**INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

**COUNTY:** Nelson

**COMMON:** Wickland

**STREET AND NUMBER:** 1/2 mile east of Bardstown on U.S. 62

**CITY OR TOWN:** Bardstown

**STATE:** Kentucky

**CODE:** 21

**OWNER'S NAME:** Mr. & Mrs. Robert S. Trigg

**STREET AND NUMBER:** P. O. Box 314

**CITY OR TOWN:** Bardstown

**STATE:** Kentucky

**CODE:** 21

**PRESENT USE:** Museum

**ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC:** Yes: Restricted

**TITLE OF SURVEY:** Survey Of Historic Sites In Kentucky

**DATE OF SURVEY:** 1971

**STATE FOR SURVEY RECORDS:** Kentucky Heritage Commission

**STREET AND NUMBER:** 401 Wapping Street

**CITY OR TOWN:** Frankfort

**STATE:** Kentucky

**CODE:** 21
"Wickland" stands on a 66 acre farm in Nelson County, Kentucky. It is a large, 3-story mansion with both 1st and 2nd floor walls fourteen feet high. The walls which begin in the basement, extend through the second floor and are 14 inches in width. A 14 foot wide hall extends from the sunburst front door through the center of the house; a second hall connecting with a side entrance, joins it. The lower floor contains 4 beautifully proportioned rooms including the dining room on one side, and the library on the other. Across the far side of the 44 foot long hall are double parlors separated by 12 foot doors. Outstanding in these rooms are matching Robert Adam mantels, called some of the finest in the country. An especially unusual feature is the staircase; it extends the three floors, and there is no visible support, being cantilevered from the walls. It has hand-carving, rounded corners, and tapered posts. The 2nd floor is identical in floor plan to the 1st floor. The 3rd floor has a 8 foot high ceiling, two ample rooms on either side, and an attic across the front.

The original roofing was wooden shingles. The main house has been re-roofed four times. The floors are of ash 1½ to 2 inches thick with no subfloor. The joists in the basement are of yellow poplar.

The house is structurally the same as originally. Water, electricity, and the furnaces were added in the 1930s from basement to third floor; and baths were built in on each floor at that time.

At the rear of the house is the kitchen area. Originally, an open porch separated the kitchen from the dining room. From here, stairs extend to the 2nd floor and also to the basement; and the south wall was continuous from the main house. The north side has since been enclosed. Above the kitchen is an ample room; and behind the kitchen is a room with a chimney. These two rooms were used for a nursery, and by transient workers.

There are two buildings outside. The heated out-house at the back has a chimney and was large enough for two small rooms. Another 2-storied brick building was built first before 1813, for the Wickliffes to live in during construction of the mansion. The brick under the eaves and over the windows matches on all 3 buildings. The brick was fired on the place. The north side has an English bond, and the east and south sides are of Flemish bond. Architectural historian Rexford Newcomb has described Wickland as "of unique Georgian plan". It is considered by many to be the finest example of domestic Georgian architecture in Kentucky. It contains fourteen rooms.
**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

"Wickland," a fine Georgian mansion, is generally dated circa 1813-1817, and was built by Charles A. Wickliffe from plans attributed to John Marshall Brown and John Rogers, who were responsible for other fine buildings in Nelson County, Kentucky. Architecturally, Wickland is significant in that it is a superb example of domestic Georgian architecture, faithfully embodying the Georgian ideals of perfect proportion and elegance tempered with restraint. It is included in the Historic American Building Survey in the Library of Congress. Wickland is commonly referred to as the "Home of Three Governors." The builder, Charles Anderson Wickliffe, was Governor of Kentucky, 1839-1840. In addition, he served as Lieutenant Governor, member of Congress, and Post Master General under President Tyler. Wickland was the home of Robert C. Wickliffe, son of Charles A. Wickliffe. Robert Wickliffe was Governor of Louisiana, 1856-1860. A grandson of the builder, J. C. Wickliffe Beckman, was born at Wickland; he was Governor of Kentucky, 1900-1907 and United States Senator, 1915-1921."
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Rexford Newcomb, Architecture in Old Kentucky; University of Illinois Press, Urbana, 1953, P. 57-58


Pratt, Richard, Homes of the Early South.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: approx. 18 acres

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mr. Robert S. Trigg

ORGANIZATION: Owner

STREET AND NUMBER: p. O. Box 314

CITY OR TOWN: Bardstown

DATE: 9-15-72

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 [x] State [ ] Local [ ]

Name: Mrs. Virginia Willis
Title: State Liaison Officer
Date: October 20, 1972

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 2/16/73

ATTEST: Keeper of The National Register

Date: 2/15/73
Fig. 9. First and second floor plans, "Wickland," Bardstown.

FROM: Architecture In Old Kentucky, by Rexford Newcomb; published by the University of Illinois Press, Urbana, Ill.; page 58.