

## KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

<b>1. Name of Site:</b> Stone house on Bracken Creek		<b>16. Date:</b> early 19th century	[ 2 ]
<b>2. Prehistoric Site</b>	<b>Building</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Object</b>	[ ]
<b>Historic Site</b>	<b>Structure</b>	<b>Other</b>	
<b>3. Location:</b> North side of Bracken Creek off KY 435, two miles east of KY 8, <i>near Augusta</i>		<b>17. Style:</b> Federal	[ B ]
<b>4. ADD/County:</b> Buffalo Trace/Bracken [012]		<b>18. Architect/Builder:</b>	[ ]
<b>5. Original Owner:</b> Not Known		<b>19. No. of Stories:</b> two plus cellar & attic	[ C ]
<b>6. Other Names:</b>		<b>20. Original Floor Plan:</b> Central passage	[ I ]
<b>7. Owners Name:</b> Roy Collins		<b>21. Single Pile</b>	<b>Double Pile</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>8. Owners Address:</b> Route #1 Augusta, Kentucky 41002		<b>22. Roof Form &amp; Original Material:</b> Gable	<b>N.A.</b>
<b>9. Evaluation:</b> Meets National Register [ D ]		<b>23. Structural Material:</b> Stone	[ B ]
<b>10. Status &amp; Date:</b>		<b>24. Exterior Finish:</b> Stone	S
<b>Nat. Landmark</b>	<b>KY Survey</b>	<b>Voussoirs</b>	[ O ]
<b>Nat. Register</b>	<b>Local Landmark</b>	<b>25. Foundation Material:</b> Stone	[ A ]
<b>Landmark Cert.</b>	<b>HABS/HAER</b>	<b>26. Major Alterations:</b>	
<b>11. N.R. Group</b>		<b>Moved</b>	<b>Wall Treat.</b>
<b>District Name</b>	[ ]	<b>Additions</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Mult. Resource Area</b>	[ ]	<b>27. Outbuildings:</b> ice house, two barns, chicken house, smoke house	[ 5 ]
<b>Thematic Name</b> Early Stone Buildings	[ ]	<b>28. Original Use:</b> Residence	[ A ]
<b>12. Historical Theme:</b>		<b>29. Present Use:</b> Residence	
<b>Primary:</b> Architecture	[ C ]	<b>30. Condition:</b> Fire Damaged	[ C ]
<b>Secondary:</b> Settlement	[ K ]	<b>31. Endangered</b>	<b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Other:</b>	[ ]	by weather	<b>No</b>
<b>13. Statement of Significance:</b> Extremely fine and substantial early stone house. One of two known plank wall houses in State.		<b>31. Attach Photos</b> Roll: Stone 25/26 Photo Nos: 20-36/1-12 slides also	
<b>14. History:</b> Owned by Michael Switzer ca.1860? Original owner not known.			
<b>15. Source of Historical Information:</b>		<b>33. Prepared by:</b> Carolyn M. Wooley	
		<b>34. Organization:</b> Kentucky Heritage Council	
		<b>35. Date:</b> April 1984	

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36. UTM Point of Primary Building: 17/242240/4293300	37. USGS Quadrant: Higginsport	38. G.I.S. Mod. [ ]	39. Coordinate Accuracy [ ]
40. UTM Points of Boundary:			
A. 17/242650/4293410	C. 17/242150/4293020	E. 17/242250/4293610	
B. 17/242660/4293300	D. 17/24 900/4293520	F. _____	
41. Total Acreage in Present Property: 80 acres	42. Acreage Included in Nominated Boundary: ca.56		
43. Site Plan and Boundary Description and Justification:			

Attached

## 44. Description and House Plan:

Two story, five bay center passage dry stone house with two story stone ell. Stone is Upper Ordovician limestone. Kope Formation, a gold-grey color, tooled and coursed; original pointing is steeple pointed (some repointing). Interior gable end chimneys flanked by square attic windows. Large windows for period with 12/8 sash, 13-stone voussoirs, keys same height (photo). Front door reveal panelled, frame beaded on edge, ovolo trim, square stone sill. Window frames pegged only at sill, no trim (reworked?). Cellar windows exceptionally tall (photo), vertical diamond bars, frames pegged.

Center passage has dog leg stair with winder to landing, then straight return (see plan). Lower portion has open stringer, turned balusters and reeded square newell (may have originally been enclosed). Upper run of stair has closed stringer and solid board balustrade. Hall has panelled fire wall with built in presses and cornice. Ovolo window trim.

Interior of house had had interior walls furred, insulated and sheet panelled, which treatment concealed the parlor fire wall. A recent fire destroyed this panelling as well as the roof of the house, which has been replaced, supported by a new truss system (photo). Photo 4 shows the parlor mantel behind the wall furring. The fire damage also reveals the extraordinary, original partition wall framing system (photo 5): vertical 2 X 12 planks installed alternately in a board and batten effect, creating a four inch thick wall, the planks themselves being the wall frame. Horizontal split lathe is fastened directly on the planks and covered with plaster. One other Northern Kentucky house (MS-27) is known to have this plank framing system.

(Continued on back)

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT  
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name Stone house on Bracken Cr. Site # DK 25  
Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title Early Stone Bldgs of Ky.

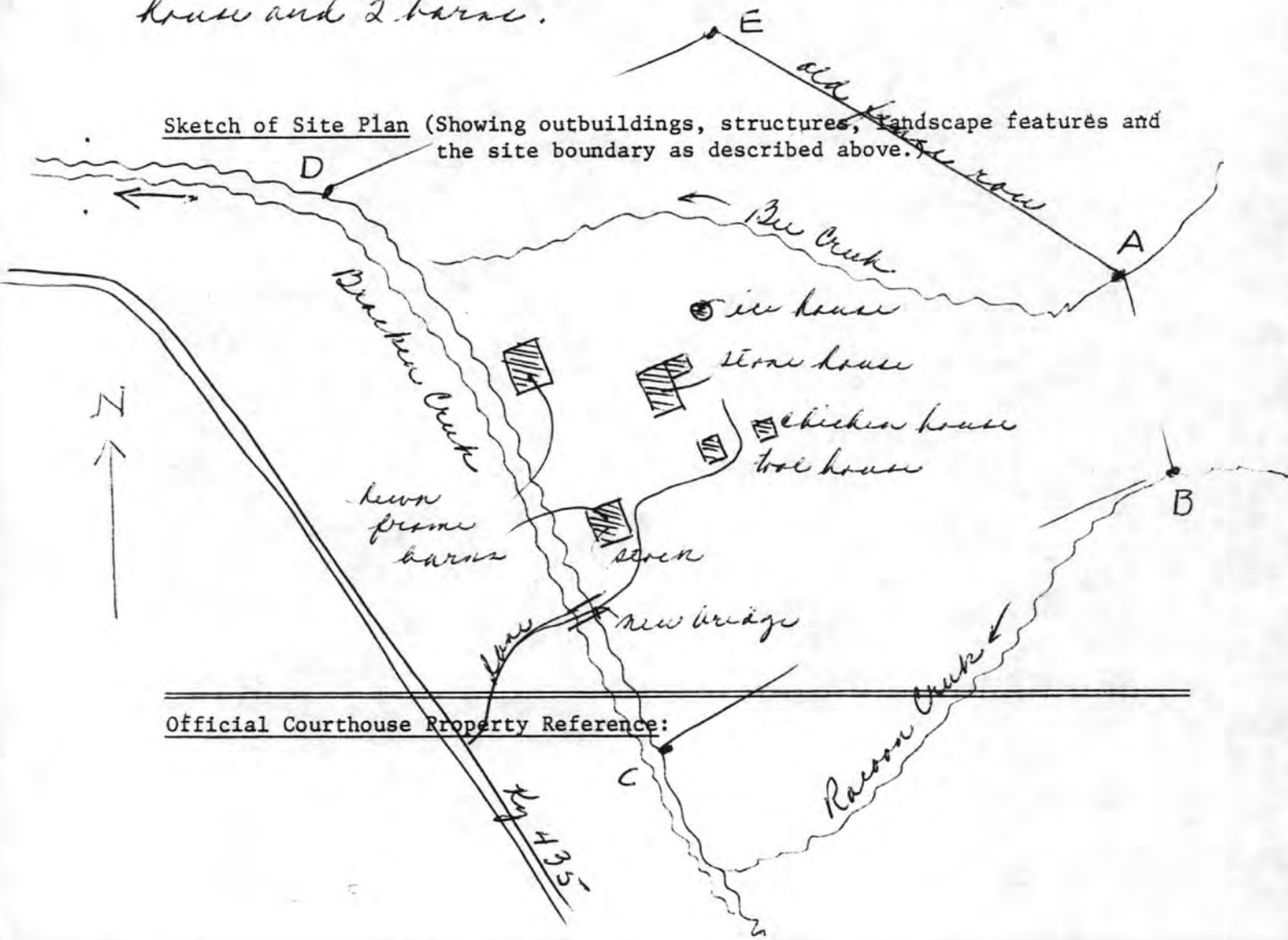
U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTMs if property is ten or more acres.

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| A. <u>17 242650 4293410</u> | D. <u>17 24 900 4293520</u>  |
| B. <u>17 242660 4293300</u> | E. <u>17 242250 4293610</u>  |
| C. <u>17 242150 4293020</u> | F. <u>(Higginsport gaug)</u> |

Verbal Boundary Description                      Acreage ca 56 acres

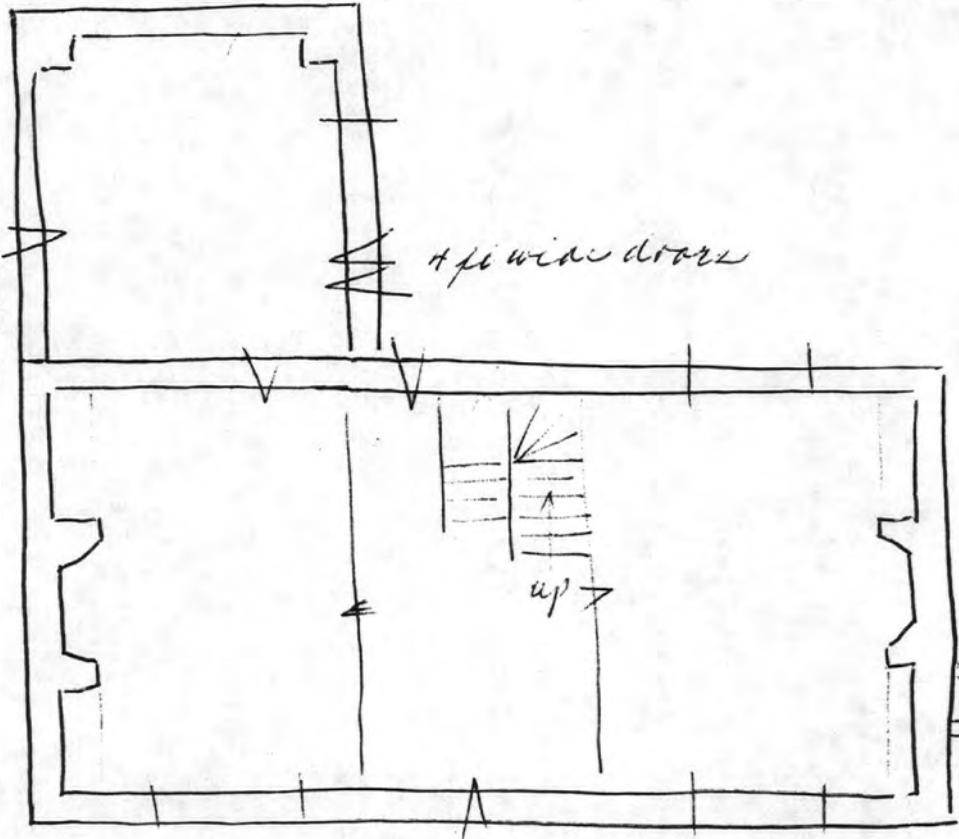
Site enclosed by A-B-C-D-E as shown. C-D is with Bracken Creek, E-A is on an old fence row, A is on Bee Creek, B is on Racoon Creek. Boundary includes stone house, ice house, chicken house, tool house and 2 barns.

Sketch of Site Plan (Showing outbuildings, structures, landscape features and the site boundary as described above.)



Official Courthouse Property Reference:

14 ft opening

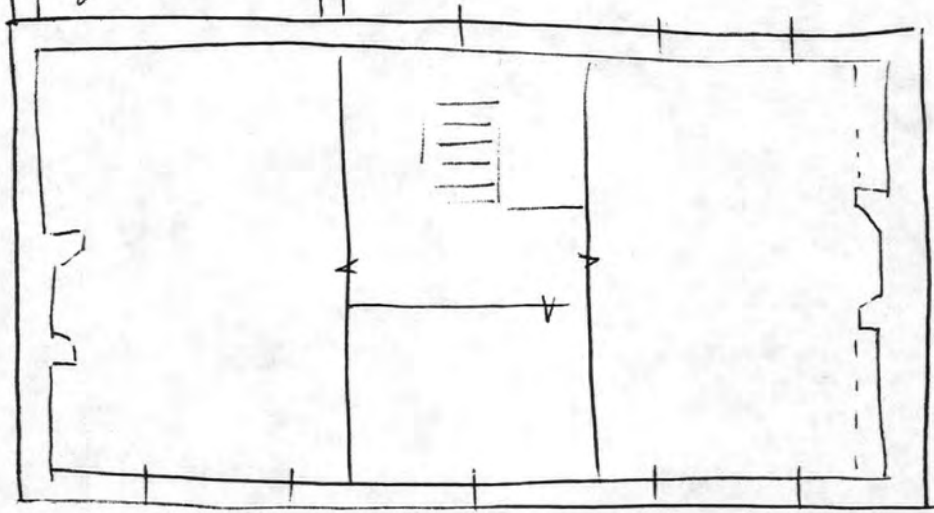


to cellar

First floor

one window  
each side

End pt  
of kitchen



Second floor



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Stone House on Bracken Creek (Early Stone  
Buildings of Kentucky TR)  
Bracken County  
KENTUCKY

Substantive Review

Working No. JUN 6 1985

Fed. Reg. Date:

Date Due: 7/4/85 - 7/21/85

Action: ACCEPT

RETURN 7-21-85

REJECT

Federal Agency:

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*This is an incomplete assessment of property for two reasons: evaluation of fire damage and subsidiary structures. See below - and when revising, please*

Recom./Criteria Return

Reviewer Aschlagel

Discipline Arch Hist

Date 7/15

see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for:  technical corrections cited below  
 substantive reasons discussed below

*present a comprehensive discussion interrelating the requested information with what is there.*

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

- excellent
- good
- fair

- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

- Check one
- unaltered
  - altered

- Check one
- original site
  - moved date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

*The documentation does not identify the extent of the fire damage on building. What is the effect of the new roof on the building? Is the building currently occupied (pictures indicate not, but they are dated 1984). What effect did the rebuilding have on the integrity? Also, are the outbuildings contributing or non-contributing? They are not photographed, except the barn - so we cannot tell. What is*



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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES  
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # BK-25  
Bracken County

1. Name of Resource:  
Stone House on Bracken Creek

2. Original Owner:  
Unknown

3. Other Names:

4. Prehistoric Site  Building  Object  
Historic Site  Structure  Other

5. Location: off Kentucky 435, north side of  
Bracken Creek, two miles east of  
Kentucky 8, near Augusta

6. Owner's Name:  
Roy Collins [ P ]

7. Owner's Address:  
Route #1  
Augusta, Kentucky 41002

8. Evaluation: [ G ]

9. Recognition & Date:  
Nat.Landmark  Local Landmark   
Nat.Register  HABS/HAER   
Highway Marker  KY Inventory   
KY Landmark Certificate

10. N.R.Status & Date:

11. N.R.Group:  
District Name: [ ]  
Mult.Resource Area: [ ]  
Thematic Name: Early Stone Buildings [ ]

12. Historical Theme:  
Primary: Architecture [030 ]  
Secondary: Settlement [140 ]  
Other: [ ]

13. Statement of Significance:  
Very fine and substantial Federal stone  
house with original kitchen ell. The  
house has rare plank framed partition  
walls.  
*See receipt 1700*  
[ ]

14. History:  
Owned by Michael Switzer c.1860. Original  
owner not known.

15. Source of historical information and/or contact  
person: Owner

16. Date:  
Original Building early 19th C. [ 8 ]  
Addition [ ]

17. Style:  
Federal [ 21 ]  
[ ]

18. Architect/Builder:  
Unknown

19. No. of Stories: 2 plus attic,cellar [ 2 ]

20. Original Floor Plan:  
central passage [ CP ]

21. Single Pile  Double Pile  N.A.

22. Roof Form & Material: Original  
Gable Not Original

23. Structural Material:  
Stone [ S ]

24. Exterior Material:  
Stone [ S ]

25. Foundation Material:  
Stone [ S ]

26. Major Alterations: None  
Moved/Rebuilt Other  
Additions Roof

27. Special Features:  
Plank Framed Partition Walls

28. Outbuildings: [ 5 ]

29. Original Function:  
Residence [ 01A ]

30. Present Use:  
Residence [ 01A ]

31. Condition:  
Fair [ F ]

32. Endangered: Yes   
No

33. Attach Photos:  
Roll: 25,26 Photo Nos: 20-36 No. of Slides: X  
1-12

34. Prepared by: Carolyn Murray-Wooley

35. Organization: Kentucky Heritage Council

36. Date: April 1984

37. New Survey  Resurvey



KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES  
 Individual Inventory Form

Resource # BK-25

38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. [ ]  
 Quadrant: Higginsport 17 242240 4293300 40. Coordi.Accuracy [ ]

41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):

A.	17	242650	4293410	D.	17	241900	4293520
B.	17	242660	4293300	E.	17	242250	4293610
C.	17	242150	4293020	F.	---	-----	-----

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: ca. 56 acres  
 44. Site Plan (and boundary description and justification for N.R. sites):

See Attached

45. Description and House Plan:

Original:

Two-story, five-bay, center-passage, dry-stone house with original two-story, stone ell. Stone is Upper Ordovician limestone, Kope Formation, a gold-grey color, tooled and coursed; original pointing is steeple pointed (some repointing). Interior gable-end chimneys flanked by square attic windows. Large windows for period with 12/8 sash, 13-stone voussoirs, keys same height. Front door reveal panelled, frame beaded on edge, ovolo trim, square stone sill. Window frames pegged only at sill, no trim. Cellar windows exceptionally tall, vertical diamond bars, frames pegged.

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Partition walls between the rooms are framed with vertical 2 x 12 inch planks installed alternately in a board and batten effect, creating a four-inch thick wall, the planks themselves being the wall frame. Horizontal split lathes were fastened directly on the planks. This kind of partition wall is known in New England, but very rare in Kentucky; one other, MS-27, is known.

The kitchen ell abutts, but is not bonded to, the main house. Access from rear of hall, door frames pegged, ovolo trim. Gable end of kitchen contains huge cooking fireplace, 14 foot opening, spanned by a single timber lintel two-feet tall. Only one section of chair rail was put in kitchen, beside window, has 1/2 round nose, no trim; peg rail on east wall. Southwest corner has built-in ladder to garrett, with beaded stringer. Exterior of kitchen has pot log holes on both sides, indicating



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**45. Description and House Plan (Continued)**

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porch roofs. West door is eight panelled; four-feet wide doorway on east side.

Access to cellar under main house, from east end. Fireplace (not cooking) in west end of cellar only; walls whitewashed, whole log joists.

House located in valley facing Bracken Creek. Site includes chicken house, tool house, and two barns all with hewn and pegged frames. A roofless icehouse contributes to the farm-yard complex and is capable of adding information about the period.

**Changes:**

In the mid-20th century, the interior walls of the house were furred out to create space for insulation. Sheet panelling was applied to the built out walls. A recent fire destroyed this panelling revealing all the original woodwork and mantels still in place behind the new walls. The roof of the house has been replaced in its original shape since the fire, supported by a new truss system. A recent shed-roofed room at the rear of the main house was destroyed by the fire, as well as part of the kitchen roof and most the window glass of the house. The structure and woodwork are undamaged except for smokestains. The house is more intact than many others that have "modern" changes. A mobile home is being used while the house is under repair.

The bridge over the creek is later.

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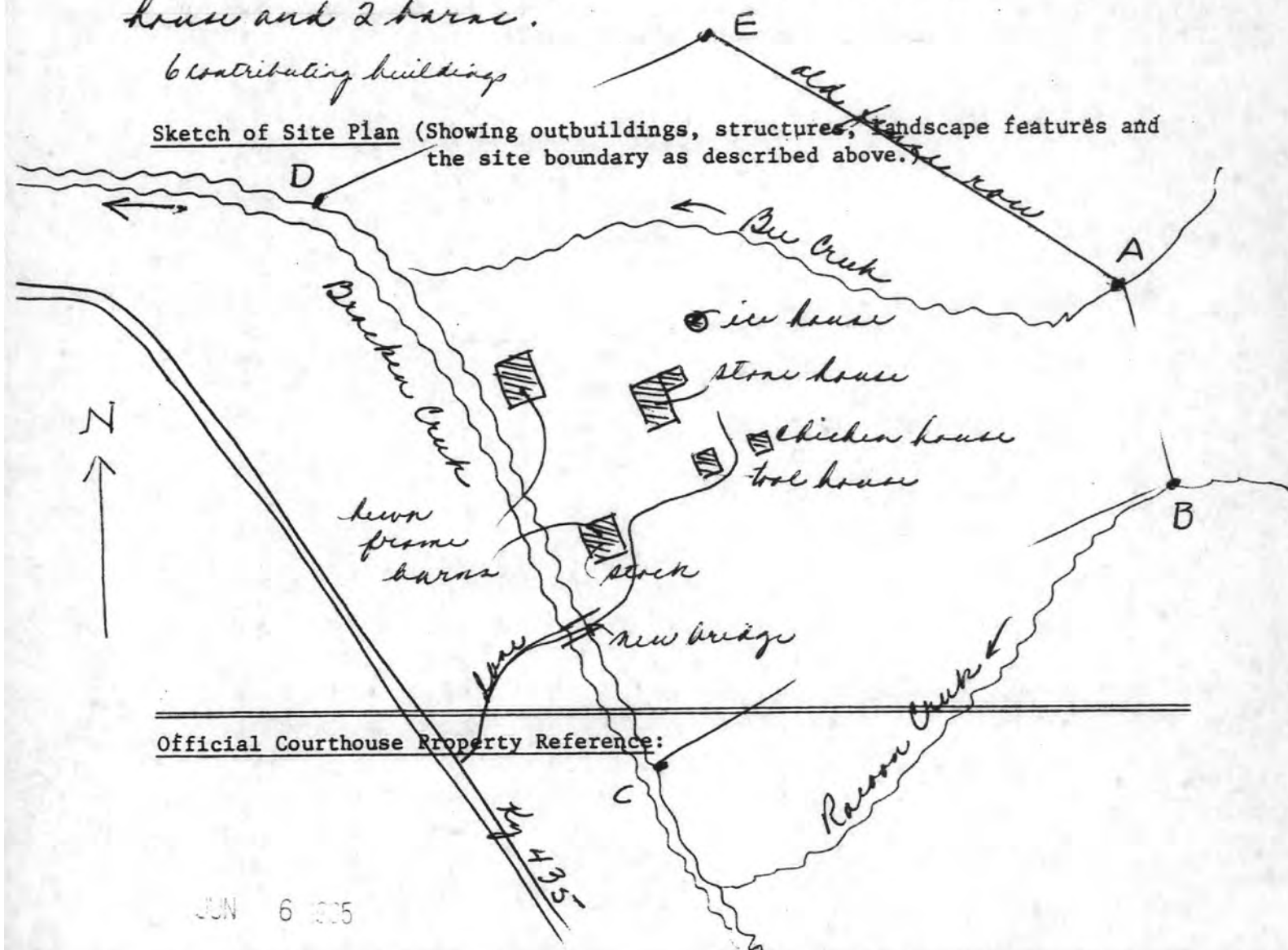
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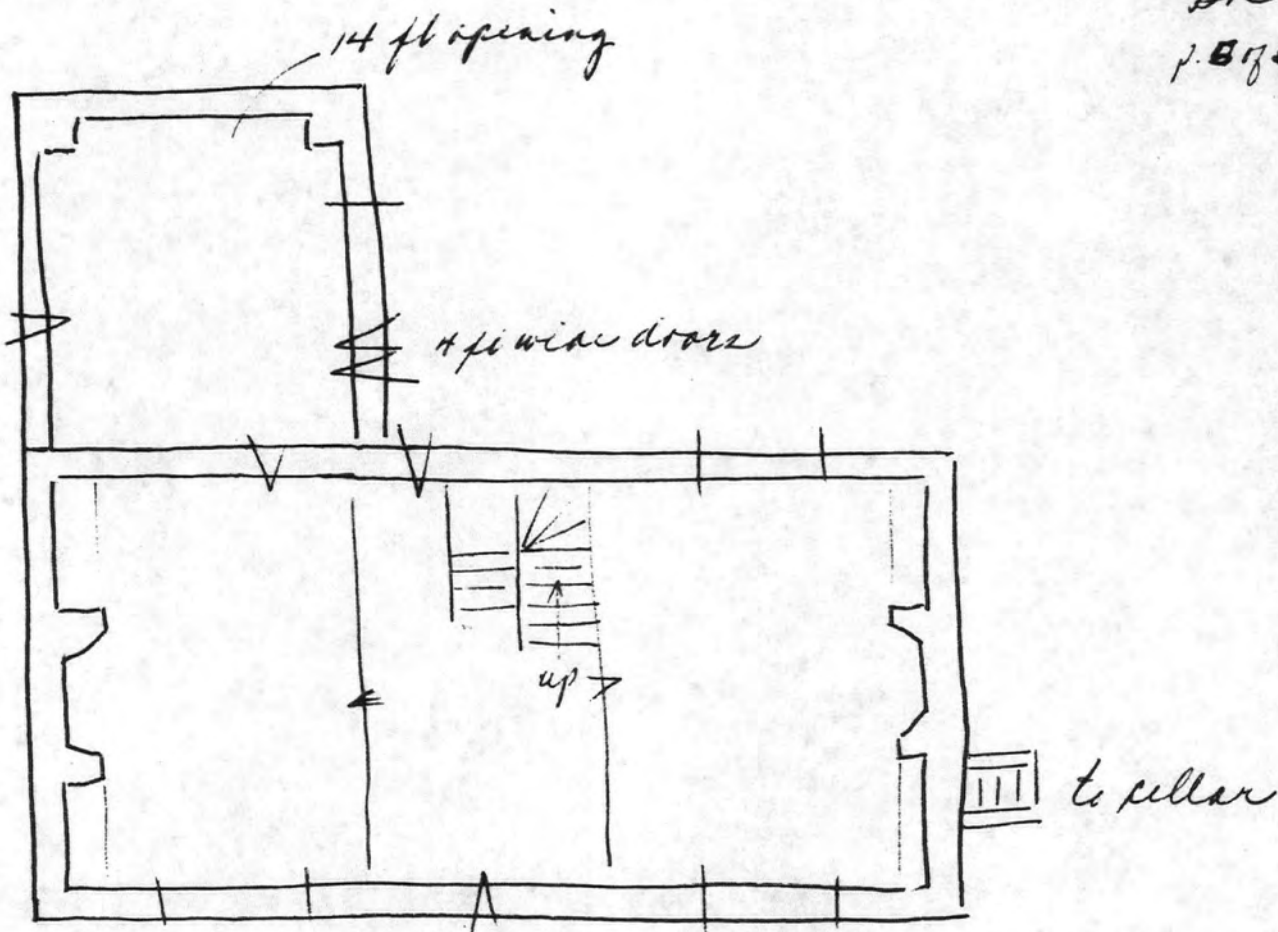
6 contributing buildings

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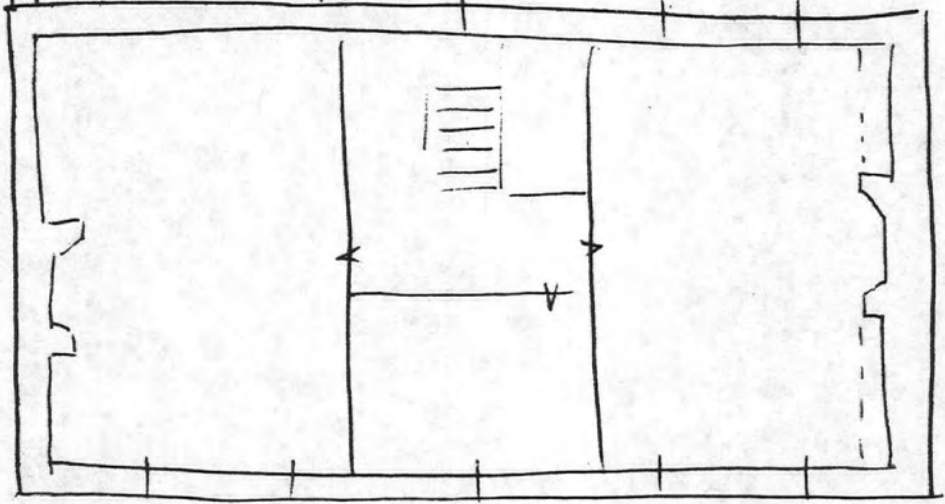
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First floor

one window  
each side

2nd fl.  
of kitchen

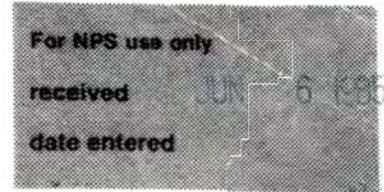


Second floor



United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form



Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Early Stone Buildings of Kentucky Thematic Resources  
State Barren County and others, KENTUCKY

*COVER* Umy Schlagel 1/8/87

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- |     |                               |  |        |                         |
|-----|-------------------------------|--|--------|-------------------------|
| 1.  | Bloody Bucket Tavern          | <del>Substantive Review</del>  | Keeper | _____                   |
|     |                               |  | Attest | _____                   |
| 2.  | Stone House on Bracken Creek  | <del>Substantive Review</del>  | Keeper | <u>ASchlagel 1/8/87</u> |
|     |                               |  | Attest | _____                   |
| 3.  | Stroube House                 | <del>Substantive Review</del>  | Keeper | <u>ASchlagel 1/8/87</u> |
|     |                               |  | Attest | _____                   |
| 4.  | Chalfant, Mordecai, House     | <del>Substantive Review</del>  | Keeper | <u>ASchlagel 1/8/87</u> |
|     |                               |  | Attest | _____                   |
| 5.  | Rock Spring Warehouse         | <del>Substantive Review</del>  | Keeper | <u>ASchlagel 1/8/87</u> |
|     |                               |  | Attest | _____                   |
| 6.  | Stone House on Garrison Creek | <del>Substantive Review</del><br>Determined Eligible<br><b>DOE/OWNER OBJECTION</b> | Keeper | <u>ASchlagel 1/8/87</u> |
|     |                               |  | Attest | _____                   |
| 7.  | Tanner, John, House           | <del>Substantive Review</del>  | Keeper | <u>ASchlagel 1/8/87</u> |
|     |                               |  | Attest | _____                   |
| 8.  | Watts House                   | <del>Substantive Review</del>  | Keeper | <u>ASchlagel 1/8/87</u> |
|     |                               |  | Attest | _____                   |
| 9.  | Ogburn, Henry, House          | <del>Substantive Review</del>  | Keeper | <u>ASchlagel 1/8/87</u> |
|     |                               |  | Attest | _____                   |
| 10. | Stone House on Kentucky River | <del>Substantive Review</del>  | Keeper | <u>ASchlagel 1/8/87</u> |
|     |                               |  | Attest | _____                   |



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Buildings of Kentucky--Outer Bluegrass and  
Pennyrite TR)  
Bracken County  
KENTUCKY

Substantive Review

Working No. 6-6-85  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88  
Date Due: 1/8/87  
Action:  ACCEPT 1-8-87  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- resubmission
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- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Full description includes assessment  
of why property imp - Federal  
blig showing sophistic of stone  
technol as disc in cover with

Recom./Criteria Accept C  
Reviewer H. Schlegel  
Discipline Arch Hist  
Date 1/2/87  
see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for:  technical corrections cited below list all addition/sections  
 substantive reasons discussed below Boundary disc in cover

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	
	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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**8. Significance**

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_  
Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_  
UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_ national    \_\_\_\_ state    \_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



























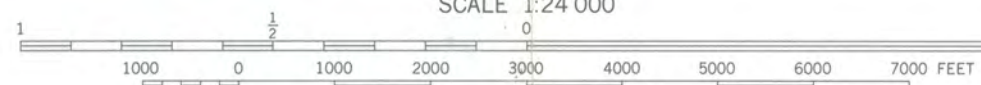
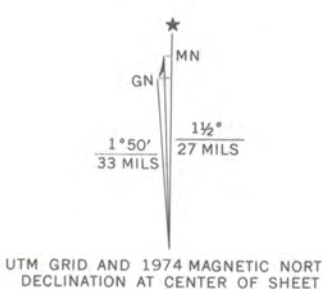
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Kentucky area mapped in cooperation with State of Kentucky Geological Survey

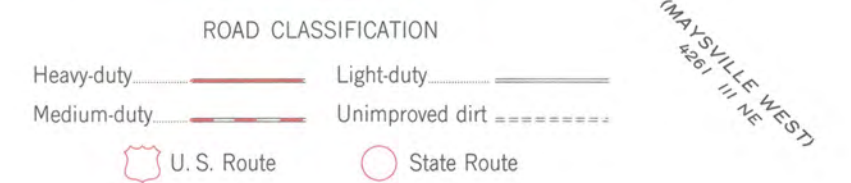
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Topography in Ohio by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1960. Field checked 1961  
Topography in Kentucky by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1950. Field checked 1952. Revised 1961  
Polyconic projection. 1927 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 17, 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



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
DOTTED LINES REPRESENT 10-FOOT CONTOURS  
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

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



HIGGINSPORT, OHIO-KY.

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