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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 Williamson Price House
AND/OR COMMON Hartfield

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 2497 Liberty Road
CITY, TOWN Lexington VICINITY OF 6
STATE Kentucky CODE 021 COUNTY Fayette CODE 067

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" 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 Mr. Hart Hagin
STREET & NUMBER 2497 Liberty Road
CITY, TOWN Lexington VICINITY OF STATE Kentucky

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Fayette County Court House
STREET & NUMBER West Main Street
CITY, TOWN Lexington STATE Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Survey of Historic Places in Kentucky
DATE March 1979 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Kentucky Heritage Commission
CITY, TOWN Frankfort STATE Kentucky

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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 Williamson Price House is a five-bay, one-and-one-half story brick structure, two rooms deep on either side of a central hall (photo 1). A four bay section off the right rear room was once a separate kitchen, later connected to the main house (photo 2). There are four end wall and one interior chimneys in the residence, constructed on a stone foundation. The facade of the main section is in the Flemish bond brick pattern while sides, rear and the one-story section are in common bond. On the main section, the first and fifth bay are slightly recessed (5 inches) from the central bays. A one-and-one-half story added gable, in common bond, forms the central bay with a four-over-four window over a one-story pedimented portico which is supported by four square wooden columns and two pilasters (photo 3).

The front door is an unusual seven panel one (three and three vertical over one horizontal) with four lights on each side, reeded pilasters and an elliptical fanlight over the door with eleven radiating sections which contain original glass (photo 4). The rear entrance has the same seven-panel door as the front, original glass in a transom of four lights and sidelights with five lights each (photo 5).

Windows are six over six in both front rooms and in the right rear room of the main section, while the left rear room has nine over nine and the kitchen section windows are six over six, though smaller than in the main section. Three dormers have been added to the half story in the rear of the house.

Interior door with panels in the Cross and Bible motif, familiar in Fayette County, are six and one half feet high opening into thirteen foot ceiling heights in the rooms and the hall. There are reeded door jambs from all rooms to the hall and between rooms where walls are one and one half feet thick. Window jambs in the front rooms are reeded. A simple, narrow quarter turn staircase with high risers, rectangular spindles, round handrails and square newels, is located to the left and rear of the central hall(photo 6).

A breakfront shelf tops the mantel in the front right room where end tablets are adorned with a vertical diamond and the central tablet contains a horizontal diamond in low relief. The mantel in the right rear room has a breakfront shelf, a paneled central tablet with an oval in low relief and ovals on the end tablets. Six-panel double presses with beaded fanlights above are on either side of the mantel in the left front room. The mantel has a half sunburst in the central tablet and small full sunbursts on the end tablets (photo 7). There are chairrails in all rooms except the left rear room.

The boundaries of the nomination were created to include the front yard down to Liberty Road and a small portion on the sides and rear of the building, including the curving drive which encircles the house. It is this portion of land which is important to the visual integrity of the early Kentucky residence.

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 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 checked="" 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 ca. 1810

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Elegantly situated on a lovely knoll surrounded by splendid, stately trees, the Price home is an excellent example of early Fayette County architecture. Functional and simple in design with unusually fine interior woodwork, the home was a marvelous setting for the Price and Christian families who occupied it in the nineteenth century. It provides for viewers today a fine key for understanding and appreciating the pioneering spirit of these families who helped build the wilderness into a cultural and economic mecca and establish the finest traditions of the Blue Grass.

The house was probably built by Williamson Price ca. 1810 on the site of an earlier pioneer cabin called "Buckeye Cabin." The land on which the cabin stood was part of a 1784 Virginia land grant to Cobel Wallace. Price lived there with his wife, the former Ann Starks, who was the daughter of a well-known Lexingtonian, Captain John Starks. Captain Starks was a Revolutionary War veteran whose Federal townhouse still stands on the southeast corner of Market and Mechanic Streets in Lexington in the Gratz Park Historic District.

In 1840, a prominent local merchant, Thomas Christian, purchased the property which included this house and another Price house on several hundred acres of land. A member of an early pioneer family, he was the son of William Christian and Anna Henry Christian, the sister of Patrick Henry. Thomas was married to Harriet Washington Berryman whose mother was the grandniece of George Washington. Thomas became an extremely successful Fayette County businessman and a large land owner. He was a merchant in Lexington and in Athens, Kentucky and at one time owned 1200 acres between Winchester and Todds Roads besides land in the two cities.

The Christian family lived in this house for a short time and then moved to the other Price house, a bit closer to Lexington, which is now in the hands of his descendant, Edward Everett Elsey. Thomas deeded this house to his son Harry and his daughter Sarah Ann (Mrs. John Gess) who eventually sold it to William Jacob. Later it was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitchell and later still, to its present owners.

The exterior of the house exhibits representative Federal features-1½ stories with fanlighted central entrance. The interior features reeded door jambs, Federal mantels and presses with beaded fanlights.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .84 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	16	725	080	421	1000	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING				ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C						D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Located on a finger-shaped knoll, the house faces west overlooking Liberty Road with a gently rolling stream 600 feet to the south and east of the residence. It is approximately 2 miles from the center of Lexington (County Court House.)

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Melanie Prejean Sullivan

ORGANIZATION Lexington-Fayette County Historic Commission DATE April 24, 1979

STREET & NUMBER 253 Market Street TELEPHONE (606) 255-8312

CITY OR TOWN Lexington 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. Hutto*

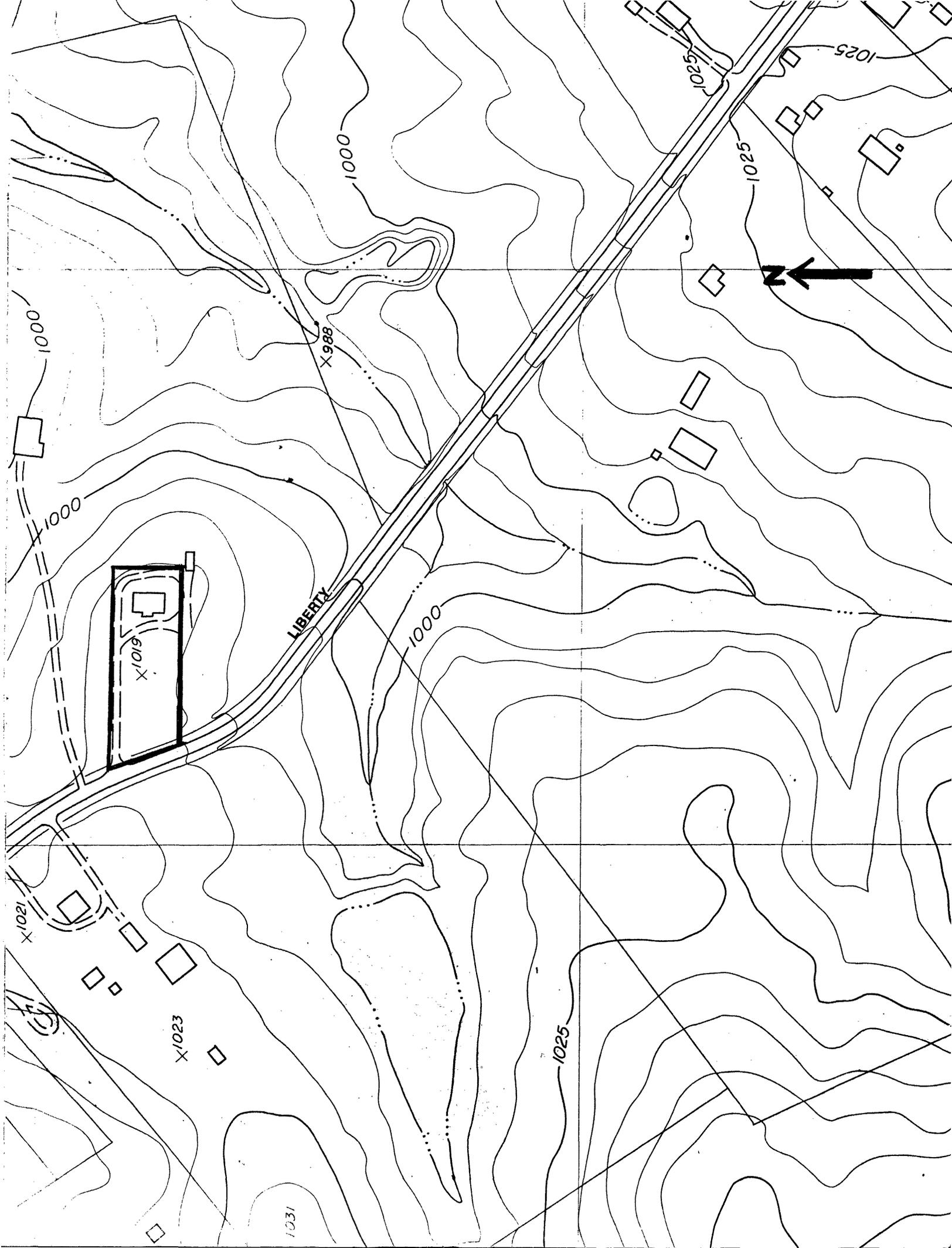
TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer DATE July 9, 1979

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

William H. Brothman DATE 9.25.79
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *Bob Broward* DATE 9/24/79
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



1. Williamson Price House
Hartfield

SEP 25 1979

2. Lexington
2497 Liberty Road
Fayette
Kentucky

JUL 16 1979

3. Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
Topographic

Scale 1:200

Map, 2

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Hartfield

SEP 25 1979

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3. Smith Gallup and Company
New York

Date 1861, reprinted 1968

Map.3