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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: Fayette	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	MAY 7 1973

#### 1. NAME

COMMON:  
Ridgely House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

#### 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
190 Market Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Lexington

STATE Kentucky	CODE 21	COUNTY: Fayette	CODE 067
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#### 3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	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 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	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments

#### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Christian Church - Disciples of Christ in Kentucky

STREET AND NUMBER:  
190 Market Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Lexington

STATE:  
Kentucky

CODE:  
21

#### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Lexington

STATE:  
Kentucky

CODE:  
21

#### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Survey Of Historic Sites In Kentucky

DATE OF SURVEY:  
1971

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Kentucky Heritage Commission

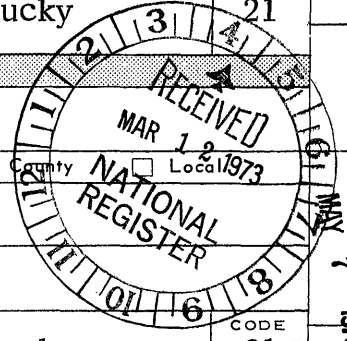
STREET AND NUMBER:  
401 Wapping Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Frankfort

STATE:  
Kentucky

CODE:  
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**7. DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent     Good     Fair     Deteriorated     Ruins     Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered     Unaltered

(Check One)

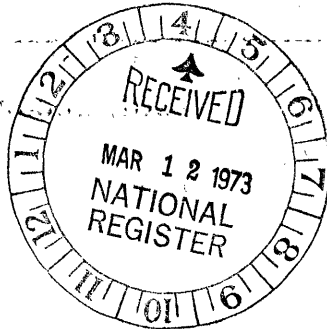
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Ridgely House, a two story brick residence on the southeast corner of Market and Second Streets faces Gratz Park, Lexington's oldest residential area. It was built between 1794 and 1806 for Dr. Frederick Ridgely who was a surgeon in the Revolutionary War and a veteran of Mad Anthony Wayne's Campaign.

In Ante Bellum Houses Of The Bluegrass, Clay Lancaster describes the house as eighteenth century in style having a basement stringer, steeply pitched roof, and small narrow windows, the original width of which is indicated by voussoirs. In addition to having a belt course on both the front and the rear, the belt course continues on the side wall that faces Second Street. The house is two rooms deep and the flues of both the back rooms on the rear side rise to a single chimney. According to Clay Lancaster, "the interior has suffered many changes... it seems to have had a narrow transverse hall with the stairs off to the side, here accessible from Second Street."

The Ridgely House, which has undergone restoration now houses the office of the Christian Churches of Kentucky.



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**SIGNIFICANCE**

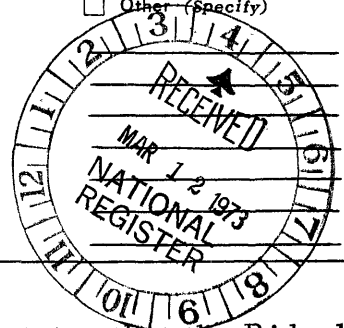
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1794-1806**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)           |
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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

In Historic Kentucky, J. Winston Coleman, Jr., states that the Ridgely House was built for Dr. Frederick Ridgely, "a native of Maryland, ... who served as a surgeon in the Revolutionary War and was a veteran of 'Mad Anthony' Wayne's Campaign. He emigrated to Lexington early in 1792, practiced medicine and opened (with Dr. Basil Duke) a large 'apothecary shop' ... He was an early member of the Transylvania Medical faculty and one of the founders of the Lexington Public Library."

Dr. Elisha Warfield purchased the Ridgely House in 1806, then sold it in 1811 to two Philadelphia merchants, Lewis Neil and Thomas Hurley, Jr. Two years later the Pennsylvanians sold it to John W. Hunt, the "first millionaire of the West," who lived there for several years. According to Coleman, "other owners and occupants have been General Thomas Bodley, Thomas H. Pindell, John D. Clifford and John T. Mason, Jr., In the 1820's the Reverend John Ward, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, conducted his academy, a select school for boys and girls. Among the pupils was Mary Todd Lincoln, future wife of the 16th President." The house has been used recurringly by physicians and is presently the office of the Christian Churches of Kentucky.

The Ridgely House plays an important part in the architectural integrity of Gratz Park, Lexington's oldest residential area. In Ante Bellum Houses Of The Bluegrass, Clay Lancaster describes the original campus of Transylvania University as being symmetrically arranged. "The symmetry of the group extended to surrounding buildings. The similar fronts of the Hunt-Morgan and Bodley Houses balance each other across the university green at Second Street. The Ridgely House, on the corner south of the Bodley House, balanced the former Colonel Thomas Hart House (1798-demolished 1955) across from the Hunt-Morgan residence. . . . The formal arrangement of this square bears witness to a cooperation endeavor achieving a harmonious ensemble which may be, said to mark the culmination of the early period of Kentucky architecture."

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Ante Bellum Houses of the Bluegrass, Clay Lancaster, 1961, pp. 22, 23, 38, 39, 50.

Historic Kentucky, J. Winston Coleman, Jr., 1968, p. 92.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

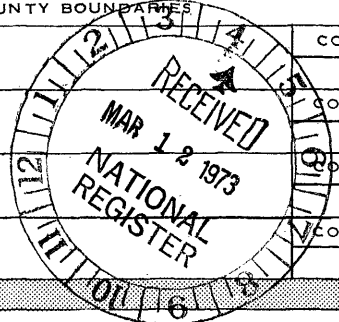
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: approximately 1/4 acres

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mrs. George L. Foster, Representative

ORGANIZATION: Kentucky Heritage Commission DATE: 3-9-1-72

STREET AND NUMBER: 1635 Ashwood Drive

CITY OR TOWN: Lexington 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. Simon Willis

Title State Liaison Officer

Date March 9, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

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

Date 5/7/73

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
Keeper of The National Register

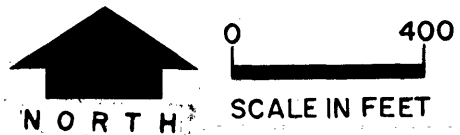
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Property Map

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Lexington, Kentucky

Latitude 38° 02' 58"  
Longitude 84° 29' 44"

