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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Kentucky	
COUNTY:	Nelson	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE	
	MAY 7	1973

1. NAME

COMMON: Spalding Hall

AND/OR HISTORIC: St. Joseph's College

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: North 5th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Bardstown

STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21 COUNTY: Nelson CODE: 179

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Antique Shop</u> <u>Restaurant</u> <u>Pottery Shop</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Comments <u>Art shop</u>			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Owned by Diocese of Louisville, Kentucky

STREET AND NUMBER: 443 South Fifth Street

CITY OR TOWN: Louisville STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Nelson County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: Court Square

CITY OR TOWN: Bardstown STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

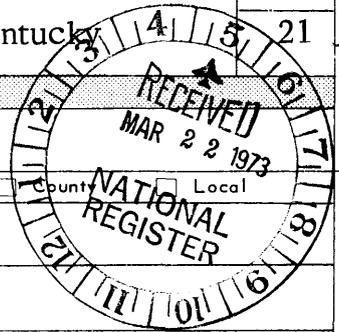
TITLE OF SURVEY: Survey Of Historic Sites In Kentucky

DATE OF SURVEY: 1971 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Kentucky Heritage Commission

STREET AND NUMBER: 401 Wapping Street

CITY OR TOWN: Frankfort, STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
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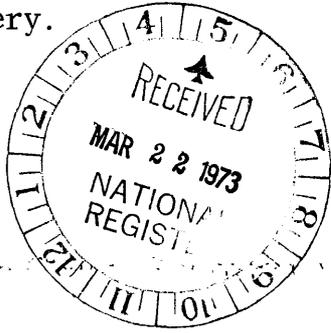
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. Joseph's College was established in 1819. Its main building was destroyed by fire in 1838 and replaced in 1839 by Spalding Hall, a three-story Federal style brick building with a high stone basement, which was built by Samuel Beall.

In Architecture In Old Kentucky, Rexford Newcomb describes Spalding Hall: "It presents a pedimented frontal pavilion to the street and is crowned by a roof with four dormers and a square cupola. The pediment is pierced by a bull's-eye opening. The windows of double-hung, twelve pane sash are without shutters but the doorway has a decorative fanlight.."

In its lifetime Spalding Hall has served various groups. It has been a college, a Union hospital during the Civil War, a seminary and a secondary school. Between 1968 and 1971, it was vacant. In 1971 it was renovated and presently houses a restaurant, a pottery shop, an antique shop, and an art gallery.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

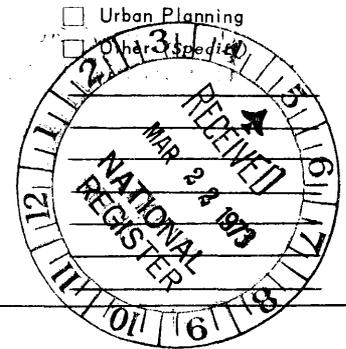
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1839**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Spalding Hall, built in 1839 to replace an earlier building which was destroyed by fire, was the main building of St. Joseph's College, the first Catholic college in Kentucky. The College was founded in 1819 by Bishop Benedict J. Flaget. In December, 1824 St. Joseph's College was incorporated by the Kentucky Legislature and empowered to grant academic degrees.

Between 1819 and 1848 the College was conducted by the diocesan clergy. St. Joseph's College, a rapidly growing school, had 200 students by 1825 and later remained filled to capacity. In 1848 the College was taken over by the Jesuit priests of the Missouri Province. During the pre-Civil War period the College was at the height of its excellence educating many young men who later rose to prominence in both Kentucky and the Nation. Speaking before Congress in 1832 Charles A. Wickliffe said of St. Joseph's College, "Sir, I believe it is the best college west of the mountains."

During the Civil War the college closed its doors to students. Spalding Hall was transformed into a hospital for Union soldiers. In 1869 the Jesuits relinquished control of the College and departed from Kentucky. Between 1869 and 1872 it was a seminary and from 1872 to 1890 it was both a seminary and a college. Then changing its function again, it became an orphanage for six years. During the following fifteen years (1896-1911) the building stood vacant. The Xaverian Brothers assumed ownership in 1911 and started a secondary school for Catholic boys of the area. Later renamed St. Joseph's Preparatory School, it started a new period of growth with its enrollment increasing from 80 to 450 students. Because of the trend away from boarding high schools, St. Joseph's was forced to close its doors in June, 1968. After standing vacant for 3 years Spalding Hall was renovated and is presently occupied by a pottery shop, restaurant, art gallery and an antique shop.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Coleman, J. Winston, Jr., Historic Kentucky, Lexington: Henry Clay Press, 1968.

Newcomb, Rexford, Architecture In Old Kentucky, Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1953.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

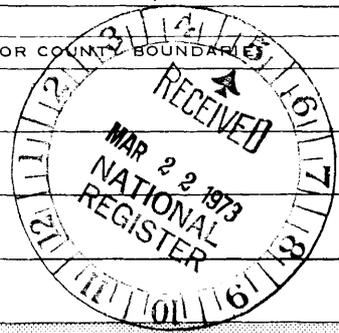
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 10

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Sarah B. Smith, Nelson County Representative

ORGANIZATION: Kentucky Heritage Commission DATE: Jan 1, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: 517 North Third Street

CITY OR TOWN: Bardstown STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Mrs. Simeon Wilkins

Title State Liaison Officer

Date March 16, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert M. Tuttle
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 5/7/73

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date 5 2 73

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#8 Statement of Significance

Spalding Hall was a familiar place to St. Joseph's many graduates. Its distinguished alumni include Cassius M. Clay, Theodore O'Hara, Jefferson Davis; James Speed, U.S. Attorney General under President Lincoln, and Joseph Holt, Secretary of War under President Buchanan. Five of its students later became governors: A. H. Garland, Arkansas; Lazarus W. Powell, Kentucky; J. C. W. Beckham, Kentucky; J. Roman and Robert Wickliffe, Louisiana.

A handsome Federal style building, Spalding Hall has served various functions over the years - college, hospital, seminary, orphanage, preparatory school, pottery shop, restaurant, art gallery, and antique shop. It attained its highest prominence as a college during the period preceding the Civil War. Its fame was widespread and it was highly respected throughout the South.

