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# DATA SHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

### 1 NAME

**\*\*** HISTORIC Taylor County Clerk's Office  
 AND/OR COMMON  
 Old Clerk's Office

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Broadway and First  
 Courthouse Square facing North Columbia Avenue between  NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
 CITY, TOWN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
 Campbellsville  VICINITY OF 05  
 STATE CODE COUNTY CODE  
 Kentucky 021 Taylor 217

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Taylor County Fiscal Court  
 STREET & NUMBER Taylor County Courthouse  
 CITY, TOWN STATE  
 Campbellsville VICINITY OF Kentucky

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Taylor County Courthouse  
 STREET & NUMBER Broadway and Court Streets  
 CITY, TOWN STATE  
 Campbellsville Kentucky

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky  
 DATE 1971  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL  
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Kentucky Heritage Commission  
 CITY, TOWN STATE  
 Frankfort Kentucky

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Old Taylor County Clerk's Office is located on the corner of First Street and North Columbia, adjacent to the courthouse in Campbellsville, in central Kentucky.

The Old Clerk's Office as ordered from the county court building committee in 1865, was to be of brick, 52' long and 24' wide to be divided into two rooms separated by a hall 10' wide. Walls were to be 13' high and rest on a stone foundation.

Other specifications found in the 1865 Record Book of the Building Committee for the courthouse and clerk's office include the following:

- 1) division brick walls to run across the building at a distance of 20' from each end, leaving a hall of 10' less the thickness of the walls between said division walls
- 2) joists to reach across the building and project 18" over the outer walls
- 3) Roof to have no greater elevation than necessary--the sheeting to support shingles firmly. Shingles were to be 18" long, 4" wide of yellow poplar. (This provision was later revised by the court. In 1866 the record book shows that the roof was to be hipped and covered with tin.)
- 4) floors of yellow poplar plank 1 1/4" thick--tongue and grooved
- 5) panel doors to enter hall from both sides of hall
- 6) plastered walls
- 7) one flue at each end of the building for stove in each of said rooms
- 8) venetian blinds or shutters with moveable slats for each of said windows
- 9) stone steps to outside doors of cut stone 4' long

The present appearance of the Old Clerk's Office is that of a five-bay, one-story structure with a central entrance. The brick is laid in Flemish bond on the facade; common bond on the sides. The windows have jack arches above and stone sills with six-over-six pane sash. The doorway is slightly recessed with a three-light transom above the two-paneled door. There is an unadorned entablature with projecting cornice at the roofline.

The interior has retained the original wide baseboards and Greek Revival door frames with corner blocks.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1865-66

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Old County Clerk's Office, constructed in 1865-1866 in Campbellsville, Kentucky, is one of the oldest brick structures remaining in the town. Located adjacent to the courthouse, the building has been a highly visible landmark for over one hundred years. In a very real sense, its history is tied with that of Campbellsville, having served as offices for the circuit and county clerk, a public school classroom, Health Department and Library.

Taylor County, the 100th in order of formation, was established in 1848 from the northeast section of Green County, and named in honor of the then most popular soldier in the Union, General Zachary Taylor (Collins, II, p. 725). The first county clerk's office was burned on December 25, 1864, along with the courthouse, by soldiers under the command of Confederate General Hylan B. Lyon (Order Book 2, p. 1805). On October 2, 1865, the reconstruction of the courthouse and a separate clerk's office building was authorized by the court. By 1866 the clerk's office was completed.<sup>1</sup> The new building also served as the Taylor County Courthouse for a brief period from August 7, 1866 until March 14, 1867, by which time the new courthouse was built.<sup>2</sup>

The exodus of the circuit and county clerk's offices from the one-story brick building took place in 1910 when they were moved to rooms in the courthouse.<sup>3</sup> Other former

<sup>1</sup>Taylor County Order Book #2, pp. 371, 433-434; "Taylor County History..." (News-Journal, August 1960), p. 2; Graves, p. 2.

<sup>2</sup>Taylor County Order Book #2, p. 434; #3, p. 19.

<sup>3</sup>Taylor County Fiscal Court Order Book #2, p. 137; Interviews with R. T. Parrott and E. Poe Young, February 24, 1977.

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Taylor County Fiscal Court Minutes, #3, p. 65.

Taylor County Fiscal Order Book #2, pp. 23, 135-137, 159, 173, 175, 198, 215, 250, 310-311, 446; #3, p. 47, 152, 65; #6, p. 438, 477, 498; #7, p. 310; #8, pp. 224, 223-234, 236, 304.

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/4 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A 

1	6	6	4	6	5	5	0	4	1	3	3	8	2	0
ZONE		EASTING					NORTHING							

B 

ZONE		EASTING					NORTHING								

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Ms. Betty Gorin, Director

GM

ORGANIZATION

Taylor County Historical Society

DATE

April 1977

STREET & NUMBER

112 Kensington Way, Route 4

TELEPHONE

(502) 465-8726

CITY OR TOWN

Campbellsville

STATE

Kentucky

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Edward W. Miller*

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

June 13, 1977

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*W. J. ...*

DATE

12/20/77

ATTEST:

*Charles ...*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

12-22-77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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The building conforms to the original specifications with the following exceptions:

Exterior

- 1) A small brick addition has been added to the south side of the structure.
- 2) light fixtures and shutters on the facade
- 3) Some of the window glass has been replaced.

Interior

- 1) floor has been covered by tile
- 2) Some of the walls have been papered; the ceilings have been lowered approximately two and one-fourth feet.
- 3) The chamber to the right (south) has been divided into two rooms.
- 4) plumbing, wiring, heating installed
- 5) closet added in hallway

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occupants include two grades of the Taylor County school system and Charles W. Wright, former county clerk and police and city judge, who rented the building from 1910 until 1913. The space may also have served for a short while as the office of Fred Faulkner, Sr., county road engineer and surveyor.<sup>4</sup>

By 1917, the court voted to make the former Clerk's Office a county restroom. In 1919 the order was amended, a new committee appointed, and appropriations made to convert the Old Clerk's Office into "up-to-date sanitary Restrooms." This action, evidently, was of great help to the county women who accompanied their husbands to town to spend the day. The room on the left (north) was outfitted with benches on which to rest and exchange news after a weary day in town. It was at this time that the big room on the right (south) was divided by the partition wall and the back room outfitted with bathroom facilities.

In the 1930s the Campbellsville Women's Club used the building for its meetings, supporting, at the same time, improvements to the interior and exterior. During the early days of the Depression, clothing was distributed by the Red Cross in the front right room. In the late 1930s or early '40s, the small brick side addition was built for use as a restroom by the black women of the community.<sup>5</sup>

By 1952 the Taylor County Health Department rented the building. At that time the ceiling was lowered from 12' to its present height of 9' 9". The original plank floor was covered with tile and other adjustments and partitions made.<sup>6</sup> Later the Old Clerk's Office was used by the Taylor County Public Library. In 1969 a petition was circulated by Mrs. Margaret Edith Tucker to preserve the building. In 1970 the Fiscal Court leased the structure to the Taylor County Historical Society, its present occupants.

<sup>4</sup>Taylor County Fiscal Court Order Book #2, pp. 137, 198, 215, 250, 310-311; #3, p. 47; Interviews with Ralph Burress and Fred Faulkner, Jr., February 24, 1977.

<sup>5</sup>Interviews with Mrs. W. M. Hall, Mrs. Will Callison, and Mrs. Ollie Montgomery, February 24, 1977; Mrs. Graves Burdette and Miss Elizabeth Sanders, March 2, 1977; Taylor County Fiscal Court Minutes, #3, p. 65; and Taylor County Fiscal Court Order Book #6, p. 438.

<sup>6</sup>Taylor County Fiscal Court Order Book #6, pp. 477, 498; #7, p. 310; Interview with Mrs. Dick Reese, February 24, 1977.

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Section 4, p. 1.

Record Book of the Building Committee, 1865.

Personal interviews with Robert H. Cowherd, 7/1/76; Richard L. Kerr, 3/2/77;  
R. T. Parrott, 2/24/77; E. Poe Young, 2/24/77; Ralph Burress, 2/24/77; Fred  
Faulkner, Jr., 2/24/77; Mrs. Johnnie Burkholder, 2/24/77; Mrs. Ray Ford,  
3/2/77, Mrs. James Turner, 2/24/77; Mrs. Virgil Peterson, 3/2/77; Mrs.  
George Faulkner, 3/1/77; Mrs. W. M. Hall, 2/24/77; Mrs. Will Callison, 2/24/77;  
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