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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	
	APR 2 1973	

1. NAME

COMMON: Branham House

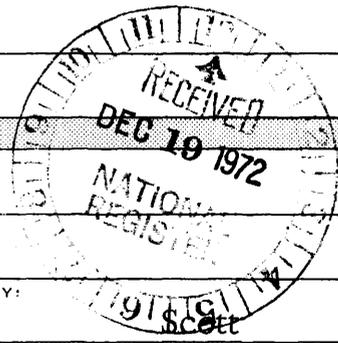
AND/OR HISTORIC: Branham House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 208 South Broadway

CITY OR TOWN: Georgetown

STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21 COUNTY: 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"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input 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 type="checkbox"/> 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. Mabel Allen

STREET AND NUMBER: 208 South Broadway

CITY OR TOWN: Georgetown STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER: 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 type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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

This (probably) 18th century brick house, the oldest house in the City of Georgetown, incorporated in 1790, after settlement in 1786, shows signs of deteriorating, especially on the exterior. This situation has not been helped by frequent coats of paint, and a moisture problem seems to be the source of much of the difficulty.

Two stories high, three bays wide, a Greek Revival front portico and front door seem to be the only alterations. The house sits atop a stone foundation, is L-shaped, is built of brick mostly but with some early frame carpentry on the back area, which incorporates a porch extending from the brick and frame gable end.

The gable ends of the main block have no windows. The chimneys are flush with the outside wall. Windows are six-over-six pane sash. A simple cornice extends across the front roofline. Windows, in the main block and ell, are shuttered.

The inside presents a picture of batten and six panel doors, ash floors, a simple staircase extending from the back of the front hall and built of uneven steps and mantels of early moding type vintage. Cupboards are on either side of the living room mantel. The ell includes a dining room paneled with beaded battens up to chair rail level, and a kitchen with a large chimney.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

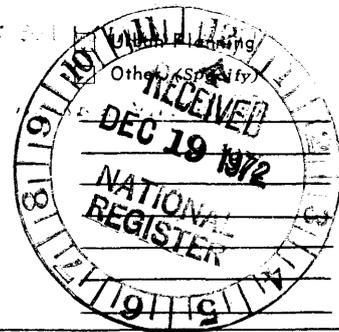
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The John Branham House is the oldest brick house still standing in Georgetown, one of the outstanding early city's in Kentucky's wealthy Blue Grass region. A simple three bay, two story structure, it is representative of the very early brick homes, constructed in Central Kentucky in the mid-1790s. Its foundation of stone, its construction of brick with some frame detail extending from the gable on the ell, its interior, presents a largely unaltered picture, upset only by a Greek Revival one story portico set atop a porch reconstructed from concrete blocks. Inside are ash floors, early paneled cupboards on either side of the early Kentucky mantel, a stairway built of irregular sized steps, one room paneled to chairrail level with beaded battens, and an interesting selection of six panel and batten doors. This house is one of the few actual documented reminders of early Georgetown established by the Rev. Elijah Craig, Baptist minister, and industrial entrepreneur, between 1786 and 1790 when the town was incorporated.

The deed was made to John Branham after Elijah Craig's death, with the document made by Joel Craig, executor of his father's estate, referring to a transaction which took place during the lifetime of "said Elijah Craig," but which was not recorded until the deed was sought by Branham from the estate. This house stood on city lot 129. The 1811 deed from Joel Craig was followed the next year by a deed from Branham to Charles Eccles, a blacksmith. During the next few years Eccles purchased surrounding lots, and after his death it passed on to his daughter, Nancy, and her husband, Charles Nichols a blacksmith. In 1882 Charles B. and Ella M. Nichols of Fayette sold the house and its 175 foot lot to Mrs. Mary Worland and her children. Almost half century later she sold it to Florence Sinclair, whose daughter, Mabel Allen, owns it today.

John Branham was a member of a very large family which settled very early in Central Kentucky. Five members of the family owned Scott County land in 1792. By 1800 there were ten Scott County Land owners named Branham.

Branham was one of the first town trustees elected by the voters at their first public election in 1804. Later he served on the county court as a gentleman justice. His name appears frequently in Scott County records.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Ann B. Bevins, "House Is Reminder Of Establishment Of Georgetown,"
The Graphic, Georgetown, Ky., Sept. 19, 1967.

Scott County Records, Deed books and Wills.

Kentucky Tax Records, 1970 and 1800.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"		84° 33' 25"	38° 12' 29"	
NE	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"				
SE	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"				
SW	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"				

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **one-half 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: **Ann B. Bevins, Scott County Representative**

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: **21**

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 State Local

Name: Mrs. Simeon Wilcox

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: December 13, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

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

Date: 4/2/73

ATTEST:

[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 3/27/73