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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

II

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

The Old Stone Inn

AND/OR COMMON

Same

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

U.S. 60

E of Simpsonville on

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Simpsonville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

06

STATE

Kentucky

VICINITY OF

021

COUNTY  
Shelby

CODE  
211

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Restaurant
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. F.W. Fensterer

STREET & NUMBER

Route 5

CITY, TOWN

Shelbyville

VICINITY OF

STATE

Kentucky

40065

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Shelby County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Shelbyville

STATE

Kentucky

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky

DATE

1971

FEDERAL  STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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#### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Old Stone Inn is located on the north side of U.S. 60 (which follows what used to be the old Lexington-Louisville Turnpike), in Simpsonville. The structure faces south and is situated very close to the road. Five acres of surrounding land and large trees and plantings around the house isolate it from the traffic and nearby houses.

The original inn, constructed of rough rectangular stone laid in regular courses, consisted of twelve rooms, with a full basement. Every room including the front entrance hall had a fireplace. The floors were hardwood put together with pegs. The walls throughout the house are two-feet thick. The inn had two front entrances, one in the center (with a wide double door with a five-light transom) and one to the right of the center door. The second door led directly to the men's bar (closed to women) which was separated from the rest of the inn. (See photo 1.)

An old photograph circa 1870 shows the inn as having three dormers and a cupola. Double chimneys on each side of the structure protrude slightly. A low tetrastyle Grecian porch spans two bays. A wooden stile is pictured in front of the house. (See photo 2.)

Over the years the cupola was removed and the door leading into the men's bar was changed to a window. The front porch was also removed and replaced with a smaller front stoop. Although some alterations have been made, much of the original woodwork remains. The exterior windows and door moldings are reeded with rosettes at the top corners. The front door and interior door jambs have three columns of reeding on both sides and across the top. The original reeded chair-railing remains in three of the four original first-floor rooms. The door facings in all the rooms are of a simple Federal style. The mantels are very plain with rounded shelves. (See photos 3 and 4.)

In the northeast corner of the west rear room is an enclosed staircase leading upstairs. It is enclosed with vertical boards and a beaded diagonal strip.

All the fireplaces in the four upstairs bedrooms have been removed, along with the one in the front entrance hall.

In 1950 a one-room frame addition was made on the northeast side of the house. In 1969 another frame room was added on the west side. Over the years the frame kitchen wing off the back of the house has been enlarged. (See photos 5 and 6.)

Despite the alterations the structure retains many of the original features.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

circa 1817

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Fleming P. Rogers

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Old Stone Inn was erected as a tavern circa 1817 by Fleming P. Rogers. Because of its conspicuous location on a once major road, the inn has always been a landmark. Situated twenty miles east of Louisville on the Louisville-Frankfort-Lexington turnpike, a traveler coming from the east would presumably have hailed it just before he entered the small community of Simpsonville, described "a tavern and a stagecoach town" (Willis (1929), p. 54). The main stone block, one of the few surviving stone structures in the area, remains essentially intact with fine reeded woodwork and other original features.

The inn is an unusual survivor of the low Federal type, in stone (not unusual in brick), with paired end-chimneys, and dormers. The broad expanse of the roof and the low first-story give the structure a compact and substantial look.

Fleming P. Rogers began construction on the stone inn in 1817, a year after the small town of Simpsonville was laid out. Fleming P. Rogers, a native of Virginia, bought three hundred acres of land on the Little Bullskin Creek in Shelby County, Kentucky, from Samuel Mitchell on July 1817. The stone for the building was taken from a quarry on the back of the farm (shown on the 1882 Atlas) and the work was done by slave labor. According to tradition Rogers went bankrupt building the stone structure.

In 1833, Rogers sold the nearly completed house to Isaac Greathouse who later sold it to Philip Johnson. In 1835 Johnson sold the house along with two hundred and eighty-one acres of land to Lindsey W. George. The stone house had been completed by the time George moved in in 1835. His son Richard George lived there for forty years and sold it in 1875 to W. L. Hammond. The structure is listed in 1882 as the residence of W. L. Hammond on the Atlas of Henry and Shelby Counties, Kentucky. The house changed hands several times until 1934 when James Tinsley bought it and reopened it as The Old Stone Inn. It has continued to be operated as a restaurant from 1934 until the present time.

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mary Cronan, Staff Historian

ORGANIZATION

Kentucky Heritage Commission

DATE

March 29, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bridge Street

TELEPHONE

(502) 564-6683

CITY OR TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

*Eldred W. Melton*

TITLE

*State Historic Preservation Officer*

DATE

*4/1/76*

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

*10/8/76*

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

*9/29/76*

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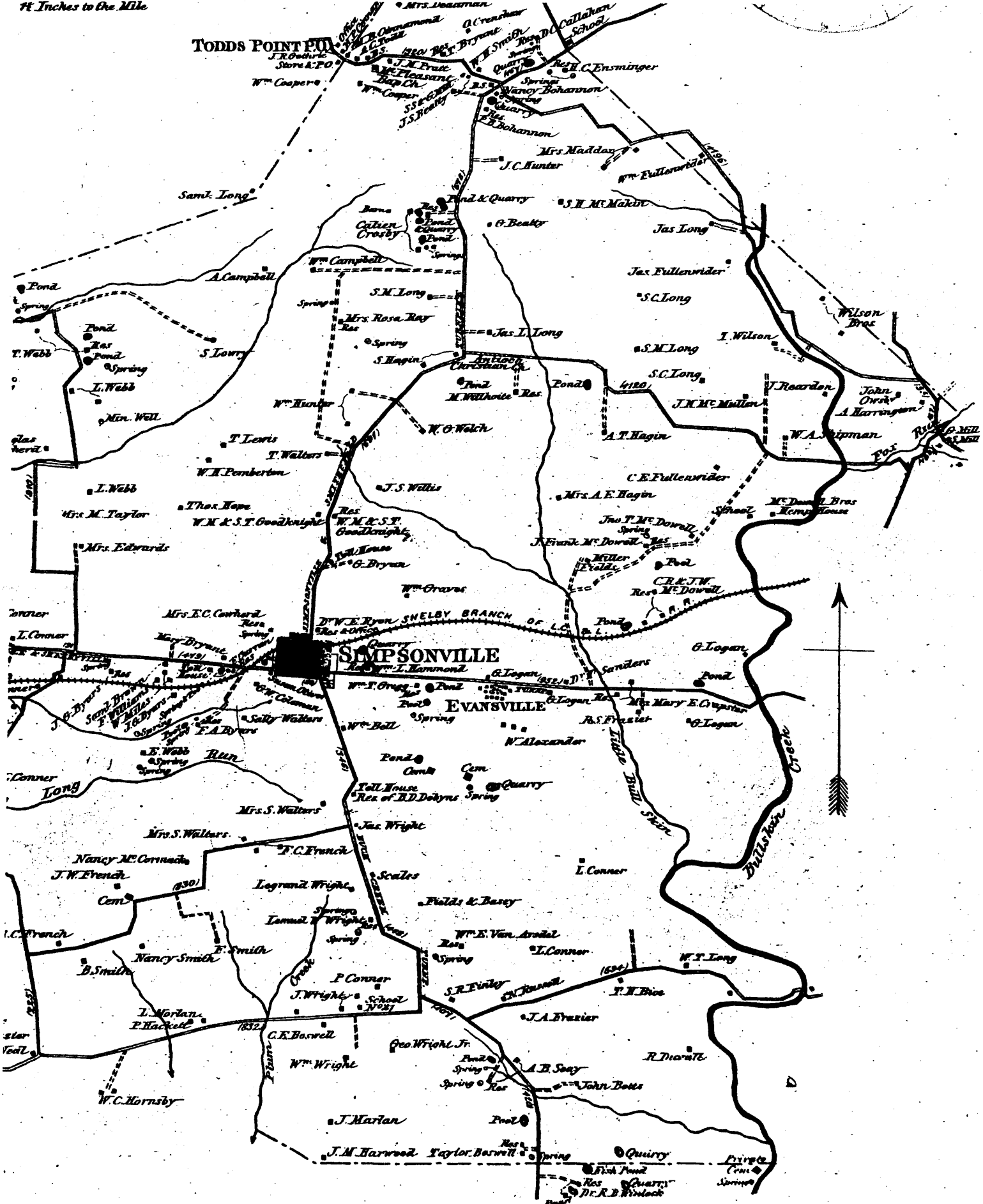
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