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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

Dr. Thomas Montgomery House (The Cedars)

AND/OR COMMON

Shadowlawn

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 2, Somerset Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Stanford

VICINITY OF

5

STATE

CODE
021

COUNTY
Lincoln

CODE
137

Kentucky

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER: VACANT

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. William Teater

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 43

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Stanford

VICINITY OF

Kentucky

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Lincoln County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Stanford

Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky

DATE

1970

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Frankfort

Kentucky

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Dr. Thomas Montgomery House faces east towards Somerset Street in Stanford, Kentucky. This L-shaped, two-story Greek Revival residence is of brick construction with a foundation of local stone, and it was completed in 1853. The front is approached from the street by a circular drive (see photo 1), and surrounding the house are three acres of sweeping lawns with ancient cherry, maple, and poplar trees. This setting plays an important role in the visual setting of the Montgomery House, and the entire three acres are included in the nomination.

The central bay of the main facade is sheltered by a tetrastyle portico. The shafts are of plastered brick, and the capitals appear to have been adapted from plate 18, "Plan for a Roman Ionic capital," of Asher Benjamin's 1827 The American Builder's Companion. Windows throughout are coupled, though some have been boarded with wooden paneling. A frontispiece with a dentiled entablature, fluted columns, and 3-pane sidelights frames the main entrance (see photo 2), and directly above the entrance is a small balcony that has a "star-and-lyre" wrought-iron railing--the balcony being approached by double French doors.

Three of the four chimneys are set flush with the walls, and spanning the entire rear (see photo 3) is an L-shaped double gallery. The gallery's square columns had deteriorated beyond repair several years ago. They were duplicated in concrete, and these facsimiles repeat the narrow recessed panels with lamb's tongue bevelling of the originals.

The lateral section of the Montgomery House consists of a spacious 18'x20' stairhall that is flanked by 20'x20' rooms. The staircase (see photo 3) has thin balusters and a delicately treated stringer. Much of the Greek Revival woodwork is intact, and these include high baseboards, doors with double vertical panels, shouldered architraves around doors and windows, built-in presses, and broad mantels composed of flat, wide pilasters, unadorned friezes, and high shelves. Two plaster centerpieces of sharply contrasting styles (see photos 4 and 5) have been retained in the parlor and sitting room

The kitchen was originally entered only from the gallery, but ca. 1900 a door was installed to connect the kitchen and dining room. There are four chambers on the second level where woodwork is more chaste. Directly over the kitchen is what was used as a "traveller's room," and this, too, was originally entered from the gallery. The Montgomery House was the second residence in Lincoln County to have a bathroom installed. This lavatory is on the second floor and has retained an lead tub and a marble wash basin. Another interesting feature is an early downstairs doorbell system.

This building has been vacant for many years, but restoration work is in progress. The owners plan to use it as a residence, and their intention is to make as few changes as possible.

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 type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1853

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Dr. Thomas Montgomery House, located in one of the earliest settled regions of the state, is a fine representation of the late Greek Revival as employed in rural central Kentucky. The house was built for Dr. Thomas B. Montgomery (1817-1883), a member of one of the most distinguished families in Lincoln County's history. Dr. Montgomery was himself a well-known physician and successful farmer in Stanford, the county seat. The farm was later owned by the Baughmans, another prominent pioneer family of Lincoln County, who, in the late 19th century were the owners and operators of Baughman's Mill in Stanford (listed on the National Register March 29, 1978).

The first Montgomery came to Lincoln County in 1779 with the arrival of William Montgomery from Virginia (Collins, p. 469). He proceeded to establish a station on the Green River about 12 miles southwest of Logans Fort, founded by Benjamin Logan, Montgomery's son-in-law, in 1775. William Montgomery Jr., Dr. Montgomery's grandfather, was active in city-county political affairs, serving in the state House of Representatives in 1792--the year of Kentucky's admission to the Union (*Ibid.*, p. 776). Dr. Montgomery's father James Thomas (1779-1828), a practicing attorney in Stanford, was a judge of the circuit court; member of the state House of Representatives (1811) and was elected as a Democrat to the U.S. Congress (1813-15; 1820-23) (*Biographical Directory of the American Congress*, p. 1346).

Dr. Thomas Montgomery was politically active as well, serving in the state Legislature for one term in 1873-75. Montgomery was married to the former Evaline Whitley,¹ granddaughter of William Whitley, well-known in having built the first brick house in Kentucky (William Whitley House, Lincoln County, listed on the National Register April 11, 1973).

Montgomery began construction on his Greek Revival House on Somerset Road while his wife was recuperating from an illness in Nashville. In one of his letters to her dated December 4, 1853, he tells of the progress he is making: "We have 4 floors laid in the house, two doors hung, one stairway run and will move up in some ten or twelve days" (Montgomery, letter). He called the farm "The Cedars," (renamed "Shadowlawn" around 1930 by the then owner, Mrs. Kelley Francis).

¹ Evaline Whitley was Montgomery's first wife. Upon her death, he married her sister Ann. When he was again left a widower, he married Lavinia Chenault.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Approx. 3 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A

1	6
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7	0	6	6	3	5
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4	1	5	5	1	3	0
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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C

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4	1	5	5	0	4	0
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B

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7	0	6	6	4	0
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4	1	5	5	0	6	0
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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D

1	6
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7	0	6	5	2	0
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4	1	5	5	1	0	0
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property is a rectangular lot of 3 acres bounded on the east by Somerset Street (Ky. 1247), on the north and south by wooden fences, and on the west--aligned with the rear foundation of the brick slave house.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Gloria Mills, Historian/Dan Kidd, Architectural Historian/ Mrs. M. H. Dunn

ORGANIZATION

Kentucky Heritage Commission/Lincoln County Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

104 Bridge Street

TELEPHONE

(502) 564-3741

CITY OR TOWN

Frankfort/Stanford

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

E. W. Miller

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

6/2/78

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

Charles H. ...

DATE

11-17-78

DIRECTOR OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Jann H. ...

11/10/78

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Montgomery House

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Approximately 200 feet behind the house is a one-story brick dwelling that originally served as slave quarters (see photo 6). Although it has been recently remodeled, the original construction remains evident and few changes were made to the exterior. This building is four bays wide and one room deep, and a single interior chimney straddles the roof-ridge at its center.

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Montgomery practiced medicine in his home town for many years, but in later life concentrated on farming. After the death of Montgomery in 1884, the farm was sold the following year to Samuel Baughman who lived there until 1907. It was then bought by his son James Harris Baughman. James, along with his brother John, were the operators of Baughman's Mill in Stanford, purchased in 1892 by their father. In 1910 the house was acquired by Harry C. Baughman and remained in the Baughman family until its purchase in 1966 by the present owners.

Few alterations have occurred to the exterior of the house, and the interior reveals well-proportioned, commodious rooms that contain appropriate fittings which are typical of the late Greek Revival also. A small, one-story slave house to the rear of the property has been extensively remodeled, but its original fabric remains evident. The surrounding three acres contain sweeping lawns and numerous mature trees of several species that play an important role in the visual aspects of the Montgomery House.

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SHADOWLAWN, 1858
LINCOLN COUNTY, KENTUCKY

FIRST FLOOR
NO SCALE

- A PARLOR
- B SITTING ROOM
- C DINING ROOM
- D KITCHEN

