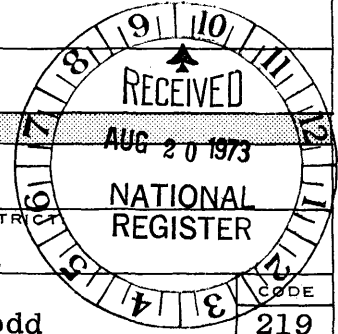


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1. NAME

COMMON: Edwards Hall

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: South Side Goebel Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Elkton CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 1st

STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21 COUNTY: Todd CODE: 219

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Mr. and Mrs. George P. Street

STREET AND NUMBER: South Side Goebel Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Elkton STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER: Public Square

CITY OR TOWN: Elkton 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
(Check One)			(Check One)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered			<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		
			<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Edwards Hall is a large, two-story brick residence that was built by Benjamin Edwards in 1821. The front facade is three bays in width. Each of the two end bays displays four shuttered windows. The central bay is gabled and has two identical double doors, one above the other, with a narrow unshuttered window above the second story door. Each of the double doors has glass sidelights and a glass transom. The first floor doorway is flanked by period lighting and opens into a low porch that has a wrought iron railing; while the second floor doorway opens onto a balcony with identical wrought iron trim.

Edwards Hall is located on a knoll overlooking Goebel Ave. It is a stately home that has elegant interior woodwork. The building was meticulously restored approximately thirty-five years ago and, having been well maintained, it is still in excellent condition.



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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1821**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |   |   |  |
|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture            | _____  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater              | _____  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |   |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Edwards Hall is a stately two-story brick residence that was built by Benjamin Edwards in 1821. It is one of the more prominent homes in the small town of Elkton, Kentucky.

The first owner of Edwards Hall was Benjamin Edwards. He was a member of the Maryland convention that ratified the United States Constitution and represented Maryland in the U. S. Congress in 1792. He was a member of a prominent family; other members equalled or exceeded his achievements. His brother, John Edwards (1748-1837) represented Kentucky in the Virginia House of Delegates before Kentucky became a state; he helped Kentucky attain statehood, was elected to both houses of the State Legislature, and was one of the first two U.S. Senators to represent Kentucky.

Ninian Beall Edwards (1775-1833), son of Benjamin and Margaret Edwards, was elected to the Kentucky Legislature at an early age. In 1803 he became a judge, and at the age of 32, he became the Chief Justice of the Kentucky Court of Appeals. In 1809 President James Madison appointed him Governor of the Illinois Territory, a position he retained until Illinois became a state in 1818. He served as one of the first U.S. Senators from Illinois. His son (Benjamin Edwards' grandson), Ninian Wirt Edwards (1809-1889), was the first superintendent of public instruction in Illinois and was elected to the Illinois State Legislature several times. His wife, Elizabeth P. Todd, was Mary Todd Lincoln's sister. Abraham Lincoln met, courted and married Mary Todd Lincoln in the home of Ninian W. and Elizabeth Todd Edwards.

Benjamin Edwards' grandson, Benjamin Helm Bristow (1832-1896), was born at Edwards Hall, Elkton, Kentucky; his parents were Francis M. and Emily E. (Helm) Bristow. In the Civil war, he fought as a Union Colonel. In 1863, without his knowledge he

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Family records.  
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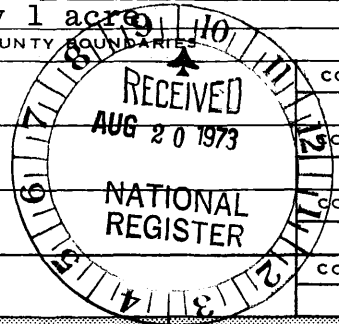
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: approximately 1 acre

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: George Street Boone, Todd County Representative

ORGANIZATION: Kentucky Heritage Commission DATE: July 10, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: No. 56 - The Square

CITY OR TOWN: Elkton 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. Dimeon Willis

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date August 15, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

A. R. Mortenson  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 1/11/74

ATTEST:  
Charles A. Herring  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 1-7-74

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was elected to the State Senate from Christian County. After he resigned from the State Senate, he was immediately appointed Assistant United States Attorney. In 1866 he became the United States Attorney for the Kentucky District. In 1870 he was practicing law with John M. Harlan as his partner when Congress created the post of Solicitor General. President Ulysses S. Grant appointed Bristow the first Solicitor General. In 1874, President Grant appointed him Secretary of the Treasury; and in that position, he destroyed the Whiskey Ring. Later, he was second to James G. Blaine in the number of votes needed to secure the Republican nomination for President. In 1879 he became the second president of the American Bar Association.

Edwards Hall is significant both for its architectural merit in the small town of Elkton, and as the home of Benjamin Edwards, progenitor of several outstanding Americans and as the home of Benjamin Helm Bristow, Secretary of the Treasury.

