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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  
William M. Miller House  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
Approximately 7 miles south of Richmond, off Duncan Lane  
CITY, TOWN  
Richmond  
STATE  
Kentucky  
VICINITY OF  
Duncan Lane  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
5  
CODE  
021  
COUNTY  
Madison  
CODE  
151

**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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
Malcolm Miller Conlee and Mary Carol Burnett  
STREET & NUMBER  
133 Smith Ballard  
CITY, TOWN  
Richmond  
STATE  
Kentucky  
VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Madison County Courthouse  
STREET & NUMBER  
Main Street  
CITY, TOWN  
Richmond  
STATE  
Kentucky  
VICINITY OF

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky  
DATE  
1979  
DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS  
Kentucky Heritage Commission  
CITY, TOWN  
Frankfort  
STATE  
Kentucky  
VICINITY OF  
FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

The William M. Miller House is located about seven miles south of Richmond, the county seat of Madison County, Kentucky. The house sits back approximately 1000 yards from Duncan Lane and is not visible from the main road. The structure, which faces east, is situated on a rise above a prong of Harts Fork of Silver Creek.

This two-story, five-bay brick Greek Revival house was constructed around the mid-1830's (see photo 1). Flemish bond was used in the facade while common bond was employed for the sides and appendages. Jack arches top the window openings which accommodate six-over-six panes and there are two interior brick end chimneys in the main block.

The mass is relieved by the suggestion of a central pavilion, created by the brick pilaster strips and the pediment. A one-story Greek Revival portico and door surround complete the classic facade (see photo 2). The portico originally included a denticulated cornice which the owners plan to replace. The portico and surround each contain two Ionic columns and two square end piers.

The original two-story rear ell with an end chimney accommodates a double open porch with brick piers on the north side (see photo 3). An original 1 1/2 story kitchen completes the appendage. The single chimney is shared between both units. There are two, one-story shed-style porches on the south side of the ell and kitchen (see photo 7). A standing seam roof shelters the whole structure.

A central passage plan, the structures interior is basically Greek Revival throughout. The main interior door trim includes: a denticulated cornice strip, pilasters, transom and sidelights. There are raised paneled aprons located beneath the sidelights and window openings. Contemporary door trims are used throughout the house and all four panel doors and raised jambs are original (see photo 5).

The mantles (all original), like most of the other woodwork, are of walnut. However, Victorian grates have been added.

A scroll stringer decorates the staircase with an anthemion motif gracing the landing (see photo 6 and 7).

The interior entrance to the kitchen is quite unusual as it is located in a cupboard which flanks the fireplace. On the second floor the entrance is through the left cupboard; downstairs it is located through the cupboard on the right. The huge stone fireplace in the kitchen contains a segmental arch and has been filled in. Compared to the rest of the house, the trim in this room is very plain with low baseboards and batten doors.

Three outbuildings are included in the nomination: a single pen log structure with half-dovetailed notching located just south of the house, (see photo 8) and two barns situated east of the house. The largest of the two barns contains a double-pen, 1 1/2 story, v-notched log core.

# 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The William M. Miller House is one of several early 19th century houses in Madison County, Kentucky associated with the Millers. A very prominent family, their history is intricately interwoven with that of the county. Architecturally, this Greek Revival structure is unaltered and exhibits outstanding qualities in classic style and workmanship.

Named for President James Madison, Madison County was organized in August of 1786 from part of Lincoln County, Virginia. The county was first surveyed by James French just after its creation and it was during this period, in 1784, that Col. John Miller (1750-1806) came to Ky. Miller, from Albemarle Co., had been a captain in the Revolutionary War and served as a representative from the Ky. Co. to the Virginia General Assembly. He and his family settled at the head waters of a prong of Otter Creek where the city of Richmond now stands. Miller acquired much land in the area, part of which he won in a horse race. He built the first house in Richmond and was proprietor of the first hotel and tavern.

Milford, a small community located about 4 1/2 miles south-west of Richmond, had originally been chosen as the first county seat. However, in 1798 the area surrounding John Miller's barn was considered and later chosen as the new seat of county government. The barn was used as the first courthouse.

Col. John Miller's second son, William Miller (1776-1841) was known as "Old Town Billy" because he first settled in Milford or Old Town. He was father of William Malcolm Miller (1810-1899). All research conducted on the family indicates that it was William Malcolm Miller who constructed this house in around the mid-1830's. He represented Madison County in the lower house of the State General Assembly from 1855 to 1857, which was the only political office he ever held. Miller was an exceedingly prominent farmer in Madison County and it is for this he is remembered locally.

In 1839 William M. Miller married Mary J. Patterson and ownership of the property passed to their fourth child, Malcolm Mimminger Miller (1849- ? ). He was the great-grandfather of the present owner.

The stately once palatial Miller homes attest to the prominence of this early Madison County family. The architecture of the Miller house exemplifies the Greek Revival style in central Kentucky. With its pilastered facade, Classic cornice-work and Ionic columns the structure appears much as it did after construction.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Chenault, John Cabell. Old Springs. Louisville: The Standard Printing Company, 1936  
 Dorris, Jonathan T. Glimpses of Historic Madison County. Nashville : Williams Printing Company, 1955.

See continuation sheet

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 6 1/2  
 UTM REFERENCES

A	1,6	7,3,8	4,16,0	4,1	7,2	4,4,0	B	1,6	7,3,8	4,2,0	4,1	7,2	3,2,0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING
C	1,6	7,3,8	6,0,0	4,1	7,2	2,2,0	D	1,6	7,3,8	6,0,0	4,1	7,2	3,6,0

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point A on the north side of the property, running south along the fence line approximately 400 feet to the creek at point B. The boundary follows the creek bed south-east approximately 800 feet to a point C. The line then turns north and runs approximately 500 feet to point D. The boundary line turns north-west along the fence line approximately 600 feet back to point A.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Jayne Henderson, Historian; Charlotte Schneider, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Kentucky Heritage Commission

DATE

May 8, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

104 Bridge Street

TELEPHONE

(502) 564-3741

CITY OR TOWN

Frankfort,

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Edna W. Kellon*

TITLE

DATE 5-15-79

### FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

*Ann H. Gilmore*

DATE

7.16.79

REGISTER IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

7/12/79

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The nominated area of approximately 6 1/2 acres encompasses the farm complex, consisting of the main house and the three outbuildings. As the original owner of the house was basically a farmer, the barns and log shed are considered part of the history of the house. Two natural boundaries were incorporated: the creek to the south and the treeline to the east. By extending the line formed by two fences, one on the west and one on the south side of the house, a compact boundary was obtained.

The owners plan to restore the house and eventually use it as their private residence.

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Paper read before the Art and Literature Department of the Richmond  
Womens Club.

Miller, William Harris. History and Genealogies of the families of Miller,  
Woods, Harris, Wallace, Maupin, Oldham, Kavanaugh, and Brown. Richmond,  
Kentucky, 1906

Information received of or supplemented by the owner.