

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Site No. He - 149

1. Historic Name(s) <u>John Williams house</u>		22. ADD/County <u>Deergrass, Harrison</u>	
Original Owner <u>John Williams</u>		23. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75') <u>Shawhan</u> G.I.S. Mod.	
2. Present Name		24. UTM Reference <u>16 739 880 425 920 0</u>	
3. Location <u>1/4 mi S off 32/36, 2 mi E of Cynthiana</u>		Zone Easting Northing	
4. Owner's Name <u>Orville Adams</u>		25. Coordinate Accuracy	
5. Owner's Address <u>Tapscott Mine, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653</u>		26. Prehistoric Site Object Historic Site Structure Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	
6. Open to Public Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. Visible from road Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8. Ownership Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Local Contact/Organization		27. National Register District Name:	
10. Site Plan with North Arrow <u>see attached boundary form</u>		28. Significance Evaluation	
11. Architect		29. Status National Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> Date National Register <input type="checkbox"/> Landmark Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky Survey <input type="checkbox"/> Local Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> HABS/HAER <input type="checkbox"/>	
12. Builder		30. Historic Theme Primary <u>Architecture</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secondary <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
13. Date <u>1820-30</u> A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>		31. Endangered <u>by neglect</u> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
14. Style A. <u>Federal</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>		32. Preservation Project Status	
15. Original Use <u>residence</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Actual Cost in \$1,000s	
16. Present use <u>vacant</u>		33. ATTACH PHOTO <u>in attached envelope</u>	
17. Condition <u>fair</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Roll No. _____ Picture No. _____ Direction _____	
18. Description <u>5 bay, 1 1/2 story, central passage dry stone house with fully Federal features. Central entrance has elliptical leaded sashburst fanlight and fretwork sidelights, pedimented curved return surrounding.</u> (over) (Continue on Back)		34. Prepared by: <u>C.M. Woolley</u>	
No. Stories <u>1 1/2</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		35. Organization	
Single Pile <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA _____		36. Date <u>1982</u>	
Double Pile _____		37. Revision Dates	
Floor Plan <u>central passage</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		38. Staff Review	
Structural Fabric <u>stone</u> A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Decorative Fabric <u>fan doorway squared pickering brackets</u> A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Roof Form <u>gable</u>			
19. History <u>Built by John Williams, son of Hubbard Williams (Bb181), descendant of Roger Williams of R.I.; was state representative 1832. Old Millersburg Rd passed in front of house.</u>			
20. Significance <u>most completely full Federal style stone house in state, w. S. R. porch and wing. Unaltered.</u>			
21. Source of Information <u>18: inspection</u> <u>19: R. Collins 11 p. 323 Wilson, This Old House</u>			

18 cont.:

panelled double doors (each 4 panel); (photos 8, 9, 10)
U shape stairway in center hall has turned
newells (dropped at landing) square banisters, (photos 11, 12)
panelled stair wall; parlor has breakfast
reeded mantel with sunburst, (no photo) panelled
door press & panelled wainscott; woodwork
includes reeded returns, Cove mold chair rail,
ogee trim & 8 panel doors; bedroom at each
end off center hall upstairs, closets in eave spaces.

House has 1 interior, 1 partially exterior chimney;
excellent ashlar masonry and original square mortar
joints; pegged frames, square sills, ovolo trim;
full cellar w 3 rooms; original dormers (3).

(photo 15) Original or very early frame ell at White rear
contains dining room and kitchen. Dining room has
panelled wainscott, reeded breakfast mantel with (photos 13, 14)
fluted pilasters, 6 panel door, ovolo trim, Cove mold
chair rail (Later door to W porch is G.R.). Kitchen has
(photo 16) Fish shelf mantel w ogee trim; horizontal boarded
wainscott, beaded batten doors & lift latch, crude
peg board. Exterior of ell had beaded weatherboard;
frames not pegged, ovolo trim.

The 1 story gabled stone wing on W end of
main house has original steeple pointing, square
sills, no trim, interior chimney; inside - G.R.
mantle and 2 panel doors.

Center hall of house opens onto shed roofed
rear porch of slightly later date having curved (!)
panelled ceiling & panelled wainscott on house. (photos 6, 7)
End of porch has enclosed room w plastered walls
& panelled wainscott; window in E wall of room
has narrow mitered corner frame.

L-shaped porch to rear of wing and W of ell
has enclosed storage rooms at each end, sheathed
in beaded vertical boards toward house.

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18 cont:

House remarkably unaltered except:
 E 1st floor chamber has chair rail removed, and
 decorative mantle, reduced firebox; Kitchen
 chimney and E end wall of house are stuccoed;
 E chimney has fallen out; front portico has
 fallen (It was D.R. wood, square columned, heavy
 pilasters, and had wainscot & plaster against
 house.); Sash replaced.

House sits below summit of rise above branch
 of Licking facing old road bed. Yard bordered
 by stone retaining wall at front; has half round-
 end mounting blocks, ^{for lantern post} built into wall ^(like Mm 44). Stone steps
 and walk to front door. Behind house (and
 formal porch) is an uphill terrace hinting of formal
 gardens.

The ruins of a 2 room 2 story stone quarters
 with exterior chimneys at each end border the yard
 on the W. Spring to east of yard. Dorns to SE
 along branch. (Dorns not inspected)

(photo 2, 19)

top
barn

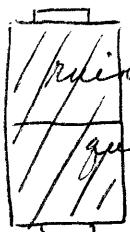
wood lot

B

C



terrace



300 ft

bedded vertical board

early kitchen

G.R. door

early dining

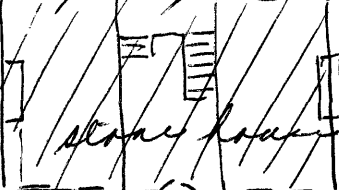
paneled ceiling porch

paneled room
paneled wainscot
narrow mitered trim

300 ft

well

24' G.R. wing



26'

22'

54'

to spring
→

drive to 32-36
↑

stone wall

215 ft

stone walk

A

D

to barn
branch
→

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION & JUSTIFICATION

Beginning at ^A in the SW corner of the yard where fence meets stone wall, thence with fence 300 ft N to B, thence at right angles 215 ft E to C, 300 ft S to D at the stone wall, thence outside stone wall 215 ft W to the beginning, containing the stone house, ruin of quarters, stone walk, and stone wall - about 1 1/2 acre. (Dance 1861 map of ...)

SKETCH MAP OF SITE SHOWING BOUNDARIES AND KEY BUILDINGS AND FEATURES WITH NORTH ARROW.

