

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

MAY 18 1979 79003591 Ck-50

1. Historic Name (s) <u>Martin House</u>		22. ADD/County <u>Bluegrass/Clark</u>	
Original Owner <u>John Martin</u>		23. Zoning Classification Magisterial District	
Present Name <u>Holder-Hampton House</u>		24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75') <u>Ford</u>	
3. Owner's Name <u>Pat Shely</u>		25. UTM Reference <u>16</u> <u>739430</u> <u>4201240</u> Zone Easting Northing	
4. Owner's Address <u>Athens-Boonesborough Road, Ford 40320</u>		26. Prehistoric Site Historic Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object Structure <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Building</u>	
5. Location <u>Lower Howard's Creek</u>		27. District Name: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
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"/>	28. Significance Evaluation	
9. Local Contact/Organization		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"/> _____	
10. Site Plan with North Arrow		30. Theme Primary <u>early settlement</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary <u>architecture (stone)</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
11. Architect		31. Endangered Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
12. Builder		32. ATTACH PHOTO	
13. Date <u>c. 1780-1790</u>		Roll No. <u>Roll 3 #5-11</u>	
14. Style <input type="checkbox"/>		Picture No. _____	
15. Original Use <u>dwelling</u>		Direction _____	
16. Present Use <u>ruin</u>		33. Tape No. _____ Negative No. _____	
17. Condition <input type="checkbox"/> Interior <input type="checkbox"/> Exterior <u>ruin</u>		34. Prepared by: <u>ACW-CMT</u>	
18. Description <u>Stone house. One-story three-bay. Stone section connects this with another stone section.</u>  <u>1860? atlas this site marked as "W. T. Bush"</u>		35. Organization <u>KHC</u>	
19. History <u>John Martin came from Goochland County, VA and came to Kentucky with D. Boone and later returned with his family in 1782. They were members of the Old Providence Church.</u>  <u>See Ck-49, Ck-51, Ck-526 "As. Hampton" 1877 Atlas</u>		36. Date <u>Fall 1976</u>	
20. Significance <u>John Martin came from Goochland County, Virginia and claimed land on Lower Howard's Creek, where Martin's station was erected. After the stockaded station era, substantial houses, such as this one-story, three-bay stone dwelling were erected by the settlers. This house was the residential center of this early industrial complex.</u>		37. Revision Dates _____ 38. Staff Review _____	
21. Source of Information <u>Owen, Kathryn. Old Homes and Landmarks of Clark County, Kentucky. Lexington, Kentucky: Thoroughbred Press, 1967. p. 15.</u>			

1. Historic Name: W. T. Darr

2. Owner's Name: John Martin

3. Owner's Address: 1001 Jackson Ave

4. Owner's Phone: 402-233-1111

5. Date of Construction: 1880

6. Date of Survey: 1987

7. Surveyor's Name: John Martin

8. Surveyor's Address: 1001 Jackson Ave

9. Surveyor's Phone: 402-233-1111

10. Date of Inventory: 1987

11. Inventory Number: 1001



1880? Also this site marked as "W. T. Darr"

John Martin came from Buchanan County, VA and came to Kentucky with D. Boone and later returned with his family in 1782. They were members of the Old Providence Church.

See Cr-43, Cr-51, Cr-52  
"An. Hampton" 1877 Atlas

John Martin came from Buchanan County, Virginia and claimed land on Lower Board's Creek, where Martin's station was erected. After the station was erected, several houses, such as this one-story, three-bay stone dwelling were erected by the settlers. This house was the residential center of this early industrial complex.

Old House and Landmarks of Clark County, Kentucky. Lexington, Kentucky: Trans-Action Press, 1987. p. 12.

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000209

# National Register of Historic Places

## Note to the record

Additional Documentation: 2016

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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

Nat. Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

### 1. Name of Property

historic name Bush, Jonathan, House (Name Change and Additional Documentation)  
other names/site number Martin House; 79003591; CK-50  
Related Multiple Property Clark County Multiple Resources, Excluding the City of Winchester (64000209)

### 2. Location

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication  
city or town Winchester

X
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 vicinity  
state Kentucky code KY county Clark code 049 zip code \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,  
I hereby certify that this    nomination    request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property    meets    does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

   national    statewide   X   local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

  X   A    B   X   C    D

Signature of certifying official/Title  Craig Potts/SHPO Date 6-16-16

**Kentucky Heritage Council/State Historic Preservation Office**  
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property    meets    does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

   entered in the National Register    determined eligible for the National Register  
   determined not eligible for the National Register    removed from the National Register  
 other (explain) Accept Additional Documentation and name change

Signature of the Keeper  Date of Action 8-9-2016

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**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply.)

**Category of Property**  
(Check only **one** box.)

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

- private
- public - Local
- public - State
- public - Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

<u>Contributing</u>	<u>Noncontributing</u>	
_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	district
_____	_____	site
_____	_____	structure
_____	_____	object
_____	_____	<b>Total</b>

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions.)

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions.)

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions.)

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: \_\_\_\_\_  
walls: \_\_\_\_\_  
roof: \_\_\_\_\_  
other: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Narrative Description**

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**Summary Paragraph**

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**Narrative Description**

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**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Settlement

Architecture

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Period of Significance**

Ca. 1812

\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates**

Ca. 1812

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person**

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

NA

**Cultural Affiliation**

NA

\_\_\_\_\_

**Architect/Builder**

Bush, Jonathan (builder)

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

**Period of Significance (justification)**

**Criteria Considerations (explanation, if necessary)**

**Statement of Significance**



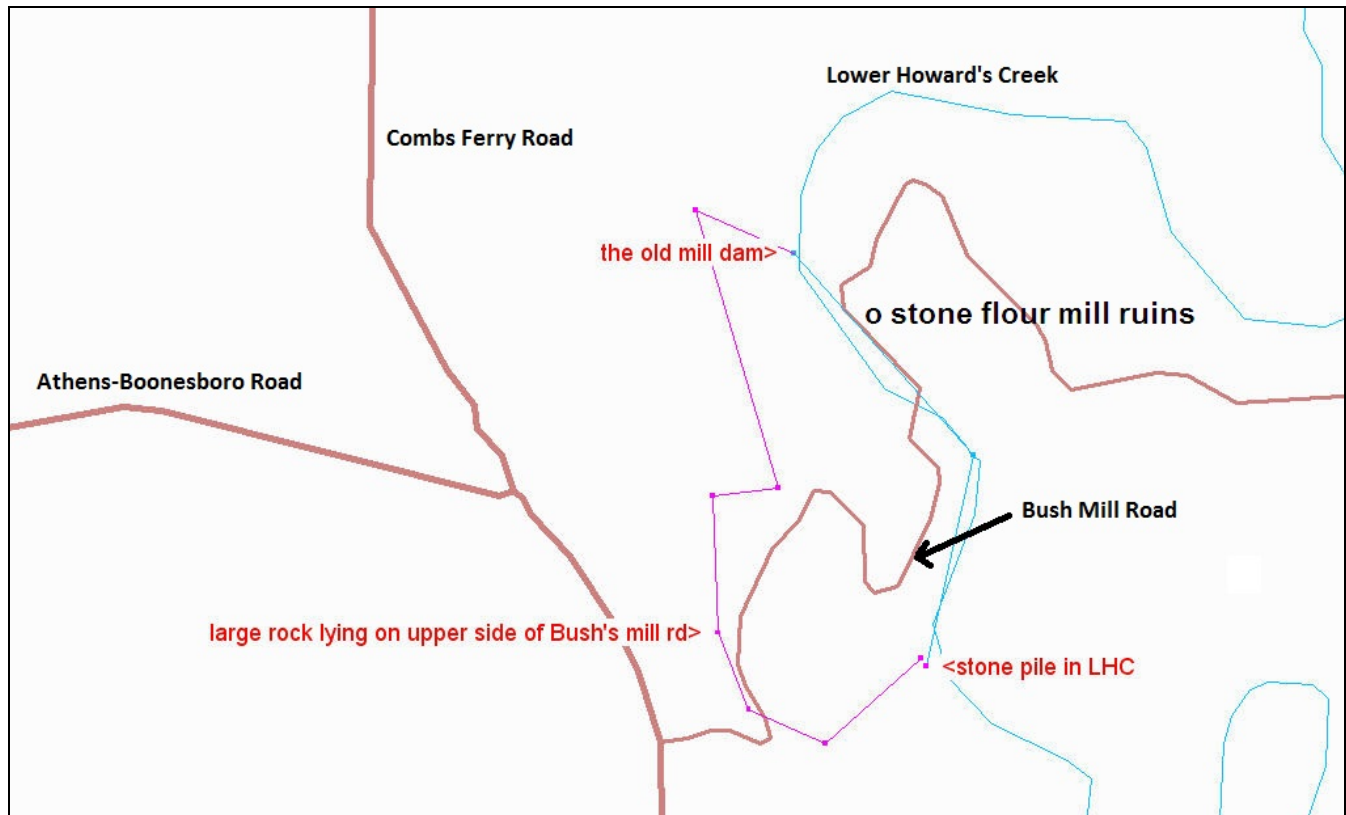
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### Summary Paragraph

Located in the Lower Howard's Creek Nature & Heritage Preserve (hereafter called the "Preserve") in Clark County, Kentucky, are the ruins of two historic places. In the 1960s, these landmarks came to be called the John Martin House and the John Martin Mill and were said to have been erected in the late 1780s. The sites were placed on the National Register of Historic Places under the name Martin House (1979, NRIS 79003591) and Martin-Holder-Bush-Hampton Mill (1980, NRIS 80001498). The Martin House was nominated as part of the Clark County MRA, with eligibility for its retention of historic architectural design. Recently-discovered evidence shows that both of these previously-listed stone structures were erected several decades later than thought at the time of listing—by Jonathan Bush. The house was built around 1812. The following document proposes a new name for this National Register listing. The Martin House should be renamed the "Jonathan Bush House." This documentation does not propose a change to the properties' boundary.

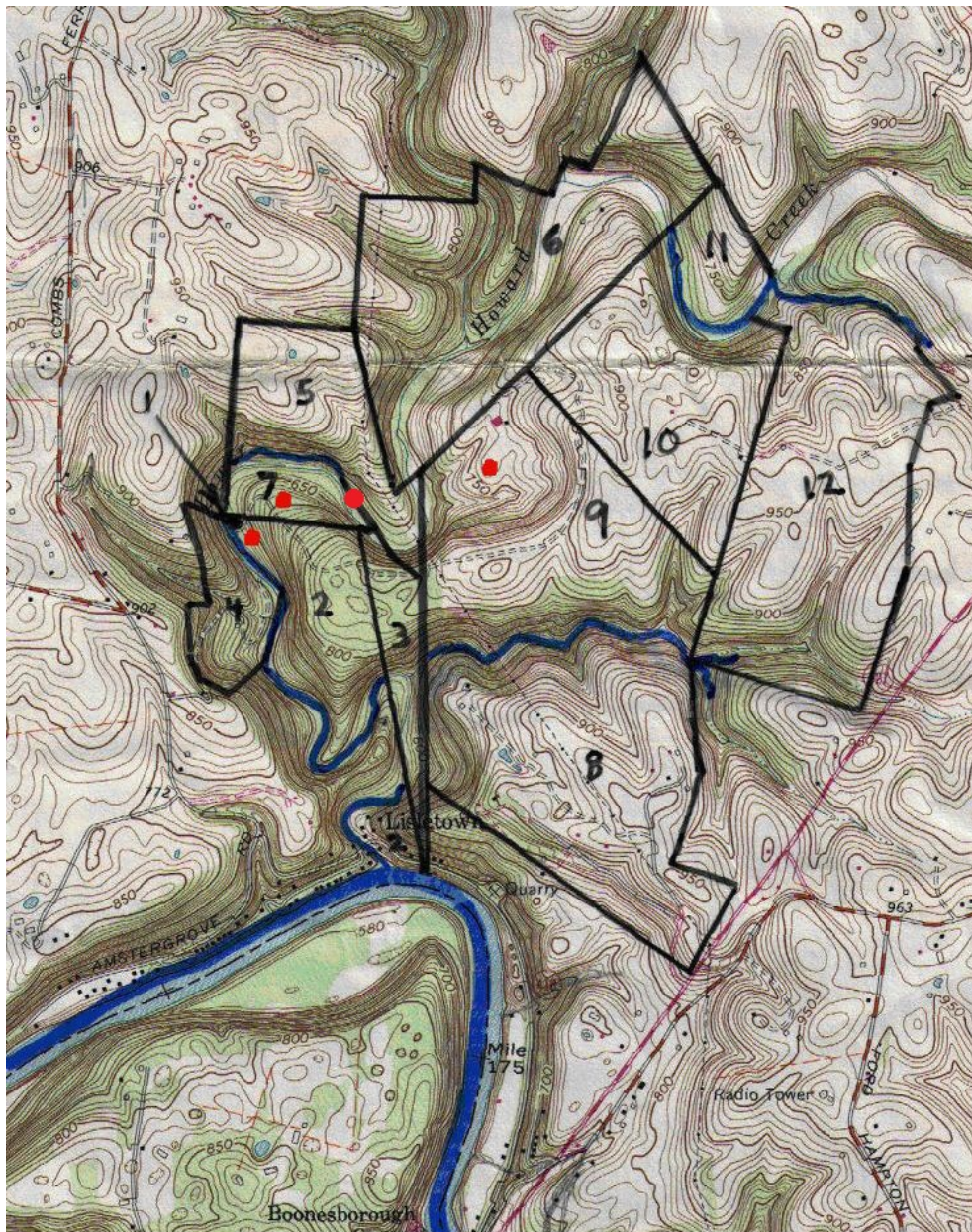
For orientation purpose, the sites referred to below appear on this map:



This map, below, provides the boundary of property divisions cited in some of Clark County's earliest deeds:

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**Lower Howard's Creek Property Map**  
(Deed tracts and symbols are described in the text below.)

### **Jonathan Bush House**

The decaying stone house in the Preserve is listed as the “Martin House” on the National Register. Kathryn Owen, who supplied information for the National Register nomination, concluded the house was erected by John Martin. Her book, *Old Homes and Landmarks of Clark County*, was the first to make this claim but no documentation was included.<sup>i</sup> In conversations with Miss Owen about the house, she stated that the

<sup>i</sup> “Martin House,” Kentucky Historic Resources Inventory, Ck-50 (1976); Kathryn Owen, *Old Homes and Landmarks of Clark County, Kentucky* (Winchester, KY, 1967), p. 15.

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house's proximity to the mill made it likely to be the mill owner's house, and she had fixed on John Martin as that first mill owner. She surmised that the stone house and the 3½-story mill ruins were built about the same time, c1787—first, a 2-story log cabin, then the mill, followed by a 2-story stone addition to the cabin. She knew John Martin owned land on Lower Howard's Creek, but she had not used the metes and bounds information in the deed to locate his property. She also thought that John Martin and his wife Rachel were buried in a graveyard near the house.<sup>ii</sup> No other "evidence" exists for these claims.

In this instance, deed and graveyard records refute the claim that the house was built by John Martin. First of all, and very important, John Martin did not own the land where the house stands (red circle on Tract 7). It is very unlikely that anyone would build such a fine stone house on land they did not own. That land was acquired by Jonathan Bush in 1812, six years after he purchased the mill property (Tract 2).

John Martin's deeds<sup>iii</sup> are easily mapped (Tract 9 and 10) and are shown to lie east of Jonathan Bush's land. The John Martin graveyard is located on this property (red circle on Tract 9). A visit to this cemetery in 2007 revealed that Rachel Martin's gravestone was still legible (born 1735, died 1820) but all the lettering on John Martin's presumed stone adjoining hers had weathered away. Miss Owen quoted S. J. Conkwright whom she said copied the dates on their stones "years ago."<sup>iv</sup>

To explore this further, the cemetery near the stone house in the Preserve was shown to be the burial place of Jonathan Bush's second wife, Diana Emerson Bush. In 2008 enough pieces of the tablet covering her box tomb were assembled to allow reading the inscription and confirming the record made by George Doyle in 1935 at the "burying ground at old Jonathan Bush Mill on Lower Howard's Creek."<sup>v</sup>

The stone house in the Preserve is designated the "Martin House" on the National Register, but there is no credible evidence available to support that name. In the absence of evidence for a John Martin builder, we have positive evidence that Jonathan Bush acquired the property (after purchasing his mill property) where the house stands, his wife is buried in the cemetery near the house, and his son William T. Bush sold the house in 1861.

### Conclusion

The above narrative lays out evidence to show that the stone house standing nearby the mill ruins in the Lower Howard's Creek Nature & Heritage Preserve were constructed by Jonathan Bush. In the late 1960s, due to several assumptions now shown to be incorrect, construction of the mill and house were attributed to the work of John Martin. This circulation of information has caused problems for John Martin descendants, who come to the Preserve expecting to view the ancient home and mill of their ancestor. The Preserve's current reports, trail guides, and website now refer to the house and mill as the work of another Clark County pioneer: Jonathan Bush. A lingering problem arises from the fact that the John Martin designation appears in the National Register of Historic Places. The report has been prepared to provide the Register with documentation to allow renaming this historic sites in Clark County to the Johnathan Bush House.

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<sup>ii</sup> Kathryn Owen, *Old Graveyards of Clark County, Kentucky* (Winchester, KY, 1975), p. 80.

<sup>iii</sup> Clark County Deed Book 1:630, 3:463, 6:231.

<sup>iv</sup> Kathryn Owen, *Old Graveyards of Clark County, Kentucky* (Winchester, KY, 1975), p. 80.

<sup>v</sup> George Doyle, *Clark County Tombstone Records* (Winchester, KY, 1935), p. 39. Due to weathering of the stone, Doyle misread her "1819" death date—Diana died in 1849.

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### 9. Major Bibliographical References

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#### Primary

Clark County, Kentucky Deed Books  
Clark County, Kentucky Order Books

#### Secondary

Doyle, George  
1935 *Clark County Tombstone Records*. Winchester, Kentucky.

Kentucky Heritage Council  
1976 "Martin House," Kentucky Historic Resources Inventory, Ck-50.

Owen, Kathryn  
1967 *Old Homes and Landmarks of Clark County, Kentucky*. Winchester, Kentucky.  
1975 *Old Graveyards of Clark County, Kentucky*. Winchester, Kentucky.

#### Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been requested)
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

#### Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
  - Other State agency
  - Federal agency
  - Local government
  - University
  - Other
- Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): \_\_\_\_\_ CK-50 \_\_\_\_\_

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### 10. Geographical Data

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#### Acreage of Property \_\_\_\_\_

(Do not include previously listed resource acreage.)

#### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone Easting Northing

3 \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone Easting Northing

2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone Easting Northing

4 \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone Easting Northing

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**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

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**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Harry Enoch  
organization Clark County Planning Commission date June 2016  
street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.  
A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Continuation Sheets**
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

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**Photographs:**

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map.

**Name of Property:**

**City or Vicinity:**

**County:**

**State:**

**Photographer:**

**Date Photographed:**

**Description of Photograph(s) and number:**

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**Property Owner:**  
(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

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name \_\_\_\_\_  
street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

National Register of Historic Places  
Memo to File

# Correspondence

The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

Correspondence may also include information from other sources, drafts of the nomination, letters of support or objection, memorandums, and ephemera which document the efforts to recognize the property.



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GOVERNOR

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KENTUCKY HERITAGE COUNCIL**

**DON PARKINSON**  
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June 20, 2016

**CRAIG A. POTTS**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND  
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

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**Nat. Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service**

J. Paul Loether, Deputy Keeper and Chief  
National Register of Historic Places  
1201 Eye St. NW 8th Floor  
Washington DC 20005

Dear Mr. Loether:

Enclosed are the nominations approved by the Review Board at their May 20, 2016 meeting. We submit these forms so the properties can be listed in the National Register:

- Harlan Hubbard Home and Studio**, Campbell County, Kentucky
- Edgewood**, Fayette County, Kentucky
- New Castle Historic District**, Henry County, Kentucky
- Wood F. Axton Hall, Simmons College**, Jefferson County, Kentucky
- E.L. Hughes Company Building**, Jefferson County, Kentucky
- Seventh Street School**, Jefferson County, Kentucky
- Independence Historic District**, Kenton County, Kentucky
- Peaselsburg Historic District**, Kenton County, Kentucky
- Maysville Historic District (Boundary Increase)**, Mason County, Kentucky
- Johnson's Landing House & Farm**, Oldham County, Kentucky
- Woodland**, Oldham County, Kentucky

We also enclose the **State Tuberculosis Hospitals of Kentucky MPS**, which includes two nominations: **London Tuberculosis Hospital** in Laurel County and **Madisonville Tuberculosis Hospital** in Hopkins County.

We enclose documentation for three previously listed properties. This includes new information for the **Elks Athletic Club**, Jefferson County KY (NRIS 79001003) relating to its role in Louisville's LGBTQ past. The second item supports a name change for two previously-listed properties: the **Martin House**, Clark County, KY (NRIS 79003591) would become the **Jonathan Bush House**, and the **Martin-Holder-Bush-Hampton Mill**, Clark County KY (80001498), would become the **Jonathan Bush Mill**.

We thank you for your assistance in listing these properties.

Sincerely,

Craig A. Potts  
Executive Director and  
State Historic Preservation Officer



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY NAME: Bush, Jonathan, House

MULTIPLE NAME: Clark County MRA

STATE & COUNTY: KENTUCKY, Clark

DATE RECEIVED: 6/24/16 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/09/16  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 79003591

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 8-9-2016 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Accept name change*

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept AD  
REVIEWER J. Habay DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/ see attached SLR Y/

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.