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 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
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DATA SHEET

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
 INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

 SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
 TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS
1 NAME

HISTORIC

Richard Masterson House

AND/OR COMMON

Masterson's

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

U.S. Highway 42

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Carrollton

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

04

STATE

Kentucky

VICINITY OF

CODE
021

COUNTY

Carroll

CODE

041

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

M & T Chemical Company

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Carrollton

STATE

Kentucky

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Carroll County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Carrollton

STATE

Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky (Supplement)

DATE

1972

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

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

The house was built circa 1790 by Richard Masterson and his family and slaves. It is situated right above a steep river bank. From the start, the original brick portion of the house must have faced both the river and the road. The plan is a simple form of the early hall-and-kitchen-type: a single large space divided into two unequal spaces by a frame partition. The doors faced each other (the one toward the river has been bricked up to window level). It is located on the river side of the old road between Ghent and Carrollton, two miles east of the latter; most later houses are on the other side of the road, away from the river, which is prone to flooding.

The structure is of brick, burned on the site and laid in Flemish bond with vertical and horizontal grooved mortar and brick foundations. There are queen closers on both fronts and a rounded brick water table about two feet above ground level, along the fronts. The original openings in both the main story and the basement, had brick jack arches. Several of the frames appear to be original. There are plain box cornices at present. The facade is asymmetrical, reflecting the interior layout. (See photo 1) Originally there was one room to the left and a smaller room with the entrance slightly off centered, two windows on the left side and one on the other. Upstairs was a single large room, presumably used as a dormitory, and the kitchen was in the basement.

A partition was later added, on the west side of the entrance dividing the original large room and making an entrance hall. In the west room is a panelled Federal mantel and evidence of chair railing. In the east room is an enclosed staircase with diagonal beaded boards, adjacent to a later mantel. Later a plain weatherboarded wing was added to one side and used as a kitchen. It has a door flanked by long 19th-century windows and turned posts.

The slope of the roof on the original structure is quite steep to accommodate the upper story. Chimneys are at the end and project slightly from the wall surfaces. They are flanked by small lookout windows in the garret. The narrow front door has a four-light transom characteristic of the period. The windows retain the original wooden pegs, although the sash has been replaced with four large panes.

The interior floors of ash are still in good condition, and the house is structurally sound in spite of long neglect.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1790

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Masterson house is reputed to be one of the oldest standing two-story structures along the Ohio River west of Pittsburgh. It was built circa 1790 by Richard Masterson. The house was the meeting place for all Methodist services held in the area up until 1795. The men who incorporated the town of Port William (now Carrollton) in 1794 met at Masterson's house and in 1799 the first court of Gallatin County convened there. Thus, the house is greatly tied in with the early religious and political history of Carrollton.

Shortly after Richard and Sarah Masterson were married in Virginia in 1784, they moved to Fayette County and built a home which became known as Masterson's Station (which is now the site of the N. I. C. H., five miles northwest of Lexington on Leestown Pike). At this time Masterson was registered as a deputy surveyor working with Thomas Marshall. (Marshall was appointed a surveyor of Fayette County by Thomas Jefferson in 1781.) In 1788 Richard built the first Methodist Church west of the Allegheny Mountains. Bishop Francis Asbury (Bishop Asbury, originally from England, was appointed Superintendent of work in America by Wesley in 1771), the presiding minister and six circuit riders were entertained by the Mastersons. The station was the site of four more conferences during the next eight years.

About 1790 Masterson and his family moved to what was to become Port William, two miles east of the mouth of the Kentucky River. At this time the area was a part of Franklin County and a radiating point for trappers and traders. On his new tract of land Richard farmed on a large scale and owned many slaves. The Mastersons organized the first Society of Methodists among the settlers and opened their new home for meetings. Their house was also the resting place for weary Methodist circuit riders. All services of the Methodist Church were held in the house until 1795 when Henry Ogburn located across and a few miles down from the Mastersons. Ogburn, a retired circuit rider, from Muhlenberg County, Virginia, was the first minister of any denomination to settle in the area. After he built his home services alternated between his house and Masterson's until the first church was built in 1810.

The town of Port William, now Carrollton, was first laid out by Benjamin Craig in 1792. By 1794 it became the first settlement on the Ohio to be established by Kentucky. The group of men who met to incorporate Port William and became the town's first trustees included Richard Masterson. Masterson's house was the site of the meeting in 1792

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 acres

UTM REFERENCES

WMA OK HF

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	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING		
C						

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mrs. Rex Diuguid, Carroll County Representative, and Kathryn Salyers, Asst.

ORGANIZATION

Kentucky Heritage Commission

DATE

August, 1974

STREET & NUMBER

Box #66

TELEPHONE

(WEL & MC)

CITY OR TOWN

Ghent

STATE

Kentucky

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Lloyd W. Melton

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

5/20/75

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

A. J. Maxfessner

DATE

7/1/75

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST:

W. M. ...

DATE

JUN 27 1975

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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and again on May 14, 1799, when the first court of Gallatin County, Kentucky, was convened. John Grimes, Martin Hawkins, William Thomas, Hugh Gatewood, Gresham Lee, and Benjamin Craig produced a commission of the peace under the seal of the state and took the necessary oaths as justices of the peace, thus constituting the first court. Percival Butler, father of General W. O. Butler, for whom General Butler State Park was named, was appointed clerk of the court.

The house remained in the Masterson family until about 1850 when it was sold. The house has had a number of owners and residents over the years. (It is shown as belonging to Mrs. E. Leep on the 1883 Atlas of Carroll and Gallatin Counties) The house has been vacant for the last three years.

In front of the Masterson house is the cemetery where Richard Masterson, his wife Sarah and members of his family, as well as Henry Ogburn and some of his family, are buried.

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Methodist Church Pamphlets, P. V. 2 #5.

Robert Peters, History of Fayette County, Kentucky, Edited by William H. Perrin.
Chicago: O. L. Baskin & Co., 1882.

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Property Mastersony Richard, House
State Kentucky Working Number 5. 27. 75. 994

Carroll

TECHNICAL Sketch
Photos 1
Maps 1

coverage missing 2
called

CONTROL

OK pl
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HISTORIAN

Accept
E. Smith
6-19-75

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ACCEPT
LEBOVICH
6-17-75

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
6.20.75

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

[Signature]
JUN 27 1975

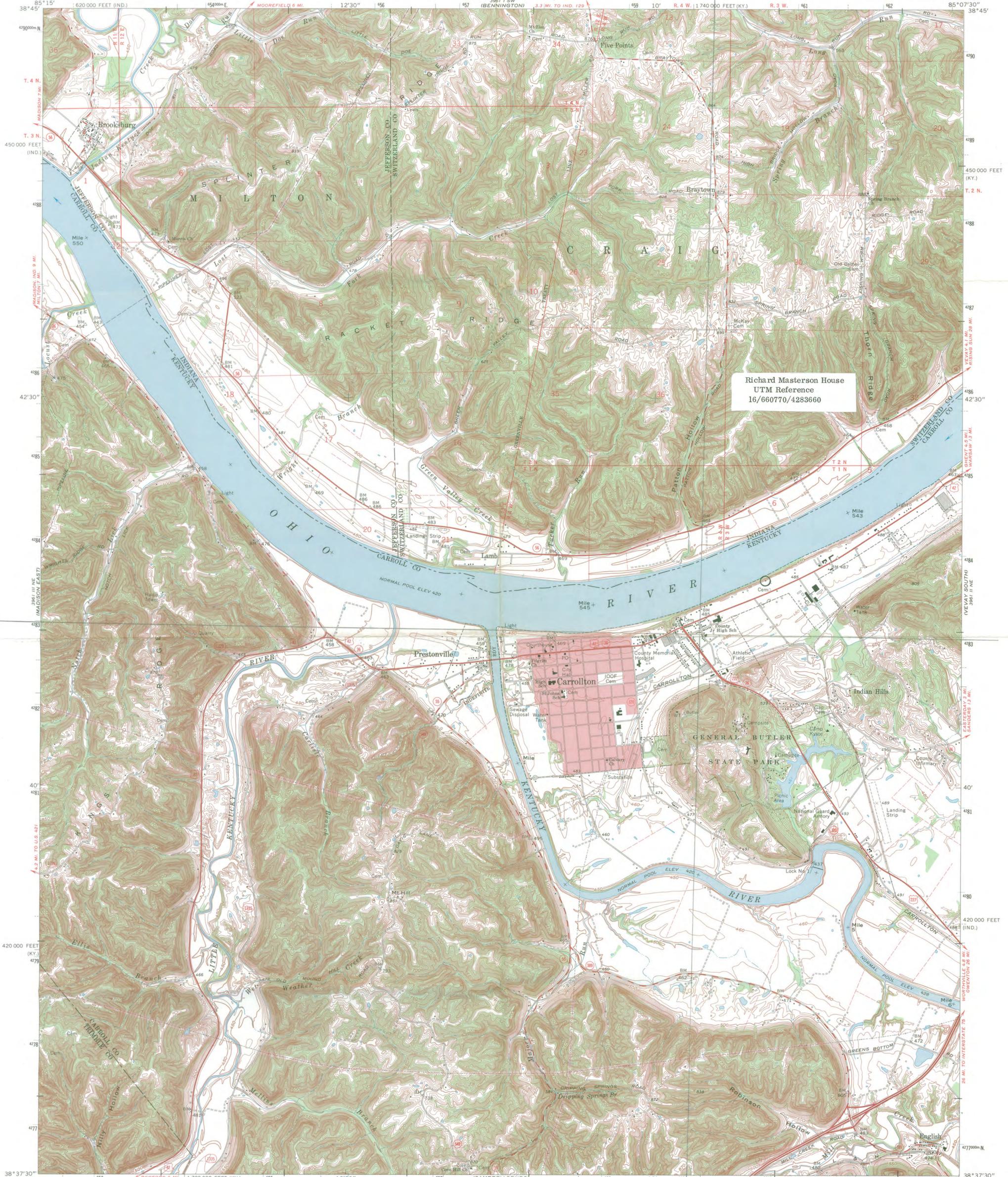
National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 8-5-75

Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

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Richard Masterson House
UTM Reference
16/660770/4283660

Maped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey in cooperation with Indiana Department of Natural Resources Control by USGS, USC&GS, and USCE
Topography in Kentucky by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1950. Field checked 1953. Topography in Indiana by plane table survey 1939. Revised from aerial photographs taken 1967. Field checked 1967.
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum 10,000-foot grids based on Kentucky coordinate system, north zone and Indiana coordinate system, east 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 Corps of Engineers Ohio River Charts, surveyed 1911-1914, and supplementary information
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242, KENTUCKY GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY 40506, KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY 40601, AND INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204 A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ROAD CLASSIFICATION 5/4 MI. TO KY. 193
Primary highway, all weather, hard surface
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface
Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Unimproved road, fair or dry weather
Interstate Route U. S. Route State Route

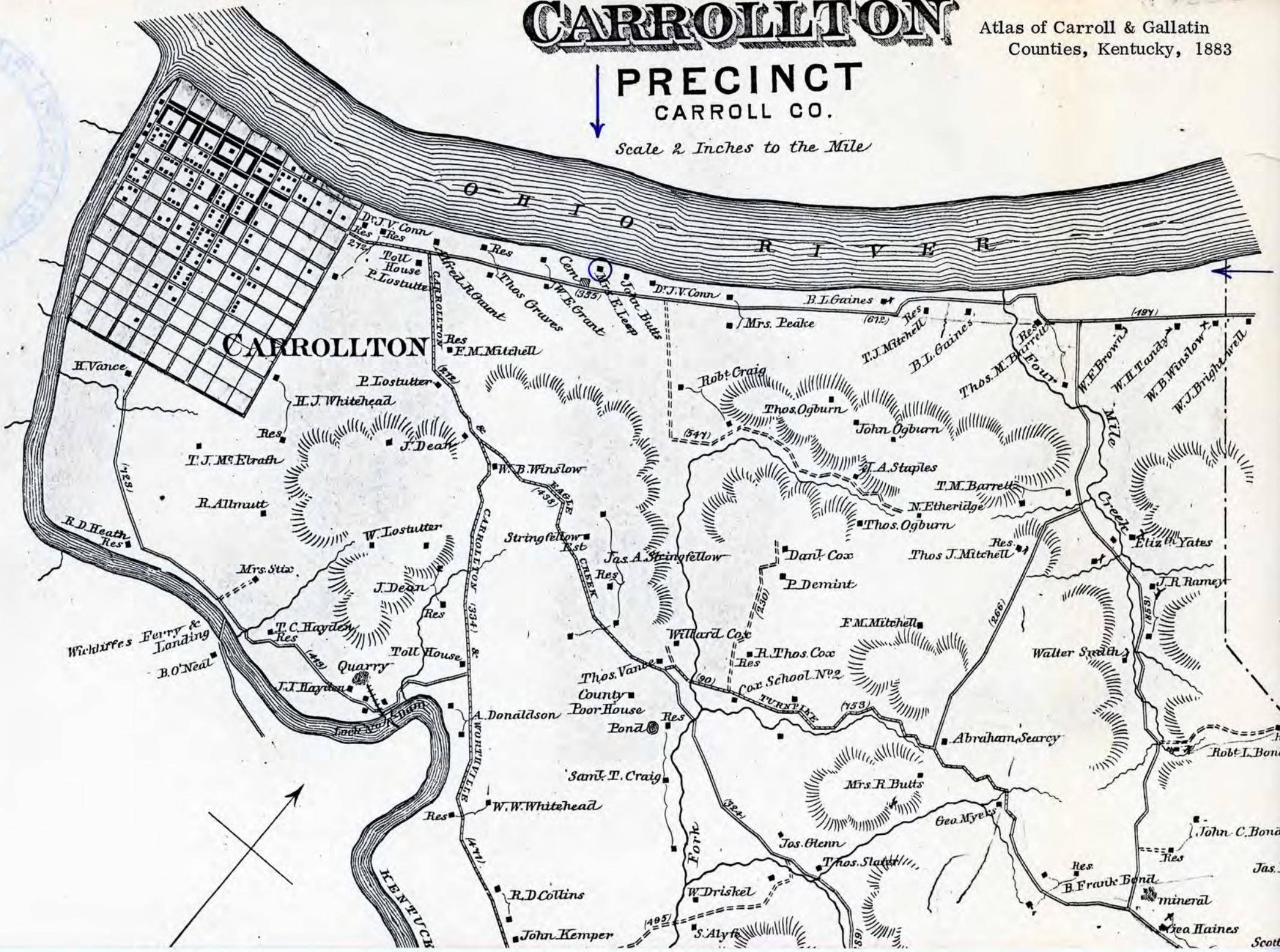
CARROLLTON, KY. - IND.
NW/4 CARROLLTON 15' QUADRANGLE
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1967
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CARROLLTON

Atlas of Carroll & Gallatin
Counties, Kentucky, 1883

PRECINCT CARROLL CO.

Scale 2 Inches to the Mile





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401 Wapping Street
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

May 21, 1975

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:

Enclosed is the National Register Nomination Form for the Richard Masterson House, U.S. Highway 42, Carrollton, Carroll County, Kentucky. This nomination was approved by the Kentucky Historic Preservation Review Board on March 25, 1975. As State Historic Preservation Officer, I recommend it be entered on the National Register of Historic Places.

The house is in a deteriorated condition and located in a highly vulnerable site subject to industrial development (the present owners maintain a chemical plant adjacent to the site). Although no grant-in-aid has yet been requested, the local historical society is making every effort to lease and preserve the house.

Your early consideration of this nomination will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Eldred W. Melton

(Mrs.) Eldred W. Melton
State Historic Preservation Officer

Enclosures (See Attachment)

cc: M & T Chemical Company, Owner
Mrs. Rex Diuguid, County Representative

Dr. William J. Murtagh
May 21, 1975
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ATTACHMENT

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory--Nomination Form

Form No. 10-300a Continuation Sheet
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Form No. 10-301a Property Photo Form
Photo 1 Showing facade of house.

Form No. 10-301 Property Map Form
USGS Map - Carrollton Quadrangle
Atlas of Carroll & Gallatin Counties, Kentucky



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE KENTUCKY

Date Entered JUL 1 1975

Name

Location

Masterson, Richard, House

Carrollton
Carroll County

Also Notified

Hon. Walter (Bee) Huddleston
Hon. Wendell H. Ford
Hon. M. G. (Gene) Snyder
Regional Director, Southeast
Region

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

PR MMott/row 7/2/75

R NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: Masterson, Richard, House
 2 OTHER NAMES: Masterson's - See
 3 date of entry: 7-1-76
 4 county code: 041

5 LOCATION street & number reverse side:
 city / town: Carrollton
 vicinity of:
 state: KY
 county: Carroll
 6 NPS REGION: SE

7 OWNER: PRIVATE STATE MUNICIPAL COUNTY MULTIPLE FEDERAL (agency name)
 8 ADMINISTRATOR:
 9 EXISTING SURVEYS: HABS HAER NHL
 10 FUNDED? YES NO
 11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT: 4
 12 SOURCE OF NOMINATION: STATE FEDERAL
 if state who prepared form?
 13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES, NAME:
 14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES, NAME:
 15 ACREAGE: 2
 LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

16 CONDITION:
 excellent deteriorated altered original site
 good ruins unaltered moved
 fair unexposed reconstructed unknown
 unexcavated excavated
 17 features:
 INTERIOR: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-4 NOT APPLICABLE-7
 EXTERIOR: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-5 NOT APPLICABLE-8
 ENVIRONS: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-6 NOT APPLICABLE-9

18 ACCESS: YES - Restricted YES - Unrestricted No Access Unknown
 19 ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO
 20 SAVED? YES
 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO

21 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:
 ARCHEOLOGY - prehistoric-2 COMMERCE-6 ENGINEERING-11 LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 POLITICS / GOVT.-21 RECREATION-28
 ARCHEOLOGY - historic-1 COMMUNICATIONS-7 ENTERTAINMENT-26 LAW-16 RELIGION-22 SETTLEMENT-29
 AGRICULTURE-3 CONSERVATION-8 EXPLORATION-12 LITERATURE-17 SCIENCE-23 URBAN PLANNING-31
 ARCHITECTURE-4 ECONOMICS-9 HEALTH-27 MILITARY-18 SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN-24 OTHER (SPECIFY)
 ART-5 EDUCATION-10 INDUSTRY-13 MUSIC-19 SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30 TRANSPORTATION-25
 22 CLAIMS: explain
 'first'
 'oldest'
 'only'

23 functions:
 WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: residence
 CURRENTLY: ditto / vacant
 24 dates of initial construction: circa 1790
 major alterations:
 historic events:
 25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

26 architectural style(s): Vernacular Federal
 27 architect:
 28 master builder:
 29 engineer:
 30 landscape architect / garden designer:
 31 interior decorator:
 32 artist:
 33 artisan:
 34 builder/contractor:

35 NAMES give role & date
 PERSONAL:
 EVENTS:
 INSTITUTIONAL:

36 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP: Brick, 1 1/2 stories, rectangular, standing seam tin gabled roof, exterior end chimneys, center paneled entrance with transom, 1-story side wing with full-width porch w/ ant's; interior features 2sh floors and attic-story sleeping loft; alterations. Vernacular Federal. One of oldest extant 2-story structures along Ohio River W of Pittsburghs built for Masterson family, prominent early settlers & organizers of First Society of Methodists.

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