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STATE:	Kentucky
COUNTY:	Scott
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON: Fielding Bradford House

AND/OR HISTORIC: Fielding Bradford House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Long Lick Pike,
one mile northwest of U.S. 25

CITY OR TOWN: Georgetown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 6

STATE: Kentucky

CODE: 21

COUNTY: Scott

CODE: 209

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	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"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
		<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" 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)

Agriculture
 Commercial
 Educational
 Entertainment

Government
 Industrial
 Military
 Museum

Pork
 Private Residence
 Religious
 Scientific

Transportation
 Other (Specify)

Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Dr. & Mrs. Bob Griffith

STREET AND NUMBER: 6526 Fairlawn Drive

CITY OR TOWN: McLean

STATE: Virginia

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER: East Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Georgetown

STATE: Kentucky

CODE: 21

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Survey Of Historic Sites In Kentucky

DATE OF SURVEY: 1971 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
	(Check One)		(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

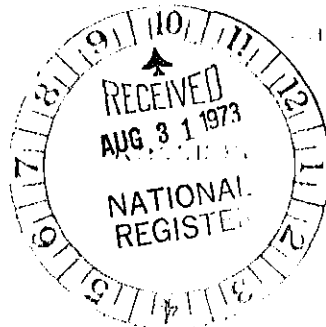
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Situated on the massive Ben Osburn---John B. Graves estates, this house, like many others incorporated on that family's large holdings in Scott County, has been allowed to deteriorate. The weatherboarded log house for many years has been used for the storage of hay.

In spite of this use or abuse of residential property, the log structure which was the home of Fielding Bradford at the time of his death, and which may have been his home for the duration of his life in Scott County, is in relatively good shape. It recently was purchased from Graves' heirs by a couple who are considering restoration and who are known to have a deep interest in history.

The house sits atop a knoll overlooking McCracken Run. It is located between the Long Lick Pike, known as Reddings Well Road when the Bradfords were living, and U.S. 25, known then as the Dry Ridge Road. The central chimney of stone protrudes from the one-and-one-half story structure, and sheds have been affixed at both sides and enclosed. The foundation is of stone, and there is a basement.

A portion of very early wide beaded weatherboarding can be discerned on the southwest corner of the house. A room in the northwest corner has beaded beams and ceiling boards. The remaining mantel is set in the wall with only the shelf extending beyond the wall.



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8. 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) early 19th century

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Journalism</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <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

John and Fielding Bradford were the sons of Daniel Bradford of Fauquier County, Virginia. In 1779, Daniel Bradford and his son, John, surveyed land claims in the area. Among the 6,000 acres claimed by the Bradfords were two 1,000 acre grants in Scott County. At least four of Daniel Bradford's eleven children settled on these tracts.

Fielding and John Bradford founded the Kentucky Gazette, the first newspaper west of the Alleghenies. They published their first edition in Lexington, Kentucky on August 11, 1787. The early newspapers played an important role in the history of Kentucky and the development of the West. They knit together the scattered communities of literate pioneers, molded their opinions, informed them of world happenings and gave them a vehicle for verbal expression. They led to a high organization of political development and statehood.

Both of the founders of the Kentucky Gazette served important functions in their communities. According to J. Winston Coleman, Jr., John Bradford also published the first volume of a literary nature to be published in Kentucky. "In addition to being a self-taught printer and publisher, John Bradford was a mathematician and a man of considerable mechanical ability. He was one of the organizers of the Lexington Library, founded in 1795, and served as one of its trustees."

Fielding Bradford bought the type for the newspaper in Pittsburgh in the spring of 1787. In 1937, G. Glenn Cliff wrote in The Kentucky Press that "Fielding Bradford's contribution to early numbers of the Gazette cannot be passed over lightly... he not only officiated at its birth, but made the long and dangerous trip to Pittsburgh for the crude equipment necessary for such a venture." Fielding was 20 years old when the first edition was printed. He left the Gazette the next spring (1788), married Eleanor Smith Barbee and probably shortly after that moved to Scott County. Young Bradford immediately became a leader in the Scott County community. He was elected to the State House of Representatives in 1802, 1803, 1808, 1809 and 1811. He was a gentleman justice on the county court, quartermaster of Trotter's first regiment and father of a productive group of children. (See continuation sheet)

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES
 The Kentucky Press, Feb., 1937, Vol. 8 & 9, articles of Charles R. Staples, G. Glenn Cliff and Leland A. Brown about the Bradfords, bound and lodged in library of Kentucky Historical Society.
 Coleman, J. Winston, Jr., Historic Kentucky, Henry Clay Press, Lexington, 1968.
 Newcomb, Rexford, Architecture In Old Kentucky, University of Illinois Press, 1953.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

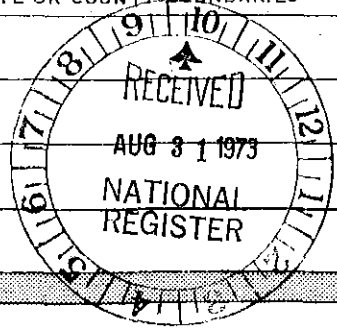
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SE	0	'	"	0	'	"			
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"			

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **one 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: **Ann B. Bevins, County Representative**

ORGANIZATION: **Kentucky Heritage Commission and Scott County Historical Society** DATE: **May 12, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER: **401 Wapping Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Frankfort** STATE: **Kentucky** CODE: **21**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION	NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION
<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name: <u>Mrs. Simon Willis</u></p> <p>Title: <u>State Historic Preservation Officer</u></p> <p>Date: <u>August 28, 1973</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Robert J. Utley</u> Associate Director, Professional Services</p> <p>Date: <u>12/4/73</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>Charles H. ...</u> Acting Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date: <u>11-30-73</u></p>

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#8 Statement of Significance (cont'd)

This house was owned by Fielding Bradford and may have been his home for the duration of his life in Scott County. Architecturally, it is significant as an early Scott County weatherboarded log house. Historically, it is significant as the home of Fielding Bradford, one of the founders of the first newspapers west of the Alleghenies, State legislator, and gentleman justice on the county court.

