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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Kentucky
COUNTY:	Fayette
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ENTRY DATE	MAY 15 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
William Poindexter House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
359 South Mill Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Lexington

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
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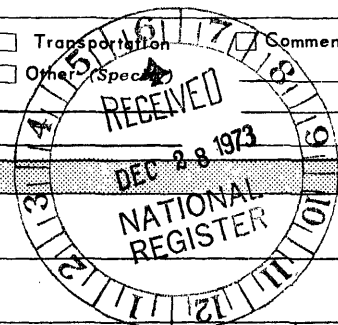
STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21 COUNTY: Fayette CODE: 067

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	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	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" 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	Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" 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. LaVerne Holt

STREET AND NUMBER:
359 South Mill Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Lexington

STATE:
Kentucky

CODE:
21

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Fayette County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
West Main Street at Cheapside

CITY OR TOWN:
Lexington

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:
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The William Poindexter House was built in 1816 in the Federal style of the time. In later years it underwent extensive Victorian remodeling of the front facade and first floor.

At present the house appears as a three-bay Victorian townhouse. Brick on the front facade is laid in common bond. The windows have arched openings. Corner quoins were present until three years ago. There is an overhanging roof with wide eaves with scrolled brackets. There is a recessed door and a standing-seam tin roof.

On the interior the entrance hall and living room both have ash floors, survivors of the house's Federal period. Otherwise the entire first floor has undergone Victorian changes: bannisters and rail, newel post, window and door frames, cornices over windows and doors are Victorian. A rear porch on the southside of the house has been converted into a kitchen and bath. The window in the stair landing is Federal in style: it has reeded jambs and underside of lintel. The original inside sill is, as would be expected, a continuation of the chair rail that once would have been found in the entire stairhall. In the second floor bedroom the original Federal mantel is present; on either side of the mantel are the original Federal presses with their original hinges. The west window is original, though the front windows have been changed in the Victorian style. The door is Federal with its original hinges. The original baseboards are present on three walls of the room. The upstairs window frames are pegged on the outside.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1816**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

William Poindexter, a fine watchmaker, jeweler, and silver-smith, was born in Virginia in 1792. At an early age he came to Kentucky and was apprenticed to a jeweler in Lexington. Upon completion of his apprenticeship he opened his own store. When his son was 20 years of age, the father and son formed a partnership under the name of W. Poindexter and Son. They were dealers in watches, jewelry and other allied items. Mr. Poindexter sold a tremendous amount of silver which bore his name and which is now considered to be a collector's item. He was also a member of the City Council.

In 1816 Poindexter erected this dwelling and resided there many years. In 1845 he and his wife, Sarah, sold their residence to Henry Lancaster, a local builder, who later sold it to George B. Twyman in 1847. In 1850 the property was conveyed to the Methodist Church South and it served as a parsonage until 1868. There is no record of who occupied the building between this date and 1886 when H.C. and M.L. Ambrose bought the old parsonage. After that time the house changed owners many times, until it was bought in 1969 by Mrs. LaVerne Holt.

The building is of significance because of its age, its architectural style, its having been built by and having served as the residence of the noted early Kentucky silversmith, William Poindexter, and its place in this historic block of South Mill Street overlooking the Town Branch Valley of Old Lexington.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Old Houses of Lexington", C. Frank Dunn, Vol. 2, p. 497, unpublished manuscript, Kentucky Historical Society.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

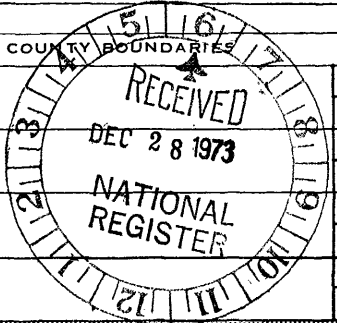
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 1 acre

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: Fayette Co. Committee, Mrs. George L. Foster, Chairman

ORGANIZATION: Kentucky Heritage Commission DATE: May 5, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: 1635 Ashwood Drive

CITY OR TOWN: Lexington STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21

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. Lizabeth Willis

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date December 18, 1973

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

A R. Quarles
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 5/15/74

ATTEST:

Wm. M. Smith
Keeper of The National Register

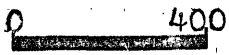
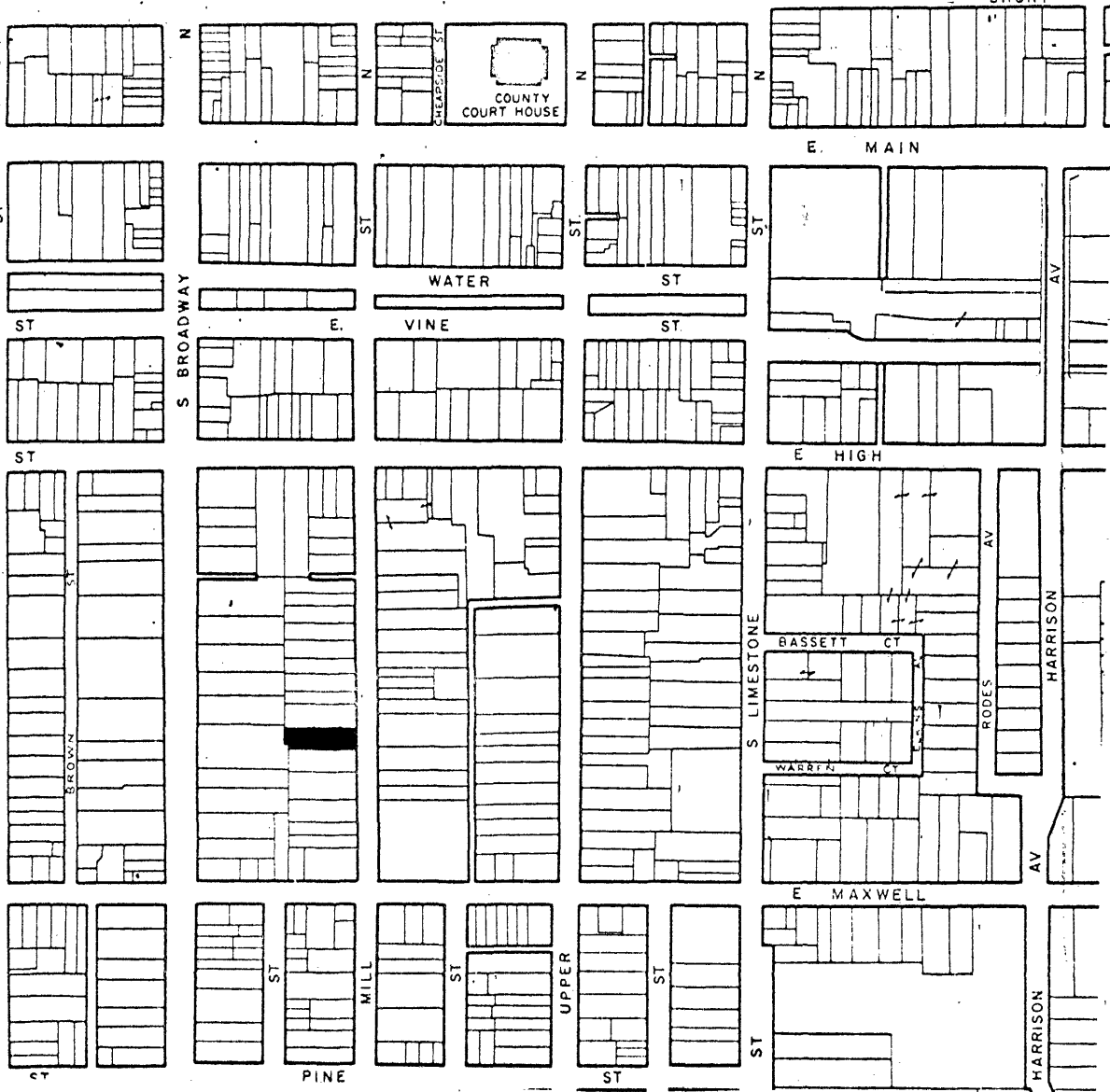
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SCALE IN FEET

LATITUDE: 38° 02' 45"
 LONGITUDE: 84° 30' 09"

WILLIAM POINDEXTER HOUSE
 359 South Mill Street
 Lexington, Kentucky

