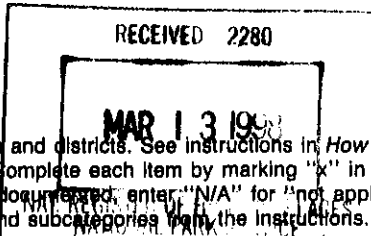


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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name #15 Plank Voting House

other names/site number RW-13

2. Location

street & number 815 Plank Chapel Road  Not for publication

city or town Morehead  Vicinity

state Kentucky code KY county Rowan code 205 zip code 40351

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  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

David L. Morgan, SHPO & Executive Director  
Signature of Certifying official/Title 3-9-98  
Date  
Kentucky Heritage Council/State Historic Preservation Office

State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting official/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register  See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Edson A. Beall  
Signature of the Keeper 4.9.98  
Date of Action

**5. Classification**

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

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

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

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

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

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	-	buildings
-	-	sites
-	-	structures
-	-	objects
1	0	Total

**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**

~~ROWAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY WPA STONE VOTING HOUSES~~ 0

**6. Function or Use**

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

GOVERNMENT

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

VACANT/NOT IN USE

**7. Description**

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

OTHER

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation SANDSTONE

walls SANDSTONE

roof ASPHALT

other

**Narrative Description**

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

**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.

**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 of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

**Period of Significance**

1935-1936

**Significant Dates**

1935

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Bullder**

UNKNOWN

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Morehead State University

#15 Plank Voting House  
Name of Property

Rowan, Kentucky  
County and State

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of Property less than one acre

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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 Cranston Quad

Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

4 

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See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Christa Smith, Architectural Historian

organization Morehead State University date 7-20-97

street & number IPO 557 telephone (606) 783-2067

city or town Morehead state KY zip code 40351

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**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.

**Photographs**

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

**Additional Items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

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 18.1 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 Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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**NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION**

The # 15 Plank Voting House is situated on a large flat lot at 815 Plank Chapel Road in the City of Morehead. The voting house was named for its location and the land was deeded to the Rowan County Fiscal Court in May 1897 (Deed Book 6, p. 216). Citizens voted in the structure until 1987. Today it is the only remaining voting house being used as a rental residence. It is heated by the original pot bellied stove.

The # 15 Plank Voting House is constructed of fieldstone and flush mortar. Exposed beams project from the original standing seam tin roof. One over one windows are placed on the north and south elevations, with three 2' x 2' single lights located under the west gable eave. The windows have ashlar cut stone sills, but lack lintels. The three lights on the south elevation were positioned high to give light and to ensure privacy to citizens voting in three booths located under the windows. Victorian beaded boards seal the gable ends between the stone walls and roof. A capped yellow brick chimney is located at the center of the roof ridge.

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**NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The # 15 Plank Voting House meets criterion A and is a significant physical representation of the New Deal. It was constructed by the WPA and used exclusively as a voting house during the period of significance. The # 15 Plank Voting House has retained a majority of the original materials and is recognizable in function as a voting house. The # 15 Plank Voting House is located in its original setting and location, and has retained its integrity of association as a building constructed by one of the New deal era agencies.

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

The parcel designated by Rowan County PVA as permanent parcel # 091-00 00 032.00.

**Boundary Justification**

The nominated property includes the entire parcel historically associated with the #15 Plank Voting House.

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**Photographs**

3. Christa Smith; Lynn David
4. 5/95
5. Morehead State University
6. Rear elevation