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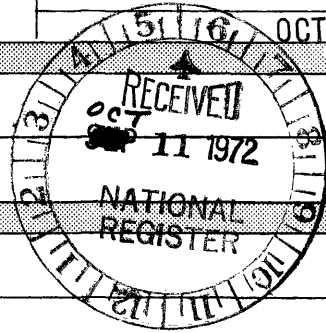
Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	KENTUCKY	
COUNTY:	JEFFERSON	
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	OCT 18 1972	



1. NAME

COMMON: Farmington

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 3033 Bardstown Road

CITY OR TOWN: Louisville

STATE: Kentucky	CODE: 21	COUNTY: Jefferson	CODE: 111
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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 type="checkbox"/> 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	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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Historic Homes Foundation, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER: 3033 Bardstown Road

CITY OR TOWN: Louisville STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Jefferson County Courthouse - Recorder's Office

STREET AND NUMBER: 531 West Jefferson Street

CITY OR TOWN: Louisville STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey (1938)

DATE OF SURVEY: XX Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D.C.

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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

Farmington, a well-proportioned brick house completed by John Speed in 1810, is an outstanding example of Federal architecture in Kentucky. As it had not been radically altered by its succession of owners prior to its purchase in 1958 by the Historic Homes Foundation, Inc., there was very little in structural change required to return it to its original scheme and condition. Except for the standing seam tin roof, which was installed for fire safety reasons over the original wood shingles, it has been restored as closely as possible to its original physical appearances.

The building consists of one story and a basement with the main floor raised between five and six feet above the ground, thus allowing the basement to be used as a living floor with its windows completely above grade. The distance from the water table at the first floor line to the bottom of the cornice is approximately thirteen feet. The cornice, under a hipped roof, is of simplified classical design, giving a pleasing proportion in its relationship with the height of the building. The front entrance is through a simple, but beautiful, half recessed, tetrastyle portico with slender Roman doric columns. It is reached by a flight of 11 steps between picketed wooden hand-rails. The gable of the portico roof contains a semi-circular fan window.

The front entrance door with side lights and a fan light above framed in typical Kentucky swags, leads into a central hall approximately 14' wide by 20' long. It is flanked on either side by two approximately square rooms, the study on the left, and the family sitting room on the right. A small circular stair, closed off from the hall by a door, leads to the basement. The back portion of the hall is splayed and contains three doors; the center leading to the rear hall has a fanlight above reflecting the light above the front door, and the flanking doors lead respectively to the dining room and parlor. These two rooms are 19' x 24' and are octagonal in shape, reminiscent of a feature unique to Jeffersonian architecture.

Two bedrooms, separated by a 7' - 6" wide rear hall with enclosed stairways to attic and basement, are located behind the dining room and parlor, and complete the main structure of the building an approximately square mass, 50' wide by 62' long. Centered on the back wall of the building is a lean-to porch approximately 6' wide by 11' deep.

The plan of the basement reflects that of the first floor. All the rooms are finished with the exception of the room under the front hall which has a dirt floor. A warming kitchen is located below the rear bedroom which is adjacent to the dining room. It was connected by a dumb-waiter to the first floor rear hall. A brick paved service area is provided under the entire rear porch.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

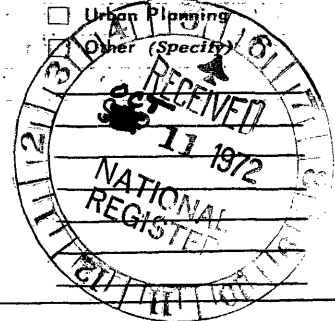
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1810

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE
 Farmington was built in 1810 by John Speed on a tract of land then near Louisville, Kentucky. The original property was a land grant to Captain James Speed, the father of John Speed, based on a Treasury Warrant issued in 1780. The deed to the property was signed by Patrick Henry, Governor of Virginia in 1785.

Farmington is a Federal house of 14 rooms. It is thought to be a pioneer adaptation of a Jeffersonian plan now in the Coolidge Collection in the Massachusetts Historical Society. Fiske Kimball says of this adaptation: "Obviously Jefferson's recommended plan (for Liberty Hall in Frankfort, Kentucky) was on the one story scheme and an example of which he later drew for John Speed of Louisville."

John Speed's second wife, and for whom he built Farmington, was Lucy Gilmer Fry, the granddaughter of Dr. Thomas Walker; Dr. Walker was the guardian of Thomas Jefferson. Lucy Fry spent most of her childhood at Farmington near Charlottesville, Virginia.

Farmington in Virginia was enlarged after its purchase by George Divers, an intimate friend of Thomas Jefferson and the uncle of Lucy Fry. It was Thomas Jefferson who agreed to oversee the building of the new addition, while its owner was in Europe, and it was he who added the octagonal room (or rooms) which is the outstanding architectural feature of the Virginia Farmington.

In Kentucky's Farmington, the two octagonal rooms are placed back to back in the center of the building, flanked on either side by large square rooms. As in other houses designed by Jefferson, the stairways are hidden. The entire main floor was devoted to living quarters with the bedrooms for the children and service rooms on the lower floor.

In addition to having been built from plans drawn from Thomas Jefferson, Farmington's historical significance lies in its association with Lincoln. Joshua Speed, the son of John and Lucy Speed, was a life long friend of Abraham Lincoln. As young men they lived together in Springfield, Illinois. During Lincoln's courtship with Mary Todd, Lincoln spent three weeks at Farmington resting and recovering from both mental and physical exhaustion. James Speed, another son of John and Lucy Speed, served as

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Fiske Kimball: "Jefferson's Designs For Two Kentucky Houses:"
 Journal, Society of Architectural Historians, Vol.9, no.3
 Act 1950, pages 14-16.
 Rexford Newcomb: "Architecture in Old Kentucky."
 Rexford Newcomb: "In The Lincoln Country."
 Historic American Building Survey: Library Of Congress, Ky.-14; 13 photos
 Antiques Magazine: February 1968, pages 224-229.
 Massachusetts Historical Society, Coolidge Collection

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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NE	38° 12' 58"	85° 40' 05"		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	38° 12' 51"	85° 39' 58"		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	38° 12' 42"	85° 40' 10"		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 13 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Mrs. Peter Spalding, Jr, President

ORGANIZATION: Historic Homes Foundation, Inc. DATE: 10/13/72

STREET AND NUMBER:
3033 Bardstown Road

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12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 [Signature]

Title State Liaison Officer

Date May 1, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

[Signature]
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 10/18/72

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 10-16-72

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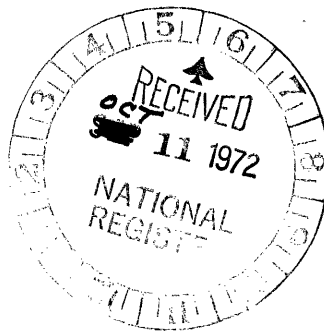
6. Representation in Existing Surveys: (cont'd)

Preliminary Evaluation of Jefferson County Historic Sites For the Metropolitan Council of the Falls Of The Ohio; by Dr. Robert Doherty of the University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky.

The above volume is in the process of being published.

Depository: Jefferson County Courthouse
531 West Jefferson Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

Survey Of Historic Sites In Kentucky
Kentucky Heritage Commission
401 Wapping Street
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601



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8 Statement of Significance (cont'd)

Attorney-General during Lincoln's second administration. Farmington's historical significance also lies in its educational value to the school children of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the nation. At Farmington, young people are taught by visual means the pioneer history of Kentucky.

A log cabin on the grounds, built before 1810 and moved to the original site of the cabin in which Lucy and John Speed lived, illustrates the rugged life the pioneer settlers endured while building the mansion which became their home. A blacksmith shop has a farrier and a horse to be shod, a rare treat for the children from the inner city of Louisville.

The Speed family have continued to contribute to the cultural growth of Louisville - The Speed Museum, The Speed School of Engineering of the University of Louisville and the Louisville Collegiate School for Girls are all examples of the impact the Speed family has had on Louisville. Farmington stands today as a memorial to the sturdy pioneer stock who contributed so greatly to Louisville.

