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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Augusta College Historic Buildings

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATIONSTREET & NUMBER 205 Frankfort Street, ^{and} 204 Bracken Street

CITY, TOWN

Augusta

-- NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

7

STATE

Kentucky

-- VICINITY OF

021⁰⁰ CODE

Bracken COUNTY

023 CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

 DISTRICT BUILDING(S) 2 STRUCTURE SITE OBJECT thematic

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 Harold Bradford
Mac Wallace

STREET & NUMBER 503 E. 5th Street

307 Bracken Street

CITY, TOWN

Augusta

-- VICINITY OF

STATE

Kentucky

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Bracken County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Brooksville

STATE

Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT DETERIORATED
 GOOD RUINS
 FAIR UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Augusta Kentucky is located on the Ohio River in Bracken County, in the northeastern part of the state. Augusta College was situated on Frankfort and Bracken Streets between Second and Third Streets, near the river. Echo Hall and West Hall, two of the college dormitories built around 1825, are the only remaining buildings directly associated with the school.

Echo Hall, on Frankfort Street, is a brick structure with a stone foundation. It is composed of a gabled, two-story, three-bay, central block and two, one-story, three-bay side wings.¹ The exterior trim is simple with Flemish bond brickwork and jack arches over the openings. The main entrance has a transom but no sidelights. A fan-shaped opening decorates the tympanum of the gable. A box cornice with returns beneath decorates the side wings.

West Hall, which faces Bracken Street, is also of brick construction. It is a two-story, five-bay structure with a rough cut stone foundation and a twentieth century portico. The brickwork is Flemish bond on the facade and Common bond on the sides. Jack arches top the window openings and a transom covers the main door. The north end of the central-hall, double-pile structure is divided into two separate rooms with two separate chimneys. The south end of the house is one room deep and served by one chimney at the roof cresting. A recent one-story frame shed addition was built on the rear.

No original interior woodwork remains in either of these structures.

The nominated properties consists of the building and lot on which they sit.

¹The rear, end chimney in the main block was truncated; and a two-story, shed-style brick addition put on the back. A one-story frame shed addition was attached to the north wing of the structure.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" 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 1820s

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Constructed in the 1820s, the Augusta College Buildings at Augusta, Kentucky, are significant in being associated with one of the first Methodist colleges in the United States. Because two previously organized Methodist schools were in operation less than ten years, Augusta is considered to be the first established Methodist college in the United States. Augusta College also functioned as the only formal academic institution for the residents of Bracken and the surrounding counties for the first half of the nineteenth century. It was the only institution of higher learning in this part of the state.¹

The establishment of an educational system in Kentucky can be said to have had its beginnings with an act passed in 1798. This act granted 6,000 acres of land for the founding of "seminaries." This system of funding lasted until about 1821. Of the 100 counties organized before 1850, 81 had one or more academies. The state constitutions of 1792 and 1799 made no provisions for public education. Although the first legislative act for true public education passed in 1870, taxes were not levied for the establishment of schools until 1904.

No study of education and methodism can be initiated without mention of John Wesley, an outstanding 18th century English educator. His greatest achievement was to arouse interest throughout England in making educational opportunities available to all people. Most of the early Methodists who came to America brought Wesley's convictions about education with them. Cokesbury College, established in Maryland in 1787, was destroyed by fire in 1795, and Bethel Academy, the first Methodist institution in Kentucky, established in 1792, closed for lack of funds in 1803.

In 1820 the Kentucky Conference of Methodists came into being with a total of 16,000 active church members throughout the state. The establishment of schools was a priority for the new conference. A committee was sent to Augusta to affect an agreement with the trustees of Bracken Academy (established in 1798). A merger took place and on December 7, 1822, Augusta College was chartered by the Kentucky Legislature. Martin Ruter of Massachusetts was known as "the forerunner of the modern Methodist educational program" and its acknowledged leader during the first third of the nineteenth century. He became Augusta's president in 1828, following the death of Reverend John P. Findley.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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- Gross, John O. The Beginnings of American Methodism. New York: Abingdon Press, 1961.
- McVey, Frank L. The Gates Open Slowly. Lexington: University of Kentucky Press, 1949.
- Rankins, Walter. Historic Augusta and Augusta College. No publisher given, 1949

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

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1/4 acre each

QUADRANGLE NAME Felicity Ohio- Kentucky

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,6	7,6,0	2,6,0	4,2,9,5	7,4,0	B	1,6	7,6,0	4,2,0	4,2,9,5	7,6,0
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING			ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING	
C						D					
E						F					
G						H					

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

A rectangular lot approximately 115 feet by 90 feet bounded on the north by Second St., and on the east by Bracken St. B- A rectangular lot approximately 125 feet by 95 feet bounded on the west by Frankfort St. and on the north and south by fences.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Jayne C. Henderson/Historian

July 1979

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Kentucky Heritage Commission

502/564-3741

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

104 Bridge Street

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Frankfort

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. Tutton

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 12-20-79

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

W. Ray Luce
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 2/20/80

ATTEST: *Justin O'Connell*
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 2/28/80

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Augusta College Historic Buildings

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Due to the backing of the Methodist church and Augusta's location, the school acquired many exceptional faculty members and soon-to-become well-known scholars. Among the more prominent were Henry Bascom and John P. Durbin. Bascom was a widely reputed Methodist preacher, later a bishop of the church, Chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives, and President of Transylvania College. Durbin, writer and traveler, later became President of Dickenson College in Pennsylvania, and Chaplain of the U.S. Senate. Numbered among Augusta's alumni were the following: Dr. Randolph Sinks Foster, who became President of Northwestern University, later pastor of St. Pauls' Church in New York City, and second President of Drew Theological Seminary. Dr. John Gregg Fee, founder of Berea College in Madison County, Kentucky, also attended Augusta.

The college's greatest source of investment income came from the Augusta Herald, a newspaper established by the school in 1825, and from the ferry rights in Augusta. Although all the revenue from the paper and the ferry went directly to the support of the college, it was not sufficient. Augusta was in dire financial straits from its inception. The panic of 1837 saw the wreck of many fortunes and institutions. Never adequately endowed, the school nevertheless set their fees at their lowest level to enable the poorer students to attend. Consequently, the college's resources were strained and salaries were reduced.²

By 1841 two crises culminated in a situation that would eventually result in the closing of the college. The problems involved the severe lack of funds and the controversy over slavery. With the Ohio River serving as somewhat the line between opposing factions, Augusta's location placed the school in the middle of the conflict. So acute was the problem that patronage to the school was affected and many professors went unpaid.

In 1842 the Kentucky Conference of Methodists withdrew their support of Augusta College in favor of controlling influence in Transylvania College in Lexington. Augusta was officially open under the control of the Ohio Conference until around 1849. At that time the ferry rights were sold and the Legislature repealed the school's charter.

¹In the 18th and early 19th centuries, there was no formal division between secondary schools and higher educational institutions. Augusta College, therefore, functioned partially as what we term an "academy."

²During the ten years that Bascom served the college he was promised an annual salary ranging from \$700 to \$1,000. In actuality he never received one half that amount in cash. In 1839, the Kentucky Conference appointed a committee of seven to consider the problem.

Property Augusta College Historic Buildings

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State Ky - Bracken

Working Number 1-4-80 44

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 7
Maps 1

HISTORIAN

2 buildings - brick vernacular Federal-style structures - built in 1820's for first Methodist college in the U.S., which was also only institution of higher ed. in this part of Ky. for many years. Augusta College's early presidents included leading figures in 19th century education.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

*Accept
O'Connell
2/29/80*

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

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National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 2-3-81

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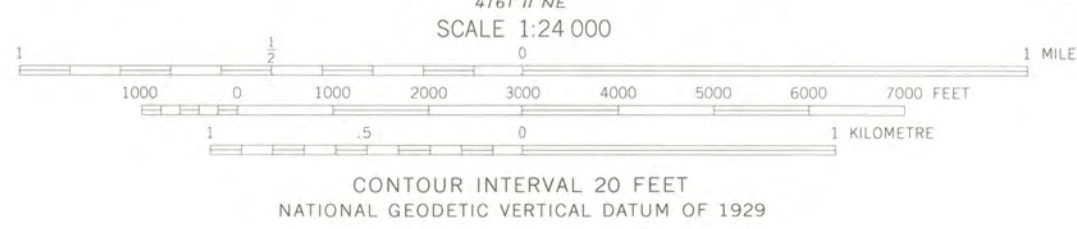
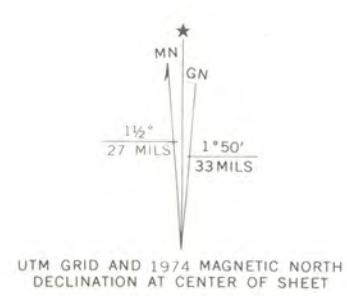


UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

FELICITY QUADRANGLE
OHIO-KENTUCKY
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SE/4 FELICITY 15' QUADRANGLE



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Revised in cooperation with State of Ohio agencies
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and USCE
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1950 and 1952. Field checked 1953. Revised from aerial
photographs taken 1967. Field checked 1968
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grids based on Ohio coordinate system,
south zone, and Kentucky coordinate system, north zone
1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 16, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
The state boundary as shown represents the approximate position
of the low water line as determined from U.S. Corps of Engineers
Ohio River charts, surveyed 1913, and supplementary information
Ohio area lies within the Virginia Military District



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
KENTUCKY GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY 40506,
AND KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY 40601
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with
State of Ohio agencies from aerial photographs taken
1974. This information not field checked.

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, all weather, hard surface
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface
Light duty road, all weather, improved surface
Unimproved road, fair or dry weather
U.S. Route
State Route

FELICITY, OHIO-KY
SE/4 FELICITY 15' QUADRANGLE
N3845-W8400/7.5
1968
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A-Hest Hall
Augusta College Buildings
Bracken County, Kentucky
U.S.G.S. Map, 7.5 Minute Series,
Felicity Ohio-Kentucky Quadrangle
1968 Scale 1:24000
Map 1

FEB 20 1980





Kentucky Heritage Commission
101 Bridge Street
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

December 20, 1979

Mrs. Carol Schull, Acting Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service
United States Department of the Interior
440 G. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20243

Dear Mrs. Schull:

The following nominations to the National Register of Historic Places were approved at the State level by the Kentucky Historic Preservation Review Board on the dates indicated. As State Historic Preservation Officer, I recommend they be entered on the National Register. Additional comments on the status of the sites may be attached to the appropriate forms.

<u>Name and Location of Site(s)</u>	<u>Date Approved at State level</u>
U. S. Army Fort Thomas Mess Hall, Campbell County, Ky.	12/12/79
Ripley T. B., House, Anderson County, Kentucky	12/12/79
First National Bank Building, Fayette County, Kentucky	12/12/79
Louisville and Nashville Railroad Depot, Harlan County, Kentucky	12/12/79
Salter, Michael, House, Garrard County, Kentucky	12/12/79
Odd Fellows Temple, Fayette County, Kentucky	12/12/79
Augusta College Historic Buildings, Bracken County, Kentucky	12/12/79

Your early consideration of these nominations will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Eldred W. Melton
Executive Director and
State Historic Preservation Officer

Enclosures (see List of Attachments)



December 20, 1979

Mrs. Carol Schull, Acting Keeper

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Augusta College Historic Buildings

Bracken County, Kentucky

List of Attachments

- 1 National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form
- 1 Continuation Sheet
- 1 Map
- 7 Photographs



YP Augusta College Historic Buildings 1/15/80

AUGUSTA PUBLIC SCHOOL
MACK WALLACE, SUPERINTENDENT
AUGUSTA, KENTUCKY 41002

Bracken Co. KY

BOARD OF EDUCATION
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January 18, 1980

Ms. Carol D. Shull
Acting Keeper of the National Register
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Services
Department of the Interior Pension Building
44G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20243 (Att'n.: NOM)

Dear Ms. Shull:

I am happy this property is being considered to be included on the National Register. I am of the opinion this property is worthy of being on the National Register. It would be appreciated if the property is included on the National Register.

Sincerely,

Mack L. Wallace

Mack L. Wallace
307 Bracken Street
Augusta
Kentucky 41002

RE: Augusta College
Historic Building

mlw/emw

RECEIVED HISTORIC PLACES

REC'D JAN 22 1980

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED)

INFORMATIVE MATERIAL SENT

TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED)

DATE ACTION TAKEN _____

INITIALS _____

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE KENTUCKY

Date Entered FEB 20 1980

Name

Location

Augusta College Historic Buildings

Augusta
Bracken County

Medley House

Owensboro
Daviness County

Ripy, T. B., House

Lawrenceburg
Anderson County

Also Notified

Honorable Wendell H. Ford

Honorable Walter D. Huddleston
Honorable Carl D. Perkins
Honorable William H. Natcher

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Eldred W. Melton
Director
Kentucky Heritage Commission
104 Bridge Street
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

NR Byers/bjr 2/25/80

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.