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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Kentucky</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Kenton</b>	
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ENTRY NUMBER <b>71.11.21.0013</b>	DATE <b>11/23/71</b>

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**Riverside Drive Historic District**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: **North--Riverside Drive; South--Fourth Street; East--Licking River; West--Alley between Greenup & Garrard Streets.**

CITY OR TOWN: **Covington**

STATE: **Kentucky** CODE: **21** COUNTY: **Kenton** CODE: **117**

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

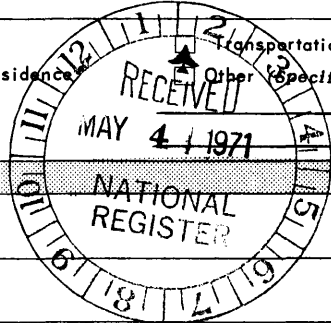
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" 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:  
**Multiple Public & Private**

STREET AND NUMBER:

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



**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Kenton County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Third & Court Streets**

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

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Statewide Survey of Historic Places**

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 type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input 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 Riverside Drive Historic Area is bounded by 4th Street and the alley between Greenup and Garrard Streets and the Ohio and Licking Rivers. From the earliest days of Covington this area was selected by many prominent people for building the finest homes of the city.

The houses that make up the area today date from the early 1800s. The area boasts 31 structures that are considered exceptionally good examples of their various styles of architecture.

The Thomas Carneal House, built in 1815 by one of the founders of Covington, is recognized as one of the finest brick houses of its type in the nation. It is of a transitional Georgian style with a number of Palladian influences. The brick work and iron details is of the best quality. This house still affords a tunnel leading to the Licking River, once used by slaves escaping to the North.

Several very fine large French Victorian houses are in the area as well as a number of houses with Gothic influences. Riverside House, built by Charles McLaughlin, was inspired by the Southern mansion architecture with white column and double porch overlooking the Ohio River.

There are also two separate row-houses groups of excellent detail, one in the Greek Revival style and the other in Victorian townhouse style.

A small group of Regency houses cluster on the Ohio River bank, while several large Greek Revival mansions grace the inner area.

The Daniel C. Beard House is the home of the founder of the Boy Scouts of America and is a National Landmark.

This small area has an exceptional architectural record. It has been carefully preserved and restored, largely by individuals who live in the area. The majority of the residents are solidly behind the Northern Kentucky Heritage League preservation efforts and have worked consistently for the area's protection. College professors of architecture bring their students here to learn from what has been called "a museum of architectural gems." And artists are a usual sight as they capture the grace and color of the area for posterity.

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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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

One of the most popular gathering places along the Ohio River in the early days when this country was being settled was the point of land formed by the junction of the Licking River with the Ohio River. This land was later to become Covington, Ky., and the point is the present Riverside Drive Historic Area.

When the blue grass area at Bryan Station and Blue Licks was attacked by marauding Indians from Ohio, George Rogers Clark, a Colonel in the Kentucky-Virginia Militia, chose the Riverside area to assemble his troops. Clark also used the area as a gathering point when he led his mounted men into the Northwest Territory against the British. A plague to his memory dominates the park named in his honor in the center of the Riverside Area.

Richard C. Haupt, Director of Cincinnati Historical Society has expressed his belief that the very first settlers in the Greater Cincinnati area chose the Riverside Area for residence. As time went on, Riverside became the site of Covington's and Greater Cincinnati's most elegant homes. The Carneal House on 2nd Street, built in 1815, still remains the outstanding manor house of the area. The Marquis de LaFayette was entertained there in 1825 on his triumphal tour of the United States.

Daniel Carter Beard (the first national commissioner of the Boy Scouts of America and often called its founder) lived in a brick Victorian house on 3rd Street. Beard's first club was known as the "Sons of Daniel Boone" and it was this group which he turned into the Boys Scouts organization in 1910. His former home is a Registered National Landmark.

Even the names of the streets in the Riverside Area have historical significance. Garrard & Shelby were Kentucky governors and Kennedy was the pioneer who first bought the land and settled on the site which was to become Covington.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Collins History of Kentucky; Northern Ky. Heritage League Brochure, 1968; articles -- Cincinnati ENQUIRER, Nov. 9, 1968, and Cincinnati Bell Telephone BULLETIN, October 1968; Survey of Historic Sites, published by the Ky. Heritage Commission, 1971.

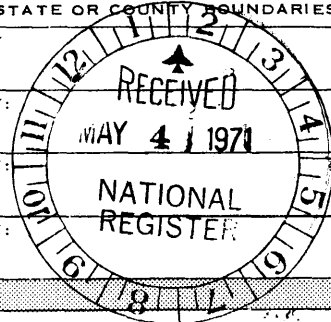
**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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		
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SE	39 ° 05 ' 16 "	84 ° 30 ' 15 "				
SW	39 ° 05 ' 15 "	84 ° 30 ' 25 "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 12.82

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:  
**Mrs. Luella Nash LeVee, President**

ORGANIZATION: **Northern Kentucky Heritage League** DATE: **4-15-71**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Covington** 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 Gray*

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: April 28, 1971

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

*Ernest A. Connelly*  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

NOV 23 1971

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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

Date: NOV 22 1971

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