Kelly Lally
December 1987
Mammoth Cave Nat'l Park Library
South west view
4. Quarters #33, Residential Area District
Mammoth Cave National Park, Kentucky
Quarters #33
Residential Area District
Mammoth Cave Nat'l Park
Mammoth Cave, Ky
Kelly Lally
December 1987
Mammoth Cave Nat'l Park Library
northeast view