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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 718.21.0009	DATE 8/12/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
(Mary Todd) Lincoln House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Mary Todd Lincoln House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
574 West Main 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 type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" 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 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:
Mr. Sterling Coke

STREET AND NUMBER:
Georgetown Pike

CITY OR TOWN:
Lexington

STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Fayette County Courthouse, Clerk's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
East 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: 1970-71 Federal State County Local

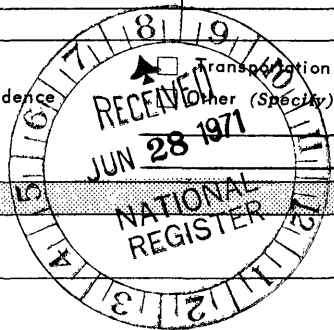
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Kentucky Heritage Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
401 Wapping Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Frankfort

STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(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 property is a two story solid brick ~~Georgian Colonial~~ residence. Original Appearance as Todd residence: Brick were laid in Flemish bond on the front and one side of the structure. A belt course and water table were also part of the construction.

The interior of the home included an ell and eight or nine rooms. On the Main Street entrance is a hall about eight feet wide which extends 40 feet to the ell in the rear. Large parlors were located on each side of the hall. Also on the first floor was a library with a door that led into the parlor.

A stairway ascends from the hall to the second floor, above which is a finished attic. The second floor contained a ballroom and bedrooms for the family.

The grounds of the rear lawn were ample for a coach house, stables and servant quarters. A large formal lawn was on the side lawn. Through the lower edge of the property ran the Town Fork of the Elkhorn Creek.

Present Appearance: Located in downtown Lexington, adjacent to the other buildings of Van Deren Hardware Company, the house is in poor condition. Changes have been made both in the exterior and interior. The area is zoned commercial. The building has been used as a warehouse and as a store or sales room, but at present is vacant.

The house is divided into two parts. A separate storefront entrance has been added to the front of the building. Partitions and paneling were erected when the house was used for a sales room. Some of the original doors and mantels have been taken down and stored in a back room.

All the land around the house has been developed commercially. A small parking lot is located at the side and rear of the house.

*bracketed cornice
hoods above window*

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SIGNIFICANCE

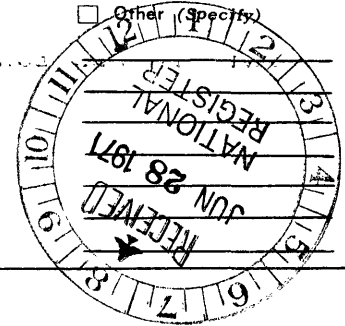
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1832-1852

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house at 574 West Main Street was built between 1810 and 1820. The builder is not known but is believed to be either William Palmateer, the first owner of the home or Mathias Shryock, a Lexington builder and father of the noted Kentucky architects Gideon and Cincinnatus Shryock.

Until 1832, the structure served Lexington as a tavern or inn under a variety of names. Unable to pay a mortgage which he owed a Lexington bank, Palmateer was forced to sell his inn and other properties. Robert S. Todd, a prominent businessman, bought the house at 574 West Main Street for \$1,321.00.

Mary Todd was fourteen years old when her family moved from West Short Street to West Main Street. Her mother dead, her father had remarried and their family was increasing in number. For four years Mary attended boarding school during the week but returned to her home on the weekends. She continued to live at the West Main address, until 1839 when she moved to Springfield, Illinois to live with her sister, Mrs. Ninian Edwards.

Caught up in the social life in Springfield, she eventually married a young lawyer named Abraham Lincoln in 1842. After her marriage, the Lincolns visited in Lexington and the Todd home on three occasions.

Elected to Congress from Illinois in 1847, the young Lincoln family stopped in Lexington while en route to Washington. It was Mary's first opportunity to introduce her husband to her friends and relatives in central Kentucky.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Townsend, William H., Lincoln and the Bluegrass, University of Kentucky Press; Lexington, Ky., 1955.

Townsend, William H., Lincoln and His Wife's Hometown, Bobbs-Merrill Co., Indianapolis. 1929.

Federal Writers Project, Lexington and the Bluegrass Country, Commercial Printing Press, Lexington, Ky. 1938

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	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	0 ' "	0 ' "		38° 3' 5"	84° 30' 10"	
NE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **One tenth acre**

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:
Kathy Lambert, Assistant Curator

ORGANIZATION: **Kentucky Department of Parks** DATE: **May 28, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER:
State Office Building Annex

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: *Joseph M. Gray*

Title: _____

Date: _____

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

Ann A. Conroy
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

AUG 12 1971

Date: _____

ATTEST: *William M. ...*
Keeper of The National Register

Date: **JUN 30 1971**

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8. Statement of Significance.

In 1849, a second visit was made in order to aid in the settlement of a lawsuit involving the estate of Mary's father, who had died of cholera that summer.

The final and third visit was made by the somewhat smaller Lincoln family in 1850, after the death of their younger son, Edward. The trip was both an effort to escape the sorrow of their loss and to assist in the settlement of the estate of Mary's grandmother.

Mary's stepmother sold the house in 1852 as part of the final settlement of her husband's estate. She received \$2,950. for the property.

