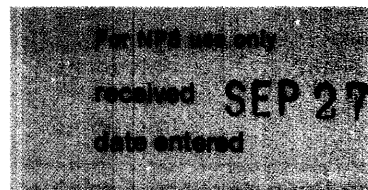


United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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 The Archibald Woods House

and/or common "Woodsland"

2. Location

street & number 129 North East Street  not for publication

city, town Harrodsburg  vicinity of ~~Congressional District~~

state Kentucky code  county Mercer code

3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A 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 Mrs. Lewis C. Woods, Sr.

street & number 129 North East Street

city, town Harrodsburg  vicinity of  state Kentucky 40330

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Mercer County Courthouse

street & number Main Street

city, town Harrodsburg  vicinity of  state Kentucky 40330

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1969  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Kentucky Heritage Council

city, town Frankfort  vicinity of  state Kentucky

## 7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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

The Archibald Woods House, "Woodsland," is situated in a residential setting in the Mercer County community of Harrodsburg. Originally part of a four acre tract, the one and one-half story brick house is now associated with smaller scale residential buildings built during the early 1950s.

The front elevation of the Woods House is five bays wide with a center entrance surmounted by a simple four pane transom window. Flemish bond masonry distinguishes the front and south elevations, while the remaining facades exhibit common bond walls. The windows on the front facade are fitted with fluted surrounds while those on the side and rear facades are more restrained, showing their distinctive pegged construction. All of the window bays on the front elevation are double hung 9/6, and with the exception of the dormer, exhibit jack arch lintels and wooden lugsills. The remaining elevations have 6/6 windows with both soldiercourse and jack arch lintels.

At either gable end is an end chimney flanked by garret windows. The front block has an asbestos shingle roof while the rear ell features a standing seam metal roof. Both gabled dormers have diagonal beaded board construction and appear to be contemporary to the house. The house has no cellar but rests on a rubble limestone foundation. Interestingly, the brick walls were laid considerably below the first floor joists, thus enabling vents to be built into the crawl space for circulation.

The interior features a center hall with two flanking parlors; the parlor on the south side measuring 18' square. Most of the woodwork, which includes a beaded chairrail, carved mantels, balustrade, and paneled doors, appears to be intact. Attached to the rear of the north parlor is a one-story brick ell consisting of the dining room and kitchen.

A variety of alterations, most of them minor, have been made to the house. The three chimneys were rebuilt in 1973 and the original six panel front doors were replaced with the existing three panel type. What appears to have been a porch on the south side of the ell has been enclosed. A fireplace and serving window in the kitchen were closed while portions of the chairrailing and baseboards have been removed or replaced. The linen press in the north parlor is of the period but was removed from an outbuilding that is no longer standing.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1820s **Builder/Architect** Archibald Woods

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Archibald Woods House, "Woodsland," is a significant example of early nineteenth century Federal vernacular architecture in Harrodsburg, Kentucky. Built c. 1819, the 1½ story brick center hall passage residence is distinguished by its somewhat unusual massing and distinctive Federal design. Although the Bluegrass community of Harrodsburg (pop. 1980: 7,265) is widely known for its diverse collection of nineteenth century architecture, there are few houses built in the manner of Woodsland.<sup>1</sup> The integrity of design and materials is largely intact, particularly through the retention of the nine-over-six windows, fluted Federal woodwork, and jack arch lintels. The front elevation does not appear to have been painted and exhibits Flemish bond masonry. Collectively these features make Woodsland a locally important and distinguishable embodiment of Federal architecture.

Archibald Woods moved to Harrods Fort from Botetourt County, Virginia, c. 1775. Until he built Woodsland, Woods and his family lived in two log houses. On December 18, 1819, Woods purchased four acres from Richard Fairman and subsequently built the 1½ story brick dwelling nominated herein. All the materials used in building the house came from the Woods' property. The current owner's son, Lewis C. Woods, Jr., suggests that Archibald Woods was the architect for the house and that his two eldest sons built it.<sup>2</sup> While Archibald Woods is also known to have operated a cording mill in Harrodsburg, its precise location has not been verified.

<sup>1</sup>A recent historic resource survey of Harrodsburg and Mercer County indicates only a few examples of this house type still exist.

<sup>2</sup>Louisville Courier-Journal, 7 July 1974.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Woods, Lewis C., Sr. Memo of Woodsland. Unpublished, in the possession of Mrs. Lewis C. Woods, Sr.  
 Interview with Mrs. Lewis C. Woods, Sr. 15 July 1982.  
 Tax Assessor's Office, Mercer County Courthouse

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Approx. 1/5 acre

Quadrangle name Harrodsburg

Quadrangle scale 1: 24 000

### UMT References

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**Verbal boundary description and justification** Beginning at a point on the south side of Woodsland Avenue 109' east of East Street, proceed south 87' along the rear property line. Thence west 109' until reaching East Street, thence proceed north 87' along the west property line until reaching the intersection of Woodsland Avenue and East Street, then proceed east 109'

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

(Continued)

state	code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Clay Lancaster & Frances Keightley -- Steve Gordon  
Harrodsburg Historical Society  
 organization Kentucky Heritage Council date July 1982  
220 Chiles Street 606/734-7186  
 street & number 9th Fl., Capital Plaza Tower telephone 502/564-7005  
Harrodsburg  
 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 Mary O'Connell

title State Historic Preservation Officer date Sept 21, 1982

For NPS use only

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

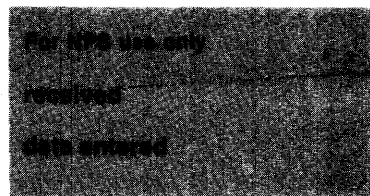
[Signature] Entered in the National Register 10/20/82

Attest: [Signature] date

Chief of Registration

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Boundary based upon the fact that all adjoining properties contain buildings of  
recent construction.