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Form 10-300
(July 1969)

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:	Boyd	
FOR NPS USE ONLY		
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE	
	MAY 25 1973	

1. NAME

COMMON:	(Beechmoor)
AND/OR HISTORIC:	Catlett House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:				25th & Walnut Streets			
CITY OR TOWN:				Catlettsburg			
STATE		CODE		COUNTY:		CODE	
Kentucky		21		Boyd		019	

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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

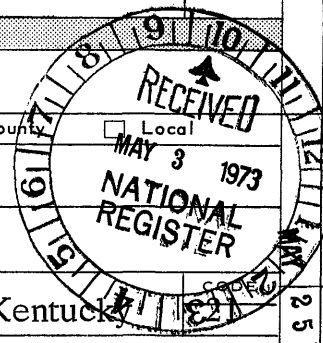
OWNER'S NAME:	Rebecca Patton		
STREET AND NUMBER:	Beechmoor, 2600 Walnut Street		
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	
Catlettsburg	Kentucky	21	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:			
Boyd County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
28th & Louisa Streets			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	
Catlettsburg	Kentucky	21	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:	Survey Of Historic Sites In Kentucky		
DATE OF SURVEY:	1971	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:	Kentucky Heritage Commission		
STREET AND NUMBER:	401 Wapping Street		
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	DATE	
Frankfort	Kentucky	MAY 25 1973	



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STATE: COUNTY: ENTRY NUMBER: DATE: FOR NPS USE ONLY

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input 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

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The main portion of Beechmoor, late Georgian in style, was built prior to 1868. The lumber that was used in constructing this section was measured and cut in Pittsburgh, brought down the Ohio River by raft, then assembled. The nails that were used are handmade squarecut; and the lumber used in the framework is yellow poplar. The solid hemlock sills which are visible from the stone basement are sixteen inches square with each piece running the entire 42-foot width of the house. From front to back the depth is 32 feet. The interior walls are nine inches thick and the woodwork is painted white. The doors are fitted with heavy iron locks and hinges and large china door knobs.

The windows in the main portion of Beechmoor are large and have shutters. An earlier portico was replaced by the present six-columned portico which has side trellises and a fence-type railing around the top.

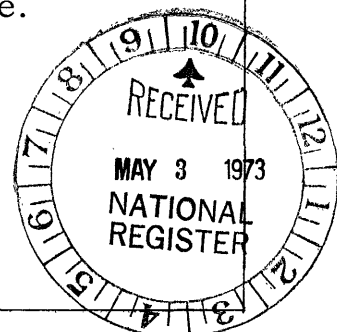
The main door, flanked by ornamental glass panels, leads to a hallway that is approximately ten feet wide. This hallway extends from the front door to the back door and contains a stairway with a curved landing that ascends the left wall. Its round stair-rail and tapered newel post are made of walnut. To the left of the front entry are a library containing over 1,500 books, all of which have been catalogued, a dining room and a pantry; to the right of the main hallway are double parlors connected by wide double doors. Each of the four main rooms is 16 feet square and 8 1/2 feet high. The fireplace mantels are of iron; most remain the original black; each has an ornamental iron grate front and a brass fender.

Upstairs are a hallway and four 16-foot square bedrooms. An enclosed stairway to the attic is in the hallway.

Double French doors in the dining room open onto the patio and back walks. The large yard is planted with many trees, bushes, flowers, and shrubs, highlighted by a flagstone sidewalk edged by a boxwood hedge.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

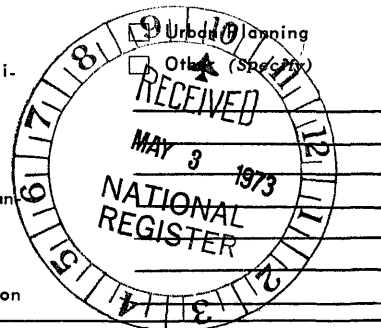
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **circa 1812; 1868**

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"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The log house built circa 1812 on a hill overlooking the Ohio River by Alexander (Sawny) Catlett, the founder of Catlettsburg, is part of the ell of Beechmoor. The main portion of Beechmoor, constructed prior to 1868, is late Georgian in style. The lumber that went into its construction was measured and cut in Pittsburgh, floated down the Ohio River by raft, then assembled.

In 1808, Alexander Catlett, a Virginia merchant, established a trading post at the confluence of the Ohio and Big Sandy Rivers, and circa 1812 he built his log house that is now part of Beechmoor. The town of Catlettsburg later grew up around the trading post. During the heyday of river traffic in the 19th century, Catlettsburg was the most important town between Pittsburgh and Cincinnati on the Ohio River.

Beechmoor received its name from a magnificent beech tree that stood near the house for many years, and from the last name of Col. Laban T. Moore. In 1858 Moore, a noted lawyer was elected as a Whig to the U.S. House of Representatives and served during the Presidency of James Buchanan, from 1859 to 1861. He consistently cast his votes for the preservation of the Union and against the abolition of slavery. In 1861, he became a Colonel in the 14th Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, U.S.A. In 1863, Colonel Moore, his wife and family moved from Louisa, Kentucky to Catlettsburg. In 1868 C. L. Culver sold Beechmoor to Sarah Moore, wife of Col. Laban T. Moore for \$10,000. Moore's district elected him Senator to the Kentucky Legislature in 1881. He was chosen as a member of the Kentucky Constitutional Convention of 1890-1891.

Beechmoor is important both as the home of the founder of Catlettsburg, Alexander Catlett, and as the home of Colonel Laban T. Moore. The current owner of the house, Miss Rebecca Patton, is the granddaughter of Colonel Laban and Sarah Moore; the house has been occupied by members of her family continuously for the past 105 years.

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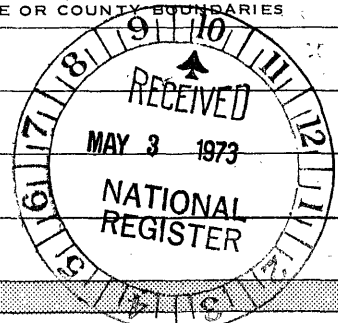
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LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 3 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. John D. Mason

ORGANIZATION: _____ DATE: 3-1-73

STREET AND NUMBER: 2524 Walnut Street

CITY OR TOWN: Catlettsburg STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 Willis

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date April 26, 1973

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

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

Date 5/25/73

ATTEST: Low [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date 5/23/73

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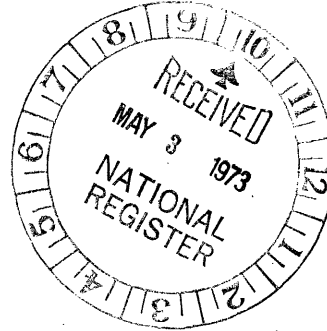
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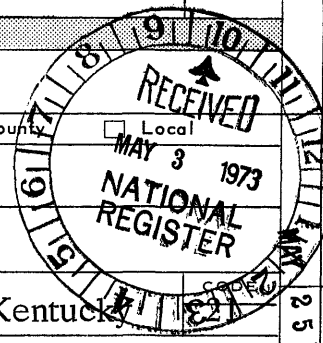
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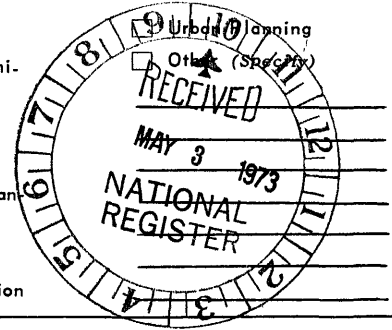
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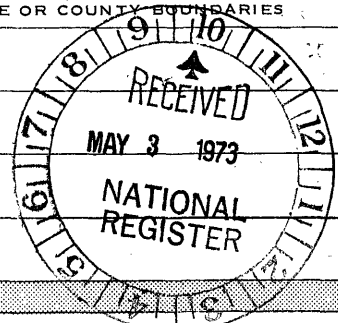
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NAME AND TITLE: Mr. John D. Mason

ORGANIZATION: _____ DATE: 3-1-73

STREET AND NUMBER: 2524 Walnut Street

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National State Local

Name Mrs. Simeon Willis

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date April 26, 1973

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

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

Date 5/25/73

ATTEST: Low [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date 5/23/73

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