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Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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7. Description:

Guthrie-May

Located at the base of a knob in southwestern Boyle County, the Guthrie-May House (BO-406) is one of few documented brick masonry, settlement period dwelling remaining in the North Rolling Fork / Knobs region of Boyle County. Located east of State Route 243, the dwelling looks west over the flood plain of the river. Although historically associated with over 100 acres of agricultural land, the main residence is the only historic resource surviving on the property and is the only resource included in this nomination.

1. Main residence (contributing building). Constructed c. 1813 (according to a date on the door frame of the original block), the residence is a two-story, brick masonry dwelling with a three-bay facade, asphalt-shingle clad hipped roof, and a continuous mortared stone foundation. The use of brick as a construction material and the dwelling's prominent location overlooking the Rolling Fork floodplain, suggests the original owner enjoyed a measure of affluence before the end of settlement. The building originated with a hall-parlor plan, presumably with a side gable roof, and an interior brick chimney. The original block sat on a continuous mortared limestone foundation with a two-bay front facade, including a side entry and a sash window.

The building was expanded into its present form in the late nineteenth century with the addition of a two-story, single-bay, brick block to the south side of the original block. The roof of the addition is hipped and it rests on a continuous cut stone foundation.

In its final form, the front (west) facade features three bays with a central entry flanked by multipane sidelights and fronted by a one-bay porch with round wood supports. The south end front bay is slightly recessed and is the only bay featuring paired sash windows on the front facade. Windows are not original, however remain in the original surrounds and are the same size, being 1/1 sash with plain wood surrounds and trim. Across the rear (east) elevation is a early-to mid-twentieth century one-story ell addition, covered with vinyl siding, with a central interior brick chimney and a gable end roof. The original portion of the residence sits on a continuous cut stone foundation while the ell is on concrete block.

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8. Statement of Significance:

House (BO-406), located in the southwestern corner of Boyle County in the The Guthrie-May Knobs region, overlooks the Rolling Fork River and is nominated as part of the Multiple Property Listing "Historic and Architectural Resources of Boyle County, Kentucky". The ca. 1813 residence is locally significant under Criterion C, as a brick masonry, hall-parlor dwelling built during settlement and enlarged during a later historic period (ca. 1900). The property gains additional significance for its known rarity as an early brick masonry residence in the Rolling Fork drainage.

The property is significant within the historic context "Domestic Architecture in Boyle County: 1780 1945". The exact builder of the property is not known, however an early-nineteenth century Guthrie Family cemetery associated with the property suggests that the Guthries were the original owners. Survey reveals that no other residences of brick survive in the area from that time and it is doubtful that many were constructed as most settlement dwellings along the North Rolling Fork are of log construction (see BO-400, the Purdom-Lewis-Hutchison House, nominated as part of the MPF).

Local tradition states that bricks used in the construction of the dwelling were made on the farm, near the river. Allegedly, the dwelling had as many as three stories during the early-nineteenth century, however the third story was destroyed by a tornado (Forkland Community History Committee, 1988: 40). It is highly unlikely that the original portion of the building, standing north of the three-story addition, was constructed with three stories. Such a building form is not known in Kentucky. That portion of this resource was not inspected to verify the claim. Perhaps this can be explained as a confusion by members of the Forkland book committee, referring instead, to the impact of a tornado on the three-story addition. No photograph is known showing the three-story state. The north end original portion was constructed as a hall-parlor dwelling and expanded into a center-hall plan in the mid-nineteenth century, possibly by David C. May who owned the property c. 1830 - c. 1885. The one-bay, two-story south end addition is typical of antebellum period expansions to settlemen dwellings, constructed to accomodate needed space through added rooms and a basement According to the 1880 Agricultural Census of Boyle County David May owned over 200 acres of land (improved and unimproved) valued at \$8,000.00. In 1879, May's estimated value of all farm productions totalled \$1700.00, a reasonable earning in a region with little agricultural yield beyond a subsistence level (1880 Agricultural Census: N.P.). In addition to agricultural yields, the May family offered their home as a boarding house for locals, housing William Soragens there ca. 1845, around the time he established Penn's Store (SEE "Penn's Store" nomination, listed on the National Register, January, 1997).

Porter Raley added a one-story rear ell to the residence ca. 1909. With this addition, Raley modernized the home by installing an attached kitchen and bathroom to the home. Allegedly, the bathroom was the first of its kind in the area and when Raley sold the house and moved to another county, he is reported to have transported all of the modern "facilities" with him (Personal Communication with Gorley, 1996). The property remains associated with approximately 200 acres of agricultural and knob land.

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Forkland Community History Committee, Brenda S. Edwards, chairman. <u>Forkland Heritage, Its People Past and Present, 1793-1988</u>. Volume One. Marceline, Missouri: Walsworth Publishing Company, 1988.

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10. Geographical Data:

Verbal Boundary Description:

The nominated property of the Guthrie-May House contains approximately one (1) acre on the east side of State Route 37 in the rural area known as the Gravel Switch community. The nominated property includes the two-story, brick residential dwelling shown within the dotted lines on the western edge of Parcel 14 of the accompanying Boyle County Property Identification Map 7. The tax map has a scale of 1" = 200'.

Boundary Justification:

The boundary of the Guthrie-May House includes only the historic residence and a limited area of yard. Although the residence is located on a large farm, no assembly of historic farmstead buildings remains. The property's significance relates to the residence and not agricultural associations.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

Guthrie-May

House, Boyle County, KY

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Front (west) facade, facing east

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South elevation, facing northeast

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