

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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1. Historic Name (s) Maplewood/William H. Fortson House Original Owner Robert Harrison		22. ADD/County Pennyrile/Christian																										
2. Present Name		23. Zoning Classification Magisterial District																										
3. Owner's Name Silas Quarles		24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75') Hammacksville																										
4. Owner's Address Rt. 2, Pembroke 42266		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;">6</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">9</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">5</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">5</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;">6</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;">8</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center; font-size: 8px;">Zone</td> <td colspan="4" style="text-align: center; font-size: 8px;">Easting</td> <td colspan="4" style="text-align: center; font-size: 8px;">Northing</td> </tr> </table>		1	6	4	6	9	5	5	0	4	0	6	5	7	8	0	Zone		Easting				Northing			
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5. Location Montgomery Creek, SE of Pembroke		26. Prehistoric Site Historic Site _____ Object Structure _____ Building _____																										
6. Open to Public Yes _____ No _____		27. District Name: _____ Yes _____ No _____																										
7. Visible from road Yes _____ No _____		28. Significance Evaluation																										
8. Ownership Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ Local _____ State _____ Federal _____		29. Status National Landmark _____ Date _____ National Register _____ Landmark Certificate _____ Kentucky Survey <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2-16-78 Local Landmark _____ HABS/HAER _____																										
9. Local Contact/Organization		30. Theme Primary <u>architecture</u> _____ Secondary <u>settlement</u> _____ Other _____																										
10. Site Plan with North Arrow		31. Endangered Yes _____ No _____																										
11. Architect		32.																										
12. Bulider		ATTACH PHOTO																										
13. Date From 1st 1/4 19th c.																												
14. Style Federal																												
15. Original Use Dwelling																												
16. Present Use Dwelling																												
17. Condition Interior <u>fair/poor</u> _____ Exterior <u>fair/poor</u> _____		33. Tape No. _____ Negative No. _____ 34. Prepared by: CMT-KTG 35. Organization KHC 36. Date Spring 1977 37. Revision Dates _____ 38. Staff Review _____																										
18. Description Original block was 1 1/2 story, 5-bay brick; central stair-hall (stair removed but profile visible); chair rails, reeding in doorway soffits; Federal style sidelights and original louvers; crude bricks top the window openings and are masked with plaster in imitation of jack-arch shape; 9/9 windows double main door, 2-bay extention added to south end and kitchen ell added (presumably) to West side.																												
19. History William Fortson was married to daughter of James Davis and built house on land inherited by her; 1878 atlas: "W. H. Fortson, Maplewood, 500 acres;" C. 1830. This house, however, is said to have been owned first by Robert Harrison.																												
20. Significance As settlement occurred in Christian County, it followed the riverbeds. This house, which represents the second generation of the Montgomery Creek settlement was built around 1820. Perrin's history indicates the first settler was named Robert Harrison. (cont.)																												
21. Source of Information Battle, H. Perrins, W. H. Counties of Todd and Christian, Kentucky. Chicago, Illinois: F. A. Battey Publishing Company, 1884 p. 266																												

Significance (cont.)

However, tradition suggests that William H. Fortson, son-in-law of James Davis settled the farmstead. In 1878, the atlas indicates this as "W. H. Fortson, Maplewood, 500 acres," which suggests that indeed, Harrison, may well have built the house some 50 years earlier.

Built in several stages, the story and a half brick house is one of the best examples of Federal styling in Christian County. The original block consists of a central passage plan with a five bay facade. The brickwork is in Flemish bond, and instead of the usual jack arches the windows are topped with low quality bricks that were then masked with plaster in the shape of flat arches. Perhaps the intention was to paint the plaster in the shape of stone arches. The windows consist of nine panes over nine, and the entry features an elliptical fanlight, a dual leaf door, and slender sidelights with their original louvers. Much of the interior woodwork survives, including the chair rails and Federal style mantels. The door reveals are reeded. At some point an end addition of two bays lengthened the house to seven bays, and the kitchen ell also appears to be an addition. The siting of the house is characteristic of the early nineteenth century--it is located just above floor level in a bend of Montgomery Creek.

