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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Jennings-Salter House

AND/OR COMMON

Michael Salter House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

208 Danville Street

--NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Lancaster

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

5

STATE

Kentucky

VICINITY OF

CODE

021

COUNTY

Garrard

CODE

079

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**

DISTRICT  
 BUILDING(S)  
 STRUCTURE  
 SITE  
 OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

PUBLIC  
 PRIVATE  
 BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
 IN PROCESS  
 BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

OCCUPIED  
 UNOCCUPIED  
 WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
 YES: RESTRICTED  
 YES: UNRESTRICTED  
 NO

**PRESENT USE**

AGRICULTURE  
 COMMERCIAL  
 EDUCATIONAL  
 ENTERTAINMENT  
 GOVERNMENT  
 INDUSTRIAL  
 MILITARY  
 MUSEUM  
 PARK  
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
 RELIGIOUS  
 SCIENTIFIC  
 TRANSPORTATION  
 OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. &amp; Mrs. Charles M. Ballard

STREET &amp; NUMBER

208 Danville Street

CITY, TOWN

Lancaster

VICINITY OF

STATE

Kentucky

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrard County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Public Square

CITY, TOWN

Lancaster

STATE

Kentucky 40444

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky

DATE

1974

--FEDERAL  STATE --COUNTY --LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located at 208 Danville Street in Lancaster, Kentucky, the Michael Salter House occupies a corner lot two blocks west of the Garrard County courthouse. Garrard is primarily an agricultural county situated at the southern edge of the Bluegrass region. Lancaster, with a population of 3,230 (1970 census), is the seat of government and is located in the west-central portion of the county.

Erected between 1821 and 1826, the Michael Salter House is a single-story, five-bay, Federal structure laid in Flemish bond on the north and south facades (see photo 1). Windows were originally nine-over-nine, double-hung sash with flat jack arches. The simple entrance is surmounted by a four-pane transom, and flanking the door are unusual, louvered panels reminiscent of sidelights. Interior end chimneys with corbelled caps are located at the east and west sides of the house.

Alterations to the main facade occurred in the third quarter of the nineteenth century when segmental arches replaced the flat jack arches of the two western bays. Common bond brickwork also attests to the changes in this section (see photo 2). A simple Victorian porch with scrolled brackets was also added during this period and was in existence as late as 1958 (see photo 8). However, the porch was removed and replaced by one with 1960s-type wrought-iron supports. The present owners are attempting to duplicate the design and scale of the Victorian porch.

An ell (see floor plan) extends northeastward from the main block, and appended to it is a one-room unit which served as the kitchen (see photo 3). A porch which ran along the east side of the ell has recently been enclosed and contains a den, utility room, and bathroom (see photo 4). Flemish bond was employed along the east side of the ell, and the door and windows were symmetrically placed (see floor plan).

On the interior the house embodies a single-pile, central-passage plan. The wide hall is flanked by a parlor on the east and a dining room on the west. Most of the interior consisting of yellow pine floors and poplar baseboards, chair rails, mantles, door, and window trim remains intact. Only in the dining room has the chair rail been removed; built-in cupboards flank the fireplace in this room. A similarity exists among the mantles (see photos 5,6,7) with each displaying a reeded central tablet. Victorian grates were recently removed and the fireplaces were opened to reveal the original brick facings wherever possible. By copying an original window, double-pane sash were removed from the main block and nine-over-nine sash were restored within the original casings.

Access to the ell was obtained through the dining room. By lengthening a window, the present kitchen opens into the enclosed porch area. The fireplace in the former kitchen at the rear of the ell was replaced by a small brick flue in the late nineteenth century. Evidence of the existence of a larger fireplace is suggested in the altered brickwork on the exterior gable (see photo 3). The brick flue was removed, and the room now serves as a bedroom.

Changes have been made by the enclosure of the porch to create more living space and the addition of a garage (see photo 4).

The nominated property consists of the city lot which the building now occupies.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1821-1826

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

As one of the earliest brick structures in Lancaster, Kentucky, the Michael Salter House is the town's best surviving example of a single-story, Federal structure. The quality of design is evident in the scale and proportion of the house as well as in the refined woodwork. In addition, the well-preserved building represents the purest embodiment of the Federal style known to exist in Garrard County. Although the house has undergone some alterations, none has been of such degree as to diminish the overall architectural integrity.

Although not built by Michael Salter, he is the figure most commonly associated with this house. The building was erected between 1821 and 1826 by William Jennings, an early settler of Lancaster. Salter purchased the property in 1841, five years before his death in 1846. A drummer boy in the Revolutionary War, Michael Salter moved to Kentucky and settled at the mouth of Sugar Creek in northern Garrard County near the Kentucky River. He and his wife, Ocee Reid Salter, operated a tavern and ferry at this site until their move to Lancaster where Salter owned several pieces of property. After his death, the house remained in the Salter family until 1865 and since then has had four subsequent owners.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Advocate-Messenger (Danville, Kentucky). 24 December 1978, p.3

Collins, Lewis and Richard H. History of Kentucky. 1874; reprint ed., Berea, Kentucky: Kentucke Imprints, 1976.

Lancaster Woman's Club. Patches of Garrard County. Danville, Kentucky: Bluegrass Printing Co., 1974.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA **ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED** **UTM NOT VERIFIED**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1 acre.

QUADRANGLE NAME Lancaster Quadrangle

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 16 7135010 4161611810  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B                    
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C                  

D                  

E                  

F                  

G                  

H                  

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary of the Michael Salter House nomination is shown as the red line on the accompanying Garrard County Property Identification Map, drawn at a scale of 200 feet to the inch. The nomination comprises a rectangular lot 110' x 225'

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Charlotte Schneider / Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Kentucky Heritage Commission

DATE

August 1979

STREET & NUMBER

104 Bridge Street

TELEPHONE

(502) 564-3741

CITY OR TOWN

Frankfort,

STATE

Kentucky

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE   

LOCAL     

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Cedric W. Melton*

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

12-19-79

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*W. Ray Luce*

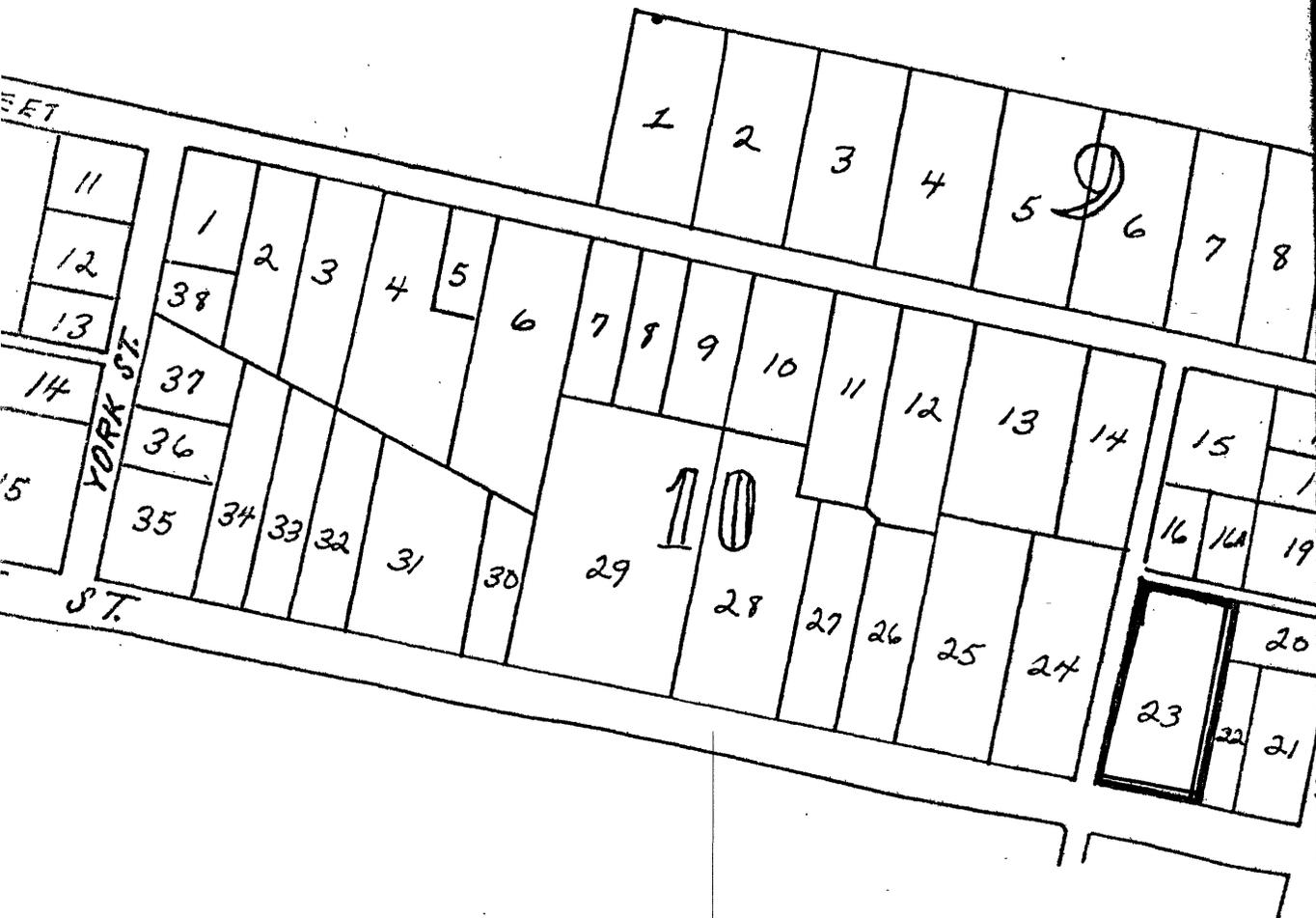
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2/21/80

ATTEST: W. Ray Luce  
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

2/20/80

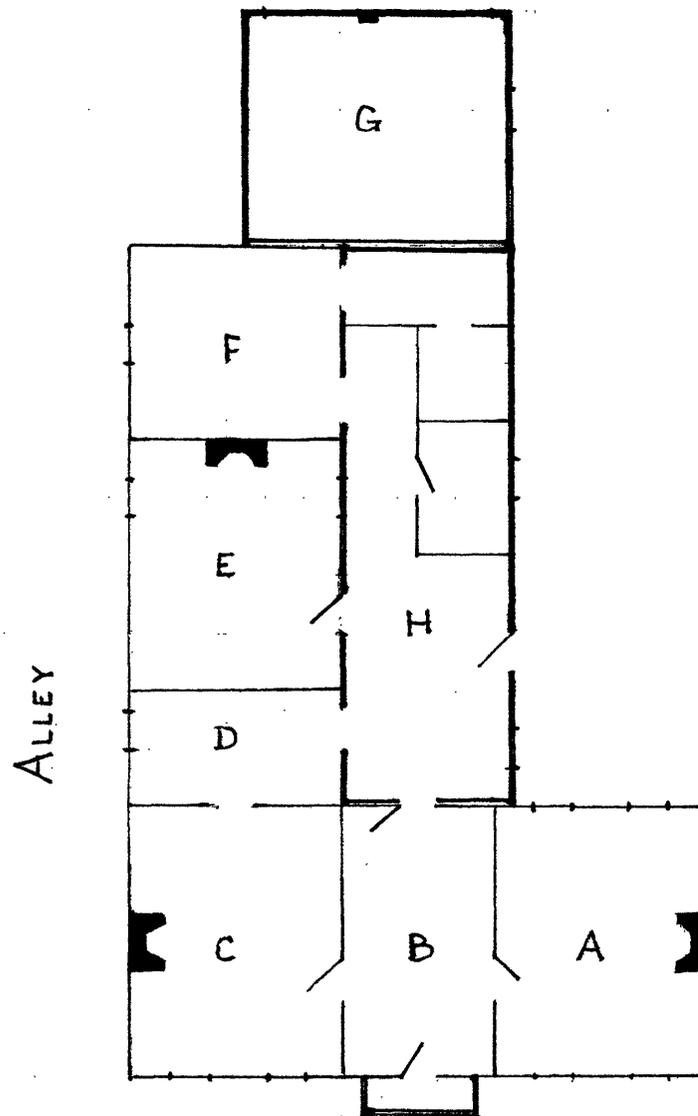


Jennings-Salter House  
 Lancaster, Garrard Co., Ky.  
 KY Department of Revenue Map  
 Scale 1"=200' July 1977  
 Map 2



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MICHAEL SALTER  
HOUSE  
LANCASTER  
GARRARD COUNTY  
KENTUCKY



ALLEY

DANVILLE STREET

- A - PARLOR
- B - HALL
- C - DINING ROOM
- D - PRESENT KITCHEN
- E - BEDROOM
- F - ORIGINAL KITCHEN
- G - MODERN GARAGE
- H - AREA FORMERLY ENCOMPASSED BY PORCH, NOW ENCLOSED

AREAS OUTLINED IN  
RED INDICATE  
ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS  
SINCE 1976

NOT TO SCALE

