

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"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1876-1920s

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Multiple

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Extending the Georgetown Main Street Historic Commercial District is significant in that it draws in the adjacent business properties having buildings of a similar scale, design, material and function. The new boundaries would extend to the far western end of the commercial area (Water Street) and include important commercial buildings on the periphery to the north and south. The extended district would provide a cohesive, readily identifiable area grouped around the intersection of Main Street and old Main Cross (Broadway). The most important aspect would place City Hall in the National Register which, along with the Melbourne Building and the Carter-Moore Block, provides a backdrop and counterpoint to the Italianate Scott County Courthouse (itself the beneficiary of a recent roof and bell tower restoration).

Georgetown was settled in 1786 near the reliable water source of Royal Spring and the eventual formation of trade developing due to the intersection of the east/west and north/south overland routes for settlers passing into the area. The district has seen many business ventures such as early hemp rope walks (rope manufacturing), tobacco handling, inns, taverns and hotels for travelers and visitors to the spring. The disastrous fires of 1869 and 1876 caused an unwanted urban renewal project and most of the buildings (save four earlier) date after this period. The two-story brick commercial Victorian buildings are good examples of structures from the business boom experienced after the Civil War, with business on the first floor and residential above.

City Hall was constructed in 1899 on the east end of the site of the old Mahoney-Pratt Hotel. It was designed by B. C. DeCamp and built by G. B. Glass. The building was shown in early sketches to be brick, but work was suspended in November 1899 when an uproar developed within the town as to the "ugly, dingy look" of the brick as stated by the "Georgetown Times." It was decided to re-lay the front and the square tower in cut limestone, making it one of the only buildings in town using this material. City Hall is now undergoing the first phase of an exterior restoration and weatherization program. Included is a renovation of the ground floor for office space for the City government.

The Melbourne Building, adjacent to the City Hall, was built between 1892 and 1902 on the site of the kitchen of the famed Mahoney-Pratt Hotel. Three stories high, it was built as a bar and cafe with a hotel-type rooming arrangement on the second floor. Still readable on the east wall facing City Hall is painted the advertisement "Hickey Bros. Bar & Cafe". Since sale of alcoholic drink is currently prohibited in Scott County, this sign serves as mute testimony to the role of taverns and hotels in Georgetown's history.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM NOT VERIFIED ACRES NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 7.4 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Georgetown Quadrangle

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,6 71,3 8,0,0 4,2 3,1 8,5,0

B 1,6 71,3 9,2,0 4,2 3,1 7,8,0

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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C 1,6 71,3 9,2,0 4,2 3,1 6,6,0

D 1,6 71,3 7,1,0 4,2 3,1 5,7,0

E 1,6 71,3 5,1,0 4,2 3,1 5,8,0

F 1,6 71,3 5,1,0 4,2 3,1 7,5,0

G 1,6 71,3 6,5,0 4,2 3,1 8,6,0

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See continuation sheet.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Day Johnston, AIA, Architect, Project Manager/ Ann B. Bevins, Researcher

ORGANIZATION

Georgetown Historic Main Street Project

DATE

31 October 1980

STREET & NUMBER

134 East Main Street

TELEPHONE

(502) 863-6123

CITY OR TOWN

Georgetown

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 Brown Appel

TITLE

SHPO

DATE

2/24/82

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Entered in the
National Register

DATE

4/15/82

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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Approved 4-15-82

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

MAIN STREET HISTORIC COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, EXPANDED

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North Hamilton, Court Alley
North Broadway, South Broadway
West Main Street, Court Street

NA NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Georgetown

NA VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Kentucky

CODE

021

COUNTY

Scott

CODE

209

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

☒ DISTRICT (41 bldgs)☒ OCCUPIED☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ BUILDING(S)☐ PRIVATE☐ UNOCCUPIED☒ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ STRUCTURE☒ BOTH☐ WORK IN PROGRESS☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

☐ ENTERTAINMENT☒ RELIGIOUS☐ OBJECT

NA IN PROCESS

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☒ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ BEING CONSIDERED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ NO☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Multiple public and private owners

STREET & NUMBER

See appended list

CITY, TOWN

STATE

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Scott County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

East Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Georgetown

STATE

Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky

DATE

1971

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Georgetown, county seat of Scott County, is located fifteen miles northwest of Lexington in the Bluegrass region of Kentucky. The Main Street Commercial District (listed on the National Register in 1975) included those major commercial buildings fronting Main, abutted at its eastern extent by a residential district (listed on the National Register in 1978) and on the western end by Ely Alley. The expanded boundary includes those remaining older commercial properties adjacent to the commercial district separating the commercial core from the surrounding residential area.

The buildings in the extended district are mostly one and two-story brick, Victorian commercial buildings dating after 1876. The brick buildings feature cast iron hood molding articulated cornice lines with modillions and some arched brick openings over doors and windows. A livery stable features a brick arch large enough for a horse and wagon to pass through. Included are the only four downtown antebellum commercial buildings still standing after the fires of 1869 and 1876 which destroyed most of downtown Georgetown. There are also three radically adapted livery stables which also served as automobile garages. Apartment buildings, an old hotel for visitors of the spring, the city hall and two former taverns add interest.

Three early automobile garages are present, two of which are still occupied by the firms that built them in 1915 and 1920.

The boundaries of the district were chosen to include those structures omitted in the first district entered into the Register Feb. 24, 1975 and provide a cohesive unit that borders the Royal Spring and the residential areas that still surround the commercial district. The Court Street boundary with City Hall was inadvertently omitted in the original nomination and is hereby corrected. The North Hamilton boundary was drawn to include buildings of unique historical as well as architectural value. The district includes 36 buildings with 5 glaring obtrusive buildings and 3 parking lots.

<u>Building No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Owner name and address</u>
1	City Hall	City of Georgetown Temporary City Hall
2.	Melbourne Building	Bruce Lankford 1100 Choctaw Trail Georgetown, KY
3.	Carter-Moore Block	Price Smith Rt. 2 - Cincinnati Pike Georgetown, KY
4.	McKnight Law Offices (Intrusion)	Clay McKnight 112 N. Court Alley Georgetown, KY
5.	Thacker-Lancaster Building	O.R. Lancaster Cincinnati Pike, Route 2 Georgetown, KY

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6.	Same as 5.	R.D. Howard Rt. 2 - Cincinnati Pike Georgetown, KY 40324
7.	Same as 5.	O.R. Lancaster Rt. 2 - Cincinnati Pike Georgetown, KY
8.	First National Bank (Intrusion)	Raymond Morrison, President West Main Georgetown, KY
9.	KY Finance	Albert Suffoletta 210 Hiawatha Trail Georgetown, KY
10.	John R. Betts Building	Albert Suffoletta 210 Hiawatha Trail Georgetown, KY
11.	Logan, Haggin & Cooper	John Haggin Cooper Montgomery Ave. Georgetown, KY
12.	John Miller Building	Albert Suffoletta 210 Hiawatha Trail Georgetown, KY
13.	Thacker Flats	Doug Smith 1103 Yuma Trail, Georgetown, KY
14.	Prather Brothers	Tom & Larry Prather Georgetown, KY
15.	Prather Brothers Garage	Same as 14 (City has option to buy)
16.	Rawdon Building	Richard Rawdon 139 W. Main Georgetown, KY

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<u>Building No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Owner Name and address</u>
17.	Farm Bureau of Scott County	Same 143 W. Main Georgetown, KY
18.	Stamping Ground Tool & Die	Lowell Coots 145 W. Main Georgetown, KY
19.	Springview Hotel	Lewis Watson Kentucky Avenue Georgetown, KY
20.	Feedback Appliances	Julian Feedback 136 W. Main Georgetown, KY
21.	Greynolds Printing	Chester Greynolds Crumbaugh Road Georgetown, KY
22.	West Main Street Baptist Mission	Rev. Lowell Coots 145 W. Main Georgetown, KY
23.	Georgetown Metal Stamping Co.	Same 115 N. Water Georgetown, KY
23a.	Same as 23	Same as 23
24.	Soper-Morrison Building	Charles F. Gibson Rt. 3 - White Sulphur Georgetown, KY
25.	Scott Co. Building & Savings Association	Charles F. Gibson Rt. 3 - White Sulphur Georgetown, KY
26	Pieri Buildings	Gordon Klinker 120 S. Broadway Georgetown, KY

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<u>Building No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Owner name and address</u>
27.	Pieri Buildings	Gordon Klinker 120 S. Broadway Georgetown, KY
28.	E-Z Way Food Mart	Joe Worthington 530 Shoshoni Trail Georgetown, KY
29.	Jones House	Same as 28
30.	Colonial Color Center	Charles F. Gibson Rt. 3 - White Sulphur Georgetown, KY
31.	William Brown Hatters Shop	Same as 30.
32.	John Adams Hatter Shop	James Calloway 134 E. Main Georgetown, KY
33.	Temporary City Hall	City of Georgetown
34.	Nelson Hammon Building (City Hall Annex)	Same as 33
35.	S.L. Allen House	Edgar Kirk 131 S. Broadway Georgetown, KY
36.	Morgan & Crenshaw	Roy Morgan S. Broadway Georgetown, KY
37.	R&W T.V.	Everett McDowell 615 S. Hamilton Georgetown, KY

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10. VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Georgetown Main Street Commercial District is proposed to be extended to include an area of approximately seven and four tenths (7.4) acres, located in the downtown business district of Georgetown (Scott County) Kentucky, and includes the following:

All property facing West Main Street on the north side between Water Street and Broadway and on the south side between Water Street and Ely Alley.

All property facing Broadway on the west side from and including 135 North Broadway south to and including the temporary City Hall. All property facing Broadway on the east side from and including 146 South Broadway north to and including 100 S. Broadway.

All property facing Court Street on the north side from Broadway east to North Hamilton. All property facing the east side of North Court Alley.

All property facing North Hamilton on the west side from Court Street, including 111 North Hamilton, north to and including 118 North Hamilton.

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Interest in the renewal of Victorian downtown Georgetown has accelerated since the listing of the Main Street District in the National Register and a number of individuals are interested in purchasing property adjacent to the district should it be possible to take advantage of the Tax Reform Act of 1976.