

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Kentucky
 COUNTY: Scott
 FOR NPS USE ONLY
 ENTRY DATE: DEC 4 1973

1. NAME

COMMON: Audubon
 AND/OR HISTORIC: James Stephenson-Charles B. Lewis House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: SW of Georgetown off U.S. 62 on Moore's Mill Pike, 1/2 mi. northwest of U.S. 62
 CITY OR TOWN: Georgetown CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 6
 STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21 COUNTY: Scott CODE: 209

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<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	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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Gen. and Mrs. William R. Buster
 STREET AND NUMBER: Rural Route
 CITY OR TOWN: Midway STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Scott County Courthouse
 STREET AND NUMBER: East Main Street
 CITY OR TOWN: Georgetown STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky
 DATE OF SURVEY: 1971 Federal State County 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

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

Audubon, the present residence of Gen. and Mrs. William R. Buster, represents three eras of construction. The stone section, one and one-half stories high, was built apparently by James Stephenson, one of the first settlers in the era, or by his son of the same name. A brick section connected to the gable end of the house, is a story and half high and includes a large cooking chimney. Onto the southeast end was attached a Greek Revival brick house, 5 bays in width and 2 stories in height, with distyle pedimented portico.

The stone structure has been somewhat remodeled on the outside with the addition of dormers along the roofline, opening of a large glass window with small lights and a porch. The interior retains early Kentucky features, with a middle Georgian or classical mantel, reeded window recesses, and ash floors. The brick kitchen has a long-restored brick fireplace. The Greek Revival section on the outside presents a simple five bay facade with a large Greek door with Greek ears, trimmed with dentils and fluted side panels. The pedimented portico with denticulated entablature is supported by two large brick piers. The cornice is small and extends across the front of the house. On the inside this block presents a winding stair case, extremely fine detail in woodwork and other detail typical of the period.

Down the hill from the house is an elegant spring house, probably the largest of its kind in the area. A frame extension of the structure seems to be original. Seats are arranged in the front room of the restored structure. The oldest structure on the tract of land owned by the Stephenson's was a log building. It has been dismantled and numbered by the present owners, who plan to reconstruct it.

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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)

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 type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> itorian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The one and one-half story stone section of Audubon was built by either James Stephenson, an early settler, or his son of the same name. The elder Stephenson was given the responsibility of surveying several roads when Scott County was established in 1792. After James Stephenson died, his son sold the stone house to Charles B. Lewis in 1829.

Charles B. Lewis was manager of transportation for Johnson, Weiseger and Company, a stagecoach line involved both in moving travellers and in shipping merchandise. This was the leading shipping firm in Kentucky; it was established by James Johnson and managed after his death by his son, Edward P. Johnson. When railroading developed in the region, the firm was active in adapting its shipping program to take advantage of railroads. Audubon stands near the Lexington-Frankfort-Louisville Railroad tracks and is not far from Paynes Depot, an important shipping point.

Audubon is presently owned by General (Ret.) and Mrs. William R. Buster. General Buster was born in Harrodsburg, Kentucky Oct. 10, 1916. He attended Centre College in Danville, Kentucky and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, from which he graduated in 1939. He served in the U.S. Army from 1939-47, seeing action during World War II in the European Theater and Africa. During his military career he earned many decorations and service ribbons, and attained the rank of Brigadier Gen. In 1947 he resigned from the army to run a farm. He served two terms (1960-1967) as Assistant Adjutant General of Kentucky. He has been very active in civic and service organizations, serving as president of the Midway Lions Club, 1948-49; president of the Woodford County Farm Bureau, 1957-59; chairman of the Louisville Regional Blood Center for the American Red Cross, 1954-59; member of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees of Midway College, director of the Production Credit Association and vice-president of the board, 1973; director of United Bank and Trust Company in Versailles, Kentucky, 1973; chairman of the

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

A History of Scott County As told By Its Buildings, Ann B. Bevins, Chapter II, P. 10. (Unpublished Manuscript.)

J. Winston Coleman, Jr., Stagecoach Days In The Bluegrass (Louisville: The Standard Printing Co., 1935) pp. 44, 45, 51, 52, 77, 78, 123.

Chain of Title Search, Scott County Courthouse.

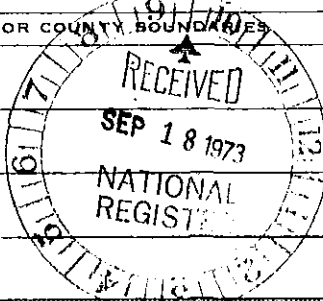
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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
NW	0	.	"	38°	9'	18"	84°	37'	21"
NE	0	.	"						
SE	0	.	"						
SW	0	.	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **five 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: **Ann B. Bevins, Scott County Representative**

ORGANIZATION: **Kentucky Heritage Commission** DATE: **May 12, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER: **401 Wapping Street**

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. Simeon Willis
Title: State Historic Preservation Officer
Date: September 11, 1973

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

Robert L. Utley
Associate Director, Professional Services
Date: 12/4/73

ATTEST:
Charles A. [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register
Date: 11-30-73

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

board of elders and deacons of New Union Christian Church in Woodford County, 1973. He is presently operating a tobacco, livestock and thoroughbred farm and since 1972 has been the coordinator of all activities of the Kentucky Historical Society. His wife is Mildred Martin of Midway, Kentucky; they have three children.

Audubon is significant both as an attractive example of eclectic architecture and as the home of men of both local and state prominence.

