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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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STATE: Kentucky  
 COUNTY: Graves  
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 ENTRY DATE: DEC 31 1974

1. NAME

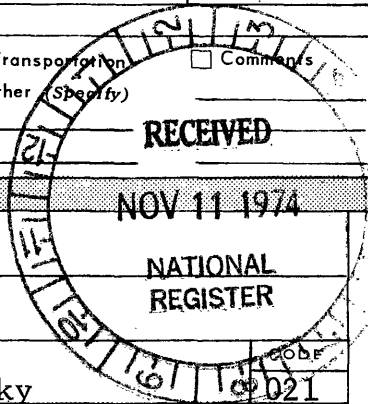
COMMON: Meacham Manor  
 AND/OR HISTORIC: Same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: East of Fulton, off <sup>KY 116</sup> ~~Dukedom~~ Highway, north of Kingston Store  
 CITY OR TOWN: ~~Kingston Community~~ <sup>Fulton mic.</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 1st  
 STATE: Kentucky CODE: 021 COUNTY: Graves CODE: 083

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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: Mr. and Mrs. Davis Dixon  
 STREET AND NUMBER: Route # 3  
 CITY OR TOWN: Fulton STATE: Kentucky

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Graves County Courthouse  
 STREET AND NUMBER:  
 CITY OR TOWN: Mayfield STATE: Kentucky CODE: 021

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky (Supplement)  
 DATE OF SURVEY: 1974  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 type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **Ca. 1850**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture  | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

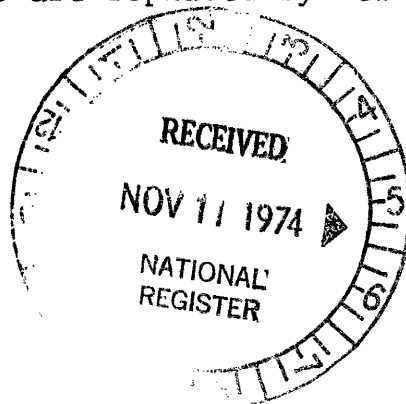
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Joseph Meacham's eldest son, nicknamed "Shade," served in the Confederate Army. As a result of primogeniture, he inherited "Meacham Manor" on the death of his father. Shade's daughter Jeanette became the owner of the Manor House and when her estate was settled in 1970, the property had been in the Meacham family 160 years.

The design of this rural cottage, with its steep roof and three gables and gingerbread work on the front porch, is basically of Gothic inspiration. The front door as well as the windows on each side of the door and the one in the gable are slightly rounded yet do not conflict with the basic Gothic flavor of the house.

Although modest, this house belongs to a type fast disappearing as smaller older farmhouses are replaced by new larger homes or mobile homes.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Family Tradition. Mrs. Ruth Williamson, "Ancient Meacham Manor House Still Stands at Site on Kingston Road," Fulton Daily Leader (Fulton, Ky., February 23, 1973).

Sarah Lansdell, "Heritage Homes of Kentucky: The Jackson Purchase (Continued)," The Courier-Journal & Louisville Times Sunday Magazine (Louisville, September 15, 1974).

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

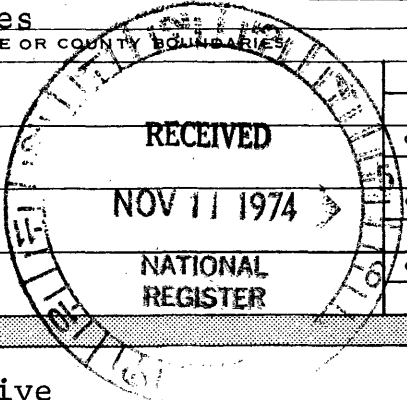
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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

No  
W.M.  
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **Nine Acres**

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:  
**Ouida Jewell, Fulton County Representative**

ORGANIZATION: **Kentucky Heritage Commission** DATE: **Apr. 14, 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**315 Carr** R.R. & K.B.

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

**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 Eldred W. Melton

Title State Liaison Officer

Date Nov. 4, 1974

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

AK Maclean  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date DEC 3 1 1974

ATTEST:

Wm J. Mumford  
Keeper of The National Register

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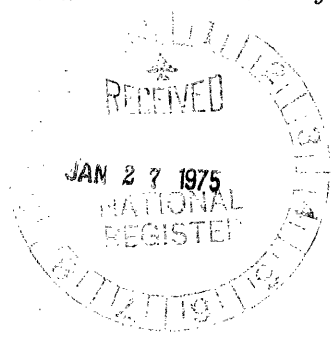
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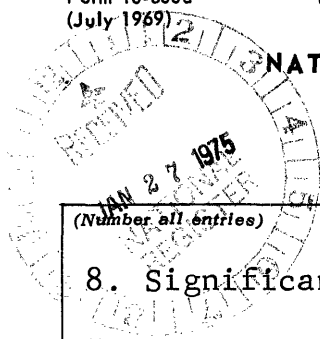
In the northwest corner of the house between the front portion and the ell a small porch was added at an indeterminate period; this has recently been closed in. These additions do not affect the structural integrity of the main structure. The outbuildings include a weatherboarded tenant house in poor condition; an open log crib; and the supposed slave quarters, an old log structure with stone chimney.



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8. Significance

"Meacham Manor" is one of the older surviving residences in Graves County, part of the Jackson Purchase area west of the Tennessee River, in far southwestern Kentucky, which was not effectively settled by white Europeans until after the settlement of 1818. The southern portion of the Jackson Purchase area lies along the Tennessee border and during the 19th century shared that state's Southern orientation, with a style of life and agricultural organization approximating that of the cotton and tobacco "plantations" of the Old South. Even a farm relatively modest in size like Meacham Manor was dependent on the slave economy prior to the Civil War. Only recently (in the last decade) has Graves County been opened up to manufacturing, concentrated largely around the county seat, Mayfield, in the center of the large county. Around the periphery, however, the older way of life and dependence on agriculture survives. It is this ambience that the small but quietly elegant brick farmhouse built about 1850 by Joseph Meacham represents.

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In Areas of Significance please check Agriculture.

