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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Kentucky	
COUNTY: Ohio	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
JUN 19 1973	

1. NAME

COMMON: The Old Watterson Place

AND/OR HISTORIC: Hartford Seminary *use this*

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 224 East Center Street

CITY OR TOWN: Hartford

STATE Kentucky	CODE 21	COUNTY: Ohio	CODE 183
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	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"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<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)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input 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 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: Kenneth D. Leach

STREET AND NUMBER: 237 East Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN: Hartford

STATE: Kentucky	CODE: 21
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER: Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Hartford

STATE: Kentucky	CODE: 21
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Survey Of Historic Sites In Kentucky

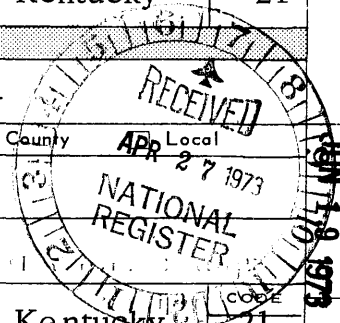
DATE OF SURVEY: 1971

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 Hartford Seminary, 1839-1880, is a modest, one-story building of rectangular shape, measuring 28 feet wide and 60 feet long. The plan of the old Seminary building was well suited to its purposes, constructed with a hall, two large rooms, and a fireplace at each end. Eleven windows, four doorways, and a low-pitched roof complete the exterior design of the building.

Original sandstone sills and shutters remain at each window. The front entrance, which faces north, has the original door and log threshold; however, a concrete porch with ornamental iron rails and period light fixtures have been added, along with a storm door to protect the old wooden door. The door, flanked by wooden shutters, is recessed and has glass transom and sidelights.

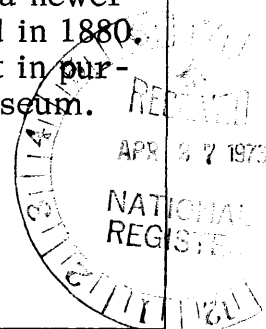
The two windows on the front elevation each measure three feet by six and one-half feet and each has two six pane sashes. The east side features three windows of the same size as the front windows and one larger window, four by five feet. At the rear of the building a larger six foot square window containing twenty panes, is found, along with a brick chimney. There are four windows and two doors on the west side, and in recent years a porch has been added for use by the residents. The original crimped tin roof was replaced by residents in recent years.

Exterior walls are of solid brick twelve inches thick, and remain in good condition. The brick is believed to have been burned from clay near the site of the building. A denticulated cornice buttresses the overhanging eaves of the roof, and attests to the skillful craftsmanship of the early days in Ohio County.

The original wide plank ash floor and plaster walls of sand and lime remain. Since the house has been in private ownership since 1880, later wall partitions have divided the original two large rooms.

Built and used for school purposes for more than forty years, the Old Hartford Seminary building was sold on March 30, 1880 by the trustees of the town of Hartford for private use. It was sold because a newer and more commodious town school was completed and opened in 1880. The Ohio County Historical Society has expressed an interest in purchasing the 134 year old building to house an Ohio County Museum.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

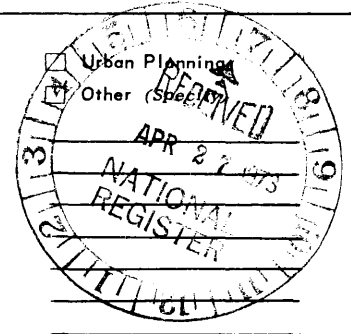
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1839-1880

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hartford Seminary, built in 1839, is one of the oldest surviving buildings in Hartford, Kentucky.

It is believed that the first school in Hartford was established in 1792 and was held in a log cabin. The school system became so strengthened that demands were made upon the State Legislature for recognition. Thus a charter was granted to the school, and on November 15, 1805, Lot 56 of the original plat of the town was conveyed to the trustees of the Hartford Academy. Among these trustees were Charles Henderson, County and Circuit Clerk for forty years; and Dr. Charles McCrerry who performed the first known operation for the excision of the entire clavicle, in 1813. On 1820, another Legislative Act was passed naming a new group of trustees for the Academy and authorizing them to "enter" 6,000 acres which could not be located "west of the Tennessee River."

In 1839 a third act of the General Assembly instructed the trustees of Hartford Academy to transfer their land grant to the Hartford Seminary. This land played an important role in establishing Hartford Seminary. When the trustees of Hartford Seminary acquired legal title to the land, they sold it, receiving only a fraction of its value. However, the proceeds of this sale helped build the Hartford Seminary in 1839. The Hartford Seminary could perhaps be classified as a public school since it indirectly received public funds through the sale of lands allotted to school purposes by the General Assembly. Other school expenses were covered by tuition fees paid by the students.

A prominent teacher of the Hartford Seminary was Ulysses Curran, father of the noted American artist, Charles Courtney Curran.

The alumnus of the Hartford Seminary who achieved the greatest national prominence was Richard Parks Bland, "father of the free-silver movement and forerunner of William Jennings Bryan." Congressman Bland was born near Hartford in 1835. He graduated from Hartford Seminary in 1854, taught school for a few years, then went to Missouri to practice law. "Silver Dick" Bland, as he was affectionately known by his

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

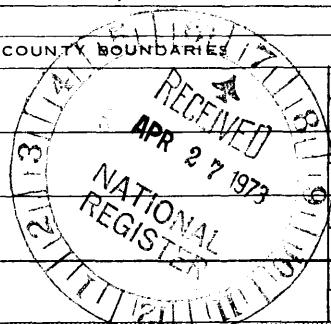
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **2 acres**

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. Dorothy Gentry, Representative**

ORGANIZATION: **Kentucky Heritage Commission** DATE: **2-15-73**

STREET AND NUMBER: **517 Mulberry Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Hartford** 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 Mrs. Simeon Willis

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date April 24, 1973

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

Robert W. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 6/19/73

ATTEST:

C. M. ...
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 6 12 73

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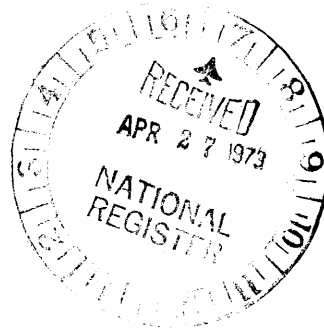
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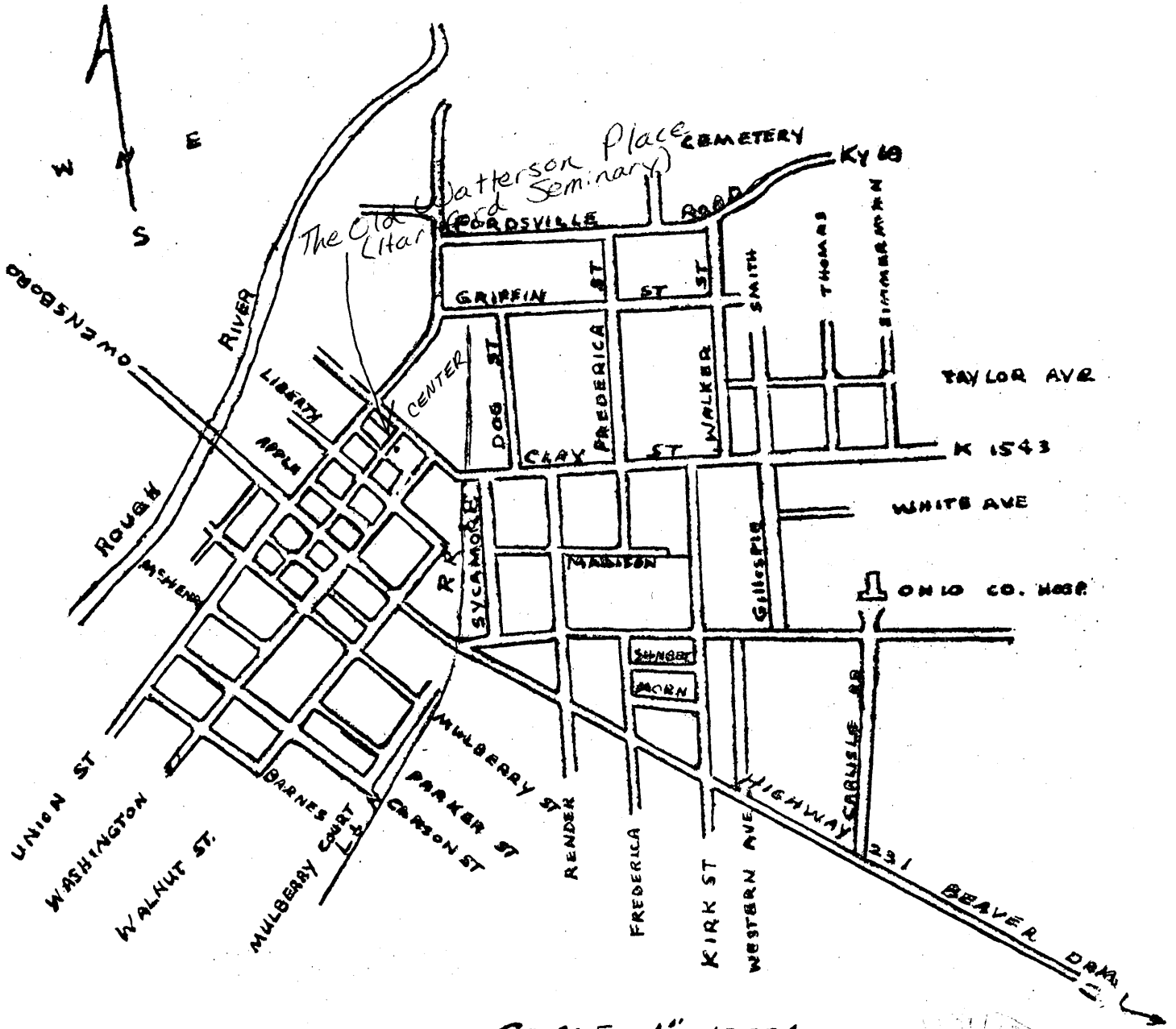
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supporters, was co-author of the famous Bland-Allison silver coinage bill passed by Congress in 1877. Bland was nearly chosen as the Presidential candidate at the Democratic Convention of 1896 in Chicago, leading William Jennings Bryan in the voting until the final ballot. Bland died in Missouri in 1899.

The Hartford Seminary, opened in 1839, educated both local students and students from all of the surrounding counties and many southern states. It was used for educational purposes until a new school was built in 1880. The building was sold for private use on March 30, 1880. The building, presently a private residence, is one of the oldest buildings in Hartford. The Ohio County Historical Society has expressed an interest in purchasing the 134 year old building to house an Ohio County Museum.



City of Hartford, Ky.
County Seat of Ohio Co.



SCALE 1" = 1000'
PETE LEREN

