

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

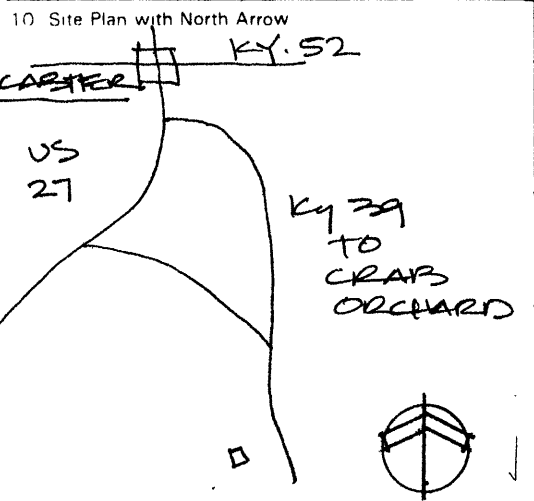
Site No. GD 7

1. Historic Name(s) Tom Salter House
 Original Owner Thomas Salter
 2 Present Name
Perkins- Daniel (Colonial Acres)
 3 Location 3 miles S of Lancaster
Ky 39 3 miles south of Lancaster
 4 Owner's Name
Maj. & Mrs. John Little
 5 Owner's Address
7108 Pleasant Pl. Ct. , Alexandria, Va. 22310

22. ADD/County
BLUEGRASS / GARRARD 040
 23. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75')
Lancaster G.I.S. Mod.
 24. UTM Reference
16 715220 4162060
 Zone Easting Northing
 25. Coordinate Accuracy
 26. Prehistoric Site Object
 Historic Site Structure
 Building Other

6 Open to Public Yes No 7. Visible from road Yes No
 8. Ownership Private Local State Federal
 9. Local Contact/Organization
GARRARD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

27. National Register District Name:
 28. Significance Evaluation
National Register Criteria D



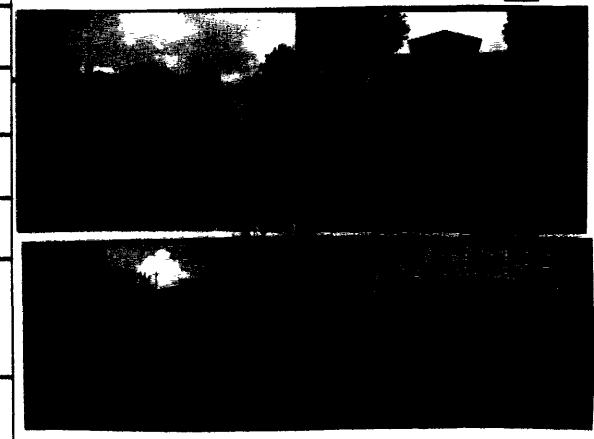
11. Architect
 12. Builder
 13. Date 1838 A. B.
 14. Style A. **Greek Rev.** B.
 15. Original Use **Residence**
 16. Present use **Same**
 17. Condition **Good**

29. Status National Landmark National Register Landmark Certificate 1974 Kentucky Survey Local Landmark HABS/HAER
 30. Historic Theme Primary Secondary Other
 31. Endangered Yes No
 32. Preservation Project Status

18 Description
Two story, 5 bay brick Greek Revival residence; low hip roof; massive pedimented portico; central passage plan; doorway with sidelights

(Continue on Back)

No. Stories **Two**
 Single Pile NA
 Double Pile
 Floor Plan **Central Hall**
 Structural Fabric **Brick** A. B.
 Decorative Fabric A. B.
 Roof Form **Low Hip**



19. History
 This twelve room house had its origin in a humble two-room log cabin dating back to the early 1800s-which still serves as part of the present structure. The front portion was built of bricks burned on the land (cont'd)

Roll No. 9
 Picture No. 5-7
 Direction _____
 34. Prepared by:
HELEN POWELL

20. Significance
 One of two houses in Garrard County with massive pedimented portico of Greek Revival style; only residence in County associated with Tom Salter, wealthy slave trader

35. Organization
CARMAN AND POWELL, INC.
 36. Date **1983**

21. Source of Information and important figure in Garrard's antebellum economy.
Patches of Garrard County - ed. by Lancaster Woman's Club
Mrs. Nancy Little- Personal interview

37. Revision Dates _____ 38. Staff Review _____

19. HISTORY (Cont'd)

in 1838 by Thomas K. Salter, and an additional four room section was attached by Emma Perkins Daniel in 1910.

Tom Salter, a son of Revolutionary War Veteran, Michael Salter, was a member of one of the largest and most prominent families in Garrard County in the years preceding the Civil War. The census data of 1857 shows Tom Salter to be the wealthiest man in the lower part of this county, however, his fortune was due in large part to a successful business in slave trading, conducted on the public square in Lancaster. Emancipation and the war years not only divided Mr. Salter from his fortune, but also divided family loyalties and left him with little of the power and prestige he held in earlier life.

When the large Salter farm was divided, the home was purchased by Augustus Babcock, an extremely wealthy man from Canada. The two Babcock daughters, Nancy and Ellen, were married at Colonial Acres on the same day in 1866 to two young men both bearing the family name of Lee.

The Bruce Thompson family next occupied the home for a short time, and then around 1896, O'Bannon (Banty Perkins brought his bride Emma Land to Colonial Acres. The home remained under the same ownership for over 70 years, and here was raised a large family.

Following Mr. Perkins' death his widow married Josh Daniel from Virginia and raised three children.

The original log structure served as a kitchen and "keeping" room with domestic servants' quarters above, and was separated from the brick family dwelling by the traditional "dog-trot" porch. The two structures are now attached by enclosed halls measuring 12 x 36, and the balcony and covered porch on the north side of this house provide outdoor enjoyment. The four front rooms, each 20 feet square with 11 foot ceilings, have the original working fireplaces, hand carved woodwork with brass and porcelain hardware.

The formal parlor features a raised plaster medallion centered in the ceiling and on a front panel of the original bubble glass is the hand engraved inscription "Lizzie Rnefro, December 28th, 1864". The wide entry hall has a curving staircase with walnut bannister.

The eight exterior steps which rise between the massive twin columns and beneath an iron and brass balcony, are solid blue limestone hauled by ox-cart from a nearby quarry. The limestone foundation, brought by ox-cart from Mount Vernon, encloses twin cellars, one of which features a narrow underground tunnel, often referred to as a "secret passageway". On the grounds is the original smokehouse containing a huge hollowed-out log preserved for posterity by its history as a salt curing vessel for hams.

Colonial Acres was purchased in 1971 by the Littles, the present owners.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name Tom Salter House Site # GD 7

Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA OF
GARRARD COUNTY

U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTMs if property is ten or more acres.

A. _____ D. _____

B. _____ E. _____

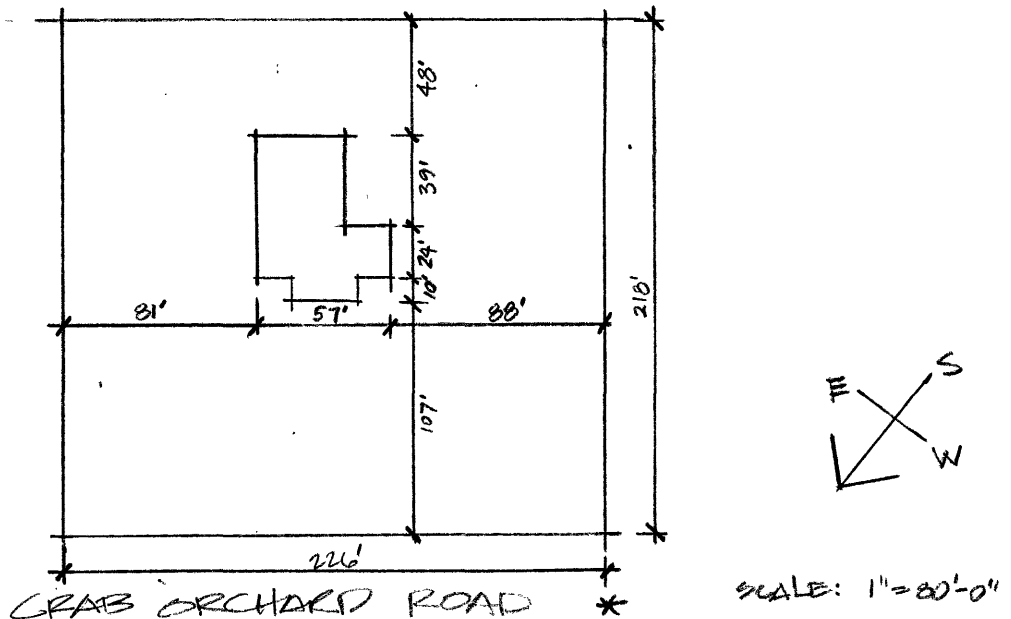
C. _____ F. _____

Verbal Boundary Description Acreage 1.1

From a point in the south right of way of Crab Orchard Rd. then southeast 218 feet to a point; then northeast 226 feet to a point; then northwest 218 feet to a point in the south right of way of Gilbert's Creek Road; then northeast with the right of way 226 feet to the point of beginning.

The point of beginning is 88 feet southwest and 107 feet northwest of the southwest corner of the Salter House.

Sketch of Site Plan (Showing outbuildings, structures, landscape features and the site boundary as described above.)



Official Courthouse Property Reference:

POINT OF BEGINNING