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ENTRY DATE (Type all entries - complete applicable sections) OCT 1973 NAME COMMON Vance House AND/OR HISTORIC: 1 seth. Johnston--Jacobs House 2. LOCATION STREET AND NUMBER: NATIONAL REGISTER CITY OR TOWN: Georgetown STATE COUNTY: CODE CODE Kentucky 21 209 Scott3. CLASSIFICATION CATEGORY ACCESSIBLE OWNERSHIP **STATUS** (Check One) TO THE PUBLIC Yes: Public 🔀 Occupied District X Building Public Acquisition: Restricted X Private In Process Site ☐ Structure Unoccupied Unrestricted Both Being Considered Object Preservation work ☐ No in progress PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) Agricultural Government Park Comments ☐ Transportation 🔀 Private Residence ☐ Industrial Commercial Other (Specify) ☐ Military Educational Religious ☐ Entertainment Museum Scientific OWNER OF PROPERTY Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Vance STREET AND NUMBER: 205 North Hamilton Street CITY OR TOWN: CODE 21 <u>Georgetown</u> Kentucky 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Scott County Courthouse STREET AND NUMBER: Main and Broadway CITY OR TOWN: STATE CODE Georgetown Kentucky REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS ENTRY NUMBE Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky FOR NPS USE DATE OF SURVEY: X State 1971 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVE Kentucky Heritage Commission STREET AND NUMBER: ô 401 Wapping Street CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE DATE Frankfort Kentucky

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The Vance House, a T-shaped building, is composed of one of the oldest brick structure in Georgetown, Kentucky, and a later Greek Revival section. The older section, which forms the stem of the "T," was built in the late 1790's. The main block of this section is four bays wide, two stories in height, and has a balcony (which replaced an older balcony during restoration.) The smaller portion of this section is two bays wide and two stories in height. It could have served as a shop, servant's quarters, or if the building was the ordinary of owner, Adam Johnston, as the keeper's quarters. The inside is outfitted with ash floors, mantel shelves, six-panel doors, and chair railing.

The five bay, two-story, Greek Revival block was added circa 1830-1840; it is the cross-bar of the "T." Featured in this section is a central Ionic distyle-in-antis double doorway. The windows originally had shutters. The chimneys extend a brick outside the gable ends, which are pedimented. The interior is decorated in a variety of Greek motifs, and the floors vary as to ash and poplar construction. A stairway with landing has a typical cherry newel post.

In 1860 Nathan Payne bought the house for \$6,000. It is believed that he had the transitional woodwork changed to the more massive Greek Revival. Baseboards are twenty-one inches high. The doorways all have Greek ears, distinguishing trim and twin panels.

When the Vance House was purchased by its present owners, it was in a deteriorated condition. The Greek Revival stairway was painted red. The house has been restored room by room and is now used as the owners' residence and apartments.



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Between 1793 and 1804 Adam Johnston, one of the earliest settlers of Georgetown, Kentucky, was granted "leave to keep an ordinary" by the gentleman justices of Scott County. Johnston was the third individual to be granted the right to keep a tavern in pioneer Georgetown. The business became popular in Scott County during the next several decades, as Georgetown was situated along both North-South and East-West travel routes; by 1821 there were as many as fourteen such enterprises in the county. Evidently Johnston prospered, since he built one of the first brick structures in Georgetown. He died around 1810, with his son Thomas inheriting this two-story, six bay, brick house (the stem of the present T-shaped house).

William W. Jacobs purchased the house from Thomas Johnston's heirs. A blacksmith by trade, Jacobs used a stone building (not extant) across the street as his shop. He built the new Greek Revival front circa 1830-1840.

In 1860 Nathan Payne bought the house for \$6,000 and reportedly had the transitional woodwork changed to the more massive Greek Revival. There is a story that during the occupancy of the Paynes, when the heat of the Civil War was being felt in Georgetown, Payne, a strong Southerner, hid his valuable horse in the house during a period of Northern control.

After the Civil War, a later owner was Dr. John A. Hamilton. He was one of the two Georgetown physicians listed in the Armstrong <u>Biographical Encyclopedia of 1879</u> (a book that was statewide in scope). He located his practice in Georgetown in 1870, joined by Dr. John A. Lewis in a partnership practice.

In the Twentieth dentury the house was allowed to gradually deteriorate. It was purchased and restored by Mr. & Mrs. Woodrow Vance.

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