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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

Adam Pence House

AND/OR COMMON

Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Kentucky Highway 1247

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Stanford

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

5

STATE

Kentucky

CODE

021

COUNTY

Lincoln

CODE

137

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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bell

STREET & NUMBER

R.R. 1, Ky. Highway 1247

CITY, TOWN

Stanford

VICINITY OF

Kentucky

STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Lincoln County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Stanford

Kentucky

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky (Supplement)

DATE

1971

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort

Kentucky

STATE

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		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Situated in close proximity to Kentucky Highway 1247 (former U.S. 27), the Adam Pence House is a Greek Revival I-house of brick construction with a two-story ell at the rear. The main facade (see photo 1) is five bays wide, and the fenestral arrangement consists of a centered entrance with a typical Greek Revival frontispiece (see photo 2) flanked by coupled windows that have wooden lintels above.

The entrance has a four-pane transom overhead, and there are three-pane sidelights to the sides. A pedimented tetrastyle portico serves the central bay, and there is a brick pilaster on either side of the entrance.

The main block has a chimney built flush with the wall on either gabled end, and two additional chimneys serve the ell (see photo 3). An early, though not original, two-story gallery on the ell's south was enclosed by the present owners in the 1940s. In addition, a shed-roofed porch sheltering a water pump was appended to the end of the ell in the early part of the century (see photo 4).

The central hall of the main block contains a return staircase, and the hall is flanked by a parlor on either side. The south parlor is more formal, and its mantel has double pilasters on each side of the opening (see photo 5). Woodwork throughout is characterized by heaviness. There are shouldered architraves around doorways and interior bays (see photo 6), and the major bays have aprons below. The first floor of the ell contains the dining room. There is a fireplace serving this room, and another fireplace was provided for the kitchen beyond, but the latter is currently covered.

The Adam Pence House is presently in good condition. The approximate one-half acre included in the nomination is the lawn which surrounds the residence.

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1851 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Adam Pence House, situated on Kentucky Highway 1247 approximately five miles south of Stanford, is architecturally significant as being one of the grand Greek Revival rural residences of Lincoln County to survive in a relatively unaltered state.

Adam Pence, the original owner, had the house constructed in 1851--the bricks used in its construction being burned on the property, and the lumber being transported from Somerset in neighboring Pulaski County to the immediate south.

Local historical significance is contained within a series of articles which appeared in the Louisville Times in the late 1930s. One of these concerned the Pence House and stated: "About this commodious house, built in 1851 by Adam Pence, cluster many legends of soldiers and guerillas during and after the War Between the States" (information courtesy of Mrs. Shirley Dunn, Stanford, Kentucky, date and page unknown).

Lincoln County, formed as early as 1780, was one of the three counties organized by the Virginia legislature before Kentucky attained statehood. Lincoln is agrarian in nature and has exported various crops and animals since it was established.

The Adam Pence House exemplifies the type of residence most desired by successful farmers of the outer Bluegrass before the Civil War. As William Montell and Michael Morse have written:

The two-story portico I house . . . is typical of antebellum homes in the rural South . . . They stem from slavery times in Kentucky and were much in vogue as houses for slaveholders who lived in the shadow of the Bluegrass and tried to emulate the aristocratic life-styles of the big planters in their Georgian and Greek Revival style houses. (Kentucky Folk Architecture, p. 38)

Few changes have occurred to the Pence House. Excepting the extension of the portico's floor, the main facade is in its original state. In addition, much of the interior woodwork is extant, and the arrangement of rooms is much the same as when the residence was built in 1851.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Collins, Lewis. History of Kentucky, Vol.II. Berea: Kentucke Imprints, 1976.

Montell, William, and Morse, Michael. Kentucky Folk Architecture. Lexington: University of Kentucky Press, 1976.

Additional information provided by Mrs. Shirley Dunn, Stanford, Kentucky.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approximately one-half acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Hall's Gap QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,6 70,92,8,0 4,15,52,5,0

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property is a rectangular 1/2-acre lot that includes the house and its immediate surroundings. Ky. Hwy. 1247 serves as the eastern boundary.

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

Daniel Kidd, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Kentucky Heritage Commission

DATE

August, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

104 Bridge Street

TELEPHONE

502-564-3741

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Edward W. Miller

TITLE

DATE 10/30/78

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

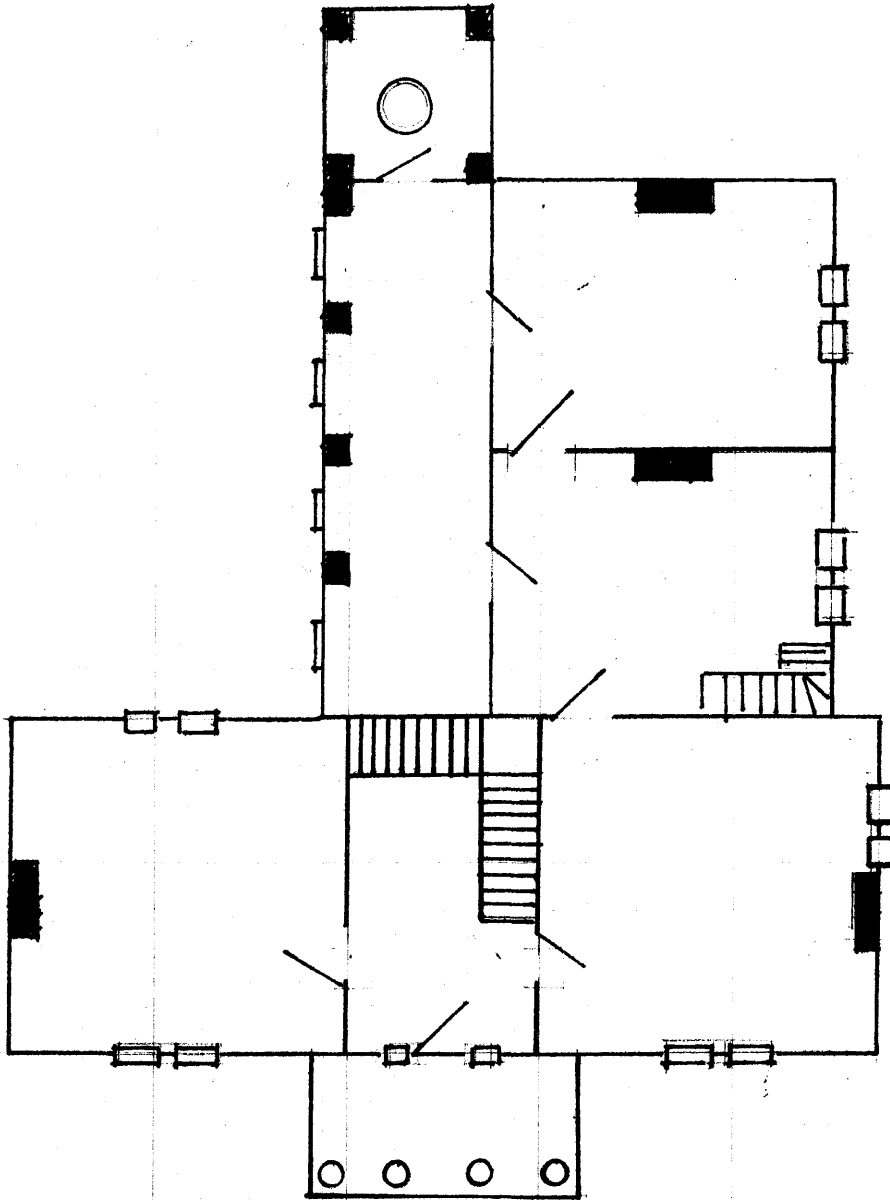
DATE 12-22-78

ATTEST:

John H. Commons
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 12/22/78

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION



ADAM PENCE HOUSE
LINCOLN COUNTY, KENTUCKY

FIRST FLOOR
NO SCALE

