

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**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

*Mr*  
Robert C. Beauchamp House

AND/OR COMMON

Same

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

*nw of Hawesville on*  
Highway U.S. 60

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Hawesville *vic.*

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

02

STATE

Kentucky

CODE

021

COUNTY

Hancock

CODE

091

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. Waitman Taylor, Jr.

STREET & NUMBER

Griffith Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Owensboro

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Kentucky

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hancock County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Hawesville

STATE

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

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

## 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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 Beauchamp house is located three miles west of Hawesville on U.S. 60. The house is situated about two miles southwest of the Ohio River in a grove of trees on fertile bottom land. Although the property is now surrounded by industrial plants and the Hancock County High School, enough land has been retained around the house to preserve its integrity (see map 2).

The home has an unusually substantial appearance. Although there are the usual five bays on the main (south) facade, they are very widely spaced and the entrance is particularly broad (photos 1 and 2). The expanse of brick wall here and on the other sides contributes to the appearance of solidity. The end walls of the main block are broken only by small lookout windows in the attic flanking the inset chimneys and there are only three windows across the rear of the upper story (photos 3-6). The one-story ell that extends from the east end of the rear of the main block also has relatively few openings.

All the openings have brick jack arches, with ample space between stories and a plain corbelled brick cornice across front and back of the main block. As is usual with early houses, there are no eaves on the gable ends. The bricks are laid in Flemish bond on the front and common bond elsewhere. The walls are said to be 18 inches thick, at least on the first story.

A plain one-story porch on square piers has been added over the square entrance with its double doors, transom, and sidelights. A similar low gallery extends along the east side of the ell. Modern additions are along the rear of the main block and in the corner of the ell.

The plan of the interior is the standard central hall with large flanking rooms on both stories, and service rooms in the ell. There are a total of seven rooms plus the two halls. The main stair is in the hall but there is also an archaic enclosed stair in the east front room. The ash floors are original. A number of original locks remain on the doors.

The house appears essentially without "style". The substantial quality of the massing and the plain woodwork may foretell the Greek Revival, yet basically in layout and details such as the brick jack arches and enclosed stair this is still a Georgian building.

None of the outbuildings mentioned in 8. survives.

# 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		
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<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 1842

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Robert C. Beauchamp

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house was built in 1842 by Robert Costain Beauchamp (1800-1884), a highly successful gentleman farmer and businessman. He was one of the first men to introduce the plantation system, with a large work force of slaves, to Western Kentucky. He was also active in state and local politics. The amply-proportioned brick house is one of the oldest in Hancock County, Kentucky. ✓

Robert Beauchamp was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, in 1800. He was the son of William Beauchamp, a Revolutionary War soldier, and Sallie Morris. William Beauchamp, a native of Delaware, moved to Kentucky in 1790 and settled on Elkhorn Creek in Bourbon County. Robert Beauchamp's grandfather came to this country from France during the French Revolution to escape religious prosecution. In 1818 William Beauchamp moved with his family to Daviess County, Kentucky, in the western part of the state along the Ohio River.

In 1826 Robert Beauchamp married Sarah Stowers, a native of Jefferson County, Kentucky. Her father, John Stowers, was one of the first settlers of Hancock County. A year after his marriage, Beauchamp moved to what is now Hancock County (Hancock County was formed in 1829) and settled on 160 acres of land, which was located on the flood plains of the Ohio River, three miles west of Hawesville, the present county seat.

The land was fertile and ideal for farming on a large scale. Beauchamp soon increased his land holdings to 5,000 acres and his number of slaves to ninety. He was one of the first men in the area to farm on such a large scale and was one of the largest slave holders in Western Kentucky. As a result, his plantation became a self-sufficient community of its own. There were several brick kilns to produce brick for the construction of buildings, a blacksmith shop, loom houses, and dairy: all necessary industries to meet the needs of a large plantation. In 1842 when Beauchamp constructed the two-story brick house, the work was done by slave labor and most of the materials used in building the house were made on the farm.

Not only was Beauchamp a successful farmer, but he was also active in local politics and served two terms in the State legislature between 1867 and 1872. Beauchamp

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Five

UTM REFERENCES

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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

MC; WEL

ORGANIZATION

Kentucky Heritage Commission

DATE

October 17, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

104 Bridge Street

TELEPHONE

564-3741

CITY OR TOWN

Frankfort

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.

REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

*Eldred W. Meeter*

TITLE

DATE 3/16/76

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 7/6/76

ATTEST

DATE 7-1-76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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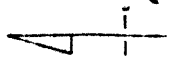
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had seven children, two of whom fought in the Civil War for the Confederacy. At Beauchamp's death in 1884 the estate was left to his son John, who continued operation of the farm, and the house has remained in the family since.



LOCATION OF HOUSE

HANCOCK C. HIGH SCHOOL

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION  
MAP 20  
SCALE 1"=2000'

HANCOCK COUNTY

