

STATE: Kentucky  
 COUNTY: Scott  
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 ENTRY DATE: OCT 15 1973

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



**1. NAME**  
 COMMON: McFarland House  
 AND/OR HISTORIC: Carpenters' Gothic House

**2. LOCATION**  
 STREET AND NUMBER: 510 Fountain Avenue  
 CITY OR TOWN: Georgetown CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 6  
 STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21 COUNTY: Scott CODE: 209

**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"/> 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. & Mrs. Warring Davis McFarland  
 STREET AND NUMBER: 510 Fountain Avenue  
 CITY OR TOWN: Georgetown STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**  
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Scott County Courthouse  
 STREET AND NUMBER: East Main Street  
 CITY OR TOWN: Georgetown STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**  
 TITLE OF SURVEY: Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky  
 DATE OF SURVEY:  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)

Excellent     Good     Fair     Deteriorated     Ruins     Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered     Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved     Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house physically appears as it did at the time of its construction, although at that time it occupied a 27 acre suburban farm and was situated practically in the center of that tract. Later financial developments resulted in many small lots and uncomplementary houses being laid off and set up on that piece of land.

The house is built in the Carpenters' Gothic style and bears the various trademarks of noted architect John McMurtry. Vertical batten boards form the exterior finish. Central chimneys, square headed windows, a porch supported by octagonal piers lined with a trim of Tudor arches with cutout trefoil designs - these are all stock motifs of McMurtry's work. It was built after 1855, and the woodwork is indicative of this period. Greek Revival decor abounds on the inside, where there are unique pine floors and a winding stairway of mahogany. Mantels are small cast iron items. The basement is laid out in various rooms. The upstairs originally was set off in two sections, with servants having access to the front of the upstairs through a tiny crawl space.

This structure is one of two romantically executed houses of mid-nineteenth century Georgetown.

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**8. 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) **1856**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input 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)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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McFarland House, a representative structure indicative of the talents of noted Kentucky architect John McMurtry, was probably built in 1856 on an outlying lot owned by Hubbard Varnon, who had come to Scott County from Bourbon County. In Carpenters' Gothic style, its architectural characteristics include vertical batten construction, shuttered square-headed windows, a porch supported by octagonal piers lined with a trim of Tudor arches which are inset with trefoil designs. The interior features rare floors of pine, a stairway which is elliptical in execution with railing of mahogany, cast iron mantels and heavy Greek Revival woodwork.

Hubbard Varnon bought the lot on which the residence stands from George E. Prewitt. Varnon sold it to James Stucker and Lan Maddox in 1866. When in 1876 Stucker died he left "my estate...to my best friend Lan Maddox, knowing and confiding in him that he will take care of and use the same for the benefit of himself and his family to whom I am under greater obligation of kindness and friendship than all others." In 1880 James William and Ellen Craig bought the property and lived in it until 1889 when a highly heralded twine factory bought the house and the 27 acres and proceeded to erect their industrial buildings on the land.

A Sketch of Georgetown in 1890, a trade board type publication, praised the operation of glowing terms. The proximity of the railroad was noted, as was the fact that Scott County was in the heart of the hemp growing region which had been struggling to reestablish that crop's priority since the Civil War. The sketch said that more than "\$100,000 was raised for the twine factory." It was cited as "one of the largest factories in that particular line in the United States." Laborers were brought here from Scotland to work in the building which had its electric plant and fire department and a side track from the depot to the warehouses. The plant, however, failed around the turn of the century. The corporation, known as the Blue Grass Cordage Company, dismantled its buildings. Fleming, who had bought the house, in 1891 lost it in a court action. Subdivision of the lots was a result of the company's failure.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

A Sketch of Georgetown in 1890, unsigned commercial pamphlet (Georgetown: 1890) pp. 26, 27.

Ann B. Bevins, "Georgetown House Saw Development of Large Twine Factory," The Lexington Leader, April 24, 1970.

Clay Lancaster, Ante Bellum Houses of the Blue Grass (Lexington: 1961) p. 132

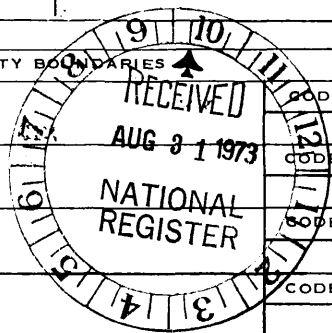
**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			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
NW	° ' "	° ' "	38°	12'	15"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		84'	32"
SE	° ' "	° ' "			59"
SW	° ' "	° ' "			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



47M  
16/7/4510/  
4231140

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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Ann B. Bevins, Scott County Representative

ORGANIZATION: Kentucky Heritage Commission DATE: May 14, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: 401 Wapping Street

CITY OR TOWN: Frankfort 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: August 28, 1973

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

Ann A. Connolly  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR  
Professional Services

Date: OCT 15 1973

ATTEST:

Robert M. ...  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 10-9-73