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**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

Alcorn, James W., House

AND/OR COMMON

The Hickories at St. Asaph's

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

409 Danville Avenue

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Stanford

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

5

STATE

Kentucky

VICINITY OF

CODE

021

COUNTY

Lincoln

CODE

137

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

PUBLIC

PRIVATE

BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

**PRESENT USE**

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Nancy M. Hill

STREET & NUMBER

409 Danville Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Stanford

VICINITY OF

STATE

Kentucky 40484

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Lincoln County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Stanford

STATE

Kentucky 40484

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky

DATE

1978

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located at 409 Danville Avenue, the James W. Alcorn House is situated northwest of the downtown business section of Stanford, Kentucky. With a population of approximately 2,500, Stanford is the seat of government for Lincoln County which lies on the southeast fringe of the Bluegrass region of central Kentucky.

Facing eastward, the Alcorn House is a two-story, brick T-plan constructed in 1885. Stone sills and lintels adorn the straight-headed windows on the main facade and a small round window pierces the gable. A one-story porch with a dentilled cornice resembling the main cornice extends across the front elevation. A side porch and second-story bathroom were added to the rear of the house during the 1920s. The interior contains the original woodwork consisting of carefully grained trim in the hall and library, hardwood floors, marbelized and stencilled iron mantles, and wooden shutters in the library and dining room.

Five frame outbuildings contemporary with the house are located to the west and are included in the nomination which comprises approximately two acres.

The boundaries are designed to incorporate the approach to the house from Danville Avenue and the outbuildings to the rear.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1885

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Situated on the outskirts of downtown Stanford, Kentucky, the James W. Alcorn House represents one of the town's more substantial late nineteenth century residences. The two-story, brick structure is one of the best examples of the popular T-plan house form in the Stanford area. In addition, the interior retains the original wood graining in the library and hall as well as ornate iron mantles in the first floor rooms. Several frame outbuildings add to the physical setting. Furthermore, the house is associated with one of Lincoln County's most eminent lawyers. James W. Alcorn gained regional recognition as a successful attorney during the latter half of the 1800s.

James W. Alcorn was born in 1838 in Lincoln County, Kentucky. Upon graduation from Centre College in Danville, Alcorn began the study of law and was admitted to the bar in 1858. He opened his practice in Stanford in association with Thomas P. Hill, a prominent local attorney.

In 1862 Alcorn enlisted in the Confederate Army, where he was to serve as adjutant of the Sixth Kentucky Cavalry (which formed a part of the noted cavalry command under the renowned General John Hunt Morgan), as well as acting assistant adjutant general for a period of time. He returned to Stanford at the close of the war and resumed the practice of law in partnership with Mr. Hill, establishing one of the most successful legal firms in that region of the state.

Alcorn formed his own firm in 1887 and initiated what was to be a very successful and extensive practice primarily in civil litigation. He served as attorney for the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company and as local attorney for the Cincinnati Southern Railroad Company.

In 1865, Alcorn married Sophie F. Kendrick. It was in 1884 that he purchased land on Danville Street where he built his house the following year. It remained in the family until 1975.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Levin, H. (ed.), The Lawyers and Lawmakers of Kentucky. Chicago: The Lewis Publishing Company, 1897.

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approximately 2 acres.

**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

QUADRANGLE NAME Stanford

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 16 705960 4156330  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B           
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

A rectangular area, approximately 200' x 300', bounded on the east by Danville Avenue, on the south by the drive, on the west by a fence, and on the north by an imaginary line paralleling the drive & extending to Danville Avenue.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Calvin P. Jones, Historian; Charlotte Schneider, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Kentucky Heritage Commission

DATE

December 1979

STREET & NUMBER

104 Bridge Street

TELEPHONE

502/564-3741

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

*Edward W. Muller*

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 2-25-80

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*L. W. Ray Luce*  
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER  
 ATTEST: *Justin O'Connell*  
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 4/22/80

DATE 4/2/80