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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 John Floyd House
AND/OR COMMON Holtzclaw House

2 LOCATION NW of Lancaster on

STREET & NUMBER Burdette's Knob Road off US 27, ~~Route 4~~ NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CITY, TOWN Lancaster VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 05
STATE Kentucky CODE 021 COUNTY Garrard CODE 079

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Emmit and Rose Holtzclaw
STREET & NUMBER Burdette's Knob Road, Route 4
CITY, TOWN Lancaster VICINITY OF STATE Kentucky

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Garrard County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER Public Square
CITY, TOWN Lancaster STATE Kentucky 40444

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky (Supplement)
DATE 1975 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Kentucky Heritage Commission
CITY, TOWN Frankfort STATE Kentucky

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located seven miles north of Lancaster off U.S. 27, the John Floyd House is situated on one of the many knobs that characterize the countryside. It is in a rural area with few houses visible from the doorstep. A contemporary residence is approximately one-quarter of a mile to the right. A family cemetery is approximately one-quarter mile to the left rear of the house. For the most part, surrounding land is wooded or in pasture.

The two-story house of rough stone is three bays wide. Front and sides are laid in similar somewhat irregular rows with a suggestion of alternating headers and stretchers and unemphasized corners. Over the central door are stone voussoirs and a pointed keystone; there are cruder jack arches over both the main story and the basement vent openings (basement recently hand-dug). Interior chimneys at either end of the steeply pitched roof are square; eaves are suppressed. The left (north) side of the structure has only two small second-story lookout windows; the right side also has a door to the main house and an entrance to the original cellar. The rear of the house has one bay on either side of the back door, which features the only original doorframe. The doors have neither transoms nor sidelights, there being no hallway.

One enters directly into the living room with an enclosed stairway in the front right corner. The fireplace on the north wall has the original hearth stones and original mantel and paneling. The mantel is high, approximately six feet, with two 12" x 24" panels above. Chair-rail remains. The ash flooring is original. The ceiling has beaded exposed beams.

The room to the right has been converted for use as a kitchen and contains an original mantel. The mantel shelf, however, as with the one in the parlor has been replaced. An outside door is to the left of the large fireplace. Two rooms are located on the second floor in addition to a modern bathroom. The flooring in the north end is original.

The house has recently undergone careful restoration--including thorough tuck-pointing of the brick, and the roof replaced with wood shingles, presumably closer to the original roofing.

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<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 type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES pre-1800

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The John Floyd House is typical of the Scotch-Irish houses constructed in Kentucky during the period roughly between the 1780s and 1820. These early structures were squarish, blocklike in shape with end chimneys, a center door, and evenly spaced windows. They had simple planes, emphasizing the single shape as opposed to emphasizing decorative trim. As illustrated in the Floyd House, it was common to have two rooms of unequal size per floor (hall and parlor) and, if two-story, an enclosed corner stair (Wooley, pp. 595-596). The rough stone dwelling with its plain frugal appearance suited the frontier countryside well. Set on a knoll in a rural area of Garrard County, the house retains its pioneer appearance.

Formed in the year 1796, Garrard County is situated in the middle section of the State and lies on the east side of Dick's (or Dix) River. It is bounded on the north by the Kentucky River, which separates it from Jessamine County. The face of the country ranges from gently undulating to hilly, with numerous streams and creeks flowing within its borders. It is an area which attracted settlers early in the State's history. Although towns such as Lancaster and Bryantsville are not large, they have been in existence over 150 years (Collins, p. 321).

The house was built by John Floyd (1752-1840), a native of Virginia from near Chesapeake Bay who served in the Revolutionary War with the Virginia militia. He came to Kentucky as a young man and settled in Garrard County. The Floyds owned a grist mill on Dix River near King's Mill (where the Chenault Bridge is now located on Herrington Lake). A Floyd graveyard lies in the woods about one-fourth mile from the stone house. Here many of the Floyd family are buried as well as some of the slaves John Floyd owned and willed to his sons. John Floyd's sons included Christopher, Davis, and Thomas. Davis Floyd lived with his father until John died in 1840 at the age of 88. His will gave his stone residence to Davis and another house to Thomas. The latter may have been a log house with 50 acres of cleared land that John also owned (Patches of Garrard County, pp. 196-197).

Davis' son Ezra J. Floyd and his wife Talitha Jones Floyd and family were the last of the Floyds to live in the stone house. Ezra died in 1862, followed by the death in 1868 of his father, who, having no living heirs, willed his estate to his daughter-in-law and her children. Frances Ann Floyd, who married Talephus T. Pollard, Sr., in 1863, lived in the house with her family before selling the farm in 1869 and moving to Lincoln County. (Patches of Garrard County, *ibid.*)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Approx 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	16	707970	41731520	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Patricia Ballard

GM

ORGANIZATION

Garrard County Historic Organization

DATE

March 10, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

Lexington Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Lancaster

STATE

Kentucky 40444

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

Edward W. Melton

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

7-7-75

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

AUG 28 1975

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

ATTEST:

James A. Gurnea

DATE

AUG 22 1975

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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