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

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AND/OR HISTORIC: First Methodist Episcopal Church, South

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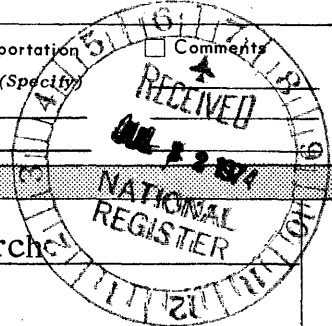
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CITY OR TOWN: Catlettsburg CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 07

STATE: Kentucky CODE: 021 COUNTY: Boyd CODE: 019

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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

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TITLE OF SURVEY: Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky (Supplement)

DATE OF SURVEY: 1974 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Kentucky Heritage Commission

STREET AND NUMBER: 401 Wapping Street

CITY OR TOWN: Frankfort STATE: Kentucky CODE: 021

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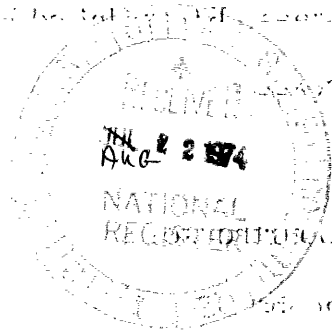
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1867

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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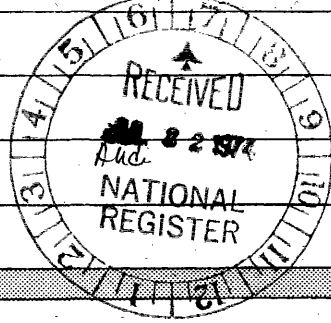
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **James L. Armstrong, Vice-President**

ORGANIZATION: **Boyd County Historical Society** DATE: **30 March 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER: **3166 Louisa Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Catlettsburg** STATE: **Kentucky 41129** CODE: **021**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 Eldred W. Melton

Title State Liaison Officer

Date 7-26-74

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

[Signature]
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 11/19/74

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date 11/18/74

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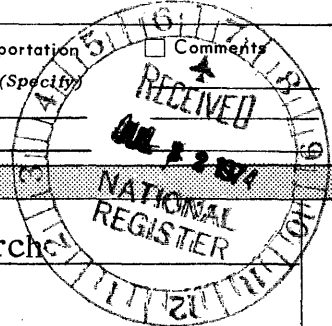
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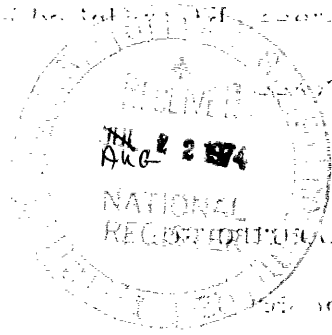
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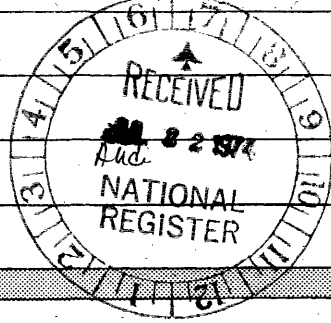
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