

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Gatliff, Dr. Ancil, House

AND/OR COMMON

Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

South Fifth Street

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Williamsburg

— VICINITY OF

5

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Kentucky

021

Whitley

235

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**

DISTRICT
 BUILDING(S)
 STRUCTURE
 SITE
 OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC
 PRIVATE

 BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

IN PROCESS
 BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED
 UNOCCUPIED
 WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
 YES: RESTRICTED
 YES: UNRESTRICTED
 NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE
 COMMERCIAL
 EDUCATIONAL
 ENTERTAINMENT
 GOVERNMENT
 INDUSTRIAL
 MILITARY
 MUSEUM
 PARK
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 RELIGIOUS
 SCIENTIFIC
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. T. E. Mahan

STREET & NUMBER

South Fifth Street

CITY, TOWN

Williamsburg

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Kentucky

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Whitley County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Williamsburg

STATE

Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky

DATE

1971

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky 40601

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Dr. Ancil Gatliff House is located in southeast Kentucky in the small rural community of Williamsburg, county seat of Whitley County. The residence is appropriately situated at the base of a hill on the crest of which is found Cumberland College, an institution that Dr. Gatliff was instrumental in developing. The front of the house faces northeast toward the commercial section of town, with the northwest side facing Main Street. It is well placed on a slight rise with a spacious, manicured lawn surrounding it, which serves as a visual reminder of the prominence of Dr. Gatliff in the community.

The building represents the most outstanding example of Victorian residential architecture remaining in Williamsburg. Constructed in 1885, the two-story frame dwelling exhibits a graceful front entrance with fanlight and sidelights, reflecting the influence of the Colonial Revival. Other notable exterior details include a small Palladian window in the right projecting gable and a rounded corner tower with fish scale shingles. (The tower and wraparound porch were added at a later date by Dr. Gatliff.) The rear sun porch added by the present owner further reflects the Colonial Revival motif, as is evidenced by the arched windows on the exposed sides.

The interior incorporates a central hall with double parlors to either side. At the rear of the central hall is an unusually fine Palladian window with beveled glass. A similar Palladian treatment is found on the northwest elevation.

The grounds are beautifully landscaped with a formal garden located at the back of the residence. The nominated area includes the entire front, northwest side, and rear areas composing the "lawn," important to the visual integrity of the house. The southeast boundary is marked by the entrance drive to the house.

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Interview with Mrs. T. E. Mahan, daughter of Dr. Gatliff, Williamsburg, Ky. Jan. 1980.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. 1.5 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Williamsburg

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at the southeast corner of Fifth and Main, the boundary extends eastward along the front (north) property line, or the south side of Fifth Street to the Gatliff entrance drive. The line then turns southward, following the east side of the

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES (Continued)

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Gloria Mills, historian; Calvin Jones, historian; Ida Janie Hall

ORGANIZATION

Kentucky Heritage Commission

DATE

March 1980

STREET & NUMBER

104 Bridge Street

TELEPHONE

(502) 564-3741

CITY OR TOWN

Frankfort; (Williamsburg)

STATE

Kentucky

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Donna C. Hopkins

TITLE

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer 6-20-80

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

W. Ray Luce

DATE

8/11/80

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

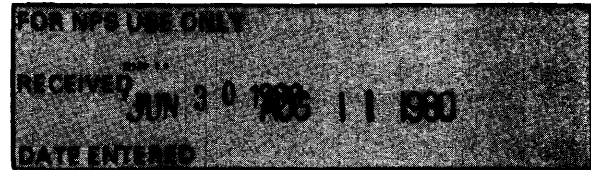
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DATE

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After the death of Dr. Gatliff's widow, Mrs. Florida E. Gatliff, this property was deeded to one of their daughters, Mrs. T. E. Mahan, who has also been a patron of the college for many years.

The house is located in the Cumberland Plateau, a mountainous region characterizing eastern Kentucky. There are few early buildings remaining in the area, with most dating to the late nineteenth or early twentieth centuries. The house, built by Dr. Gatliff, is the finest example of Victorian residential architecture in Williamsburg. Notable features include a rounded corner tower, doorway with fanlight and sidelights, a rear Palladian window with beveled glass, and an attractive addition with large Colonial Revival windows on the exposed sides.

¹ Gatliff Coal Company had its operations in Gatliff, Kentucky, located within ten miles east of Williamsburg. This small coal town, founded by Dr. Gatliff, was once a booming coal camp, with its own railroad depot. It is now virtually deserted.

² Later on the college turned the system over to E. C. Diesel and his associates but the college still receives 3,600,000 gallons of pure water annually without charge as long as the college continues to be operated as a school in the city of Williamsburg, Kentucky.

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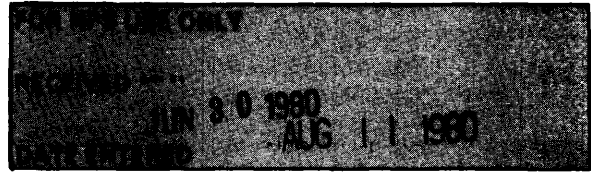
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drive approximately 300' to the rear (south) property line, marked by a fence. The boundary turns westward, following the rear property line approximately 200' until its intersection with Main. The line turns northward, following the west property line, or east side of Main Street to the point of beginning.

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Ky DOT
1" = 800'

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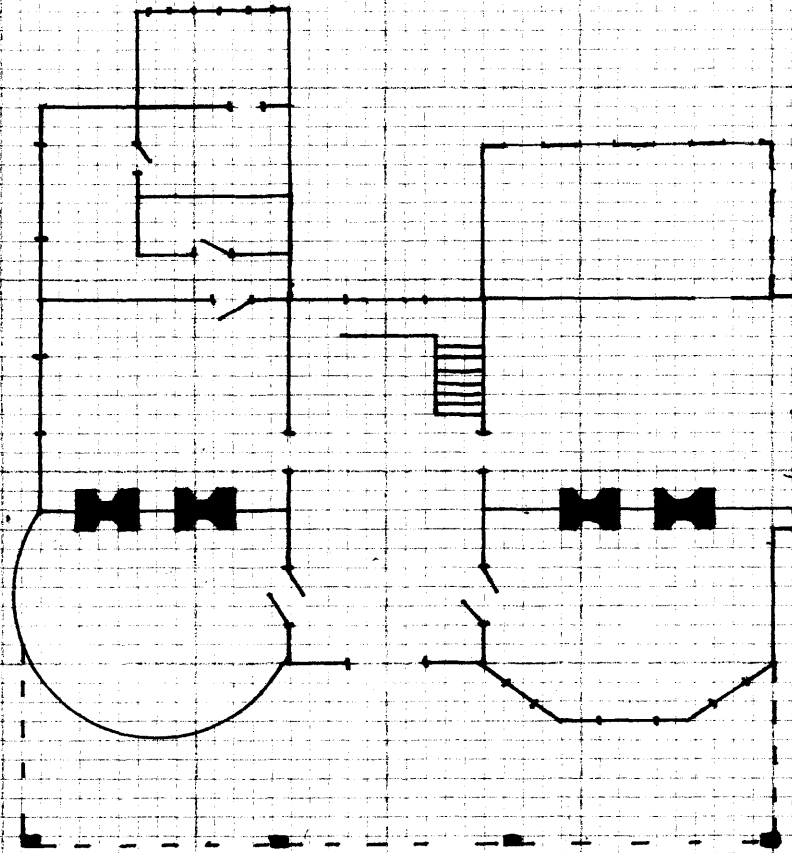
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Nominated area outlined in red.

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