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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Kentucky	
COUNTY: Fayette	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.3.21.0005	DATE 3/11/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Henry Clay Law Office

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

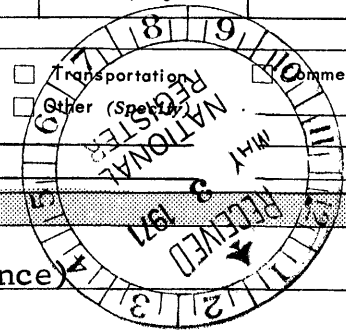
STREET AND NUMBER:
176 North Mill Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Lexington

STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21 COUNTY: Fayette CODE: 067

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 type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)



4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
State of Kentucky (Department of Finance)

STREET AND NUMBER:
State Capitol Building

CITY OR TOWN: Frankfort 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:
Statewide Survey of Historic Sites

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 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

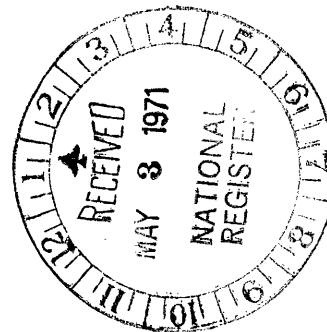
CONDITION

(Check One)	
<input 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)	
<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

The Henry Clay Law Office was built by Mr. Clay in 1803 and is a 20 x 22 foot, one-story structure with basement. It later formed the front, southwest corner room of a larger structure built around it in 1830. When the larger structure was built, the roof of the law office was removed but the basement and the walls remained intact. The building was purchased by the State of Kentucky in 1969 and the outer structure was carefully demolished, revealing the structure of the law office. Since that time, a restoration program has been in progress and the exterior restoration has been completed. The interior restoration is to be completed this year (1971), at which time it will be in excellent condition and opened to the public. We have used certain of the Clay papers, which are housed at the University of Kentucky, to get as authentic restoration as possible.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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) 1803

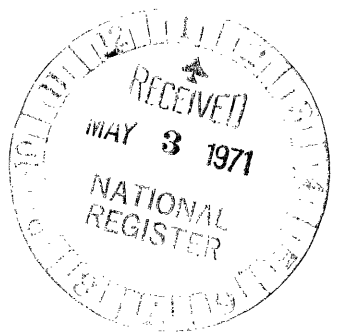
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>Law</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of Henry Clay in the development of our country needs no explanation. This is only one of several law offices Clay had which now remains. The Law Office is believed to be one of only two buildings now remaining in Lexington which were built as professional offices. Clay occupied this building as his law office until ca. Sept., 1810. During this period he was elected to successive terms in the Kentucky Legislature (1803-1809), was named (1807, 1810) to fill unexpired terms in the U.S. Senate, was gaining prestige and influence as attorney and political leader, and was preparing for his long career in the federal government and international law.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The deed to the Law Office was traced in the Fayette County Courthouse - Lexington, Kentucky.

Bills of Sale for material used in building of the Law Office were obtained through: 1. The Henry Clay Papers University of Kentucky Lexington, Kentucky 40506

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

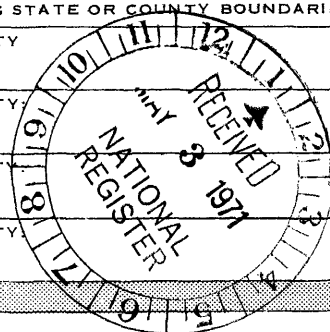
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 0.034

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:
Richard DeCamp, Executive Director

ORGANIZATION: **Blue Grass Trust for Historic Preservation** DATE: **4-1-71**

STREET AND NUMBER:
201 North Mill Street

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: *Joseph M. [Signature]*
Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: April 28, 1971

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

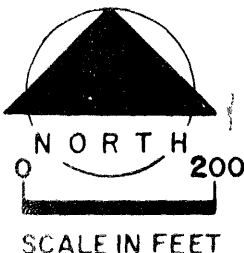
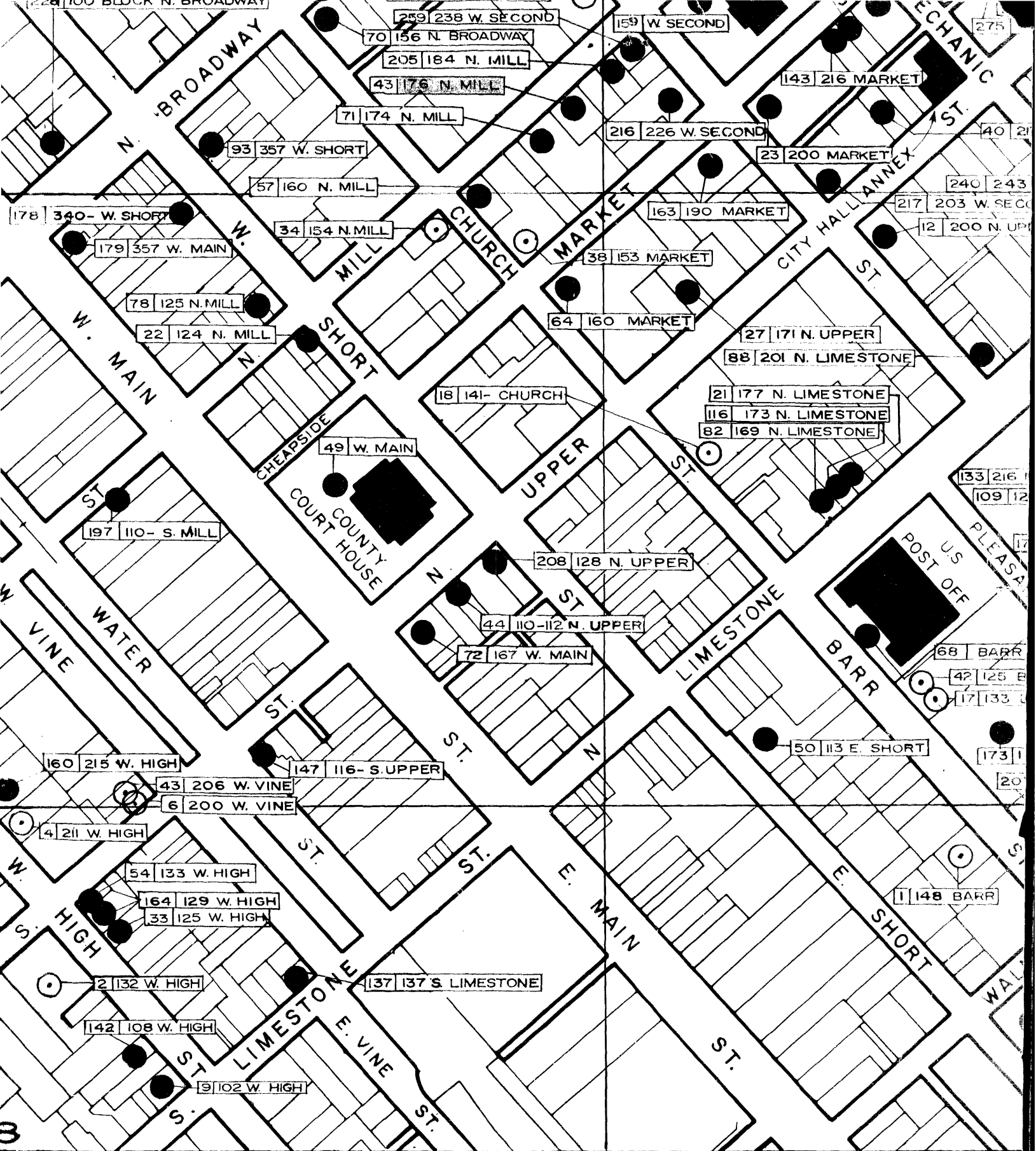
Ernest A. Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

AUG 26 1971

Date: _____

ATTEST: *William M. [Signature]*
Keeper of The National Register

Date: **JUL 29 1971**



LEGEND

- EXISTING BUILDINGS
- ⊙ DESTROYED BUILDINGS
- NUMBER REFERS TO HISTORIC