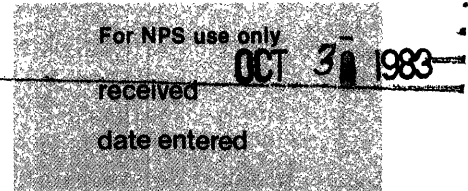


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service



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

and/or common North Limestone Commercial District

2. Location

street & number *N. Limestone St. between Church and 3rd sts.*
~~See Number 7.~~ not for publication

city, town Lexington n/a vicinity of ~~Congressional District~~

state Kentucky code 021 county Fayette code

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> NA being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name See attached list of property owners.

street & number

city, town _____ vicinity of _____ state _____

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Fayette County Courthouse

street & number 215 West Main Street

city, town Lexington state Kentucky

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Kentucky Historic Resources Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date June 1979 federal state county local

depository for survey records Kentucky Heritage Council

city, town Frankfort state 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	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance The North Limestone Commercial District is made up of those buildings on the west side of North Limestone Street between Church and Third Street. There are eighteen buildings and six intrusions within the District and although it interlocks with the rest of downtown, it has somewhat of a different character of its own (Photo 1, 2 and 3). It has been primarily commercial well before the turn-of-the-century.

This district faces principally residences and institutions on the opposite side of the street. On this east side of North Limestone is the 1920 United States Post Office, the Sayre School Campus, with its 1846 Greek Revival residence enlarged in 1855 (listed on the National Register) and still used as the core of one of Kentucky's most historic institutions of learning. Next to the Sayre School campus is the imposing Matthew Kennedy House one of a group in the Bluegrass of fine transitional Federal-Greek Revival houses. Further on are two altered antebellum residences, a fairly recent Georgian Revival Greyhound bus station and a gas station connected to a liquor store. These are all included in the Constitution National Register District.

The buildings within the North Limestone Commercial District are:

161 North Limestone (Photo 4) This three story brick building was constructed in the Arts and Crafts style circa 1916. Isolated by a parking lot to the north and Church Street to the south, it anchors the boundary of the district.

165 North Limestone (Parking Lot) Intrusion.

169-71 North Limestone (Photo 5) Constructed circa 1821 in the Federal style by early prominent citizen James Haggin. The building is much altered over the years with the brick front being relayed in the 1920's.

173 North Limestone (Photo 6) This Federal style house was built circa 1800 and is called the Isabelle Lake House. This house and the ones on either side are known as "Battle Row" and are a good indication of the scale of an early nineteenth century street. The name "Battle Row" came as a result of several street fights that took place in close proximity to these buildings.

177 North Limestone (Photo 7) This 1807 Federal style house was built by two early prominent craftsmen. As the area became more commercial, the house had several major changes made to it. It was last renovated in the 1960's.

179-81 North Limestone (Parking Lot) Intrusion.

183-85 North Limestone (Photo 8) This building is the centerpiece of the block. Built in 1892, it was modified around 1920 but it still exhibits its provincial interpretation of several late Victorian styles.

187-91 North Limestone (Photo 9) This two story brick building with its three units was built around 1880. It was originally used as offices and warehouses but a 1917 remodeling converted it to lower level shops with apartments above. Presently vacant, it has not changed structurally since it was rehabilitated seventy-six years ago.

193-99 North Limestone (Photo 10) This 1911 three story building has a Georgian Revival pediment, rusticated piers, Arts and Crafts influenced prismatic transoms and vertical lattice forming pointed arches in the second floor upper sash. This building is a stately anchor for the southwest corner of North Limestone and Second streets.

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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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1806-1930 **Builder/Architect** _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) The North Limestone Commercial District includes the west side of North Limestone between Church and Third streets. Important as the principal north-south thoroughfare since the earliest days of Lexington, most of the dwellings were converted to stores and others replaced with new commercial buildings during the second half of the nineteenth century. Called Mulberry Street until circa 1870, North Limestone, although very narrow, was the main road to Limestone (now Maysville, Kentucky) and points north. The west side of these three blocks was a market center with many groceries and meat markets. The variety of buildings still standing reflects the continuing mixed-use nature of the street. Six antebellum structures remain in blocks of three, the earliest dating from before 1806. These short blocks also have a series of commercial fronts reflecting most of the late nineteenth century variants of the Italianate, with the narrow pilastered facade of number 215; the sturdy functionalism of the Louis des Cognets coal and feed yard complex at number 183; the New Grecian or late Italianate fronts of the Skain Building at 233; the simple but elegantly detailed number 193 on the southwest corner of Second Street and the corbelled brick at 265 on the southwest corner of Third and Limestone. The most conspicuous building in this district is the Emery Hotel at 183 North Limestone. It was built circa 1890 to house Simon Weil's Third Ward Meat Market. It was designed by well-known local architectural firm of Smith Brothers with characteristic tall narrow mullioned windows having curved upper corners, linked by rough stone rectangular lintels. Others in the district show the contemporary late Victorian taste, with significant details in pressed tin and rusticated stone.

Not only does an abundance of original material remain but the mid-nineteenth century scale is intact. The upper floors of most all the buildings in this district, even the few built in the early twentieth century, are, or were intended to be residential, many of them originally occupied by the owners of the stores below. Although there is presently a good deal of this space vacant, several of the upper stories have recently been rehabilitated into useful living quarters. The important location of this district, just north of the Central Business District of Lexington and bordered on all four sides by National Register Districts, makes it a prime area for preservation and upgrading, thus retaining an important part of the early fabric of the city.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 2.82 acres

Quadrangle name Lexington East

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A	<u>16</u>	<u>719845</u>	<u>4213915</u>
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B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

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G			
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H			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	<u>n/a</u>	code	<u>n/a</u>	county	<u>n/a</u>	code	<u>n/a</u>
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Walter E. Langsam, Architectural Historian
Richard S. DeCamp, Executive Director

organization Lexington-Fayette County Historic Commission date August 1983

street & number 253 Market Street telephone 606/255-8312

city or town Lexington state Kentucky 40508

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 Mary Curran Appel

title State Historic Preservation Officer date September 23, 1983

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

Melora Bryan Keoper of the National Register
 Entered in the National Register date 11/3/83

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

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201-203 North Limestone (Photo 11) Typical post-Civil War example of a combination commercial-residential building. Built circa 1870, the building has been somewhat altered with the first floor window changed and permastone applied to the lower floor.

205 North Limestone (circa 1950) Intrusion.

207 North Limestone (circa 1950) Intrusion.

209-211 North Limestone (Photo 12) This 1909 Georgian Revival structure is very intact and still houses retail on the first floor with residential space above.

213 North Limestone (Photo 13) This circa 1905 two-story building has earlier features such as cast iron columns, rough stone lintels and metal cornice. The building is virtually intact from its date of construction.

215-219 North Limestone (Photo 14) One of the earliest of the earliest of the commercial-residential buildings on this block, the north unit was constructed circa 1887 and the south portion circa 1894. This Italianate style building is architecturally very intact.

221 North Limestone (Photo 15) This stripped Richardsonian structure is very much as it was when built circa 1895. Distinguishing features include its second story arched windows and its elaborate heavy cornice.

225-27 North Limestone (Built 1982-83) Intrusion.

229-31 North Limestone (Photo 16) The Arts and Crafts style influenced this rather plain structure constructed circa 1919.

233 North Limestone (Photo 17) The building has an elaborate "New Grecian" cornice and despite the first floor being covered with a circa 1919 brick facade, it still contributes to the architectural importance of the street.

235-253 North Limestone (Parking Lot) Intrusion.

257 North Limestone (Photo 18) This Greek Revival style building was constructed circa 1840. Originally a residence, it was converted to a first floor commercial, second floor residential building.

259-61 North Limestone (Photo 19) The earliest building in this district, it was constructed circa 1809. Many Federal style details still exist. It was eventually converted to commercial-residential use and later Greek Revival features added.

263 North Limestone (Photo 20) Built circa 1813, this setback Federal brick house is the only surviving antebellum building not converted into commercial use. Many early features are still intact.

265-67 North Limestone (Photo 21) This late Victorian building, erected circa 1900, has unique brickwork in its cornice. Architectural features survive from period of construction.

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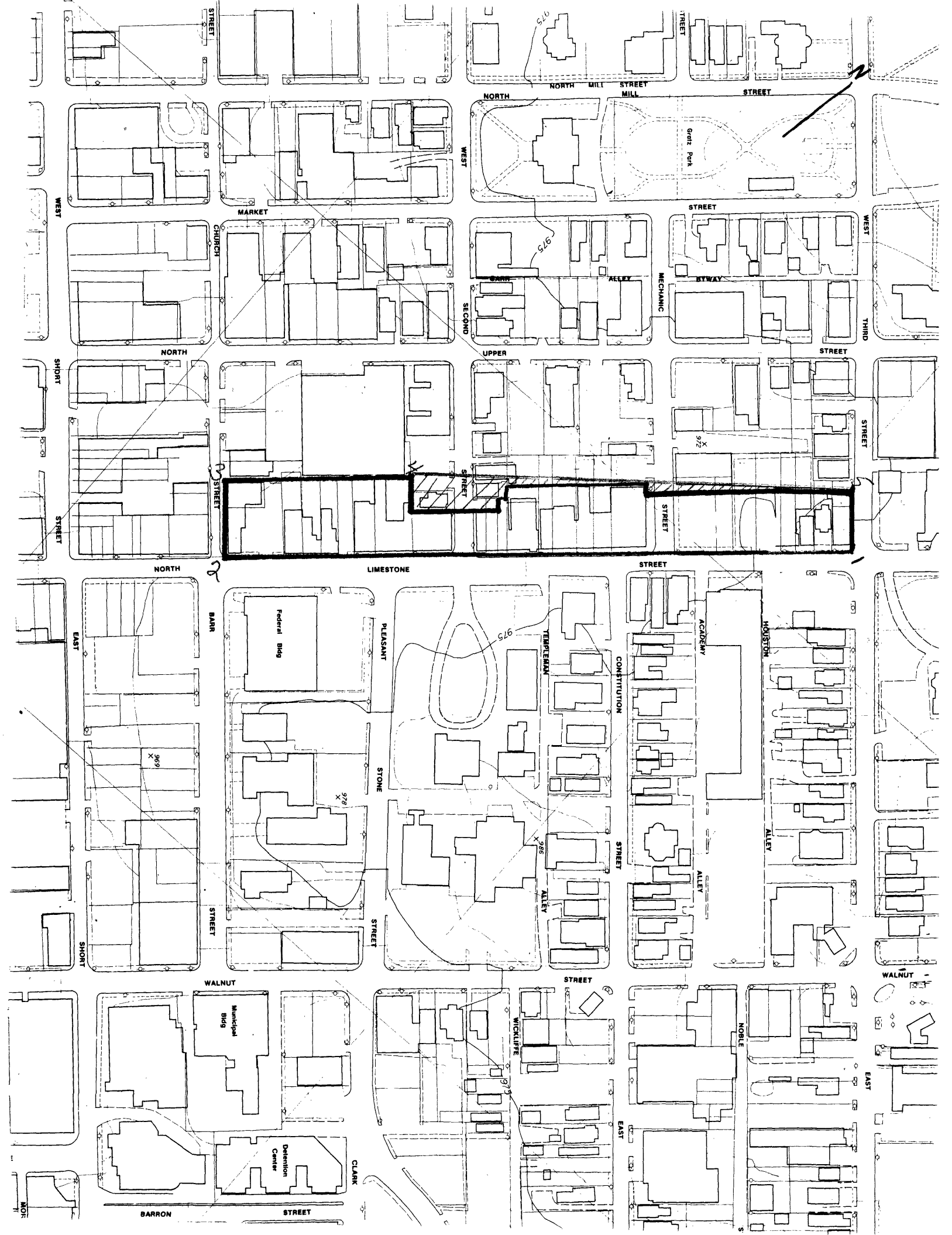
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

The boundary begins at a point (1) at the southwest corner of North Limestone and West Third Street, and proceeds southwest along a line with North Limestone 1120 feet to a point (2) at the northwest corner of North Limestone and Church streets, thence northwest 140 feet along a line with Church Street to a point (3), thence northeast along a line 340 feet to a point (4) thence northeast along a line 790 feet to a point (5) thence southeast along a line with West Third Street 105 feet to the point of origin, thereby incorporating the 18 contributing buildings.



NORTH MILL STREET

NORTH

WEST

Goriz Park

MARKET

WEST

CHURCH

SHIRT

NORTH

SECOND

UPPER

STREET

WEST

THIRD

STREET

MECHANIC

BYWAY

STREET

LIMESTONE

STREET

Federal Bldg

PLEASANT

TEMPLEMAN

CONSTITUTION

ACADEMY

HOUSTON

ALLEY

EAST

969

972

975

976

WALNUT

Municipal Bldg

Dentition Center

CLARK

STREET

WICKLIFFE

NOBLE

WALNUT

EAST

BARRON

STREET

EAST

S

NOR

North Limestone Commercial District
Fayette County, Kentucky
Planning Commission Map
Current
Scale 1" = 200 feet
Map 2 of 3



North Limestone Commercial District
Fayette County, Kentucky
Bird's Eye View of City of Lexington
1871 Scale Unknown
Map 3 of 3

Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky

North Limestone Commercial District

PROPERTY OWNERS

161 N. Limestone Euphrates Inv. Co. Berry, Davis et al P.O. Box 11963 Lexington, KY 40579	221 and 221 $\frac{1}{2}$ N. Limestone Juanita Joyce Lemay RFD 2 Georgetown, KY 40324
169-171 N. Limestone David L. Shade P.O. Box 411 Lexington, KY 40585	229-233 N. Limestone David E. Houge 233 N. Limestone Lexington, KY 40507
173 N. Limestone Wm. C. Jacobs & Frank F. Wilson 173 N. Limestone Lexington, KY 40507	257 N. Limestone Peter Orphanos c/o 1st Security Trust Dept. 1 1st Security Plaza Lexington, KY 40507
177 N. Limestone Peter M. Davenport 177 N. Limestone Lexington, KY 40507	259-61 N. Limestone "
183-185 $\frac{1}{2}$ N. Limestone Connie L.E. Burgin 183 N. Limestone Lexington, KY 40507	263 N. Limestone "
187-189 N. Limestone Cornerstone Properties P.O. Box 22698 Lexington, KY 40522	265-267 N. Limestone M.J. Levas 332 Chinoe Road Lexington, KY 40502
193-199 N. Limestone Maria Dallerba Ricci 102 W. 2nd Street Lexington, KY 40507	209-211 N. Limestone Frank & Jean Rhodus 1813 Joan Drive Lexington, KY 40505
201-205 N. Limestone Frank & Jean Rhodus 1813 Joan Drive Lexington, KY 40505	
213 N. Limestone Everett Jennings 1215 North Limestone Lexington, KY 40505	
215-219 Daniel B. Graviss 143 N. Hanover Ave. Lexington, KY 40502	