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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Kentucky	
COUNTY: Franklin	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	APR 11 1973

1. NAME

COMMON: Jackson Hall

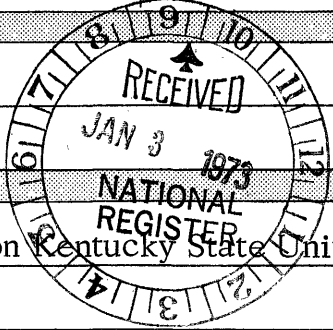
AND/OR HISTORIC: Recitation Hall

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: East Main Street-U.S. Hwy 60 (on Kentucky State University Campus)

CITY OR TOWN: Frankfort

STATE: Kentucky      CODE: 21      COUNTY: Franklin      CODE: 073



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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) presently vacant except for storage

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Commonwealth of Kentucky

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Frankfort      STATE: Kentucky      CODE: 21

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER: St. Clair Street

CITY OR TOWN: Frankfort      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 type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Jackson Hall is a two-story brick building of the German Castle style erected in 1887. It is located on an original ten-acre site, which came to be known as Normal Hill, donated by the City Council of Frankfort. The same Council contributed \$1,500 toward the cost of construction. The architect and the builder are unknown, but among the laborers were young men who became students.

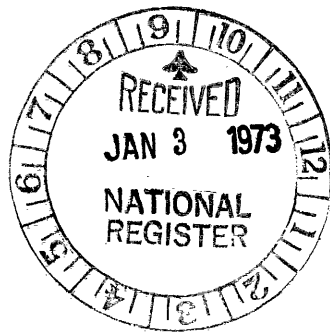
The building is on a bluff above Holmes Street and overlooks Kentucky's Old State House, and the business section of Frankfort.

The exterior today is substantially what it was at the time it was erected. The interior has experienced some alterations to accommodate the academic needs at various times. When the edifice was opened it contained the chapel, classrooms, and the Dean's office. The chapel in the early days, was a very significant area. There, all the faculty and students assembled for morning devotions and talks by the President and other members of the faculty.

In the years since its construction and early use, the space for the chapel has been used as a basketball court for women and as an accommodation for large classes. Several years ago partitions between some classrooms were removed to provide adequate space for a language laboratory; laboratories for biology and chemistry were also installed in the building. For a number of years it housed the Registrar's office and all the records of the academic program. Presently, it serves as a relief storage area for the University's maintenance department.

The foundation is sound and the walls are sturdy; however, the interior has deteriorated. Usage of Jackson Hall as a classroom building within the last decade indicates, in some degree, the physical quality of the facility.

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**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) 1887

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           | <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"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture         | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                |  |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Jackson Hall, formerly known as Recitation Hall, was built in 1887. It was the first permanent building erected on the campus of Kentucky State University. It was named for John H. Jackson, who is thought to be Kentucky's first black college graduate. Jackson, who graduated from Berea College in 1874 was the first President of Kentucky State.

This building is a symbol of Negro education in the State. Most of Kentucky's black youth who entered teacher training or other higher education from 1887 until 1967 were familiar with this building. Many, who became prominent citizens, including the late Whitney M. Young, Jr., graduated from this institution. Jackson Hall represents the historic past of Kentucky State better than any other building on the campus. There are two proposed roles for Jackson Hall in the future: (1) as a museum of Kentucky Negro History, and/or (2) as housing for the Department of Nursing Education. It is a remembrance of the doctrine of racially separated education that existed prior to integration.

Jackson Hall stands as a monument to the foresight and concern of Kentucky citizens, black and white, who in the post-Civil War and pre-twentieth century development of the Commonwealth noted the necessity for the training of teachers for the black people of Kentucky.



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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

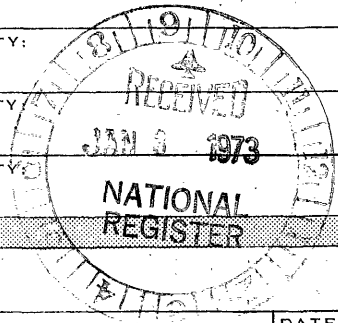
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **less than 10 acres**

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: **Mr. Carl H. Hill, President**

ORGANIZATION: **Kentucky State University** DATE: **9/19/72**

STREET AND NUMBER: **East Main Street**

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

**12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Ms. Limestone Willis</u></p> <p>Title <u>State Liaison Officer</u></p> <p>Date <u>December 28, 1972</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Robert W. Utley</u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>4/11/73</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>C. S. [Signature]</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>4.3.73</u></p>
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