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

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STATE: Kentucky
COUNTY: Fayette
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Scott and Wilson Houses District

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
324, 328, 330, 336 South Mill Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Lexington

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
06

STATE: **Kentucky** CODE: **021** COUNTY: **Fayette** CODE: **067**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input 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"/> Park <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:
See Continuation Sheet

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Fayette County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Main at Cheapside

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE
Lexington Kentucky 021

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historical Survey & Plan for Lexington & Fayette County

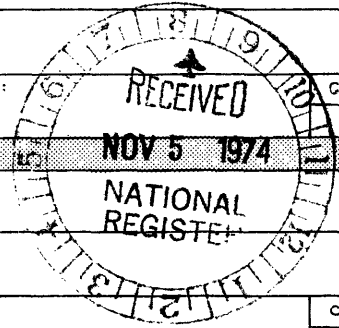
DATE OF SURVEY: **1970** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
City-County Planning Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
227 North Upper Street

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE
Lexington Kentucky 021

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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The Scott and Wilson Houses District comprises a group of four brick townhouses built between 1878 and 1890. They are Victorian in style, of quite similar size and scale, and are very much alike except for subtle variations in trim. Wide plain square hoodmolds accent upper-story windows, for example, and are segmented on the lower, with the exception of the house at 336 where the lower story has flat arches with curved raised centers. Other interesting details include original spindle-turned porches on the houses at 328 and 330 South Mill.

They are landscaped as a unit, have basket-weave brick walks, and are enclosed by the original wrought-iron fence and gates.

The house at 324 South Mill Street originally had a recessed door like the other houses in the complex. Around the turn of the century the present porch with Corinthian columns was added. It has an overhanging roof with rising sun motif in the tympanum, brackets in the eaves, and hoodmolds over the windows.

The house at 328 South Mill Street has had little alteration since originally built. It has a recessed doorway, an overhanging roof with rising sun motif in the tympanum, brackets in the eaves, carved wooden trim and hoodmolds above the windows. The design of the window and door trim is subtly different from its neighbors in the complex. The attractiveness of the structure is enhanced by the presence of trees on the lot.

The house at 330 South Mill Street has a recessed door and overhanging roof with wooden brackets in the eaves. The gable is treated as a pediment through the application of a deep cornice. There is a rising sun motif applied to the tympanum. The windows have brick voussoirs with monolithic hoodmolds. There is a landscaped parking lot to the rear of the property.

The house at 336 South Mill Street (Thomas J. Wilson House) seems slightly earlier in style: the sunbursts on the other houses give a Queen Anne flavor in contrast to the residual Italianate brackets; vertical incised lines within the hoodmolds are also characteristic of the 1880s. Other features include a recessed doorway and overhanging standing seam tin roof with bracketed eaves. It utilizes the same gable space less fully than the other houses in the complex, there being only ventilating louvers surmounted by a hoodmold in this space. The floor plan is typical of a three-bay townhouse. Though the house is Victorian, interior woodwork, all of which is original, relates more closely to the Greek Revival period. There is a spiral stair. The recessed door, which is arched, opens into the stair-hall. The front parlor has an iron mantel related in style to the late Greek Revival ones of marble. Behind this room is the dining room with a matching mantel. The ell has been converted into a kitchen. Woodwork in the ell matches that of the rest of the house. There is a pleasant porch attached to the ell overlooking the garden. The exterior north wall of the house has slits two courses tall for ventilation of the crawl space under the house. The curving stair climbs to the upstairs hall,

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1878; 1886-90**

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Scott and Wilson Houses District is significant because it represents a group of Victorian townhouses built in the period 1886-1890 that are still standing today relatively unchanged since they were built. They have been used continuously for the past eighty and more years for residential purposes. Important to note too is the fact that the Wilson House was originally owned by a black laborer, making South Mill Street an early example of a post-Civil War integrated neighborhood. The block of 300 South Mill Street in which the houses are located is, in addition, an important residential area of old Lexington.

The Scott and Wilson Houses occupies land that once surrounded Rokeby Hall, a large mansion built around 1817-20 that faced High Street to the north. Rokeby Hall was first occupied by Samuel Trotter, son of Colonel James Trotter of the French and Indian Wars and a very early resident of Lexington. Samuel Trotter was a successful merchant and manufacturer. In 1835 Rokeby Hall was acquired by Chief Justice George Robertson (1790-1874) of the Kentucky Court of Appeals. Justice Robertson's career also included serving in the House of Representatives from 1817-1821, the Kentucky House of Representatives from Garrard County (1822-26), and from Fayette County (1848, 1851-53), Secretary of State for a short period under Governor Thomas Metcalfe, and professor of law at Transylvania University. Following Robertson's death Rokeby Hall property was sold to John W. Scott in 1874. In the period 1886-1890 the mansion was divided and surrounding property divided into lots. The property passed to Dr. John W. Scott and Elizabeth S. Scott, his heirs, who built the houses at 324, 328, and 330 South Mill Street and sold them shortly thereafter. A study of Sanborn Insurance Company maps of the period reveals that these houses were built in the period 1878-1890.

The property at 336 South Mill Street was sold to Thomas J. Wilson, a Negro laborer, in September 1878 and he built his house there some time before 1886. Intensive research into journals and histories relating to this period has been unsuccessful in providing additional information related to Mr. Wilson. Nevertheless, this seems to be an interesting case of racial residential integration in the late 19th-century Lexington.

A list of occupants of these houses according to City Directories of the period follows:

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Malone, Dumas, ed. "George Robertson." Dictionary of American Biography.
 Vol. VIII. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1935, pp. 22-23.
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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **0.6 acres**

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mrs. George L. Foster G. M.

ORGANIZATION: Blue Grass Trust for Historic Preservation DATE: July, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER: 1635 Ashwood Road

CITY OR TOWN: Lexington STATE: Kentucky CODE: 021

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Eldred W. Meier</u></p> <p>Title <u>State Liaison Officer</u></p> <p>Date <u>10-29-74</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>[Signature]</u> Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>12/31/74</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>[Signature]</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>12/31/74</u></p>
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which has two doors opening into it. There are two bedrooms upstairs in the main portion of the house with an additional bedroom added above the kitchen ell.



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8. Significance (continued)

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324 South Mill Street - 1888 R. T. Merrill
 1893 W. T. Smith
 1895 J. H. Batterton (watchman)
 1902 C. J. Regan (Deputy County Clerk)

328 South Mill Street - 1888 Mrs. A. W. Ashford (Boarding House)
 1890 J. H. Good (horse dealer)
 1893 Mr. M. J. Pulliam
 1895 Mrs. S. E. Hanna (widow)

330 South Mill Street - 1888 T. E. Blair
 1890 Mrs. M. Patterson (widow)
 1893 Mrs. M. Patterson (widow)
 1895 W. P. Kimball (City Attorney)
 1902 William Hukill (Tailor)

336 South Mill Street - 1887 T. J. Wilson
 1888 T. J. Wilson (Laborer)
 1890 T. J. Wilson
 1893 T. J. Wilson & Dr. P. D. Robinson, Negro Physician
 1895 T. J. Wilson & Dr. P. D. Robinson, Negro Physician
 1902 Wilson (Farmer)

These houses have changed ownership many times over the years, being used primarily as rental property. In 1942, 330 South Mill Street was purchased by Dr. & Mrs. Edward Gambill as their personal residence. In 1955 they purchased 336 South Mill Street, restored it and rented it. 328 South Mill Street was recently purchased by Dr. and Mrs. Richard Warren, who are restoring it and using it as their personal residence.



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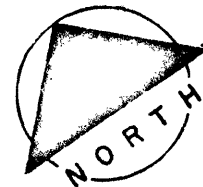
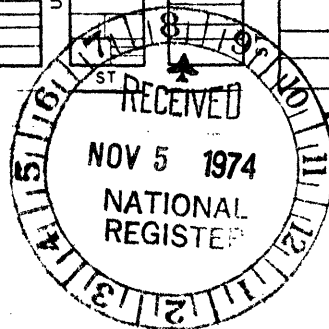
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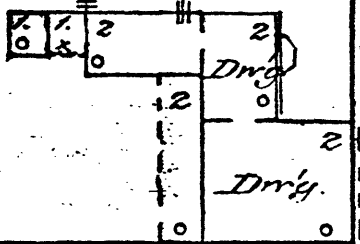
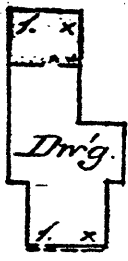
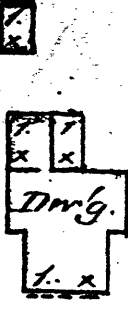
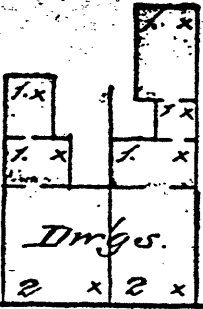
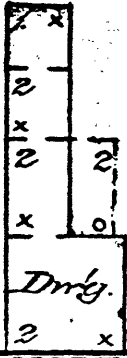
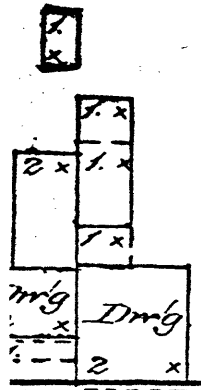
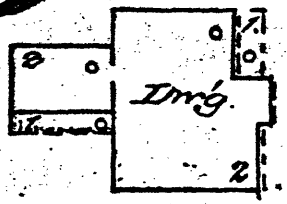
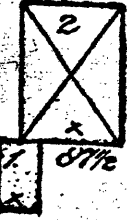
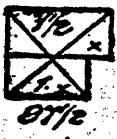


SCOTT HOUSES HISTORIC DISTRICT
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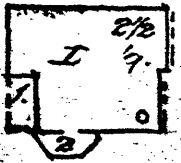
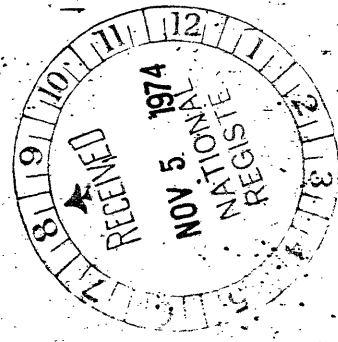
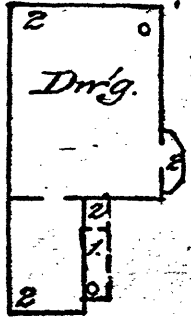
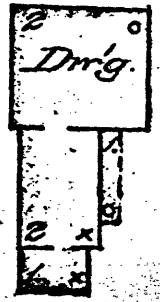
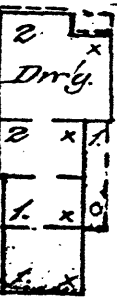
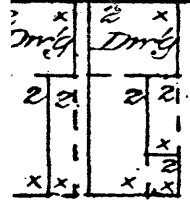
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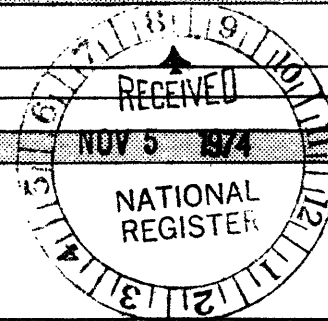
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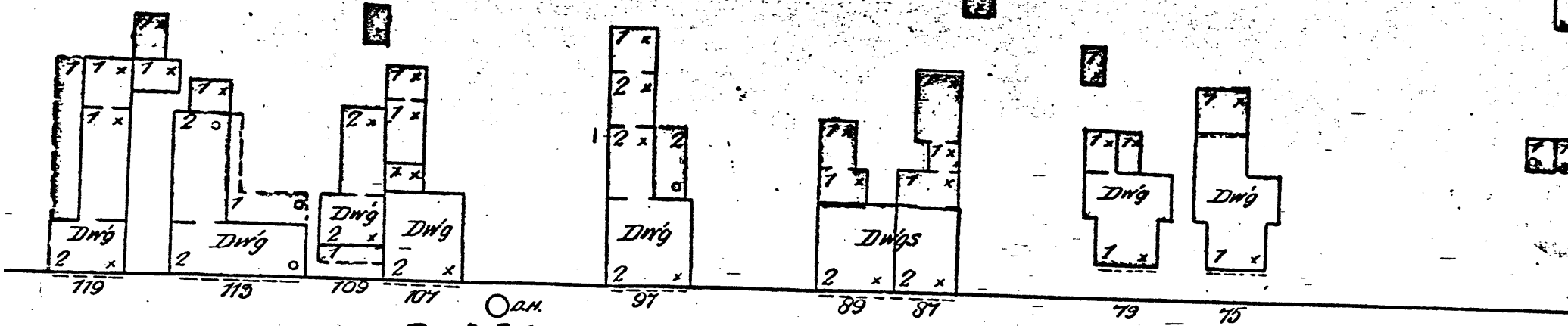
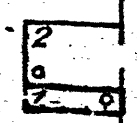
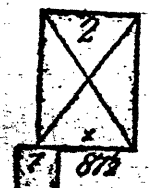
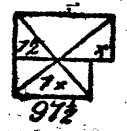
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TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



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Dec, 1890



S. MILL

4" W. PIPE

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