

Dear Judge Executive and Kenton County Fiscal Court,

My name is Jonathon Howell, a resident of Kenton County. I am a graduate student pursuing a degree in Public History at Northern Kentucky University. During my 2020 fall semester, I became inspired to pursue a project in local historic preservation. I wished to recognize an important and historic building in the town of Independence: the Independence Courthouse. To do this, I want to nominate the courthouse to the National Register of Historic Places.

Throughout 2021, I have been researching and collaborating with representatives from the Kentucky Heritage Council, the State Agency that manages the National Register in Kentucky and partners with the National Park Service to assess eligibility. On a recent visit to the courthouse, KHC staff have indicated it may be eligible (although not officially yet, the Keeper of the National Register makes the final determination.) However, consent from the property owners is required before it can be listed. Therefore, I respectfully request your permission to proceed with the nomination of the Independence Courthouse to the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

Jonathon Howell