

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:
Kentucky

COUNTY:
Scott

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ENTRY DATE
JUN 27 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Alexander Bradford House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Main Street at Locust Fork Pike

CITY OR TOWN:
Stamping Ground

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
06

STATE: **Kentucky** CODE: **02T** COUNTY: **Scott** CODE: **209**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments Vacated since tornado April 3, 1974
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input 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. Jewel Lancaster

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Stamping Ground

STATE:
Kentucky

CODE:
02T

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Scott County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
East Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Georgetown

STATE:
Kentucky

CODE:
02T

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky

DATE OF SURVEY: **1971** Federal State County Local

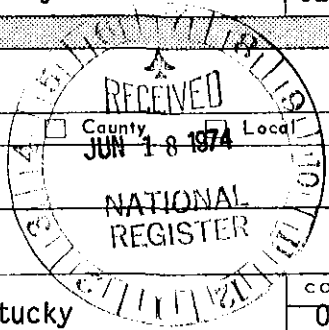
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Kentucky Heritage Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
401 Wapping Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Frankfort

STATE:
Kentucky

CODE:
02T



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
(Check One)			(Check One)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Altered			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		
			<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

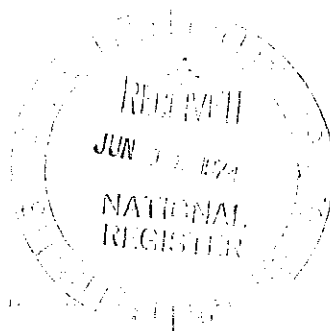
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Alexander Bradford House consists of two wings. The earlier, on the left as one faces the front of the structure, has one and a half stories. The exterior walls are clapboard. Originally there was an exposed stone chimney at each end.

A brick wing, of almost the size of the original portion, was added at an early date, covering one of the stone chimneys. The wing also contains a central door. The stairway is original, of late Georgian style.

The house has ash floors throughout, with the exception of the upstairs floor in the frame section, which are poplar. Other features include tooled window and door frames, and chair railing. The woodwork in the later wing is more ornate with fluting on the mantels to match the trim on the door.

A porch, which had been added in recent years, was blown away by the tornado. Also disturbed was the stone chimney on the west end, weatherboarding, part of the roof, windows, doors, and other detail. Damage to the interior seems to have been only superficial.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **ca. 1815**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginol | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Six of the original buildings erected in Stamping Ground when the town was laid out circa 1818 were standing as late as April 3, 1974, when a series of tornadoes passed through the community. Since that date the wreckage of five of the buildings has been hauled away, leaving only the frame structure with its brick wing constructed around 1815 by original lot holder, Alexander Bradford. Architecturally the Bradford house is a good representative of early nineteenth century construction and was the finest and least disturbed of the aforementioned early Stamping Ground structures.

Alexander Bradford, for whom the house was built, was from a noted family important in the history of early western American journalism. His father, Benjamin James Bradford, a property owner in the Stamping Ground area, was responsible for establishing the first newspaper in Frankfort, Kentucky, and, in 1800, founding the Tennessee Gazette.

Of greater fame were John and Fielding Bradford, uncles of Alexander Bradford, who, in 1787, established the second newspaper west of the Alleghenies, The Kentucky Gazette. Published in Lexington, the Gazette provided the means for knitting the Commonwealth into a political entity, thereby leading to statehood. Also a factor in their importance, according to Frank Luther Mott, "was that they and printers trained by them are continually appearing in the history of frontier newspapers."

Of historical significance in his own right, Alexander Bradford was one of four commissioners appointed to lay out the town of Stamping Ground on a 162-acre farm sold to Joseph and Scott Herndon by Robert Johnson. In 1812, Bradford, formerly the first postmaster of the town, received a license to operate an "ordinary," or tavern, in his house--becoming the second citizen of the town to be so licensed.

Although the birth and death dates of Bradford have not been ascertained, it is known that his will was probated in 1832. During his lifetime, however, he was a participant in the founding of a Kentucky town and the preservation of his house would be a visible reminder for the community of Stamping Ground of their heritage.

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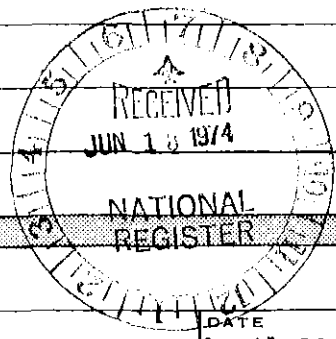
10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	38°	16'	24"
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	84°	41'	17"
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"			
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **less than one acre**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



U1M
16/102260/
4238360
C/D

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Ann B. Bevins, Scott County Representative

ORGANIZATION: **Kentucky Heritage Commission**

DATE: **April 23, 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER:
401 Wapping Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Frankfort**

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. Melton

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: 6-14-74 em

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

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Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

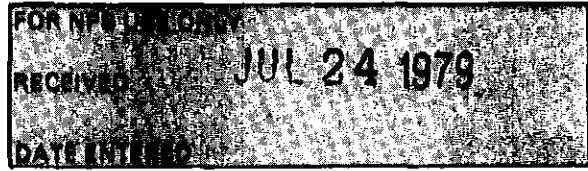
Date: 6/27/74

ATTEST:

Wm. J. ...
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 6-26-74

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



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Addendum

Paragraphs two & three should read as follows:

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