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# DATA SHEET

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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 *nr*

HISTORIC *nr* James Gaines House  
**\*\***  
AND/OR COMMON  
Antebellum

### 2 LOCATION *S of Georgetown on*

STREET & NUMBER Yarnallton Pike, 3/4 mile southwest of Ironworks Pike on Scott-Fayette county line

CITY, TOWN	— NOT FOR PUBLICATION		
Georgetown <i>nr</i>	CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT		
	— VICINITY OF	6	
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Kentucky	021	Scott	209

### 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input 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. and Mrs. Richard Martin

STREET & NUMBER Route 6, Yarnallton Pike

CITY, TOWN	— VICINITY OF	STATE
Lexington		Kentucky

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Scott County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER East Main Street

CITY, TOWN	STATE
Georgetown	Kentucky

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky

DATE 1971  
— FEDERAL  STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN	STATE
Frankfort	Kentucky

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Judging by the ornate woodwork carving, this very neat one and one-half story house is a product of the early 1800s. It looks much as it did when erected with the exception of the front porch and enclosed back porch. The large window panes were also a later alteration, obviously made during the Victorian period (see photos 1 and 2).

The five-bay structure with roof of medium pitch has flush chimneys, a gable entrance to the basement which is constructed of stone, pegged windows, garrett lookouts and a cooking ell built at the same time as the house.

Floors are ash. The interior contains a stairway with a large landing. Mantels feature reeded colonnettes and other detail of the 1810-1820 era. The exceptionally fine left parlor mantel, for instance, has paired attenuated engaged colonnettes flanking a wide opening (see photo 3). The mantel face displays unusually three-dimensional raised sunburst motifs and subtle use of delicately scaled moldings to define an essentially simple geometric layout. An unusual feature is the shallower reeded colonnettes connecting rosettes at the level of the chair-rail with the baseboard on either side of the mantel. As can be seen, exquisiteness is more a characteristic of the interior than the exterior.

Intact back of the house is a smokehouse. A family graveyard stands north and to the rear of the house.

# 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 checked="" 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 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

c. 1815

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Gaines House with its exquisitely detailed Federal interior is located on Yarnallton Pike, three-quarters of a mile southwest of the Ironworks Pike. It was the home of a prominent Scott County family responsible for outstanding achievement in Kentucky in the area of animal husbandry. Their interest in cattle, mules, and thoroughbred horses was that upon which the economy and culture of the Bluegrass once depended and still to a large extent depends.

The Gaines family history in Scott County began with the emigration of Richard Gaines from Virginia in 1801. It was apparently his son James (1790-1874) who built "Antebellum" on property inherited from his father and a twenty-one acre portion purchased from the adjacent Jonathan Robinson estate.

James Gaines was among many settlers in Kentucky who found the Bluegrass pastures excellent for the raising of cattle and horses. Gaines' interest in developing good stock led him to the new breeds being bred in England, particularly the Shorthorn Durham, which by 1820 was fast becoming accepted as the most suitable cattle for the Kentucky grazers. Gaines is credited as being the first to bring the Shorthorn to Scott County. Such experimentation was looked upon by the community not merely as financially rewarding to the owner, but also served a patriotic function by improving the breeding stock of the West.

James Gaines is also said to have been the first man in the State "to own and feed" a herd of mules. It was commented in B.O. Gaines' history of Scott County that although "no animal on his place ever drew a hungry breath, and that grades and Shorthorns were all superior animals," he still "thought more of his mules than he did of his Shorthorns" (Gaines, p. 96).

James' son E.P. Gaines continued in the business of cattle and mule breeding. Mules were a specialty with him, however, and in time he became one of the biggest dealers in mules in the Commonwealth. On spring nights, writes B.O. Gaines, the baying of hundreds of young mule weanlings could be heard throughout the neighborhood as they were separated from the mares.

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 5

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,6	7	1,3	2,7,10	4,2	2,5	5,2,10	B			
	ZONE		EASTING		NORTHING				ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C								D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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 / TITLE Ann Bolton Bevins, Scott County Representative

GM;WEL

ORGANIZATION Kentucky Heritage Commission

DATE October 26, 1973

STREET & NUMBER Route 4, Lexington Pike

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN Georgetown

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 *Eldred W. Yester*

TITLE

DATE 3/16/76

FOR NPS USE ONLY  
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Attest: *Ann Bolton Bevins*  
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 11/8/86

ATTEST: *W. H. ...*  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 4/1/76

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E. P. Gaines was perhaps most noted for his breeding of saddlehorses. In former days, saddlehorses were in much greater demand than were trotters and thoroughbreds because most traveling was done by horseback. "Many fairs were held in early times," Gaines reveals, "and were attended by thousands of people, and most of the interest was then centered in the saddle horse, with both lady and gentlemen riders" (Gaines, Vol. I, p. 88).

"One of the most noted saddle stallions in early times was Gaines' Denmark, owned by Edward P. Gaines... He was a great saddle horse and was never beaten in a fair ring." Foaled in Bardstown, "Denmark" was to become a founding sire of the American Saddle-bred horse" (Smith, p. 98). So perfect was the conformation of this stallion that for many years the line that sprang from him was called "The Denmark Horse."

Kentucky, a state unique in the part it has played in the development of fine thoroughbred horses and the importation of English cattle, owes much of its renown to people such as the Gaines family. Their contribution to animal husbandry in Scott County and to the State of Kentucky is significant. Antebellum is noteworthy for its association with such a family as well as representing the style of gracious living typical of their time and place in Kentucky history.

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