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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Kentucky	
COUNTY: Scott	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
Cantrill House

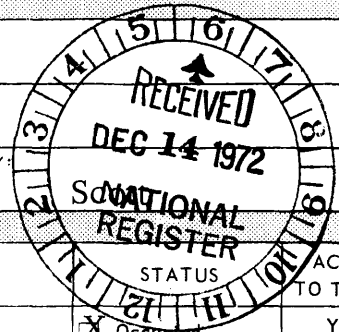
AND/OR HISTORIC:
Hawkins House, Judson Hall, Georgetown Female Seminary

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
324 East Jackson Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Georgetown

STATE: **Kentucky** CODE: **21** COUNTY: CODE: **209**



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PUBLIC ACQUISITION: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		
STATUS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress		
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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 (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Dr. & Mrs. James Campbell Cantrill

STREET AND NUMBER:
324 East Jackson Street

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

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
East Main & Broadway

CITY OR TOWN: **Georgetown** 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)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input 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

Painted white with a green roof, the two story, three bay brick house with two bay wings on each end, faces north looking across the campus of Georgetown College. The house was restored in the mid-1950's by Will Rankin Lair, previous owner, and is in superb condition. Its central entrance has before it a small Ionic portico with entablature and fluted columns. Two chimneys are on the east end of the central block and one is on the west end; both of the larger chimneys seem to have originally served the wings rather than the main block.

On the inside much of the chair railing has been removed, but evidence of its continuation in the window sills remain. The west wing may be of eighteenth century origin. It has paneled recesses, a mantel and ash floors. Reeded door jambs are found in both the east wing and the larger block. The wing on the east end has matching reeded motif on the mantel and what remains of the chair railing. Interestingly, one upstairs room has complete Greek Revival woodwork with Greek ears. Construction of the house along with its detail leaves much to conjecture.

It is tempting to conclude that the wings stood prior to the construction of the main block, and that it was built to join the two smaller blocks. It is fairly certain that the west wing, at least, stood before the rest of the building.

Bricks on the facade are generally laid in Flemish bond; there is evidence of some unplanned brick laying. Voussoirs are not apparent.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

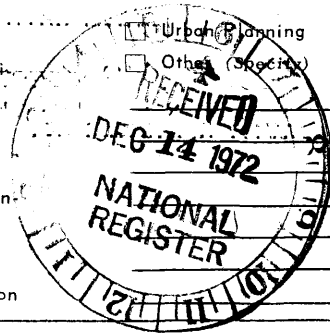
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <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 | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Cantrill House, according to Scott County records, was owned before the turn of the 19th century, by the family of John Hawkins, a pioneer who was living in this region around 1790. John Hawkins, a son of the pioneer who died in 1807, deeded the property to Thomas Hawkins in several tracts between 1810 and 1815. Deeds refer to Jackson Street as being "the ropewalk alley" and "the lane leading to the ropewalk of Thomas Hawkins" and the tract on which the house stands as being "the ropewalk." The early part of the house may have served either as an office or residence connected with the ropewalk. Other foundation remains have been uncovered on the lot in the general area with the house. Tradition recalls "an old pioneer named "Suggett" as having built the house, although this is subject to some dispute.

This building is doubly significant to the history of the region. Its role as the location of a hemp establishment and bagging factory represents the relation of the mainstay of early Kentucky economy-hemp--to the prosperous city of Georgetown. It also became the first building to be actually owned by the founders of Georgetown College, the Kentucky Baptist Education Society. Georgetown College, the first Baptist College west of the Appalachians, acquired the house and a four and three quarters acre lot on August 20, 1831. On August 23, 1834, the Baptist deeded the lot to Joseph Lemon, who resumed the ropewalk operation and sold it as a hemp establishment that December to Leon Tarleton and William Connell. Again in 1853 the college acquired the house along with a total of eleven acres. It was used as a president's house and then transformed into a men's dormitory known as Judson Hall. Dr. J.J. Rucker, professor of mathematics, bought the property in 1858 for a home. When the Georgetown Female Seminary burned in 1865, Dr. Rucker took the women students under his care and moved the Seminary into his home. When his health failed, he sold the house to Dr. J.B. Tharp, seminary principal, who resold it to Dr. Rucker in 1869 after the new seminary had been completed. The college acquired the property for the third and last time in 1930, and sold it a year later.

Various phases in construction of this imposing residence can be established tentatively: 1) the west wing was built in the late 1790s or early 1800s probably by John Hawkins and possibly by an old pioneer named Suggett;

(see continuation sheet)

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Scott County Deed Books. B--225, 206, 236. G-320, H-147, I-322, M-442. K-241, N-454, Q-73, U-288, U, 290, 1-439, 4-247, 9-7, 9-435, etc.

B. O. Gaines, History of Scott County, Vol. II (Georgetown, 1906) p.45

Ann B. Bevins, "Georgetown House Linked to Hemp Industry, College," The Lexington Leader, November 19, 1969.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

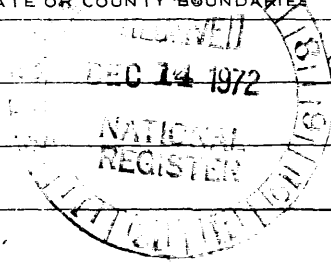
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Three

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: Ann B. Bevins, Scott County Representative, Kentucky
Heritage Commission; Scott County Historical Society

ORGANIZATION: Kentucky Heritage Commission DATE: 10-23-72
Scott County Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER: Route # 4 - Lexington Pike

CITY OR TOWN: Georgetown STATE: Kentucky CODE: 219

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 Liaison Officer

Date: December 12, 1972

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

Robert G. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 4/2/73

ATTEST: [Signature]
 Keeper of the National Register

Date: 3-26-73

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#8 Statement of Significance

2). the east wing was built circa 1815-1820 probably by Thomas Hawkins, or by William Nash who bought it in 1817 and devised it to son-in-law Alpheus Shepard, who sold it to the college in 1830; and 3) the central block, begun around 1820. An upstairs room was completed in great Greek Revival style probably by Dr. E.N. Elliott or the college after 1853 when it served briefly as the home of the college president. The portico dates from this period also.

