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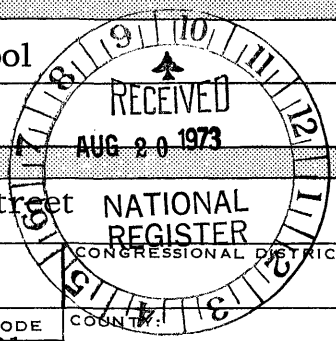
COUNTY: **Anderson**

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ENTRY DATE: **SEP 19 1973**

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



1. NAME

COMMON: **Kavanaugh High School**

AND/OR HISTORIC: *use this* **Kavanaugh Academy**

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **241 East Woodford Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Lawrenceburg** CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: **#2**

STATE: **Kentucky** CODE: **21** COUNTRY: **Anderson** CODE: **005**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: **Mrs. Grace McKee, Mrs. Katherine Kwiatkowski
Mrs. Terry Campbell**

STREET AND NUMBER: **241 East Woodford Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Lawrenceburg** STATE: **Kentucky** CODE: **21**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **Anderson County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Main Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Lawrenceburg** 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** CODE: **21**

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
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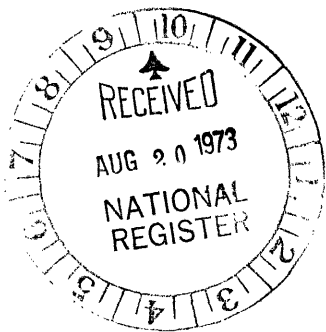
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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1880's**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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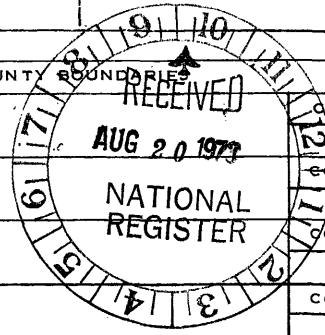
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **2 acres**

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: **Mr. Wyatt Shely, President**

ORGANIZATION: **Anderson County Historical Society** DATE: **July 20, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER: **110 Center Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Lawrenceburg** 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 Willis

Title: State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: August 16, 1973

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

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

Date: 9/19/73

ATTEST:

Wm. M. Bennett
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 9 7 73

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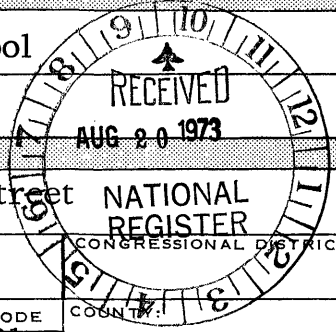
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STATE: Kentucky

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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

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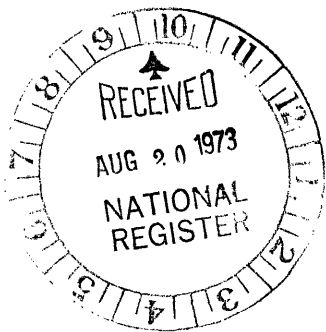
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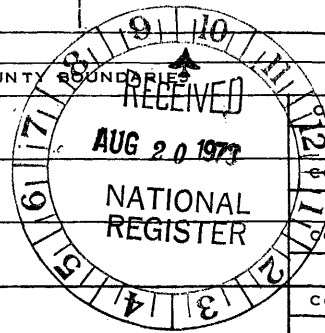
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NAME AND TITLE: Mr. Wyatt Shely, President

ORGANIZATION: Anderson County Historical Society DATE: July 20, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: 110 Center Street

CITY OR TOWN: Lawrenceburg STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21

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Name: Mrs. Simeon Willis

Title: State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: August 16, 1973

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Keeper of The National Register

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