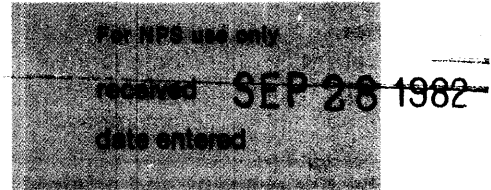


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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form



See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Jennings, Doctor William, House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number South of Pinckard on Kentucky 169 not for publication

city, town Pinckard Vicinity X vicinity of congressional district

state Kentucky code county Woodford code

3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	N/A being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mrs. Louise McGoldrick Crosby

street & number 1975 Sanford Court

city, town Augusta vicinity of state Georgia

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Woodford County Courthouse

street & number Main Street

city, town Versailles state Kentucky

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky has this property been determined eligible? X yes no

date April 1980 federal state county local

depository for survey records Kentucky Heritage Council

city, town Frankfort state Kentucky

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## 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

Situated near the small community of Pinckard, the Dr. William Jennings House is a one and one-half story, double-pile building of brick construction. Five bays wide with center entrance, the facade is executed in Flemish bond brickwork while the rear and sides are done in common bond brickwork with a row of headers every five rows. The center entrance is accentuated by an ornate narrow Federal style doorway consisting of reeded woodwork, a seventeen-pane fanlight, and columns on piers. A single-story, pedimented portico supported by four columns further enhances the main entrance. All bays have jackarch lintels, and windows are 6/6 pane with wooden pegged frames. Four double stack, interior gable-end chimneys with two 6/6 pane gable windows at each end straddle the ridge on either side of the house. The gable roof is tin with boxed cornice and is in good repair. The house rests on a limestone foundation, and cast-iron tie rods secured by cast-iron star-shaped retainers at each gable end reinforce the building.

The interior remains intact as originally constructed. The entrance hall is flanked by four rooms of equal size. All interior Federal trim remains intact, including the original mantels, and chairrailing. An open two-run stairway with light sawn brackets leads to the second floor. The center passage features symmetrical trim, and the separate rooms have architrave trim.

Structurally, the house has been altered by a one-story, one room frame ell constructed ca. 1870.

The house is in a good state of repair. None of the outbuildings associated with the house exist today.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** ca. 1835

**Builder/Architect** Dr. William Jennings

### Statement of Significance (In one paragraph)

The Dr. William Jennings House is significant for its historical associations with the development of Woodford County. The house is an outstanding example of Federal style architecture in this area, and is significant for the excellence of its craftsmanship and detailing.

Dr. Jennings moved to Woodford County, Kentucky, from Tennessee in 1825. In December of the same year he married Nancy Calmes, a daughter of General Marquis Calmes, a veteran of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. After the Revolutionary War, General Calmes, a native of Shenandoah County, Virginia, emigrated to Kentucky and settled in what would become Woodford County where he had received a land grant for his services in the war. As a prominent citizen in the area, he assisted in laying out the town of Versailles, and gave the town its name.

After Calmes' death in 1834, his daughter, Nancy, received a one hundred twenty-five acre tract of land on Clear Creek. The following year Dr. Jennings constructed the one and one-half story brick house on a slight rise overlooking the road. In addition to being his family's home, the left front room served as his office, and had a separate outside entrance. He remained here until his death in 1843, and the house and farm was inherited by his second wife and the two surviving children by his first wife, Nancy Calmes.

In 1866 James Elgin, chairman of a group of citizens in Jessamine and Woodford Counties who were involved in organizing a private school in the area, acquired the Jennings homeplace and seven acres of land adjacent to the house. Several years later a two-story frame building was constructed to the east of the brick house. The building was used as a school and dormitory. The school failed, and in 1878 the farm was purchased by M.E. Coons. The schoolbuilding was dismantled, and the second story was moved across the highway where it was used as a hay barn.

Architecturally, the house is similar in construction to other Federal style houses in Woodford County and central Kentucky. Thirty-five Federal houses were documented in the comprehensive survey of the county, and the Jennings House is an outstanding example of this architectural style.

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1½ acre

Quadrangle name Keene

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UMT References

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

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**Verbal boundary description and justification** Situated in a rural environment, the house sets on a slight rise 200' from State Hwy. 169, and is surrounded by open fields with domestic space defined by a fieldstone fence on the north side and a  
(continued)

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title William Gus Johnson, Senior Historian

organization Kentucky Heritage Council

date August, 1982

street & number Capitol Plaza Tower

telephone 502/564-7005

city or town Frankfort

state Kentucky

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Mary Cannon Gyles

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date Sept. 23, 1982

For NPS use only

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

James McClelland  
Keeper of the National Register

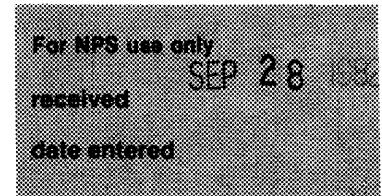
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Attent: Patrick Andrews  
Chief of Registration

date 1/10/83

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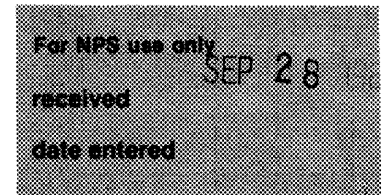
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wire fence on the south side, both extending in an eastward direction. Beginning at the intersection of the fieldstone wall with State Hwy. 169 proceed 300' in an eastward direction, thence 200' in a southward direction to the wire fence, thence 300' in a westward direction to State Hwy. 169, and thence 200' in a northward direction along the frontage of State Hwy. 169 to the fieldstone fence.