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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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 **\*\***  
**Flournoy-Nutter House**  
 AND/OR COMMON  
**Cherry Knoll**

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER *E of Georgetown KY 40322*  
**Lemons Mill Pike just north of Scott-Fayette line**  
 CITY, TOWN **Georgetown** VICINITY OF **6**  
 STATE **Kentucky** CODE **021** COUNTY **Scott** CODE **209**

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" 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 **Mr. and Mrs. John H. Bell, Jr.**  
 STREET & NUMBER **Lemons Mill Pike, Route 1**  
 CITY, TOWN **Georgetown** VICINITY OF **Kentucky**

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. **Scott County Courthouse**  
 STREET & NUMBER **East Main Street**  
 CITY, TOWN **Georgetown** STATE **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 **104 Bridge Street, Frankfort** STATE **Kentucky** CODE **40601**

## 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

Cherry Knoll, a very stately Greek Revival house built about 1855, is located in a rural area five miles southeast of Georgetown, the county seat of Scott County, in the Blue-grass region of the state. The house sits approximately 500 feet from Lemons Mill Road, facing southwest toward North Elkhorn Creek. Nearby, across the North Elkhorn, is Elkwood, also off Lemons Mill Road (Elkwood was passed by the Kentucky Preservation Review Board December 4, 1973 for listing on the National Register).

The five-bay house is constructed of brick laid in Flemish bond with voussoirs over all the windows. Centered over the entrance on the second floor is a door with side-lights and has a cast iron lintel set within the brick above (see photos 1 and 2). The dominant feature of the facade is the finely detailed one-story Greek Revival portico, with modillions under the wide cornice supported by four fluted Ionic columns with beading at the top of the shaft and egg and dart trim on the volutes (see photos 2 and 3). The entranceway has double doors with transom and sidelights and frets above the enframement supported by pilasters and Ionic columns.

The roof is low pitch with half-exposed chimneys on the ends. Very fine detail is exemplified even in the roof brackets, added later, with "tear-drop" ends (see photo 3).

Attached to the rear east end of the main house is an impressive two-story galleried porch, styled with sturdy square brick pillars (see photo 4). Walls are common bond, unlike the Flemish bond front and sides of the main house. The date of construction of the wing is unknown, but the pegged window frames, reeded door and window jambs, early mantels and six and eight-panel doors found in the ell indicate it was built fairly early (see photo 10) (Mastin, p. 46).

On the rear west end of the house is a small modern one-story frame wing that now serves as a family room (see photo 5).

The interior of the main block contains one room on each side of a wide central hall. The spiral staircase on the right side of the hall contains a great sweep of cherry rail sturdily reinforced with three iron rods cleverly disguised and usually detected only to touch (see photo 7). Colder than the wooden spindles they match, the rods are imbedded in the open stringer where they are hidden by the wooden scrollwork that decorates each step end. Similarly reinforced stair rails are found in two houses in Lexington's Gratz Park (Hunt-Morgan House built in 1814 and Bodley House, 1815 ; Gratz Park placed on National Register March 14, 1973) (Mastin, p. 46).

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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    1855-60

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architecturally, Cherry Knoll is one of the most complete and properly proportioned Greek Revival houses with one-story porticos in Scott County. Of special note is the fine brickwork, the classical detail around the front entrance, and the rear Greek Revival gallery.

It is not known who specifically is responsible for the construction of the house. Presumably it was built c. 1855 by an as yet unidentified member of the prominent Flournoy family. The Flournoys, early settlers to Scott County, trace their ancestry to France and John James Flournoy, who emigrated to Virginia in 1720. John Flournoy's son Mathew, an attorney, moved to Woodford County, then part of Scott, some time prior to 1792, "where he seems to have been a person of great prominence and high standing " (Some Genealogical Data Regarding the Flournoy Family, " 1933).

The property was sold sometime after 1861 to John T. Nutter (deed not yet found). Nutter, son of James and Mary Hurst Nutter was a member of a family that owned 1500 to 1900 acres in the area and had grown up on a nearby farm. Born just over the line in Fayette County in 1830, he married in 1859 and shortly after 1861, the year of the birth of his second child, moved to the house now known as Cherry Knoll. It was Nutter who probably had the brackets under the eaves added along with the overhanging cornices on the gable ends.

The house remained the Nutter home for almost half a century. Sold after Mrs. Nutter's death, it was bought in 1907 by Thomas D. Morgan and still sometimes is called "the old Morgan place." Morgan actually kept the farm only a few years and by 1916 was making his home in Lexington (Mastin, p. 46).

During Morgan's ownership, the section of Lemon's Mill Pike on which the house is located was created from what probably had been an unimproved lane. The present owners purchased the farm in 1944, calling it "Cherry Knoll." It is not known if an earlier name was attached to the house; descendants of the Nutters do not recall having heard one (Mastin, p. 46).

The interior of the house, as well as the exterior, contains architectural significance.

Much of the Greek Revival woodwork in the downstairs and upstairs rooms of the main block is original. (see photos 7, 8, and 9). Of interest, too, is the early, plain woodwork in the ell (see photo 10).

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Gaines, B. O. History of Scott County, Volume II. Scott County: By the author, 1905, pages 211-281.

Mastin, Bettye Lee. "Staircase Builder Said To Have Gotten \$25 A Day--Back Then," (Lexington) Herald-Leader, October 31, 1971, page 46.

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY One acre

UTM REFERENCES

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Nominated area includes the main house and smokehouse approximately 20 feet to the rear of the house gallery.

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

Ann B. Bevins, Scott County Representative/Gloria Mills, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Kentucky Heritage Commission

DATE

February 8, 1974

STREET & NUMBER

Route 4, Lexington Pike/104 Bridge Street

TELEPHONE

(502) 564-3741

CITY OR TOWN

Georgetown/Frankfort

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

*Cedric W. Melton*

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

1/14/77

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

*[Signature]*  
*Charles A. [Signature]*

DATE 7/28/77  
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

6-20-77

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Typical Greek Revival wood trim, such as eared door frames characterize the front parlors in the main block (see photo 8). It is not known whether the mantel in the first floor parlor is original. The door frames and mantels in the second floor bedrooms are plain, as was typical of upper floor woodwork (see photo 9). Ash floors are found downstairs, poplar floors upstairs.

A brick smokehouse with hipped roof is within twenty feet to the rear of the ell (see photos 4 and 6). Several barns are to be seen to the right of the house.

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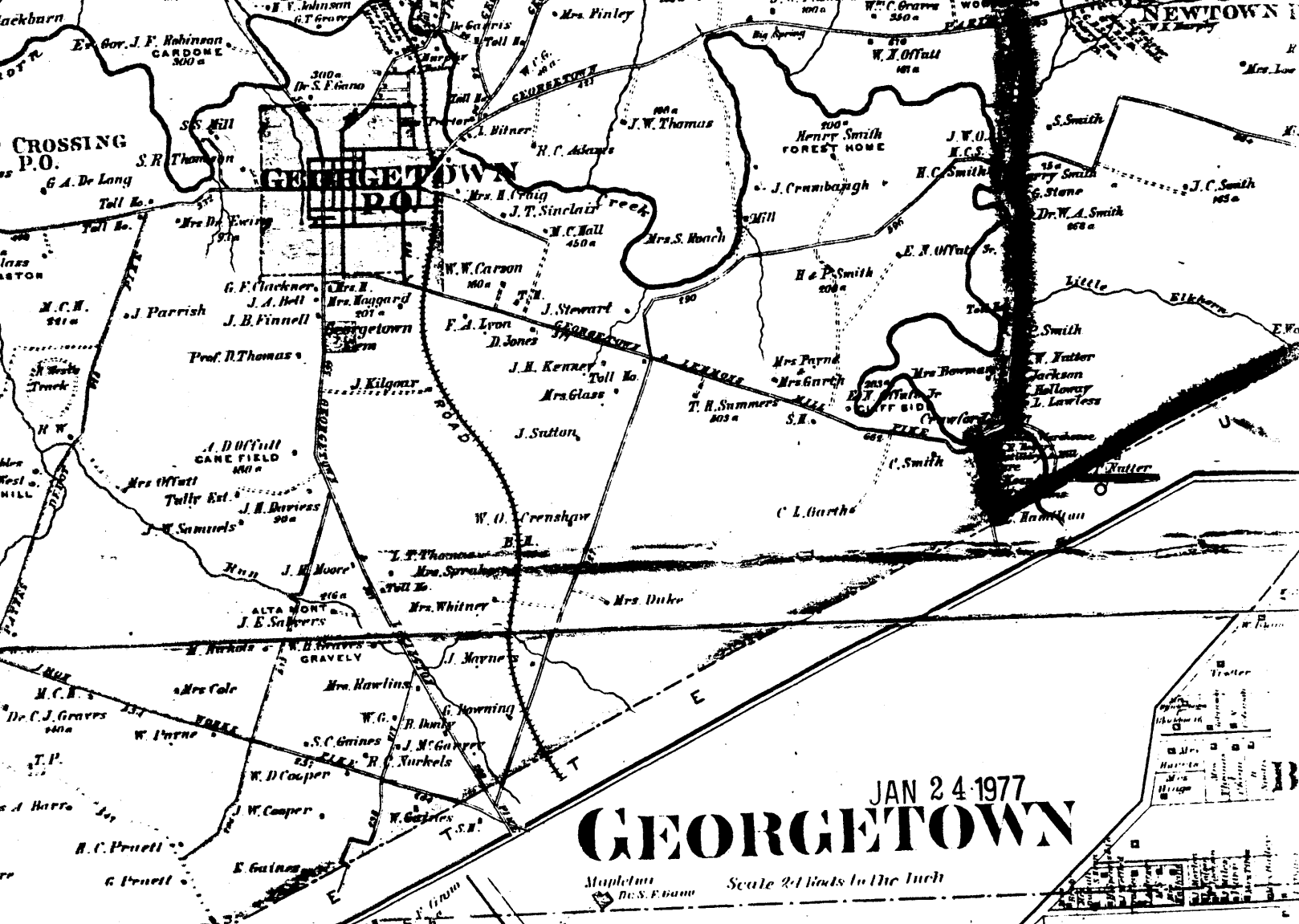
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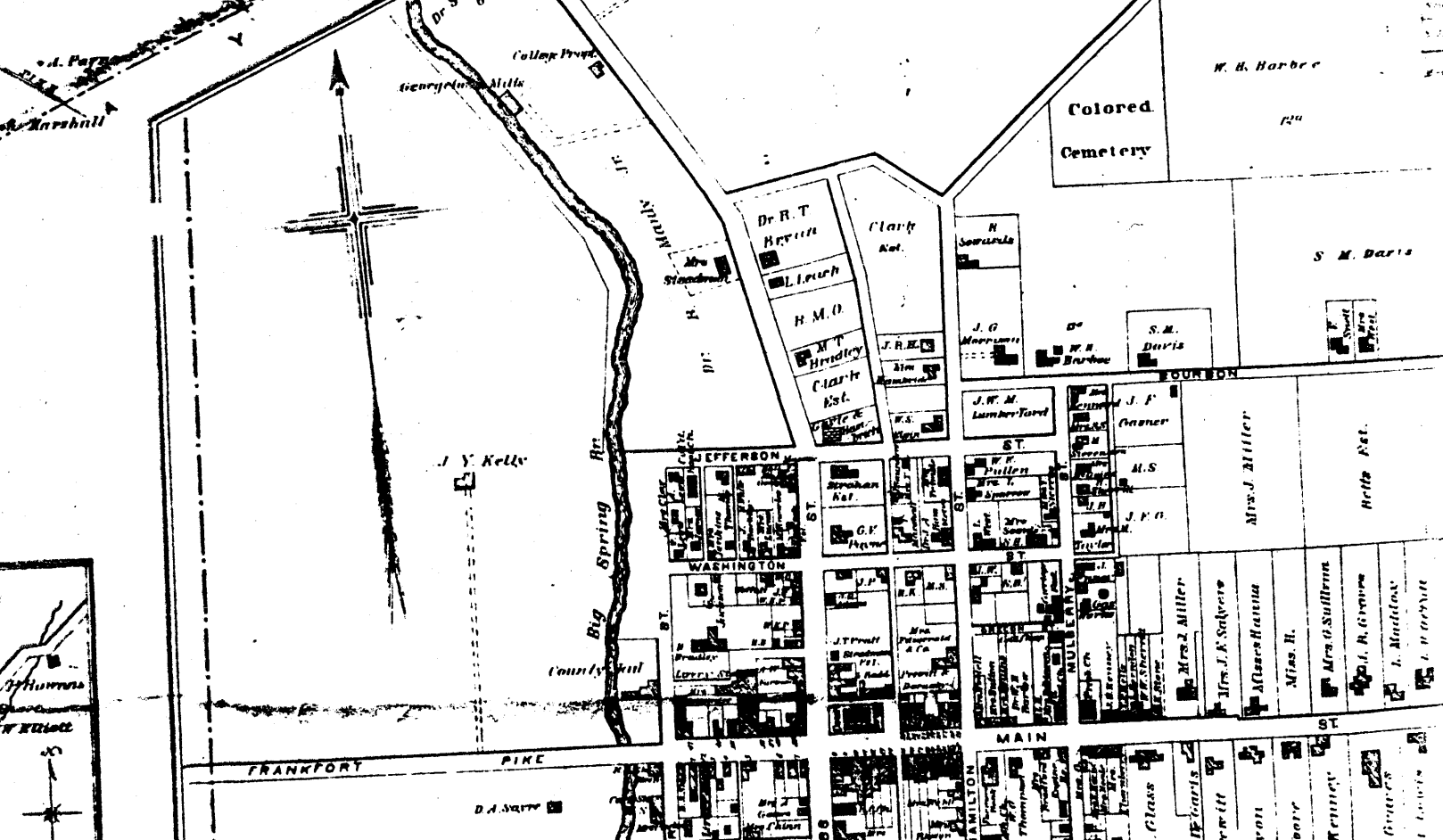
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Frankfort, Kentucky.

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JAN 24 1977  
**GEORGETOWN**

Mapletown No. 5, Frame Scale 2 1/2 rods to the Inch



Flournoy-Nutter House  
Georgetown, Kentucky  
Scott County

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"Map of Scott County, Kentucky"  
Published by Beers and Lanagan,  
Philadelphia, 1879.  
Cherry Knoll is underlined in red  
at upper right corner.      Map 2