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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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STATE: Kentucky  
 COUNTY: Adair  
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 ENTRY DATE: DEC 16 1974

1. NAME

COMMON: Russell House  
 AND/OR HISTORIC: Daniel Trabue House → use this

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 299 Jamestown Street  
 CITY OR TOWN: Columbia CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 05  
 STATE: Kentucky CODE: 021 COUNTY: Adair CODE: 001

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
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PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
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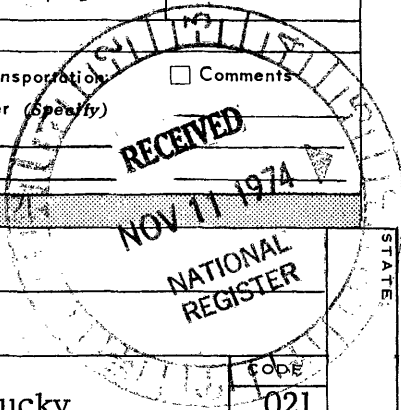
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COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Adair County Courthouse  
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **c. 1823**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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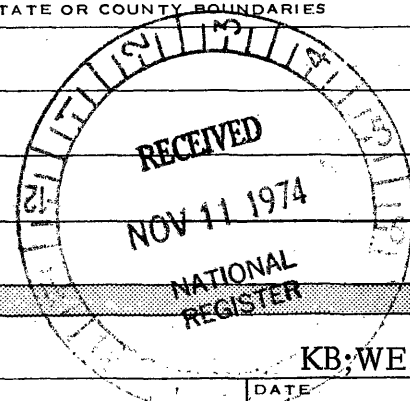
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mrs. Lynn Jeffries KB;WEL

ORGANIZATION: Kentucky Heritage Commission DATE: August, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER: 213 E. Guardian Street

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia STATE: Kentucky CODE: 021

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: Eldred W. Director

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: Nov. 4, 1974

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

[Signature]  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 12/16/74

ATTEST:  
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Keeper of The National Register  
Date: Dec 12, 1974

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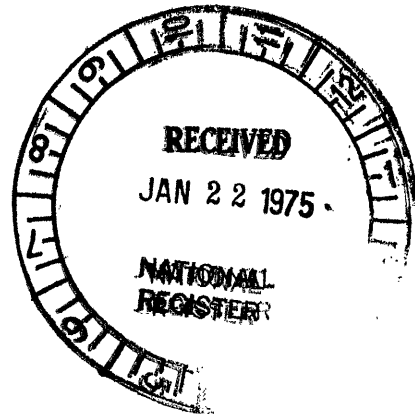
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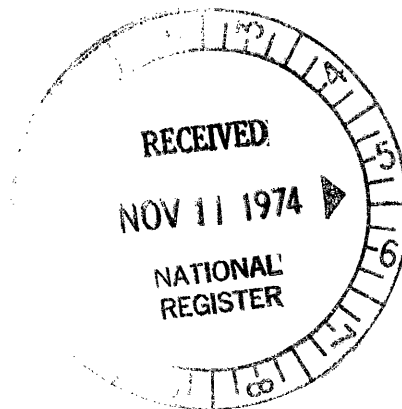
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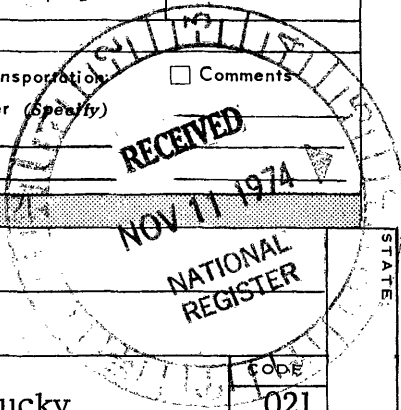
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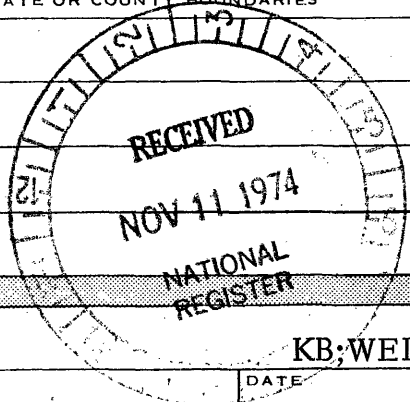
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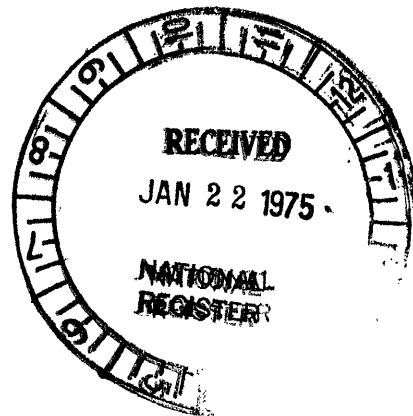
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