

PH0014010

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Kentucky
COUNTY:	Fayette
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ENTRY DATE	MAY 15 1974

1. NAME

COMMON: Charles McPheeters House

AND/OR HISTORIC: Same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 352 South Mill Street

CITY OR TOWN: Lexington CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 6

STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21 COUNTY: Fayette CODE: 067

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Mrs. Edward Gambill

STREET AND NUMBER: 330 South Mill Street

CITY OR TOWN: Lexington STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER: West Main Street at Cheapside

CITY OR TOWN: Lexington STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Survey Off Historic Sites In Kentucky

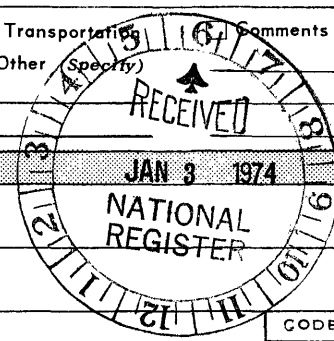
DATE OF SURVEY: 1971 Federal State County Local

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input 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 Charles McPheeters House is a Federal townhouse, the only surviving member of a complex of three rowhouses that once stood on this site. It is three bays wide, two-story brick, the front facade being laid in Flemish bond. The front door, which is recessed, has been changed. A parapet wall survives in the rear of the house and probably represented a measure of fire protection between the main house and the kitchen that stood behind. At present the kitchen is joined to the main house.

The original ash steps leading to the recessed door remain. The original sidelights of the inner door remain. All of the flooring is original; there are wide ash boards on the first floor, stair treads and landing, and even wider poplar boards on the second floor. The original Federal woodwork also remains, and includes window and door frames and beaded baseboards. All of the mantels are Greek Revival replacements. Midway through the first floor stairhall is an arch, the lower part sheathed with beaded wood, and capped with a decorative Federal moulding. In the back part of the hall the original stair rises to a landing and then climbs to the second floor. The slender Federal spindles are engaged in a recess created to receive them in the under side of the rounded railing. The first floor newel has simple, rounded and ring turnings rising to a rectangle topped by a button. Doors have three horizontal panels above two vertical ones and hang on the original Federal hinges.

It has a typical 3-bay townhouse floor plan. There are double parlors on the south side of the first floor. There is evidence of chairrails having been on the first floor, a dog-trot, now a room, has been filled in between the main house and the once-detached kitchen. The jambs of the door into the former dog-trot have recessed panels, which are typical of Georgian architecture. (These were archaic at the time they were used in this Federal structure.) The second floor has a stairhall, with hall chamber and two bedrooms.

The basement has a fireplace in its second or rear room, its squared sides revealing its original use for cooking. The northern basement wall is brick while the others are stone, a reminder of the time when this house was the southern half of a rowhouse. The basement door located in the rear stairhall would have been convenient to the dog-trot, the summer kitchen as well as the main house.

The house has been restored and with its grounds is maintained in excellent condition.

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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) **1824**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

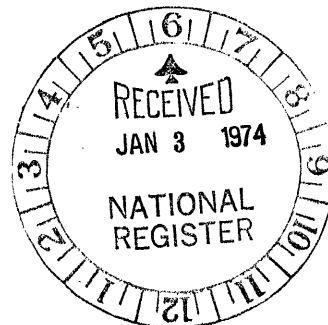
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Charles McPheeters was born in 1764, died on October 2, 1836, and is buried in the Walnut Hill Presbyterian Church graveyard. He was a farmer and landowner in Fayette County. He was also a trustee of Transylvania University and was very active in affairs of the Presbyterian Church. At one time he was a member of Pisagh Presbyterian Church of Woodford County and later transferred to the Walnut Hill Presbyterian Church. At the time of his death he was a ruling elder of that church as he had been for many years prior. Early in February 1824 he purchased a lot from George Trotter, a wealthy merchant and landowner and developer of this area of Lexington, and built this house. It was apparently occupied by his sister, Jane McPheeters, until her death in 1835. After Charles McPheeters' death the next year the house passed through several hands until it came into the possession of Mrs. Cloe Fordman in 1852. The Fordmans owned the house for nearly a half-century. It was sold to Miss Theodosia A. Scrugham in 1895. It again passed through several hands until it was purchased by Dr. and Mrs. Edward Gambill in July 1962.

The Charles McPheeters House is of significance because it is an important and the only surviving member of a complex of three row-houses that once stood on this site. These rowhouses were typical of those that once lined Lexington's streets. It is remarkable in that such a high percentage of its original Federal features survive intact. It is also of significance because of its location on this historic block of Old Lexington.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. "Old Houses of Lexington," C. Frank Dunn, p. 422, unpublished manuscript, Kentucky Historical Society.
2. Sunday Home-Page article, Bettye Lee Mastin, Lexington Herald-Leader, Nov. 19, 1967.
3. History Of Walnut Hill Presbyterian Church, Rev. Robert Stuart Sanders, Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, Kentucky 1956.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

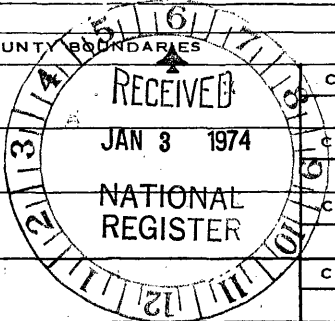
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 1 acre

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: Fayette County Committee, Mrs. George Foster, Chairman

ORGANIZATION: Kentucky Heritage Commission DATE: July, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: 1635 Ashwood Drive

CITY OR TOWN: Lexington 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 December 19, 1973

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

A. R. ...
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 5/15/74

ATTEST: [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

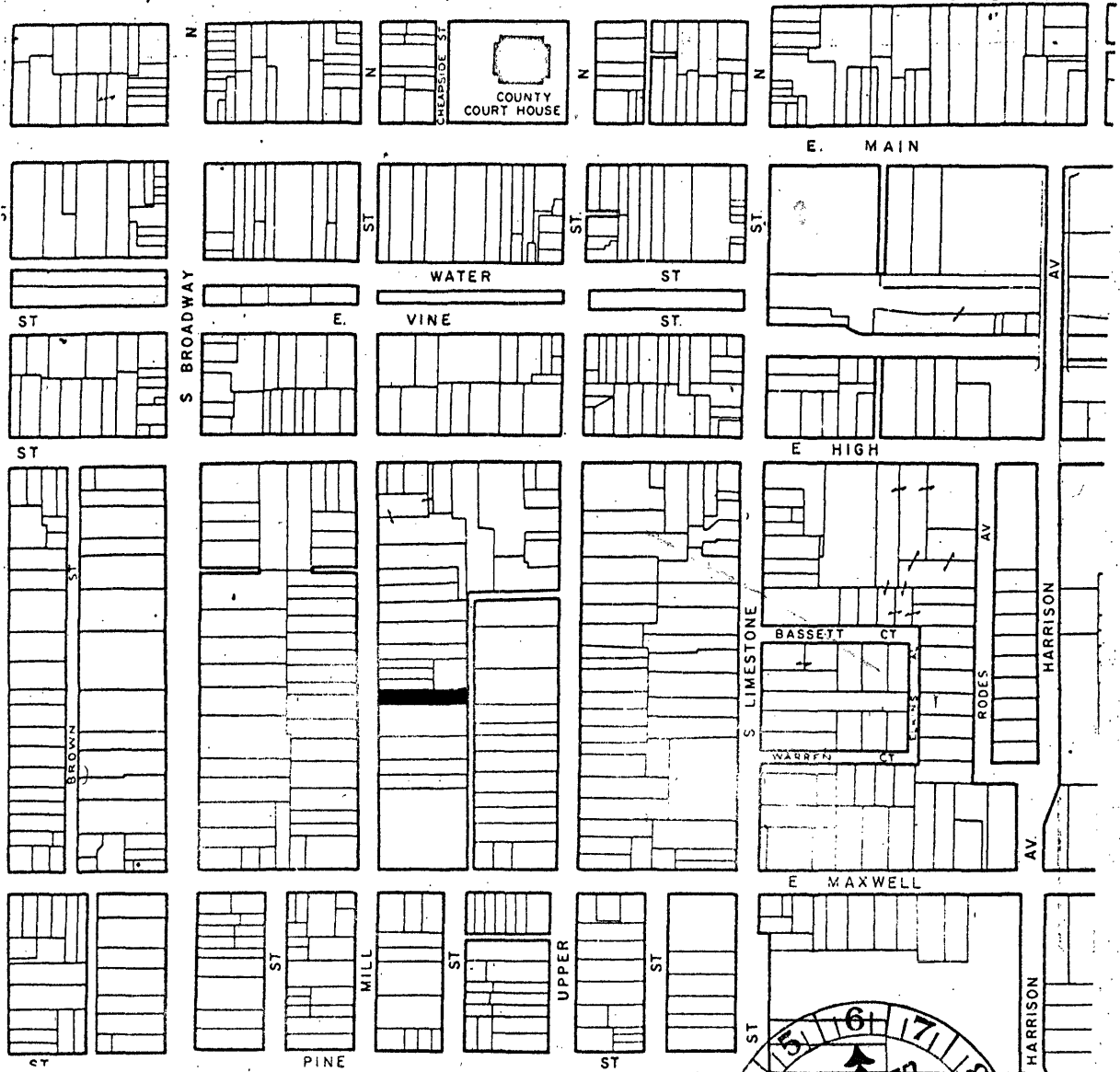
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SCALE IN FEET

LATITUDE: 38° 02' 44"
LONGITUDE: 84° 30' 07"

CHARLES McPHEETERS HOUSE
352 South Mill Street
Lexington, Kentucky

