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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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
Loudoun Hall (Grimes House)

AND/OR COMMON
Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
R. F. D. #5, Box 279

CITY, TOWN
Paris

STATE
Kentucky

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY
PUBLIC

OWNERSHIP
PRIVATE

STATUS
UNOCCUPIED

PRESENT USE
AGRICULTURE

PRESENT USE
COMMERCIAL

PRESENT USE
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PRESENT USE
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PRESENT USE
PARK

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TRANSPORTATION

PRESENT USE
RELIGIOUS

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PRIVATE RESIDENCE

PRESENT USE
MILITARY

PRESENT USE
OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Mr. T. H. Gaitskill, Executor of Ethel T. Gaitskill Estate

STREET & NUMBER
555 North Broadway

CITY, TOWN
Lexington

STATE
Kentucky

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Bourbon County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
Main Street

CITY, TOWN
Paris

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Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
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DATE
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(continued)
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES


GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

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FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Ethel Gaitskill, Owner; Daniel Kidd, Architectural Historian; Mary Cronan Oppel, Historian

ORGANIZATION /Kentucky Heritage Commission

DATE August 1977

STREET & NUMBER
Box 279 104 Bridge Street

TELEPHONE (502) 564-3741

CITY OR TOWN Paris

STATE /Frankfort Kentucky

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.

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 8/26/77

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

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ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Loudoun Hall
Paris
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Map 2. The Grimes house is circled in red.

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LOUDOUN HALL, BOURBON COUNTY, KENTUCKY

SITE LOCATION MAP
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A  RESIDENCE
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C  STORAGE
D  CHICKEN HOUSE
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F  STORAGE

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Pantry
Kitchen

Bedroom

Closed Porch

Parlor

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Bedroom

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Daniel Kidd
Sketch Map
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Map 3. First-floor plan.
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- **TELEPHONE:** (502) 564-3741

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