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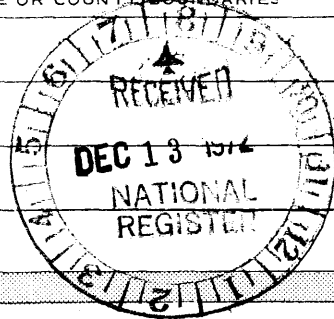
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: three

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, Representative of Scott County
 ORGANIZATION Scott County Historical Society DATE 10-23-72
Kentucky Heritage Commission
 STREET AND NUMBER:
Route # 4 - Lexington Pike
 CITY OR TOWN: Georgetown STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21

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 X Mrs. Simeon Willis

Title State Liaison Officer

Date December 7, 1972

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

Robert H. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/2/73

ATTEST:
W. M. [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 3-26-73

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1817, 1841-1851**

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 |
| <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 | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Recognized by architectural authorities Clay Lancaster, Rexford Newcomb and others as being outstanding as an example of the Greek Revival temple style house, Showalter House was built between 1841 and 1851 by James A. McHatton. McHatton was the owner of eight plantations along the Mississippi River, a U.S. mail contractor and a "highly successful dealer in horses and mules in the Mississippi Valley." The Greek Revival house he erected for himself was a summer home, as he, like many other residents of Georgetown, lived on their Deep South property during the fall and winter and coming north for the summer.

McHatton was a son of Robert Lytle McHatton, who in 1814 was elected to the United States House of Representatives and who was a close friend of Richard M. Johnson, later vice-president of the United States. He was a grandson of Captain John McHatton, an early pioneer of this county. His home plantation four miles south of Baton Rouge was called Arlington. McHatton, controversial in the Deep South, as late as 1860 when the Democrats were meeting in Charleston, S.C., refused to align himself with the secessionists. While he was away from Arlington, someone managed to raise the Confederate flag but on his return it was "promptly lowered." During the war, he became very close to the South. After the fall of the Confederacy, he bought a sugar plantation at Desegana, Cuba, where he lived for ten years and entertained other refugees such as John C. Breckinridge and General Robert Toombs.

He sold this house in 1851 to Thomas S. Theobald. His addition had increased the value of the property from \$3,000 to \$8,000. The father of the present owner, Watterson Showalter, bought the house in 1902.

Newcomb lists the house as being in the same spirit and of the same period as Scotland near Frankfort. He noted as significant the Ionic portico and the iron railed balcony over the Greek door. Clay Lancaster groups the building with Helm Place on the Bowman's Mill Road in Fayette and says it is "one of several fine brick houses of similar facade throughout Central Kentucky."

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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

This large ell shaped Greek Revival house with one room and side entrance remaining from an 1815 original block, faces North Hamilton Street looking west. The one room deep Greek Revival block has pilastered facades, an Ionic tetrastyle portico with fluted columns supporting a pedimented entablature. Five bays wide, the windows are shuttered. The pediment and cornice are denticulated.

The fanlight door, approached from Bourbon Street, and the room to its west, remain from a Georgian house referred to in Rexford Newcomb's Architecture In Old Kentucky. That house was built about 1815 by John Moore. In 1838, D.S. Burnet, who came to Georgetown from Ohio to serve as president of historic Bacon College, occupied that as his home. A classical mantel, chair railing, ash floors are characteristic of the early Kentucky room.

A winding staircase, a Greek door with deep tones of stained glass, ornamental ceiling centerpieces and typical heavy Greek woodwork are characteristic of the front part of the house.

Part of the Georgian ell was torn away and enlarged during the 1930s by the present owners. The house is painted white.



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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Kentucky	
COUNTY: Scott	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	APR 2 1975

1. NAME

COMMON: **Showalter House**

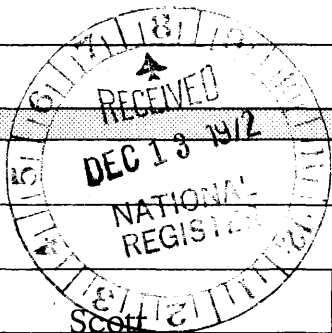
AND/OR HISTORIC: **McHatton House**

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **316 North Hamilton Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Georgetown**

STATE: **Kentucky** CODE: **21** COUNTY: **Scott** CODE: **209**



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"/> Pork <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: **Dr. & Mrs. H. G. Wells**

STREET AND NUMBER: **316 North Hamilton Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Georgetown** STATE: **Kentucky** CODE: **21**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER: **East Main & Broadway**

CITY OR TOWN: **Georgetown** STATE: **Kentucky** CODE: **21**

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: **21**

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STATE: _____
COUNTY: _____
ENTRY NUMBER: **APR 2**
DATE: _____

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