

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:
Kentucky
COUNTY:
Bracken
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE
DEC 30 1974

1. NAME			
COMMON:			
Wine Cellar			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
Abraham Baker's Wine Cellar			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
R. F. D. #1 (Ky. Highway #19)			
CITY OR TOWN:		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:	
Augusta		07	
STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Kentucky	021	Bracken	023
3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <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
Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered			
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC			
Yes: <input 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)
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME:			
Mrs. George (Ruth) White			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
R. F. D. #1			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	CODE
Augusta		Kentucky	021
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:			
Bracken County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	CODE
Brooksville		Kentucky	021
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1971			
<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:		STATE:	CODE
Frankfort		Kentucky	021

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input 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

When German immigrants arrived in the rolling hills of the Ohio River Valley they foresaw large vineyards, like the ones they had left in Germany, dotting the countryside. According to the American Vine-Dresser's Guide (1826) the temperature of a wine cellar should remain a constant 55° F the entire year for best results. The wine cellar must be eighteen feet deep, walled and arched with stone or brick, the abutments of the vault must be below the surface of the ground, the entrance to the north with shutters. The Wine Cellar at Augusta, built in the 1850s by Abraham Baker, meets these requirements. The entire structure (living quarters and wine cellar) is of native limestone. Large structural beams support the roof of the living quarters. The cellar is vaulted and 104 feet long, 22 feet wide, and 37 feet high. The walls are approximately 30 inches thick and the timbered beams are 12 x 12. The door to the cellar is built facing a northeasterly direction and two strong shutters cover the opening to the cellar. It also has two small cellars built over the vault. A small doorway on the south side of the building leads to one of the cellars. The cellar still maintains its cool temperature as vegetables are now stored there.

The living quarters up over the cellar were built shortly after the cellar. The living quarters originally had arched entranceways to a central, open passageway (running north and south) which separated the living quarters on the east from the area on the western end (which was probably used for storage). The arch on the north side has been removed. There is a connecting hallway between the front and back doors of the living quarters. The door on the south side is used to enter the structure while the northern door is not in use. The actual living quarters are composed of two rooms. The ceilings in the living quarters are very high and large double doors separate the two rooms.

The cellar is built with many small stones while the living quarters are built with large stones.

The only noticeable wear or age of the structure is the disrepair of the stones of the southeast corner.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☐ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

Circa 1850

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☐ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☐ Religion/Phi-☐ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry

losophy

☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☒ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art☐ Architecture☐ Social/Human-☒ Commerce☐ Literature

itarian

☐ Communications☒ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The picturesque town of Augusta, located on the Ohio River between Pittsburgh and Cincinnati, is one of the oldest towns in Bracken County. Bracken County was formed in 1796. Many German immigrants found their way to Bracken County and Augusta on flatboats via the Ohio River. The rolling hills around Augusta served as a reminder to the Germans of their homeland. The Ulericks, Sliefnatsins, Switzers, Heines, Dlfiners, and Bakers brought their wine-making expertise with them. In the 1850s the Germans started their wine-industry in the Ohio Valley. They planted vineyards, built wine cellars and transported their wines down the Ohio River by flatboat as far as New Orleans.

Abraham Baker began his vineyard at Augusta in the 1850s. The cellar was a very important part of the wine-making process. It is reported that wooden troughs led down the hill from the vineyard to huge vats above the cellar. More troughs and pipes carried juice from the crushed grapes to casks for storage in the cellar. The Wine Cellar was built by German masons who also helped in the actual production of grapes.

The Bracken County wine industry of 1850-70s was brisk: 36,009 gallons of wine were manufactured in 1862 and 31,030 gallons in 1863. (Collins, History of Kentucky, Vol. I). In 1865 one vintner, Joshua T. Bradford of Augusta, sold 10,000 gallons of his own wine to William P. Anderson's "Longworth's Wine House" in Cincinnati for \$2.36 and \$2.50 per gallon. (Collins, History of Kentucky, Vol. I). Bracken County provided half of the entire national production of wine, producing 30,000 gallons annually in the 1870s. (Kentucky Historical Marker # 1213).



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Wine Cellar" Louisville, Ky.: April, 1956.

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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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SW	0 0 0	0 0 0				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Kathryn Burke		DATE: Aug. 29, 1974
ORGANIZATION: Kentucky Heritage Commission		
STREET AND NUMBER: 401 Wapping Street		
CITY OR TOWN: Frankfort	STATE: Kentucky	CODE: 021

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

Edward W. Melton

Title

State Liaison Officer

Date

10-26-74

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

Dr. J. Morgan Kousser
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

12/30/74

ATTEST:

W. M. H. H. H.
Keeper of The National Register

Date

DEC 27 1974



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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When the Civil War came to Augusta in September 1862 Baker's Wine Cellar was used as a place of safety by many citizens. John Hunt Morgan's forces, led by General Basil Duke, entered Augusta from the south. The Confederate troops met resistance from the Home Guard, led by vintner Joshua Bradford. The houses from which the Home Guard were shooting were set afire by the Confederate troops. The action was fierce for a short time. The following account by a young boy describes the action and the part Baker's Wine Cellar played; his father was stationed at the Fourth Street and Dutch Ridge Road as an inside picket: "About 11 o'clock a passer-by brought a message from father to mother, to bring the children and noon lunch, and come at once to him at where he was stationed. I can never forget his words, 'Go quickly to Baker's Wine Cellar, I want to get you out of town before I am released; I am afraid of the Rebels coming today.' We hurried out to the Wine Cellar. He came with us and we all ate lunch together. He then went up the hill to gather grapes. I had been instructed by him to go to our small barn, near the junction of Dutch Ridge Road and Fourth Street, and ride the 'old black mare' (followed by the mule colt) to water. As I rode into the river above the wharf boat, I noticed Dr. Bradford's water wagon, with two barrels of water, drawn by a mule, which was driven by a small Negro man, whom I believe was named Dan. He was just ready to leave the river when Dr. Bradford appeared at the corner of Front and Upper Streets and called him 'Dan, turn loose your water barrels and get the mule back to the barn quick! The Rebels are coming.' You may know that I do not know whether my mount drank or not but I do know that I was scared. I rushed back near the barn where I saw my father coming over the hill shouting, 'Leave the mare and colt in the road, throw the bridle over the fence into the weed and make for the Wine Cellar.' He beat me across the point of the hill, shouting to the folks about the wine press, warning them to take to shelter." (Rankin, p. 312). It would be safe to assume that the cellar was full of wine and people during this day in September, 1862.

After the Civil War the wine industry reached its peak, but declined after the 1870s. A blight set in and the wine harvests were never as productive as they had once been. Today few, if any, vineyards can be seen around the town of Augusta.

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The Wine Cellar is one of the last remaining sites associated with the wine industry of Bracken County and Kentucky. The Wine Cellar is an example of Germans' masonry and their expertise in construction. Others have shown interest in growing grapes along the Ohio River but none have been as successful as those first Germans who settled this land. Others, like the Germans found it impossible to continue the industry owing to the blight and other problems. Others also did not build such large cellars which helped produce excellent wines.

Architecturally, the few remaining mid-19th-century wine cellars such as this one are examples of specialized functional requirements producing impressive structures. All the environmental factors--slope, runoff, temperature, ventilation, agricultural and industrial processes--are integrated into a substantial yet unself-conscious entity.



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Bracken County, Kentucky. 1860 Census.



PROPERTY Wine Cellar

STATE Ky.

74000855

WORKING NUMBER 11.1.74, 1900

TECH REVIEW

PHOTOS 4

MAPS 1

Bracken

CONTROL REVIEW

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11.11.

OK

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HISTORIAN

~~REMOVED~~

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Interesting building & well
done. Ky. nomination.

ACCEPT Heyland 11/21/74

ARCHEOLOGIST

Accept
Lambert

11-25-74

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

ACCEPT
Cole
12-3-74

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

DEC 27 1974

National Register Write-up 1/4/75

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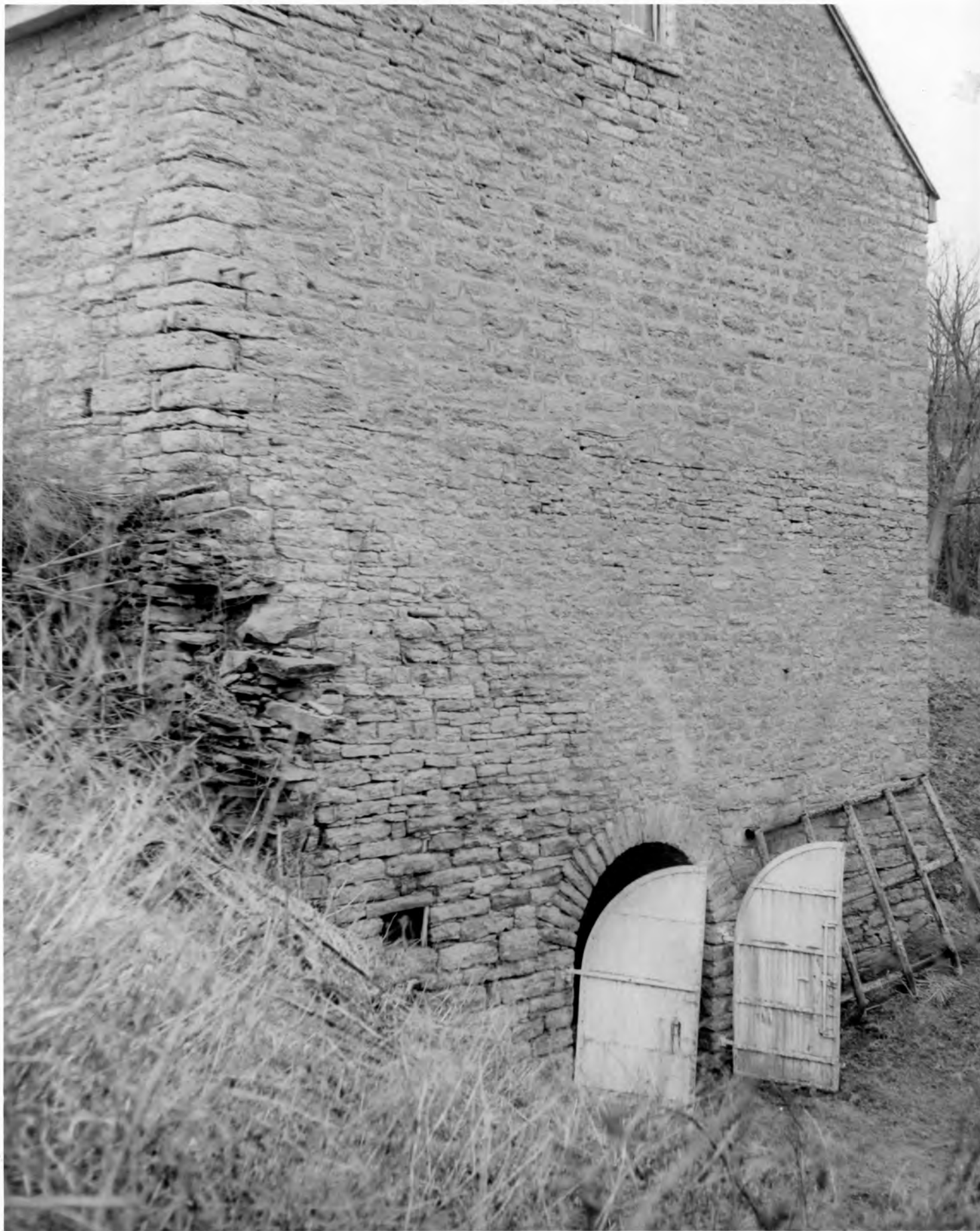
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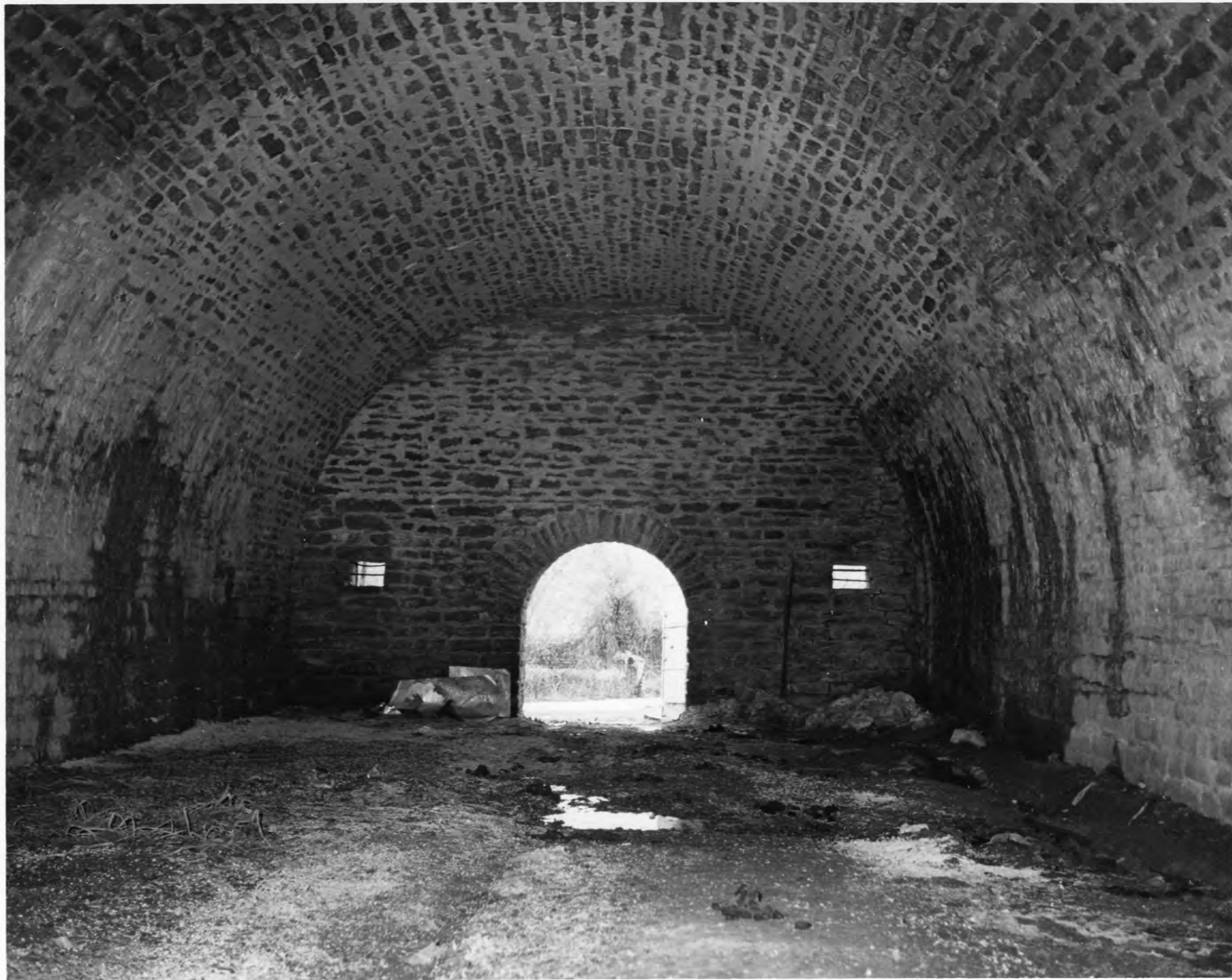
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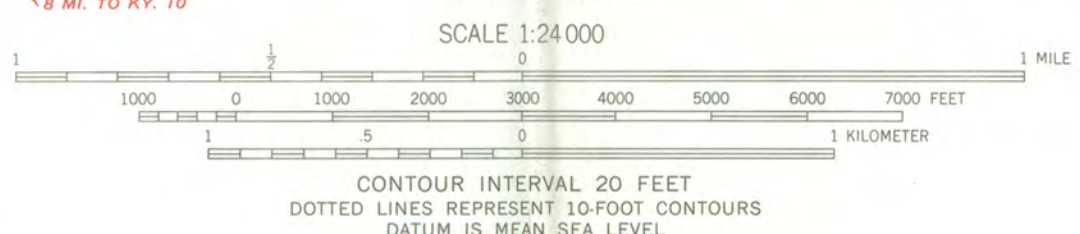








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Kentucky area mapped in cooperation with State of Kentucky
Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USCGS, and USCE
Topography in Ohio by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1960. Field checked 1961
Topography in Kentucky by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1960. Field checked 1962. 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-meter 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



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



HIGGINSPORT, OHIO-KY.
SW/4 HIGGINSPORT 15' QUADRANGLE
N3845-W8352.5/7.5
1961

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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Kentucky Heritage Commission

401 Wapping Street

Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

October 29, 1974



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 Doctor Murtagh:

Enclosed is the National Register Nomination Form for the Wine Cellar, R. F. D. #1 (Ky. Highway #19), Augusta, Bracken County, Kentucky. This nomination was approved by the Kentucky Historic Preservation Review Board on September 17, 1974. As State Historic Preservation Officer, I recommend it be entered on the National Register of Historic Places.

Your early consideration of this nomination will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eldred W. Melton".

Mrs. Eldred W. Melton
State Historic Preservation
Officer

Enclosure (See attached list)

cc: Mrs. Elizabeth Parker
Mrs. George White, Owner

Abraham Baker's Wine Cellar

Enclosures National Register of Historic Places Inventory -
Nomination Form Form 10-300

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Property Photograph Form 10-301 A (4 views)

1. Photo showing north eastern elevation of house.
2. Photo showing entrance to Wine Cellar
3. Photo showing overall view of southern elevation.
4. Photo showing interior of Wine Cellar.

National Register of Historic Places
Property Map Form 10-301
USGS Higgensport Quadrangle

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE KENTUCKY

Date Entered DEC 30 1974

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Wine Cellar	Augusta vicinity Bracken County
L & N Steam Locomotive #152	Louisville Jefferson County
Rose Hill	Lexington Fayette County
Colville Covered Bridge	Millersburg Bourbon County
Morehead, Governor Charles S., House	Frankfort Franklin County
First Presbyterian Church	Lexington Fayette County

Also Notified

Hon. Marlow W. Cook
Hon. Walter D. Uddleston
Hon. Carl D. Perkins
Hon. Romano L. Mazzoli
Hon. John B. Breckinridge
Regional Director, Southeast Region

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Mrs. Eldred W. Melton
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Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

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