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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Kentucky
COUNTY:	Kenton
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	JUN 24 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:	Hearne House
AND/OR HISTORIC:	Same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:			
500 Garrard Street			
CITY OR TOWN:		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:	
Covington		06	
STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Kentucky	21	Kenton	117

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"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	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"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:	Mrs. Robert A. Sweetser
STREET AND NUMBER:	502 Garrard Street
CITY OR TOWN:	Covington
STATE:	Kentucky
CODE	21

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:	Kenton County Courthouse
STREET AND NUMBER:	Third and Court Streets
CITY OR TOWN:	Covington
STATE:	Kentucky
CODE	21

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:	Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky
DATE OF SURVEY:	1972
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> 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 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

At one time the focal point of a large estate, the Hearne House commanded an imposing position between the river and the town, with the Licking River on the east within a quarter of a mile of its juncture with the Ohio, and the broad, extended vista from the town center along Fifth Street on the west.

The two-and-one-half story, red-brick home constructed in 1874 has anachronistically simple massing, evoking a Georgian model. Although no bays or other elements break the outline or wall surfaces, the first-floor window heads and enriched door treatment have mid-Victorian, Italianate plasticity. The stilted segmental hoodmolds of the second story, however, betray their actual date. The roofline cornice contains widely overhanging eaves decorated with brackets and a frieze punctuated by the attic windows.

Approximately twenty years ago the house interior was significantly altered when the house was converted from a private residence to apartments. However, the rooms are in good repair. Still visible is joinery typical of the mid-Victorian period with fine woods and excellent floors. The elaborately paneled sliding doors separate the front rooms on both sides and intricate plaster ceiling medallions.

To the rear of the house, on the southeast corner of the lot, is a carriage house, extensively altered, where the owners presently reside.



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The house is located on a rather narrow strip of land between Garrard Street and the extremely steep bank of the Licking River. The house itself is built quite close to the street and, although an independent block with originally much land on either side, the front is treated as a mere facade: the sides are very plain compared to the ornamented and belted front.

The abruptness of the drop down to the river is emphasized dramatically by a gazebo, probably constructed late in the 19th century, which is perched on the edge of the bluff. It is octagonal in plan, with longer sides entered from the land and facing across the river. It is supported on stilts away from the cliff-face. Bold bracketed posts uplift a sweeping concave eight-sided 15-foot-high roof topped by High Victorian Gothic wrought-iron cresting. Although in somewhat poor condition, the gazebo, located on axis and about 20 feet behind the house, forms an integral part of the complex of house and carriage house.

Note that the details of the facade have a high Victorian Romanesque flavor, particularly the stylized capitals, similar to several other examples in Covington.

In spite of the closing off of some suites of rooms as apartments and lack of maintenance, the interiors are in remarkably complete and unaltered condition. The very narrow central hall and shallow vestibule give little hint of the splendors of the formal rooms.

To the right are double parlors linked by a segmental arch (now filled in). Mid-Victorian marble round-arched mantels are surmounted by handsome mirrors of somewhat more angular detail. There is also a series of friezes, cornice moldings, and ceiling medallions--some probably from the original scheme of 1874, others perhaps from a redecoration about the late 1880s. An antechamber across the hall features a frieze and medallion of heartily naturalistic morning-glories entwined with grapes. Its mahogany mantel inset with bronze plaques of male figures clad in elaborate Teutonic armor à la Dürer is echoed in still grander form in the dining room. There the mantel is enriched not only with multiple shelves, but by a colored-glass window deeply recessed in the wall above, the sides of whose niche are bevelled mirrors creating a startling effect. This end of the dining room was apparently extended out beyond the block of the house and redecorated about the same time as the parlors: a Lincrusta dado, painted ceiling, green-and-gold panelled doors and woodwork, and hand-blocked wall-paper with pastoral landscapes

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seem to date from just before the turn of the century. Other rooms are said to retain the original mantels and woodwork.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1874**

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The owner-builder of Hearne House was Jonathan David Hearne, a prominent nineteenth-century businessman and civic leader in the greater Cincinnati area. Among other important positions, Hearne served as Director of the Covington and Cincinnati Suspension Bridge Company and was responsible for the execution of John A. Roebling's bridge across the Ohio, completed in 1866. He was also President of the Cincinnati and Newport Iron and Pipe Company and President of the Third National Bank, which survives as the Fifth Third Bank. From 1872 to 1873 he served as a member of the Covington City Council.

Hearne was born August 7, 1829, in Bourbon County, and came to the Covington area around 1861. He was a close personal friend of Jesse Grant, who lived a short distance away on Greenup Street and was the father of President U. S. Grant. Hearne was a pallbearer at Jesse Grant's funeral, attended by the President.

In conclusion, Hearne House is important in that it was the home of one of Covington's most noted citizens of the late nineteenth century. The exterior, relatively unaltered since its construction, represents a handsome combination of several architectural styles. In addition, its location at the head of a major roadway approach to a nearby district already listed on the National Register makes it an exceptionally outstanding visual element related to the revitalization of this area of Covington.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Biographical Encyclopedia of Kentucky. Cincinnati: J. M. Armstrong and Company, 1878.
Cincinnati Historical Society Collection of J. D. Hearne Memorabilia.
City Atlas of Covington, Kentucky. Philadelphia: G. M. Hopkins, 1877.
Eilerman, Charles B. Historic Covington. Covington: Charles B. Eilerman, 1973.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **less than ten acres**

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: **Mr. Charles B. Eilerman, Policy Advisor**

ORGANIZATION: **Office for Policy and Management** DATE: **August 24, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER: **The Capitol**

CITY OR TOWN: **Frankfort** 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. Cedric W. Melton

Title: State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: May 15, 1974

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

[Signature]
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 6/24/74

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 6/24/74

PROPERTY Heasne House

STATE Ky.

WORKING NUMBER 5, 28. 74. 861

Kenton

TECH REVIEW

PHOTOS 2

MAPS 1

CONTROL REVIEW

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OK

HISTORIAN

urban planning & landscape architecture?

Accept
W. R. Luce

Called Walter Langsam 6/8/74 - He said they included landscape architecture because of the great gazebo - Urban planning because of commanding position at end of street.

6/5/74 accept
RL-6/8.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

"Landscape architecture" & urban planning are not justified by Sect. 8. ACCEPT when this is clarified either by continuation sheet or deletion of these 2 areas of sign. Hazardl. 6/11/74

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Colz
6/19/74

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Accept
for mounting
6/21/74

National Register Write-up 8/8/74

Send-back _____

Federal Register entry August 6, 1974

Re-submit _____

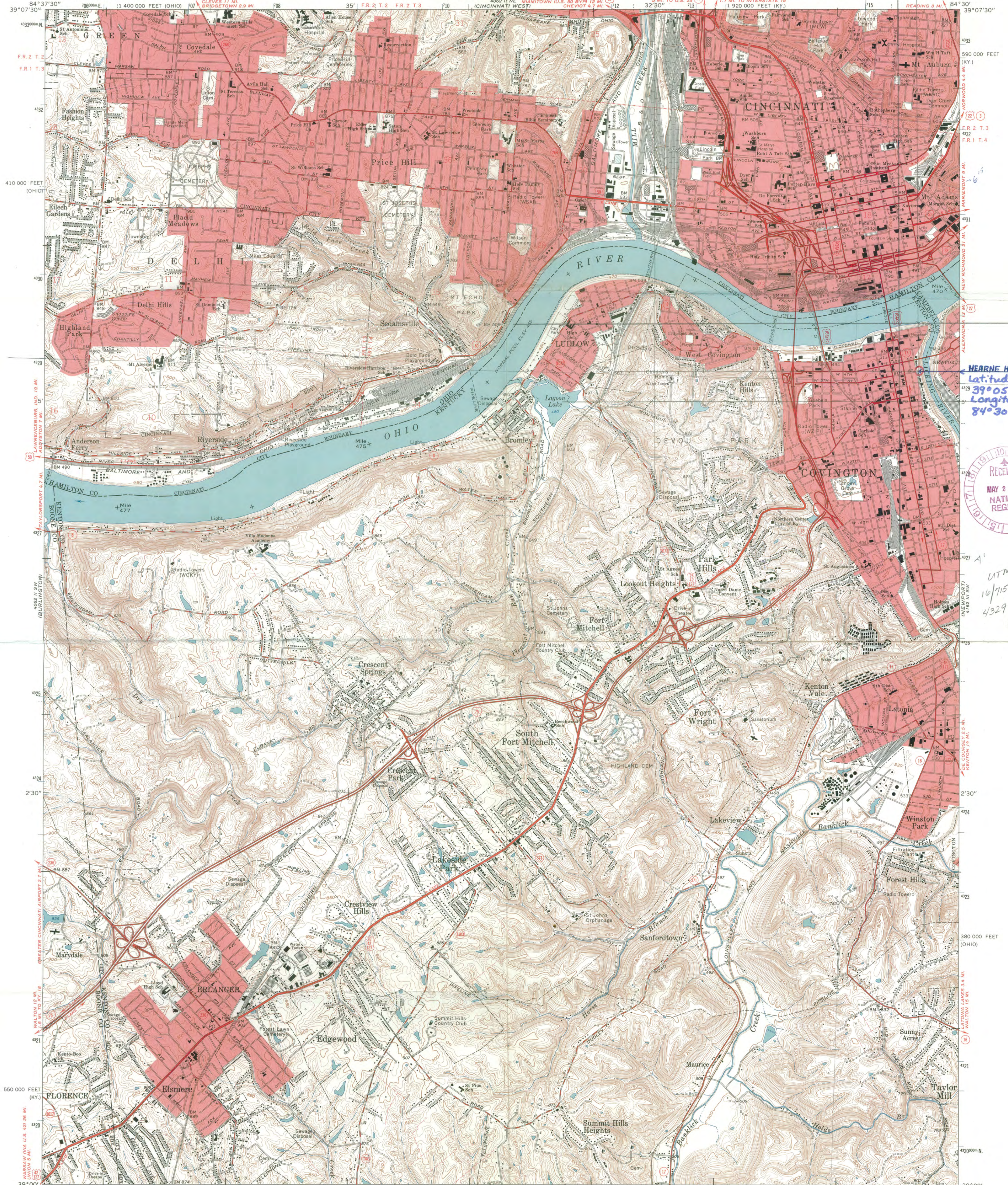
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Hearne House
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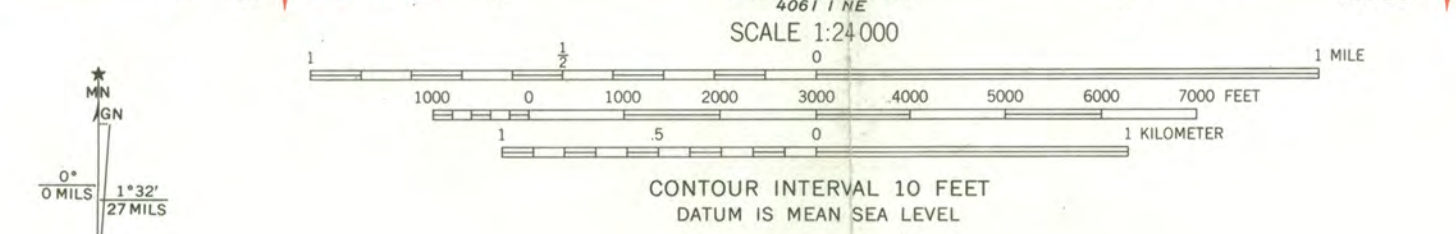
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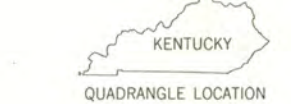
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grids based on Kentucky coordinate system,
north zone, and Ohio coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 16, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally 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 1914, and supplementary information
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
Ohio area lies within the Between the Miamis. Land lines based on the
Great Miami River Base. Dotted land lines established by private
subdivision of the Symmes Purchase



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
Interstate Route	U.S. Route
	State Route

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.,
KENTUCKY GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY,
AND KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



COVINGTON, KY.-OHIO
SE 4 WEST CINCINNATI 15' QUADRANGLE
N3900-W8430/7.5
1961
AMS 4062 II SE-SERIES V853

The CHRISTOPHER GIST *Historical Society*

216 EAST FOURTH STREET / COVINGTON, KY. 41011

Mailing Address:

October 3 1973

R. C. McCLAIN
4614 DECOURSEY AVE
COVINGTON, KY.
41015

Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Walter Dunlevy, Vice Pres.
223 Scott Street,
Covington, Kentucky.

Dear Mr. Dunlevy:

At a meeting of the Board of Management of the Christopher Gist Historical Society, it was decided that the Society would not oppose the location of the bridge at Fifth Street.

The Hearne house at 500 Garrard St. which will be sacrificed, is a fair example of Georgian architecture, and was home to prominent citizens of the community, never acquired any historical prominence. Therefore the Society supports your position of favoring 5th street as the best location for the crossing.

Yours very truly,

The Christopher Gist Historical Society

Ross C. McClain
Secretary



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
Kentucky Heritage Commission
CORNER IN CELEBRITIES
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY 40601

Dr. William J. Murtagh, Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service
18th and C Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20240



Dear Dr. Murtagh:

I am pleased to transmit National Register Nomination Forms for Hearne House, 500 Garrard Street, Covington, Kenton County, Kentucky. This nomination has the unanimous approval of the Kentucky Historic Preservation Review Board, and as State Historic Preservation Officer, I recommend it be entered on the National Register of Historic Places.

An early approval of this nomination will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Eldred W. Melton

Mrs. Eldred W. Melton
State Historic Preservation
Officer

May 20, 1974



JUN 3 1974

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
Kentucky Heritage Commission
CORNER IN CELEBRITIES
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY 40601

Mrs. Kate Cole
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
1100 "L" Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Kate:

No sooner did we finally submit a few forms than I went to see the Hearne House itself (in company with Ernest Holz) and discovered unproclaimed delights: the actual site, the gazebo, the interiors. Enclosed are suggested additions to the form which can, I hope, be included.

It would be very helpful if the Hearne House form could be pushed through fast, if possible even during this fiscal year. The owner has finally come around to considering "improving" the property, which has been almost totally neglected (although the owners live in the coach-house adjacent) for at least a decade, in the expectation that it would be condemned for a bridge. Although it is not clear now whether the bridge will go through at that location or not, the owner wants to raise the property's value, if only for higher condemnation price and in response to a very active local movement to preserve the house permanently. But we could certainly contribute a good deal as far as the authenticity--and-taste--of the rehabilitation goes if a federal grant were supplied. Finally, the sooner the better as far as the status of the property goes; I had to state that it was only pending at a meeting last week with Ernest Holz, local preservationists, and federal and state highway department officials.

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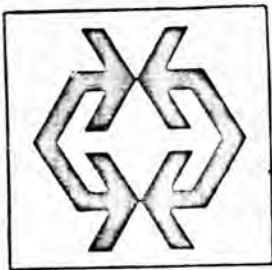
As Mrs. Melton puts it, a slight trickle of water has begun to emerge from the ice-block of National Register forms here: be prepared for an avalanche!

Cordially,

Walter

Walter E. Langsam
Assistant Director

May 29, 1974



Downtown Idea Exchange

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Historic Prevention?

Is the plea for historic preservation a thinly veiled ploy of renewal prevention? We all know of cases where a proposed renewal project (publicly assisted or not) crashed headlong into the resistance of preservationists who claimed that the project would destroy some irreplaceable bit of history or of art. Probably the only thing both sides would agree on is the word "irreplaceable." To some, the old building is junk; to others it's a treasure. Each case must be judged on its merits. But the fear is being clearly expressed by developers, renewal authorities, city officials, businessmen and housing agencies that opponents of projects -- for whatever reason -- are using the shibboleth of historic preservation as a mere tool of blocking action for change. And, the preservationists accuse the others of everything from cultural callousness to sheer money-grubbing. Again, it's logical to evaluate each case on its merits. What we are pointing out is that a significant and serious issue is developing which can directly effect CBD actions. Part of the problem is that mechanisms exist for declaring buildings "historic" by a process that is fundamentally unconnected to local development decision making. All renewal balances the values of changing things against the values of retaining them unchanged. These values are economic, social, artistic, historic, neighborhood and others. Neither the bulldozer buccaneers nor the knockdown nay-sayers can be permitted to overbalance the scales of value.

Cities Upswing

After all these years of getting battered in the press, the journalists are changing their tune about central cities and their downtowns. Here's a scattering of comments. U.S. News & World Report headlines "A Trek Back Toward The Cities?" but equivocates with the question mark. Other quotes, on housing, "now the biggest market is for townhouses and apartments, especially condominiums ... The key to growth ... is jobs ... Where there is still a strong job base downtown, rebirth of the city will take care of itself." Or read Forbes, "Deteriorating downtowns will slowly begin to reverse their decline ... Cities are back in ... Suburbmania is over ... The decades old exodus to the country will slow and dwindle. In five, ten years' time the blight will slowly shift from downtown to out-of-town ... The day for downtown is dawning again." It is of the greatest importance that the press is now reacting favorably (or perhaps just a bit more favorably) to downtown. Nothing can do more to change the image of downtown, strengthen favorable decision making, unlock support, etc.

Parking Robbers

A study in one downtown showed that a huge amount of CBD parking was robbed from shoppers, customers and clients by employees. To detail this, they found "Nearly one-fourth of all metered curb space, five-sixths of all municipal space and virtually all occupied customer spaces are utilized by employees." The shopper gets the leftovers. This points out, again, that a parking system must provide spaces for all parker categories. Otherwise the shopper/client/customer/visitor/etc., on whom downtown depends, gets last choice.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

40601



ARTHUR L. SCHMIDT
69TH DISTRICT, CAMPBELL COUNTY
134 WINTERS LANE
COLD SPRING, KENTUCKY
41076

June 21, 1974

The Honorable Rodgers C. E. Morton
Secretary, Department of the Interior
C Street, Between 18th & 19th Streets NW.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Many public officials and citizens in Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati have been working since 1967 for the construction of the bridge over the Licking River between Newport and Covington, Kentucky. Last night, at what we hoped would be the last public hearing necessary, we were informed that the so called Jonathen Hearn House, 5th Street, Covington, Kentucky is about to be placed on the National Registry of Historical Places.

This building is an old, run-down boarding house that has less historical value than this paper. I find it hard to believe that the Department of the Interior can place a building on the Historical Registry without the public ever being notified.

Would you please investigate the methods, especially in Kentucky, for placing buildings on the Registry. The tremendous delay and additional burden on the taxpayers, when a building on the Registry must be moved or demolished, must be considered. In this particular case, it is obvious that behind the scene maneuvering designed to delay or prohibit the construction of the bridge is using the Hearn House as part of their tactics.

Would you please reply as soon as possible and if I can provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arthur L. Schmidt".

Arthur L. Schmidt

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M. GENE SNYDER
4TH DISTRICT, KENTUCKY

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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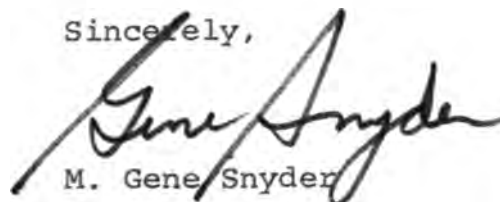
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Dr. Ernest A. Connally
Associate Director
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Dr. Connally:

I appreciate your consideration
and understanding during our telephone
conversation today.

In connection with the Hearne
House matter, I am enclosing an article
from the local daily paper which will
give you some idea of local opinion.

Sincerely,



M. Gene Snyder

MGS:mjt
Enclosure

C. U. R. E.

Five West Fifth Street

Covington, Ky. 41011

(606) 491-4294

June 24, 1974

Dr. Ernest A. Connally
Associate Director of National Parks
Department of Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Dr. Connally:

The purpose of this letter is to express to you our concern about the designation of 500 Garrard Street, Covington, Kentucky known as the "Hearne House" in the National Register of Historic Places.

Cure is an organization of fifteen financial institutions in the City of Covington dedicated to work with the City and Citizens for improvement. One of our objectives is to encourage historic and architectural preservation. However, our concern about the subject designation includes the process and validity of such designation.

In Covington it appears that a small group has initiated numerous historic designation requests over the past year or so. They allude to association with the local Heritage League and Historical Society when in fact such association appears to be limited to membership and not endorsement. Secondly, this same local group appears to have personal contact in the State Agency responsible for review and designation on the State Register. To our knowledge for the past year or so no local groups have been requested to provide input into requests for state registration. It seems to us that requests for historic registration should not be processed in a vale of secrecy, but should be open for public comment as part of the process.

With regard to the validity of the subject designation there seems to be some evidence to raise some serious doubts. While CURE readily admits no qualifications to resolve such a question there seems to be some reasonable doubt created by recent public hearings on other matters concerning the City of Covington. The local Chapter of the Institute of Architects have questioned the architectural significance, the local Historic Society has questioned the historic significance (see enclosed letter to local Chamber of Commerce) and numerous persons at public hearings on other matters have questioned the historic significance.

The lead article in the enclosed "Downtown Idea Exchange" perhaps

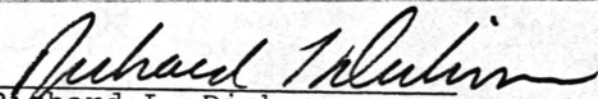
"Covington Urban Redevelopment Effort"

Dr. E.A. Connaly
June 24, 1974
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better expresses our basic concern. Our only request is that the historic designation of the Hearne House be fully reviewed as to its authenticity.

Sincerely yours,

CURE

By 
Richard L. Dickman,
Executive Director

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NORTHERN KENTUCKY STATE COLLEGE

Office of the President

June 24, 1974

Dr. Ernest A. Connally
Associate Director of National Parks
Department of Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Dr. Connally:

I am writing this letter, not only in my capacity as President of Northern Kentucky State College, but also in my capacity as Professor of History with an earned doctorate in the field of American Social History from the University of Rochester.

I am much concerned that the Hearne House in Covington has been placed on the National Registry of Historical Places; thus preventing the building of a long-planned and much needed bridge across the Licking River between Covington and Newport. True, the Hearne House is an example of Georgian architecture, but there are numerous examples in the area, several of which are being preserved and it simply does not make sense to disrupt the possibilities of inner-city development by making this house that sacred. I believe that if you checked with competent historians at our institution that you would find that I reflect the feeling of my colleagues as well as my personal viewpoint. I am somewhat surprised that actions of this nature are taken without references to the only highly trained professionals in the area.

I am told that it is necessary for you to remove this house from the list within the next few days in order to prevent the permanent forestalling of construction of this sorely needed bridge. There are only two small bridges between these two Kentucky cities in this populous area - one of these is a toll bridge and the other is to be torn up soon for repairs. We have a quarter of a million in this metropolitan area on the Kentucky side of the Ohio. It is the second most populous urban center in Kentucky. I do not believe that the importance of the Hearne House in any way warrants the catastrophic damage it would do to long projected plans for the building of this necessary bridge.

Sincerely,

Frank Steely
President

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE KENTUCKY

Date Entered JUN 24 1974

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Hearne House	Covington Kenton County

Also Notified

Hon. Marlow W. Cook
Hon. Walter D. Huddleston
Hon. Marion G. Snyder
Regional Director, Southeast Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Eldred W. Melton
Director
Kentucky Heritage Commission
401 Wapping St.
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

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To: Dr. Connally

FOLLOW-UP SLIP

Date June 25, 1974

Ernie Holtz of the Advisory Council made us aware several months ago that a proposed bridge and highway, in Covington, Kentucky, would affect the Riverside Drive Historic District and a house one block outside the District, nominated in May 1974 by the State as the Hearne House.

Correspondence from the State (enclosed in the nomination) resulted in expediting the nomination, which was approved by the staff and signed by me as acting Keeper of Friday, June 21. After the nomination had been prepared to be sent to you for signing, I had a conversation with Bill Tanner in Congressman Snyder's office. We discussed delaying the nomination, but since the procedures for the Federal Highway Administration would be the same whether the property was listed or only eligible, Mr. Tanner agreed with my view that it would be better to complete the nomination rather than leave it in limbo.

On Monday morning, June 24, I took the nomination to Dr. Mortensen for signature. No notification's have been sent to Congress of the State.

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After speaking to you about the nomination, a George Hoffman from the Kentucky Highway Department called to inquire why the Hearne House was being listed in the National Register. I explained the procedures and called his attention to its architectural significance. He admitted that the interior was particularly interesting, although not unique in the area. He indicated that the local authorities were unhappy about the nomination and felt that listing the house would completely stop the bridge project, since the local people had already indicated that they would not allow the house to be moved or permit any other alternative.

Shortly after speaking to Mr. Hoffman, the State Historic Preservation Officer, Mrs. James Melton, called to inquire about the status of the nomination. I indicated that it was waiting final approval (although Dr. Mortensen had already signed it). Mrs. Melton said that the nomination had raised quite a furor locally and that she may have put the State

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program on the line by nominating the house. Local preservationists are dead set on preventing the expansion of the bridge which will include a connector that will bisect the historic district. She also indicated that it was not acceptable to move the house, nor was there any other alternative acceptable that would place the highway through the historic district. I gather that its only the local politicians who want the highway and bridge. Mrs. Melton said that there would be a meeting in the governor's office in a few days when he returned from vacation.

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Charles Perry

June 25, 1974

Honorable Arthur L. Schmidt
Kentucky House of Representatives
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

Secretary of the Interior Morton has asked me to acknowledge your letter of June 21 concerning the Jonathen Hearn House in Covington, Kentucky, and the placing of historic buildings on the National Register of Historic Places.

We appreciate your interest in this matter and will provide you a reply at our earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

Ronald H. Walker

Ronald H. Walker
Director

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Commonwealth of Kentucky
House of Representatives

64th District
Kenton County

June 26, 1974

Dr. Ernest A. Connally
Assistant Director of National Parks
Department of Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240

Re: The Jonathan David Hearne Home
500 Garrard Street
Covington, Kenton County, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Connally:

I am informed that the above captioned home is presently being considered by you for listing in the National Registry of Historic Places and I wish to go on record as being opposed thereto.

Covington is located at the juncture of the Licking River where it joins the Ohio and came into being as a river town in the latter part of the Eighteenth Century. It is typical of many of the older cities in the United States, containing many old structures which have deteriorated to the point of becoming blighted property. The Hearne House was built in 1874 by Jonathan David Hearne. It does not have any historic significance from the viewpoint of the builder or any others having a genuine place in history. The house is in a very poor condition of repair and presently occupied as sub-standard tenements. It is located on the edge of an area sufficiently blighted to motivate the razing of most of the buildings and construction of a public playground and public housing project several years ago. While there is some disagreement, architects, engineers and historians concede that the Hearne House is not particularly outstanding as an example of architectural design of any particular style. Basically, it simply represents an old dwelling in an old era.

During 1967 various public and quasi-public officials caused machinery to be set in motion to construct a new bridge connecting Covington and Newport, Kentucky, in close proximity to an existing 4th Street Bridge. The Kentucky Bureau of Highways progressed a study, preliminary design and held a public hearing on the involved corridor on June 20, 1974. I believe that this was the sixth public hearing

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on the project since 1967 and the third since 1970, after it was generally made public that the Hearne House would be affected by the construction of the new bridge.

Mr. Charles Eilerman revealed the present status of the Hearne House at the public hearing held June 20th and I must state that I was totally indignant at the manner in which the matter of the Hearne House had been handled by those instrumental therein. I conversed with Mrs. Eldred Milton, Executive Director of the Kentucky Heritage Commission, on June 21st and she recounted the progress to me directly from her files. Briefly, Mr. Charles Eilerman completed the application form for the National Registry and presented it to her predecessor, Mrs. Simeon Willis. The applicant failed to disclose the controversial nature of the Hearne House to the members of the Kentucky Heritage Commission and the six members of its "State Review body" or anyone connected therewith. There was no public hearings on the matter and the conclusion must be drawn that the omission was intentional and that the Hearne House would not be before you for if an opportunity had been afforded those desiring construction of the bridge. In fact, Mrs. Milton assured me that she would take steps to delay approval by the National Registry and afford interested persons a fair public hearing. I trust that she has contacted your office.

It is my firm opinion that the planned bridge should become a reality. The volume of traffic and inter-dependence of the downtown areas of Newport, Covington and Cincinnati will be greatly served by the project. There is a definite public need and the benefits to be derived sufficiently off-set the minimal loss of property, whether considered from the viewpoint of tax revenue or historic value.

Opponents of the project have been dormant until recently in respect to the Hearne House. Further, the historic significance of this dwelling does not counter-balance the economic loss, safety and inconvenience to the motoring public that will result from abandonment of this project.

Accordingly, I urge you and officials of the Department of Interior to reject the application in regard to the Hearne House. As an alternative to rejection, I urge you to remand the matter to the Kentucky Heritage Commission for further consideration.

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Assistant Director of National Parks
Washington, D. C. 20240

Thanking you for your consideration and cooperation in this matter,
I am

Sincerely,

Phillip E. King

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cc: The Honorable Walter "Dee" Huddleston
United States Senator

The Honorable John Breckinridge
United States Congressman

The Honorable M. Gene Snyder
United States Congressman

Advisary Council on Historic Preservation

The Honorable Billy Paxton, Commissioner
Department of Transportation
Bureau of Highways

Mrs. Eldred Milton
Executive Director
Kentucky Heritage Commission

Mr. R. A. Walsburger
District Engineer
Department of Transportation
Bureau of Highways

Mr. James M. Ward, Jr., Chairman
Transportation Committee
Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

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Assistant Director of National Parks
Washington, D. C. 20240

cc: Mr. Walter Dunlevy
Executive Vice President
Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

June 26, 1974

Honorable M. Gene Snyder
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Snyder:

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We appreciate your interest in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest Allen Connolly

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We appreciate your interest in this matter.

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Dr. Ernest A. Connally
Associate Director
National Parks
Department of Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

RE: Fifth Street Bridge
Covington/Newport, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Connally:

Much has been said as to the relative value of the "Hearn House" on Garrard Street, Covington, blocking the Fifth Street approach to the proposed Licking River Bridge.

I am not prepared to debate the relevancy of the house other than to say it is a dilapidated tenement house, undiscovered prior to the bridge proposal.

I do admire and respect our traditions, our history and our heritage, but I also look to our future.

The Arterial East-West Distributor Covington to Newport, I-75 to I-471 is vital in the planned development of this community.

I urge you not to impede this development. The National Registry of Historic Buildings will not be any less significant by the omission of the "Hearn House".

Yours very truly,

Harley B. Fisk
HARLEY B. FISK, AIA
PARTNER

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Billy Paxton
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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Dr. William J. Murtagh
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
National Register of Historic Places
1100 "L" Street Northwest
Washington, D. C. 20240

SUBJECT: Kenton - Campbell Counties, U 320 (9)
SP 59-6405-3L & SP 19-7036-1L
Fifth Street Bridge
Item No. 6-051.0

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

As you may or may not be aware, the Kentucky Bureau of Highways is in the design stage of a project to construct a bridge over the Licking River between Covington and Newport in Northern Kentucky. The proposal to construct this project necessarily involves the taking of the Jonathan David Hearne Home in Covington. A local group has recently come to the forefront in an effort to save the Hearne Home from acquisition by the Kentucky Bureau of Highways. I was most distressed recently to find at a Highway Design Public Hearing that the home was being placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Subsequent checks by Bureau personnel have indicated this to be true.

The Bureau of Highways has in the past cooperated fully and made every attempt possible to minimize damage or avoid entirely structures placed on the National Register. We have always considered structures on this list to be of historical significance

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and worthy of preserving; however, we feel that the placing of the Hearne Home on the National Register in such an expeditious manner is an attempt to use the National Register to stop a highway project rather than to preserve a house of historical significance. Local public input in the past and at the recent Public Hearing has indicated to us that the citizens of Northern Kentucky overwhelmingly support the project.

We are puzzled as to how the home qualified for the National Register since some local historic groups have attested to the fact that the home has no local historical significance. Local members of the American Institute of Architects have publicly stated that the home is of no particular architectural significance. We will continue to work with the Department of Parks in preserving points of interest and would ask that the register be limited to those places of either local, state or national significance.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Billy Paxton". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Billy Paxton, Secretary
Department of Transportation

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Mr. Harley B. Fisk, AIA
Fisk, Rinehart & Hall, McAllister &
Stockwell
Architects and Engineers
121 East Fourth Street
Covington, Kentucky 41011

Dear Mr. Fisk:

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Thank you for your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

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Charles A. Herrington (Sgd.)

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Enclosure

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Honorable Arthur L. Schmidt
Kentucky House of Representatives
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

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Dear Mr. Schmidt:

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Mr. Frank Steely
Kentucky State College
Office of the President
Highland Heights, Kentucky 41076

Dear Mr. Steely:

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Mr. Richard L. Dickman
Executive Director
Covington Urban Redevelopment Effort
Five West Fifth Street
Covington, Kentucky 41011

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Sincerely yours,

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for

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THE NORTHERN KENTUCKY SECTION OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

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Dr. Ernest A. Connally
Associate Director
National Parks Service
Department of Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

RE: Fifth Street Bridge
Covington-Newport, Ky.

Dear Dr. Connally:

All members of the Northern Kentucky Section of the A.I.A., which represent all the architectural firms in Northern Kentucky, have been polled and unanimously feel that the Fifth Street Bridge must be built.

Not one of our members feels that the "Hearn House" is that outstanding to warrant preserving it and thus block the development of an East-West Distributor so vital to our area.

The "Hearn House" may have been a fine house "in its day", but it has become a dilapidated tenement house - a blight on the neighborhood.

We would appreciate knowing what can be done to overcome this unfortunate situation, and what alternatives there might be.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Kenneth Meyer".

D. KENNETH MEYER, AIA
PRESIDENT

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Mr. Billy Paxton
Secretary, Department
of Transportation
Bureau of Highways
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

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Thank you for your letter of July 10, concerning the nomination of the Hearne House in Covington, Kentucky, to the National Register of Historic Places.

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The National Register should provide a complete list of the Nation's cultural resources of National, State and local significance, which together give an area its unique sense of place and history, and should assist planners in making the most intelligent choices in any proposed development. Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, before an Agency of the Federal Government may fund, license, or execute a project which may have an effect on a National Register property, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation must be given an opportunity to comment on the proposal. If the State Historic Preservation Officer is not aware of a property, any Federal Agency still has the responsibility under Federal law to identify all of the cultural resources in the area of a proposed project.

We appreciate your interest in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) William J. Murtagh

William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register

Enclosure

cc: Mrs. Eldred W. Malton, Director, Kentucky Heritage Commission,
401 Wapping Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601) w/c inc.
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Mr. D. Kenneth Meyer
President, The Northern Kentucky
Section of the American Institute
of Architects
121 East Fourth Street
Covington, Kentucky 41011

Dear Mr. Meyer:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the Hearne House in
Covington, Kentucky.

The Hearne House was nominated to the National Register by the State through the State Historic Preservation Officer and was entered in the National Register on June 24, 1974. The enclosed leaflet describes the National Register program. Each National Register nomination must be approved by a high level State review committee composed of historians, architects, archeologists and other disciplines as appropriate before it is signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer and forwarded to the National Park Service. The decision by the State review committee must be made purely on whether the property appears to meet National Register criteria. A controversy over proposed development which may affect the property should not be a factor nor should it preclude the nomination of a property. The nomination receives another professional review by the National Park Service before it is entered in the National Register.

The National Register should provide a complete list of the Nation's cultural resources of the national, State and local significance, which together give an area its unique sense of place and history, and should assist planners in making the most well considered choices in any proposed development. The deteriorated condition of a property is not ordinarily a factor in determining its eligibility for inclusion in the National Register.

Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, before an agency of the Federal government may fund, license or execute a project which may have an effect on a National Register property, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation must be given an opportunity to comment on the proposal. If the State Historic Preservation Officer

is not aware of a property, any Federal agency, in this case the Department of Transportation, still has the responsibility under Federal law to identify all of the cultural resources in the area of a proposed project. For more information on the Department of Transportation's compliance with the Advisory Council's procedures in regard to the Hearne House, you may wish to consult Ms. Ann Webster Smith, Director, Office of Compliance, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 1522 K Street N.W., Suite 430, Washington, D.C. 20005.

We appreciate your interest in this matter.

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Mr. Robert E. Johnson, Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
P. O. Box 536
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This is in reference to the proposed 5th Street Bridge over the Licking River from Covington to Newport, Kentucky, an undertaking of the Federal Highway Administration that will have an adverse effect on the Ohio Riverside and the Licking Riverside Historic Districts, and the Johnthan David Hearne House, Covington, Kentucky, properties included in the National Register of Historic Places. After several on-site inspections, a review and assessment of the preliminary case report including your March 9, 1978 evaluation of effects to the historic districts, and in light of the information obtained at the March 16, 1978, public information meeting, Council staff is of the opinion that in accordance with Section 800.4(d) of the Council's Procedures for the Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties" (36 CFR Part 800) the "no build" option appears to be a feasible and prudent alternative to avoid any adverse effects. We therefore cannot recommend to the Executive Director the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement on your current proposal in accordance with 36 CFR Section 800.4(g).

In light of this current impasse, we request that you investigate non-construction alternatives for channeling traffic into Newport. For example, consideration should be given to routing traffic across the I-75 bridge along the Fort Washington Way (Cincinnati, Ohio) and into Newport via the Daniel Beard Bridge. Furthermore, without the origin and destination data requested by Council staff in our initial December 7, 1977, meeting, it is impossible to evaluate the real feasibility of alternates 6 and 7. We request that such data be provided at your earliest convenience.

At this time, we can only go on record as stating that it appears that the need for constructing the proposed bridge at 5th Street is hardly justified in light of the potential, irreparable, long range effects on the historic areas.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact me at 254-3967.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Myra F. Harrison
Assistant Director
Office of Review
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January 17, 1980

Mr. Don I. Klimad
Advisory Council of Historic Preservation
1522 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear Mr. Klimad:

It is my understanding that you recently came to Covington, Kentucky, to view the site of the proposed Fifth Street Bridge between Covington and Newport, Kentucky.

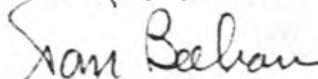
As you know, the President's Advisory Council has recommended against this project. Not only would it destroy a significant piece of architectural history, The Hearn House, it would also sever one of the vital historic neighborhoods of Covington.

It is my belief that the revitalization of urban areas, like Covington, hinges on the unique character of neighborhoods and the rehabilitation that can and has occurred in them.

Therefore, I would like to go on record, as an elected Covington City Official, opposing any further discussion of the Fifth Street Bridge. It is my belief that it would be a detriment to our neighborhoods and would not help in any appreciable manner the business community of downtown Covington.

Please feel free to call upon me if I can supply any further information. We appreciate your continued concern and look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely yours,


Tom L. Beehan,
City Commissioner

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cc: ✓ Mr. Chris Delaporte, Director
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Frankfort, Kentucky

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Historical site?

Registry may stop 5th St. bridge

BY BERT WORKUM
Kentucky Post Staff Writer

Covington's Hearne House, which stands smack in the path of the proposed Fifth St. bridge to Newport, may stand there permanently and doom the bridge project.

Opponents of the bridge announced last night at a public hearing on the project that the 100-year-old home has been placed on the National Registry of Historical Places.

"All that has to be done is the formal paperwork—it'll appear on the list in about 10 days," said Charles Eiderman, spokesman for the Downtown Neighborhood Advisory Committee (DNAC).

But State Highway Bureau officials aren't ready to accept the registration as fact.

"As far as I'm concerned, it's just hearsay," said Robert Walsburger, district engineer for the bureau's sixth district.

"It may be true—I expect it is true," he added.

Placement on the National Registry means the 100-year-old home now has the protection of the U.S. Park Service. Walsburger said such protection is hard to overcome.

"It will mean more documentation is necessary if we go along with the (bridge) project—whether the project is more important, or the home itself is more important," Walsburger said.

"When they make the Registry," Walsburger conceded, "it's difficult to get the project off the ground."

He said the highway bureau will continue its study of the proposed route, with the possible idea of moving the house from its present site.

"But that's my thought—what my superiors might say I don't know."

Walsburger said public opinion so far—including that shown by the more than 100 people at last night's meeting at St. Stephen's School, Newport—"has been overwhelmingly in favor of the (bridge) project" at its present chosen location.

Eiderman, in discussing the Hearne House, said the Kentucky Heritage Commission, which aided in having the home placed on the National Registry, has earmarked \$45,000 in matching funds for interior restoration of the house.

Provisions for the grant are permission by the present owners, Robert and Ruby Sweetser, and matching local funds, either in cash or in-kind services, Eiderman said.

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