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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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COUNTY:	Boyle	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE	
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:
McClure-Barbee House

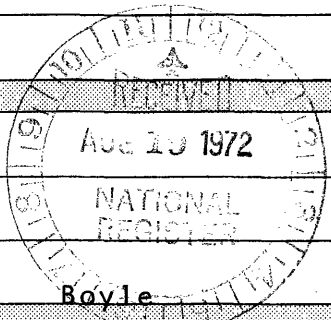
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
304 South Fourth Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Danville

STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21 COUNTY: Boyle CODE: 021



3. CLASSIFICATION

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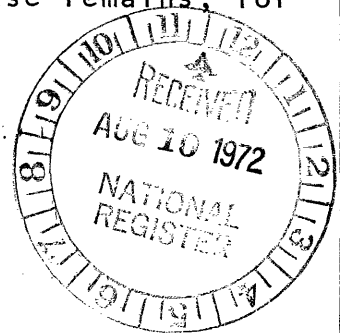
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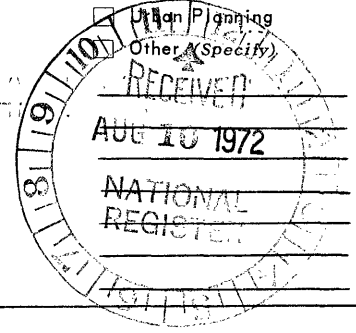
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1850-1852

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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Designed by one of central Kentucky's most prominent architects, Robert Russel (1792-1873), and built perhaps as late as 1852, the house is a marked departure from Russell's other works in that the portico is inset between the end rooms and is supported by two very simple Doric columns. In none of his other structures does Russel exhibit such symmetrical and simple taste. Its uniqueness and beauty has led Rexford Newcomb to include the house in his Old Kentucky Architecture as one of the state's brightest architectural gems. And Talbot Hamlin has said of the McClure-Barbee House that "...the essential beauty of the (American Greek Revival) style is beautifully shown in the simple, dignified, and beautifully proportioned recessed porch."

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Barbee did not actually stay in the house for too long a period and ownership has changed many times over the years. Perhaps, the house's most prominent occupant was Dr. Stephen L. Yerkes, long time President of the now defunct Danville Theological Seminary. During the Civil War the school remained strongly pro-Union in an otherwise Southern-sympathizing section of the State.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Charles E. Parrish, Assistant Director

ORGANIZATION: **Kentucky Heritage Commission** DATE: **7-1-72**

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Name: [Signature]

Title: LHO

Date: 8/4/72

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[Signature]
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

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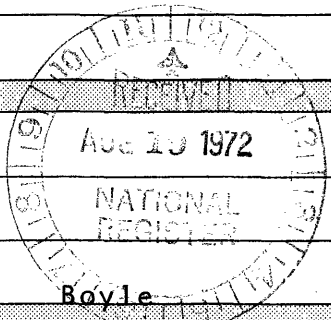
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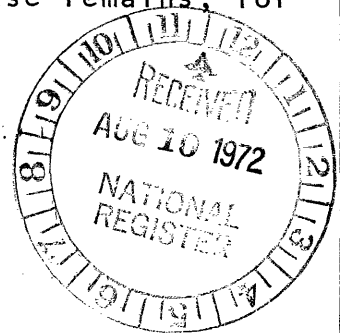
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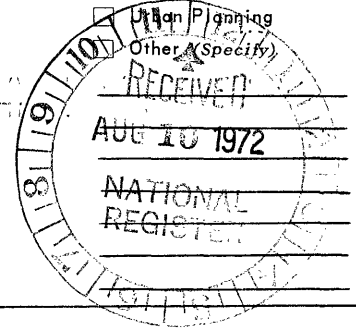
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