

STATE:
Kentucky

COUNTY:
Scott

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ENTRY DATE
NOV 20 1974

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:
John M., Garth, House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
**SE of Georgetown, off I 75
Lemons Mill Pike, 1/2 mile south of road**

CITY OR TOWN:
Georgetown vicinity

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
06

STATE: **Kentucky** CODE: **021** COUNTY: **Scott** CODE: **209**

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Walnut Hall Incorporated

STREET AND NUMBER:
Walnut Hall Farm

CITY OR TOWN: **Georgetown** STATE: **Kentucky** CODE: **021**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
East Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Georgetown** STATE: **Kentucky** CODE: **021**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Survey of 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: **021**

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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 type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The John M. Garth House is a two-story, three-bay brick structure suggesting the Greek Revival style of architecture. The central doorway is enclosed by a one-story portico, original to the house, supported by double columns with brief entablature and, on either side of the entrance, by single pilasters. The dramatically bare end walls have two chimneys linked at each end by an unusual flat parapet--one of only two examples in Scott County. Although inset, the chimneys project very slightly to articulate the wall surface. On both front and rear facades the first-story windows have narrow sidelights, whereas the upper windows are single. The denticulated cornice on the front facade is small-scaled and as much Georgian as Grecian.

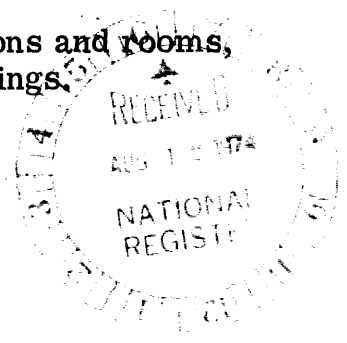
A shallower two-story wing with slightly more steeply sloped roof and a single end-chimney is set back to one side of the main block. It has two doors, both with Greek Revival frames, a window with beveled edges, and a pantry window. A door on the end of the main block at the first level admits one to the main living area.

the lower portion of which on one side is
 The wing, now obscured by a screened-in porch and other frame additions, was built at the same time as the house. There is no seamline on the back where it is flush with the main block. There is a Greek Revival sheltered stoop at the main back door with triple windows set on either side.

Brick is laid in Flemish bond on the front and north sides of the Garth house, and in an unusual version of common bond on the back and south. The common bond features several (5 to 7) rows of stringers and then a row of Flemish bond rather than the usual row of headers.

In the interior of the main house is a wide circular stairway leading to the upstairs. All woodwork and mantels adhere to the Greek tradition. Downstairs floors are ash; upstairs, poplar.

There is an all-brick basement, laid out with partitions and rooms, which may be responsible for there being no outbuildings.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

c. 1840

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

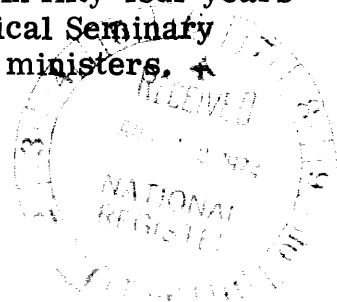
This unusual Greek Revival house, constructed c. 1840 by John M. Garth, is of particular significance because of its design and fine detail. It is also notable as the home of Claudius L. Garth, whose will made possible the education of a large number of Christian Church ministers.

The farm was early occupied by the father of John Garth, Albert G. Garth, who in 1836 married a young neighbor, Margaret Ann Lemon. Widowed three years later, she was to become the wife of James M. Frost and eventually returned to become mistress of the family's ancestral home.

In 1869 the 497-acre farm, on which originally hemp was grown, then tobacco, was deeded by John Garth and his wife Eliza to Claudius Garth, a prominent Georgetown businessman who sat on the first Board of Directors of the Bank of Georgetown, which was organized in 1897. The will provided that one half of the mansion house would be reserved for a family residence. When C. L. Garth died in 1905, his will left his nephew John P. Garth \$5,000 to be entailed to his children, and afterwards, should he die without issue, to the Kentucky Christian Education Society, "an institution connected with the Christian Church, noted teachers of which were Alexander Campbell, John Gano, Moses Lard, J. W. McGarvey, and Robert Graham...." The balance was directed to his wife Mary Carrick Garth, and after her death, to the Kentucky Christian Education Society.

The will resulted in litigation, but by the year 1962 the trust established through the will amounted to a balance of \$124,000. In fifty-four years the fund administered through the Lexington Theological Seminary had provided \$250,000 for the education of Christian ministers.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Scott County Deed and Will Books.

Stevenson, Dwight E. Lexington Theological Seminary. St. Louis, 1965, pp. 98-100.

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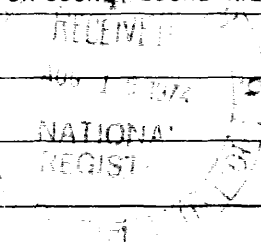
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 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:
Ann B. Bevins, Scott County Representative

ORGANIZATION: **Kentucky Heritage Commission** DATE: **Feb. 8, 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER:
401 Wapping Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Frankfort** STATE: **Kentucky** CODE: **021**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Eddies W. Nelson</u></p> <p>Title <u>State Liaison Officer</u></p> <p>Date <u>7-26-74</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>A. R. Winters</u> Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>11/20/74</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>Wm. J. Smith</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>11/18/74</u></p>
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