

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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1. Historic Name (s) Original Owner <b>Ritter</b>		22. ADD/County <b>Pennyrite/Christian</b>																											
2. Present Name		23. Zoning Classification Magisterial District																											
3. Owner's Name <b>Vernon Sivley</b>		24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75')																											
4. Owner's Address <b>Rt. 9, Box 9464A, Hopkinsville 42240</b>		25. UTM Reference <table style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">1</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">6</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">4</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">5</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">7</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">0</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">0</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">0</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">4</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">0</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">7</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">5</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">7</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">1</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Zone</td> <td colspan="4" style="text-align: center;">Easting</td> <td colspan="5" style="text-align: center;">Northing</td> </tr> </table>		1	6	4	5	7	0	0	0	4	0	7	5	7	1	0	Zone		Easting				Northing				
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5. Location <b>S. Fork, Little River, W. Hwy. 41A</b>		26. Prehistoric Site Historic Site <input checked="" type="radio"/> Building																											
6. Open to Public Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>		27. District Name:																											
7. Visible from road Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>		28. Significance Evaluation																											
8. Ownership Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/>		29. Status <table style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:70%;">National Landmark</td> <td style="width:5%; text-align: center;"> </td> <td style="width:25%;">Date</td> </tr> <tr> <td>National Register</td> <td style="text-align: center;"> </td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Landmark Certificate</td> <td style="text-align: center;"> </td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kentucky Survey</td> <td style="text-align: center;"> </td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local Landmark</td> <td style="text-align: center;"> </td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HABS/HAER</td> <td style="text-align: center;"> </td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </table>		National Landmark		Date	National Register		_____	Landmark Certificate		_____	Kentucky Survey		_____	Local Landmark		_____	HABS/HAER		_____								
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9. Local Contact/Organization		30. Theme Primary <b>Architecture</b> Secondary <b>Settlement</b> Other _____																											
10. Site Plan with North Arrow		31. Endangered Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>																											
11. Architect		32.																											
12. Builder		ATTACH PHOTO																											
13. Date <b>1810-1820 (owner)</b>																													
14. Style <b>Greek Revival</b>																													
15. Original Use <b>dwelling</b>																													
16. Present Use <b>dwelling</b>																													
17. Condition Interior <b>good</b> Exterior <b>good</b>		Roll No. <b>16, 17, 56</b> Picture No. _____ Direction _____																											
18. Description <b>2-story, 5-bay brick; 1/6 American bond; box cornice; original 2-story ell, with kitchen. Originally U-shaped with galleries inside "U" brick slave houses blown down.</b>																													
19. History <b>Land grant to Ritter to Crabtrees to Sivleys. Ritter kept a log book about his inn (in possession of owner). Ritter House a concern during the Civil War when it was used as a hospital. 1878 atlas "B. C. Ritter" John P. Ritter teacher and superintendent of schools.</b>																													
20. Significance <b>The Ritter and Crabtree families have lived here. John C. Ritter was the proprietor of the Ritter House in Hopkinsville, which served as a hospital during the Civil War. A log house was erected on the land about 1825-1835, and the brick I-house seems to have been constructed in the 1840s or 1850s. There is a brick two storied ell to the main (cont.)</b>																													
21. Source of Information <b>Meacham, Charles. A History of Christian County, Kentucky. Nashville, Tennessee: Marshall and Bruce Company, 1930 p. 279.</b>																													
33. Tape No. _____ Negative No. _____		34. Prepared by: <b>CMT-KTG</b>																											
35. Organization <b>KHC</b>		36. Date <b>Spring 1977</b>																											
37. Revision Dates		38. Staff Review																											

Significance (cont.)

block and the remaining foundation stones of a second ell, which formally made one side of a U-shaped "court" at the rear of the house. The main doorways and the interior moldings are in Greek Revival style.

