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

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Thomas W. Fleming House (Dudley House)

AND/OR COMMON

Dudley House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

114 West Water Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Flemingsburg

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

7

STATE

Kentucky

VICINITY OF

CODE

021

COUNTY

Fleming

CODE

069

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Fleming County Historical Society ✓

STREET & NUMBER

Box 305

CITY, TOWN

Flemingsburg

VICINITY OF

STATE

Kentucky

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Fleming County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Flemingsburg

STATE

Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky (Supplement)

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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 Thomas W. Fleming House is located on West Water Street in downtown Flemingsburg, Kentucky, within two blocks of the county courthouse. Flemingsburg has population of approximately 2500 and is the seat of government for rural Fleming county in northeastern Kentucky. Facing southwestward, the structure is situated in what was originally a residential area but is now almost entirely commercial.

Constructed ca. 1819, the two-story, ell-shaped, brick structure was originally a three-bay side passage/parlor plan. The two-bay section on the south side was an early addition creating the present five-bay, I-house (see photo 1). This addition also accounts for the slightly asymmetrical arrangement of the facade.

Laid in Flemish bond, the house rests on a stone foundation. The windows have jack arches; however, the original panes have been replaced with ones of a larger size. The front door was altered later in the nineteenth century and remodelled in the Gothic Revival style (see photo 2). The entrance is surmounted by a stone lintel, and the door is set in a Tudor arch flanked by three-pane lancet sidelights. Beneath these the aprons reveal round arch panels. Scrolled modillions are located underneath the plain cornice. The chimney on the northwest gable end is flush with the exterior wall, while the southeast wall has an exterior chimney. Both chimney stacks have been rebuilt in the Italianate panelled style. A single door pierces the southeast gable end wall.

The two-story ell on the northeast is original. Attached to it is a single-story, two-bay unit with a large, exterior chimney. This section appears to slightly predate the rest of the structure (see photo 3). The two-story, frame enclosure across the rear and ell is a twentieth century addition (see photo 4).

On the interior (see floor plan), the central hall contains a staircase along the southeast wall. The stairs embody turned balusters, a square newel post, and delicately scrolled stringers with panelled woodwork beneath (see photo 5). Throughout the house, a substantial amount of the original trim consisting of molded door and window frames with corner blocks, beveled window jambs, fluted door jambs, baseboards, and six-panel doors remains (see photo 6). In a few instances, turn-of-the-century, beaded wainscoting has been added and Victorian grates have replaced the open fireplaces.

The south room has been partitioned into three smaller rooms and serves as a dentist's office; however, the original window trim and baseboards remain. The north room and ell currently comprise an apartment, and these also retain the original base boards and door and window trim. A metal, Victorian mantle replaces the original one in the north front room. Other mantles are Greek Revival (see photo 7), with several displaying Doric entablatures (see photo 8). The mantle now located in the one-story unit of the ell is the most elaborate (see photo 9) and may well have come from one of the two front rooms as neither retains its original mantle.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES **ca. 1819** BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Thomas W. Fleming House is significant architecturally in being one of the finest extant examples of Federal style dwellings in Fleming County, Kentucky. Located in downtown Flemingsburg, the county seat, the structure attains historical distinction by having been built for Thomas W. Fleming, merchant son of Colonel John Fleming, an early explorer and settler for whom Flemingsburg and Fleming County are named.

Constructed ca. 1819, the Thomas W. Fleming House was originally a Federal style side passage/parlor dwelling. The addition of two bays on the southern portion of the facade created the present two-story, five-bay, I-house form. Although minor changes have occurred on the exterior--the front door has been Gothicized, window panes have been altered, and brackets have been added to the cornice--the essence of the original Federal form is still strongly evident.

Originally part of Mason County, Fleming County was created in 1798 and named for Colonel John Fleming. John Fleming came to Kentucky from Virginia in 1776 along with Major George Stockton, Samuel Strode, and William McClary, descending the Ohio River and landing at the mouth of Salt Lick Creek in present day Lewis County. From there the party ventured westward to the North Fork of the Licking River (now in Mason County) and southward to Fleming Creek (now in Fleming County), making improvements along both bodies of water (Collins II, p. 466). George Stockton and John Fleming were half brothers (Cooper, p. 18) and were responsible for erecting the first permanent settlements in Fleming County. Both Stockton's and Fleming's Stations were located in close proximity to the future site of the town of Flemingsburg. Colonel Fleming died in 1794, and subsequently the town of Flemingsburg, incorporated in 1812 (Collins II, p. 230), was named in his honor.

On November 13, 1813, Colonel Fleming's son Thomas purchased town lot #27 in Flemingsburg from Basil Burress, Jr. (Fleming County Deed Book E, p. 467). Previous owners of lot #27 were Henry McClure and Jacob Smyzer (Fleming County Deed Books A-2, p. 227; D, p. 135); however, the stylistic features of the house place its construction date after Fleming's purchase of the lot. A local merchant, Thomas W. Fleming retained the house until his death in 1866. At that time, his widow was apparently forced to sell the house to pay off Fleming's debts (Fleming County Deed Book 37, p. 224).

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From 1866 to 1919, the structure changed owners four times. On May 28, 1919, locally prominent dentist Dr. Harry Osborne Dudley purchased the Fleming house at auction. The dwelling remained in the Dudley family until October 31, 1977, when the Fleming County Historical Society acquired the property from Dr. Dudley's son, H. O. Dudley, Jr. Locally, the structure is known as the Dudley House.

Currently, the Historical Society maintains the house in good condition, renting the building as office space and apartments. The Society's goal is to restore the structure and continue to rent portions of it while utilizing one area as a local museum and public meeting place.

The nominated acreage includes the house, yard and garden and consists of the original town lot purchased by Thomas W. Fleming in 1813.

Thomas W. Fleming House
Flemingsburg
Fleming County
Kentucky

Floor plan
Not to scale.

