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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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 Dr. Walter Warfield Building

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

122-24 North Upper Street & 140-160 W. Short St.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Lexington

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

VICINITY OF

STATE

Kentucky

CODE

021

COUNTY

Fayette

CODE

067

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

Mr. J.H. Crutchfield, Jr.

STREET & NUMBER

611 East Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Lexington

STATE

Kentucky

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Fayette County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

West Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Lexington

STATE

Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Kentucky Historic Resources Inventory

DATE

June, 1979

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
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Dr. Walter Warfield Building is located on the northeast corner of Upper and Short Streets in Lexington, Kentucky. The structure is situated at a prominent corner site, at the junction of the east side of the courthouse and the secondary commercial street of downtown. The building anchors this corner of the courthouse square and is the north end of the block which was known in the early nineteenth century as "Jordan's Row," named after John Jordan, Jr., a pioneer merchant who owned the majority of the block on Upper Street between Main and Short Streets.

This late Georgian brick building was originally two stories, but at a later date had added a Mansard roof which created a full-story on the front wing, four bays wide (photos 1 and 2). The present east wing which was added presumably during the Greek Revival period has nine bays with alternating doors and shop windows on the first story, including an entrance to a narrow stair to the second story.

The facade on Upper has fine Flemish-bond brickwork. The distinctive features are the stone belt-course between the stories; the shaped stone water-table, of which only a fragment survives between the main entrance and the plain shop-window and modern cladding that extends around the corner on Short St.; and the "folded" stone keystones remaining on the second story windows, as well as at least one of a now-blind opening on the north side next to the corner (photo 3). The cornice has been bracketted (photo 4), presumably when the main entrance with its handsome stone stoop, the oriel, and the Mansard story were added (photo 5). The third-story attic has large two-over-two pane sash dormers with somewhat Baroque (Second Empire) shaped frames and low pediments, slightly ornamented. The slope of the roof retains hexagonal and polychrome slates. The rear wing has plain Greek Revival raked frames, and it was widened to include the former second-story inner gallery.

The interior of the front block of the Warfield Building retains much original woodwork, although there are Greek Revival and Italianate elements as well, and some features, such as the second-story mantels and some chairrails, have been removed. Although the main recessed entrance is standard Italianate, the stairhall is basically original and intact, with a beautiful elliptical or three-centered arch separating the entrance area from the stairhall in back; it has double Federal moldings and rests on delicate attenuated paired colonnettes on panelled pedestals (photo 6). It appears that an opening to the north wing in front of the arch was closed as early as the Greek Revival period, probably when the present rear wing along Short Street was added, as a high baseboard with layered convex moldings at the top and Grecian V-profile moldings across the center rises from front to back along the north wall of the hall, with delicate, rather plain Federal spindles and elegant stringers; the lower newel post is typical octagonal mid-19th century; there is a narrow landing at the back and a return flight (photo 7).

The second story rear wing is reached from a short flight off the main landing, through part of an original reeded opening. As mentioned above, the corridor that provides access to the upper stories in the rear wing was an open gallery, enclosed in the late 19th century or early 20th century when the courtyard was filled with parallel storerooms (rather poorly constructed). Plain Greek Revival frames remain in at least two of the original windows facing the gallery, as well as the doors, and inside the original rear wing, which also has plain baseboards and minimal Grecian wood mantels. The basement and Mansard story have also not been accessible for investigation; the interior of the building is not well maintained, and parts are vacant.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1806 (and later) BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This fine late Georgian brick structure, with distinctive stone keystones, belt-course and water-table, has elegant Federal interior details including a staircase and hall arch, as well as a unique (for Lexington) post-Civil War Mansard roof. Located on a conspicuous downtown corner across from the courthouse square, it retains a most important nineteenth century presence and scale. Built in 1806 for Dr. Walter Warfield, a prominent early physician, it had in the nineteenth century an equally distinguished series of occupants, mainly physicians and attorneys. In the twentieth century, it has had more varied tenants, including a group of the town's leading black professionals before World War I.

Dr. Warfield (1760-1826) was a member of one of the outstanding families of central Kentucky during the nineteenth century, and was himself "a very highly esteemed and excellent citizen". His first wife was one of the daughters of Col. William Christian, a pioneer settler of Jefferson County, Kentucky, and his second wife was also well-connected to the Lexington Parker family. His daughter married William W. Blair, who was appointed commonwealth attorney and was a delegate to the 1850 constitutional convention in Frankfort in 1850, when he was evidently a resident of Fleming Co., Ky.

After Dr. Warfield's death in 1826, the building was not sold until a suit in 1839 between his daughter Ann Blair and the other Warfield heirs, when E.K. Sayre bought the corner property (Emilius K. Sayre was listed as an attorney and counsellor on Jordan's Row, 16 North Upper Street, in the 1838 directory). He and his wife Elizabeth sold it in 1852 to Dr. John Browne, physician, who died in 1855. His widow left the property to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Richmond, Va., in 1881; he sold it the same year to Luther A. Buckner, who sold it three years later to Richard A. Buckner (1813-1900), the prominent judge and attorney. It has changed hands several times in the twentieth century, but seems to have been in the family of the present owner since 1921, when it was acquired by Walter L. Honaker.

It is possible that the upper floors were not listed earlier, because in 1906-1907 there suddenly appear as occupants a group of the leading black professionals in the city, who seem to have moved several times, often as a group: J. Alexander Chiles, affluent attorney and realtor; Dr. John E. Hunter, nationally-known physician, for whom the present Hunter Foundation was named; Dr. William T. Dinwiddie, dentist; and Dr. Obed Cooley, physician.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See attached sheet.

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED
UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approximately .13 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,6	7,1,9,6,2,4	4,2,1,3,8,2,5	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

A rectangular lot approximately 50 feet (Upper Street) by 115 feet (along Short Street). The nominated building occupies the total square footage of this lot.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Walter Langsam, Architectural Historian, and Richard S. DeCamp, Executive Director

ORGANIZATION

Lexington-Fayette County Historic Commission

STREET & NUMBER

253 Market Street

CITY OR TOWN

Lexington

DATE

February 13, 1980

TELEPHONE

(606) 255-8312

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

DATE

6-20-80

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

W. Ray Luce

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

8/11/80

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST

Justin O'Connell

DATE

7/24/80

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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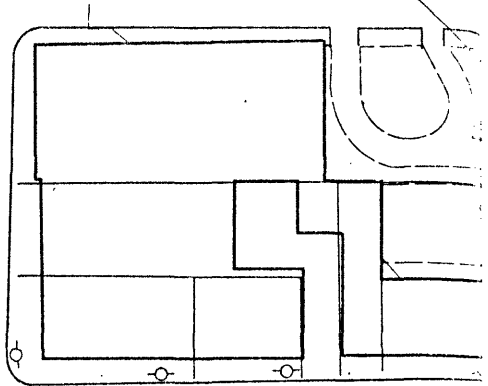
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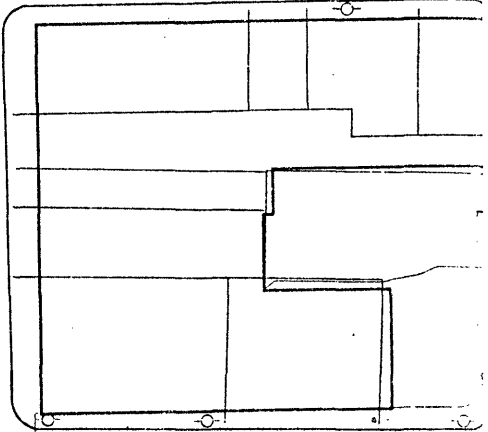
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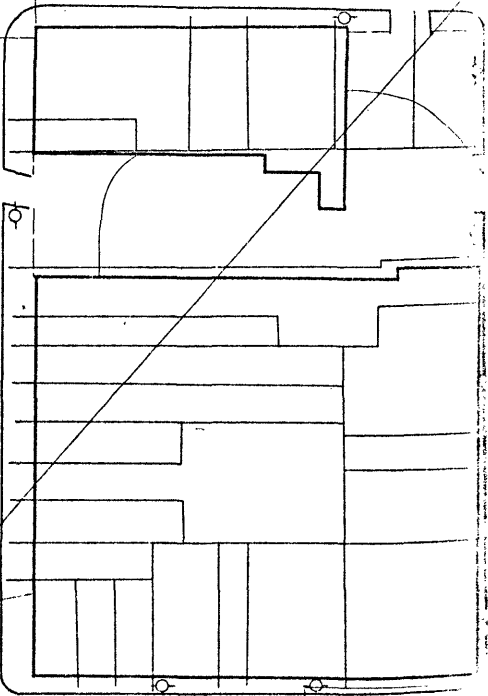
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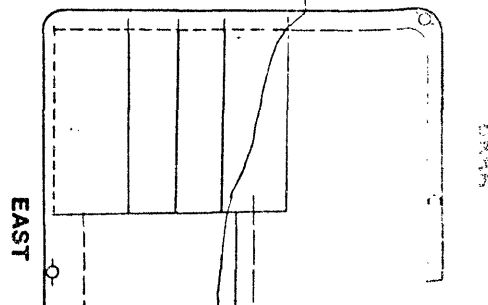
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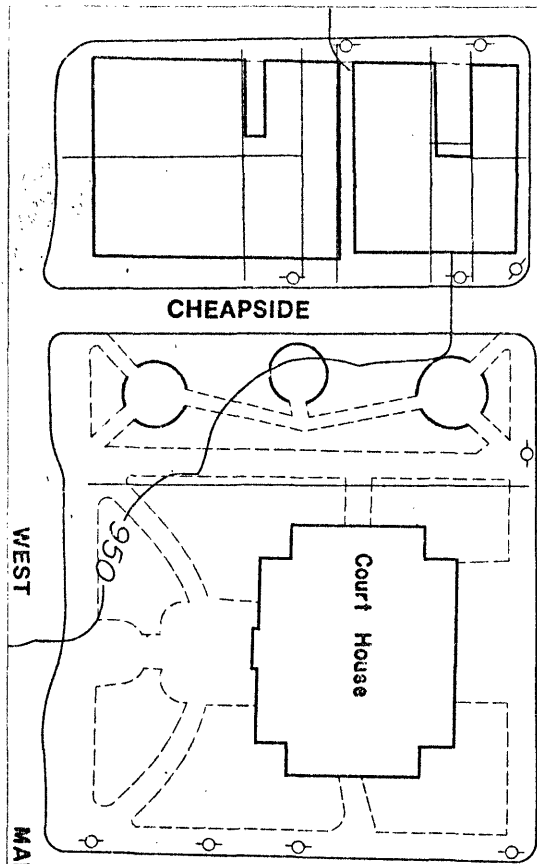
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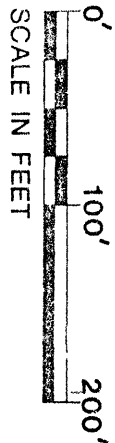
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MAIN STREET

STREET

199,000N



REVISIONS

- PROPERTY LINE
- PAVEMENT EDGE
- PRIVATE OR SECONDARY ROAD
- WATER COURSE
- FLOOD PLAIN
- S-DATA BASED ON SOIL TYPE

* Actual limits of the flood plain areas may vary from those shown on the map because the contour interval and scale of maps does not permit the precise plotting of the 100 year flood plain.

- 950 — CONTOUR
- X 947 SPOT ELEV.
- BUILDING
- PARKING AREA

Mapping by GRW AERIAL SURVEYS

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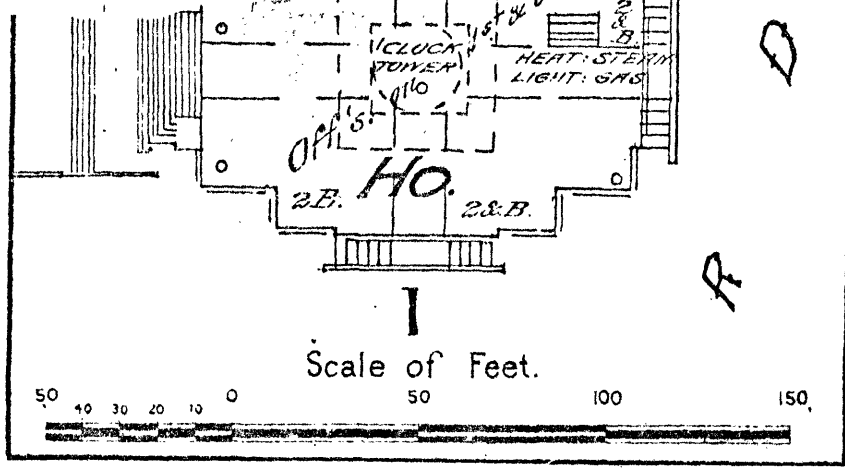
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Lexington
Fayette County
Kentucky

Lexington-Fayette County Planning Commission
227 N. Upper
1" = 100'

Dr. Walter Warfield Building outlined in red.

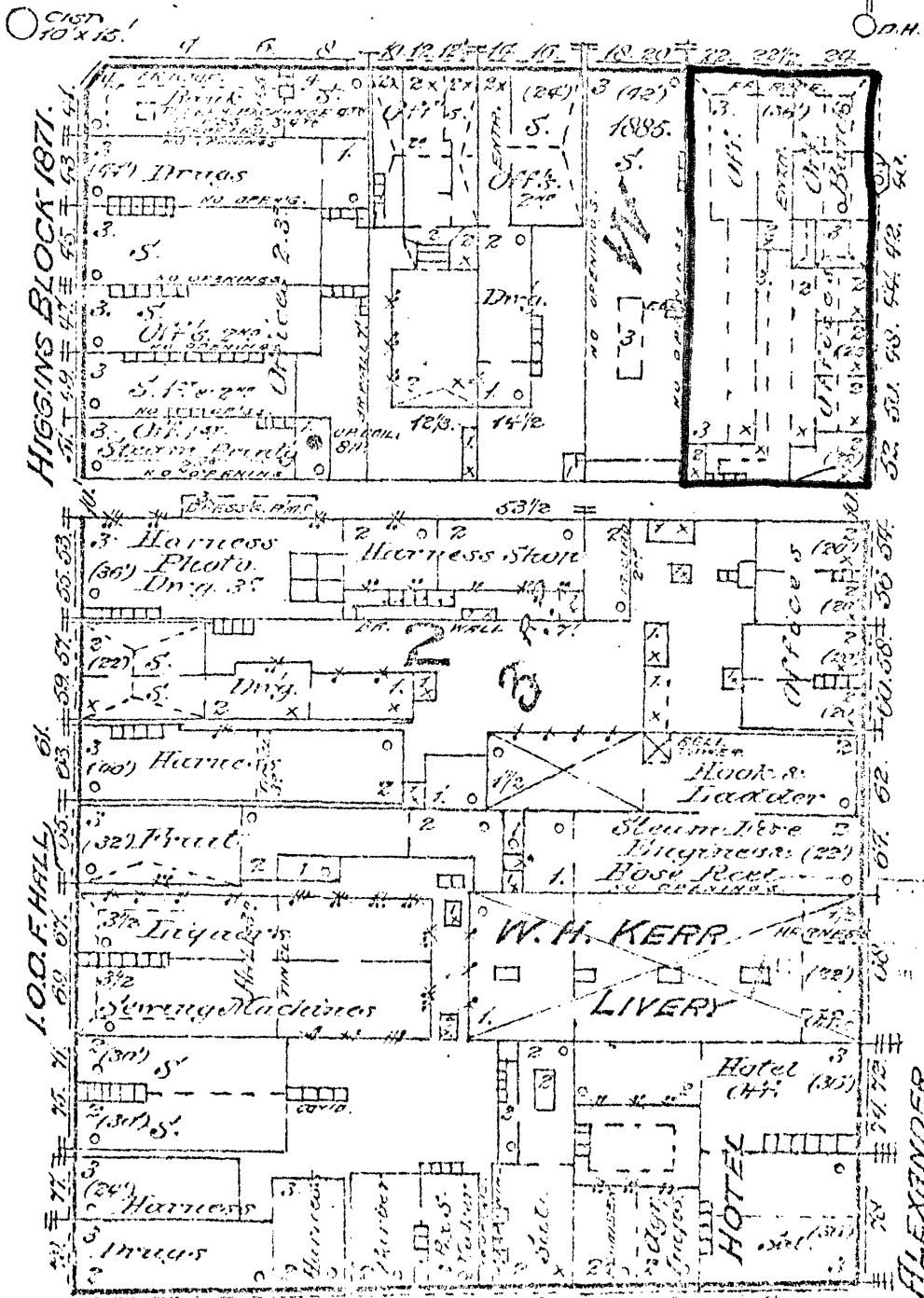
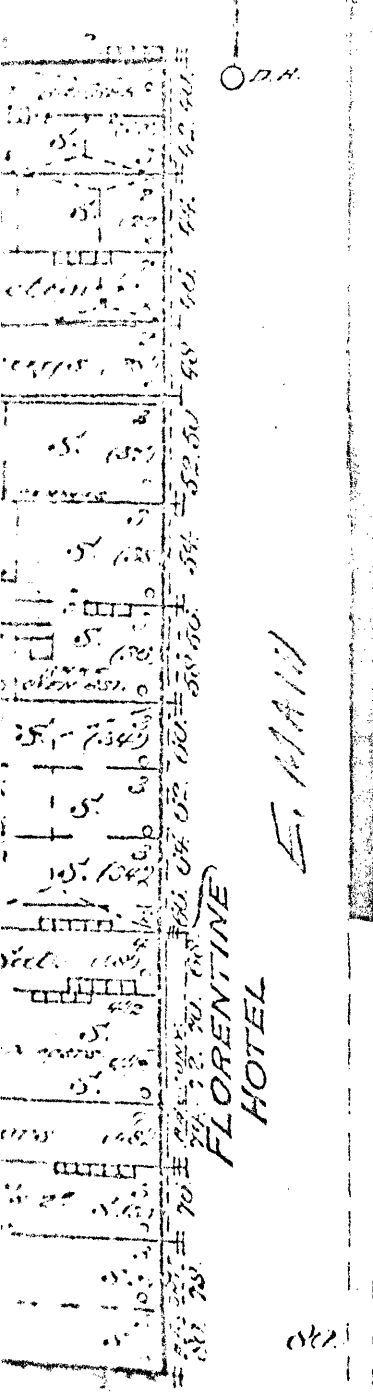
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STANLEY

1886

Dr. Walter Warfield Building
Lexington
Fayette County
Kentucky

Sanborn Insurance Map
University of Kentucky
1" = 50' 1886

Map 2 - Warfield building outlined in red.

1886