

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Kentucky	
COUNTY: McCracken	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
MAP 7	1973

1. NAME

COMMON: (Alben W. Barkley Museum)

AND/OR HISTORIC: Mayor David A. Yeiser House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 533 Madison Street

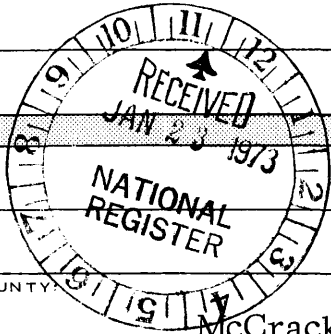
CITY OR TOWN: Paducah

STATE: Kentucky

CODE: 21

COUNTY: McCracken

CODE: 145



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both non-profit corp.	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	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Young Historians Association, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER: P. O. Box 191

CITY OR TOWN: Paducah

STATE: Kentucky

CODE: 21

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER: Sixth & Washington Streets

CITY OR TOWN: Paducah

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

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7. DESCRIPTION

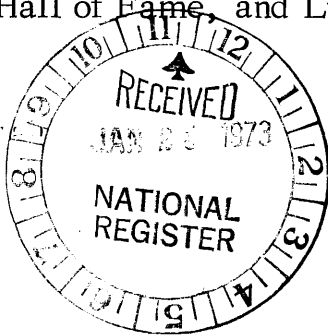
CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The physical appearance of the Alben W. Barkley Museum has remained almost unchanged, since it was built in 1852. Built in the Greek Revival style of architecture, which according to a prominent local architect, is rare in the Paducah Area. The one-story brick structure has walls twelve inches thick. At the front of the house, four square brick columns support the roof which is edged by an elegant bracketed cornice. The glass sidelights and transom of the front door are framed by two applied plasters which support denticulated ornamentation. A generous porch fifty feet long by nine feet wide, extends the length of the front of the building.

The original use of this structure was a residence, and its present physical appearance is undoubtedly quite similar to its original appearance. However, some changes were made in the 1940's. The original long side porch extending from the front hall to the dining room (now the River Lore Room) was enclosed. The chimney and two fireplaces between the dining room and kitchen were removed and the bathroom was modernized. The house was refurbished with period furniture and recently the garden area was landscaped.

Although greater emphases is placed on the Alben Barkely collection, the museum also contains other interesting exhibits. Their diversity is reflected in the names of the rooms: Years Of Destiny Room (Civil War), West Kentucky Room, Irvin S. Cobb Room, Children's Room, River Lore Room, Hall of Fame, and Linn Boyd Historical Research Center.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

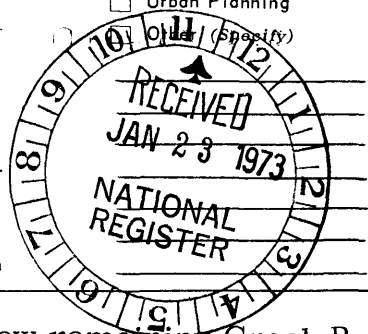
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1852**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> (Specify)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Alben W. Barkley Museum is one of the few remaining Greek Revival homes in the Paducah area. Captain William Smedley, a boatstore and wharfboat owner, and the great grandfather of Linn Boyd, built this house in 1852. It has been restored and is presently being maintained by the local Young Historians Association. The interior conveys the quality of workmanship and a style of life prevalent in mid-nineteenth century.

The Museum is dedicated to the memory of Alben W. Barkley, affectionately known as "The Veep," a native of Paducah. Barkley, author of That Reminds Me, was a very colorful political personality. Active in both State and National politics, he served five terms in the State Legislature before he was elected to the United States Senate where he became the minority leader. In 1948, he was elected Vice-President under President Harry S. Truman and served one term. In 1953, he was again elected to the United States Senate, but he died in 1956 after serving two years.

The Museum displays various personal effects of the former Vice-President, including his hat, walking cane, and the desk, chair and flag that he used while serving in that office. A photographic exhibit traces his career from his early home to meeting with world dignitaries, including the Pope. Another interesting artifact is a saddle used by General Douglas MacArthur in World War II, a personal gift to Barkley.

Exhibits at the Museum also include personal possessions, including souvenirs, of the Washington tenure of Linn Boyd, a native of the area, who was Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives from 1851-1855. In 1860, Boyd County was named in his honor. The building itself was formerly the home of David A. Yeiser, an early Mayor of Paducah, and a well-remembered regional politician.

(See continuation Sheet)

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- 1) Alben W. Barkley Museum pamphlet by Young Historian Association, Inc.
- 2) City of Paducah Order Books, City Hall.
- 3) "Here & There: A Search For The Past," by Jeannie Hinchey, The News, Paducah, Kentucky, January 21, 1971, Pg. 6
- 4) McCracken County Courthouse Records
- 5) VanHook, Joseph O., The Kentucky Story, Harlow Publishing Corp., 1964.

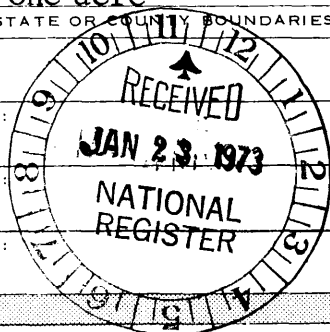
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one acre

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: Robert C. Cherry, President

ORGANIZATION: Young Historians Association, Inc. DATE: 12-27-72

STREET AND NUMBER: P. O. Box 587

CITY OR TOWN: Paducah 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 Mrs. Simeon Dille

Title State Liaison Officer

Date January 17, 1973

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

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

Date 3/7/73

ATTEST: [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date 3.1.73

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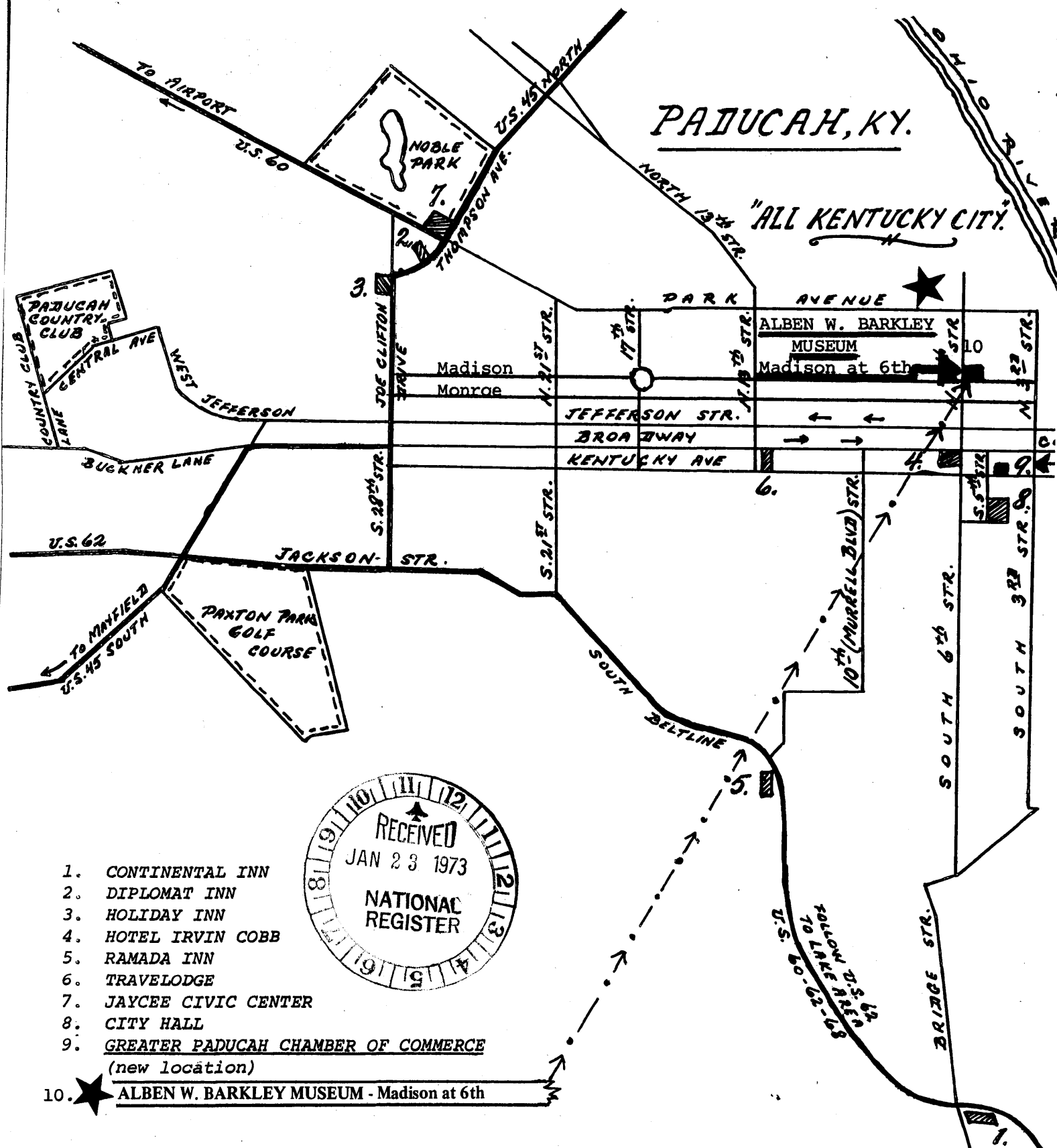
8 Statement of Significance

The political aspects of this landmark are studied and promoted by the Young Historians Association which owns the building. The Association, a non-profit organization, is a group of high school and junior high school students. With the assistance of their adult supervisors, they research the history of the items in the Museum, arrange exhibits, guide visitors through the Museum, and promote interest in the history of the local region and its relationship to the broader features of American heritage.



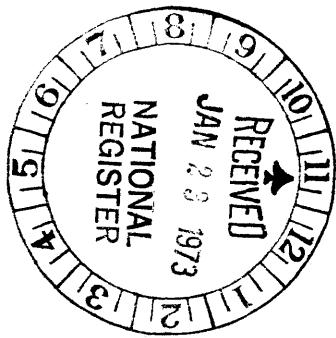
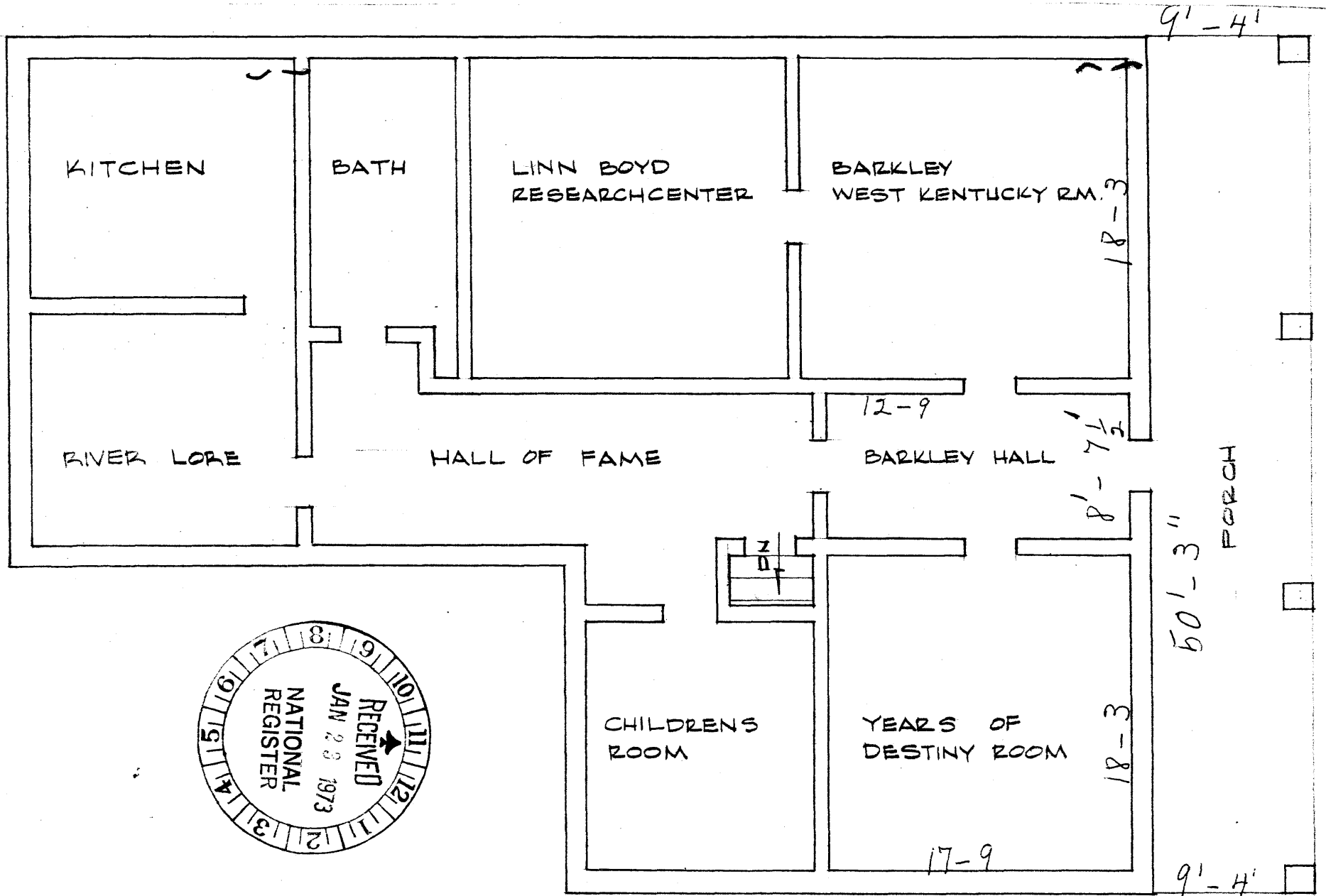
PADUCAH, KY.

"ALL KENTUCKY CITY"



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2. DIPLOMAT INN
3. HOLIDAY INN
4. HOTEL IRVIN COBB
5. RAMADA INN
6. TRAVELODGE
7. JAYCEE CIVIC CENTER
8. CITY HALL
9. GREATER PADUCAH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
(new location)
10. ★ ALBEN W. BARKLEY MUSEUM - Madison at 6th

GREATER PADUCAH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P. O. Box 810 Paducah, Ky. 42001



YOUNG HISTORIANS ALBEN W. BARKLEY MUSEUM