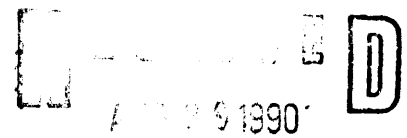


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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name Proctor, George N., House  
other names/site number Tapland, UN-22

### 2. Location

street & number Kentucky Route 1180 Route 1 NA  not for publication  
city, town Waverly  vicinity  
state Kentucky code KY county Union code Ky225 zip code 42462

### 3. Classification

<b>Ownership of Property</b>	<b>Category of Property</b>	<b>Number of Resources within Property</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<b>Contributing</b>	<b>Noncontributing</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> objects
			<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

### 4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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.  See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official David L. Morgan Date Aug. 23, 1990  
David L. Morgan, Exec. Director and  
State Historic Preservation Officer, Kentucky Heritage Council  
 State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature of commenting or other official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register. Entered in the  
National Register  
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet. 10/1/90

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper for Date of Action \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic - Single Dwelling

Agricultural

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic - Single Dwelling

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Mid-19th Century - Greek Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

walls Brick

roof Asphalt Shingle

other \_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
Application  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance

c. 1854 - 1870  
c. 1854 - 1870  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

c. 1854  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation

NA  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person

NA  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder

Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property Approximately one acre

UTM References

A 

16	426160	4175030
Zone	Easting	Northing

B 

Zone	Easting	Northing

C 

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D 

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The acreage surrounding the house has lost its historic integrity and significance due to change.

See continuation sheet

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Donna M. Neary  
organization Historic Preservation Consultant date May ], 1990  
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Continuation SheetSection number 7 Page 1Proctor, George N., House (Site #UN-22)  
Waverly, Union County, Kentucky

The Proctor, George N., House (UN-22) was built circa 1854 near Waverly, in Union County, Kentucky. Union County is located in Kentucky's western coalfield, an area of rich minerals and farmland. The two and one-half story, double-pile Greek Revival house of brick common bond construction rests on a stone foundation. A low pitched, side-gabled roof is fitted with a wide cornice, accented by a divided band of trim. Five chimneys pierce the roof. The nomination area is approximately one-half acre and includes the house and a ten foot perimeter surrounding the building.

The house and grounds underwent remodeling circa 1942. At that time a two-story portico was added to the house. The front gable porch is fitted with a low pitched roof, and supported by four doric order wood columns, on simple entablature. Horizontal wood siding fills in the gable area. Although added in the 1940s, the porch is executed in a style similar to Greek Revival houses originally fitted with full-height entry porches. 1 Such porches are very common on Greek Revival buildings in Kentucky, and the house maintains a high level of integrity.

The house faces in a roughly southwest direction. The first story of the five bay front facade is composed of a central recessed entrance. A wooden pedimented cornice over the doorway is painted white. The recessed glass and wood door is flanked by five-pane side lights and topped by broken transom lights. Originally, a pair of columns accented the doorway, beneath the cornice. These wood columns were removed circa 1942. One of the pair, an ionic order wood column, rests in the side yard of the house. The location of the other is unknown.

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Six-over-six double hung sash windows pierce the remaining four bays of the first story. Stone pedimented lintels and lug sills frame each window. According to a previous owner, Mr. Byron Tapp, the stone for the lintels and sills were shipped from New Orleans for this house, along with slave masons to carve it. 2 Louvered wooden shutters further accent the windows. Five evenly spaced six-over-six double hung sash windows occupy the five bays of the second story on the main facade. These windows are also fitted with stone pedimented lintels and lug sills, and louvered wooden shutters.

The side facades of the house are identical to one another. Evenly spaced six-over-six double hung sash windows occupy the four bays of the first and second stories. A smaller six-over-six double hung sash window rests in the gable peak. The windows are fitted with stone pedimented lintels and lug sills, and louvered wooden shutters.

A small brick shed-roofed addition appears to have been added to the rear of the house circa 1865-75. A two-story frame addition, clad in aluminum siding, was added to the rear of the house circa 1942. The frame addition includes a kitchen, a bathroom, and a garage. Neither rear addition is visible from the main facade.

The interior of the house is Greek Revival in design, including moldings and ceiling centerpieces in frieze-relief. The central passage of the main hallway is flanked by four rooms. The main staircase rises from the central hall.

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Interior remodeling was undertaken circa 1942, at the same time as the exterior work. The interior remodeling included central heat, and more recently, central air conditioning. The ducts were plastered and camouflaged and return air ducts were placed in the floor. The majority of original interior features were preserved at the time of remodeling. Some changes were made to the upper story, including the removal of a section of the balustrade to accommodate a closet. The frame addition displays 1940s style wood paneling and cabinets in the kitchen. The elegant structure is very well decorated and furnished in the period of its construction, and succeeding periods.

Research did not reveal the architect of this grand residence.

A summer kitchen is located to the side and rear of the main house, on the northwest side of the house. Its original construction date is unknown, but was probably built at the same time as the main house. This building is not included in the nomination area because of significant changes to its exterior which compromise its integrity.

The Proctor Farm was large and very prosperous. Aside from the original three hundred acres deeded to Proctor, he purchased additional acreage. George Proctor used slave labor to work his farm and to tend his livestock. Thirteen slave cabins formed a crescent to the rear and side of the house until circa 1942, when they were demolished. No signs of these houses remain. The buildings were of log construction, and the roof of each was pierced by a stone chimney. 4

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The Proctor, George N., House (UN-22) built circa 1854, is an elegant and well-maintained example of the grand style of residential architecture commonly constructed by wealthy farmers and slave holders of the Old South. The Greek Revival house is the centerpiece of the once self-sustaining Proctor farm. It and a summer kitchen are all that remain of the farm from the antebellum period. The Proctor House is eligible for listing on the National Register under Criterion C, for its excellent portrayal of the Greek Revival style of architecture prevalent in antebellum Kentucky, and for its high level of integrity.

A comparison of two-story Greek Revival styled houses constructed between circa 1850 and 1875 in Union, Davies, Hancock and Henderson counties. The study reveals that the Proctor House maintains a comparatively high level of integrity on the exterior and interior. Like the Proctor House, the Greek Revival houses in the comparison counties were predominantly brick. The study area included nineteen brick buildings, one stone, and six frame buildings in this style.

Many of the buildings compared have modern additions. The central passage plan of the Proctor house is also common to other Greek Revival houses of these four counties. Many of the houses lack much decorative detail, due to deterioration or remodeling. Some of the buildings exhibit details added during later remodeling. One other house in the study area (UN-25) had a two-story portico added to the main facade. A Victorian porch was added to the frame house at the turn-of-the century.



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The Proctor House remains at the center of its original farm, a fact which makes it unusual compared to the other houses in the study area. Farm uses have changed over the last fifty years and the farm's outbuildings are of post World War II construction. The majority of the other houses in the study area no longer serve as the center of a farm. In most cases the farmland has been sold from around them, and as a result they have lost their site integrity. The Proctor Farm has also retained the same core of acreage that was originally deeded to George Proctor in 1851.

The bricks for the house were fired at the site by slaves, who also built the Proctor House. The stone for the lintels and sills were brought to Union County from New Orleans. According to the previous owner, two slaves, trained as finish carpenters were brought with the stone from New Orleans to work on the house. 1

Proctor's maternal ancestors Samuel and Louis Greenwell had migrated to Union County from Saint Mary's County, Maryland circa 1800 and laid claim to a tract of land near Waverly at that time. 2 George Proctor was born April 14, 1829 and baptized at Sacred Heart Church on May 13, 1829. 3

The land for the Proctor house and farm was deeded to Margaret Proctor, George's mother, in 1847. She in turn deeded the land to her son George in 1851, the same year as his marriage to first wife Mary Ellen Buckman. 4 The Proctor's first child, John William, was born in 1852. Proctor owned several hundred acres of farmland in Union County, having added to the original 300. At his death, Proctor owned three tracts of land totaling approximately

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515 acres. 5 The present owner retains the original tract of 300 acres with the house.

Proctor was a prominent farmer, having owned the first reaper in the county. The implement was a Kentucky Harvester, and was introduced to a crowd of spectators at the Proctor farm in 1854. The machinery was shared with local farmers, after a road was cut through the woods around the Proctor farm. 6

George Proctor was also a stock dealer and a businessman.<sup>7</sup> Proctor and John Hancock began the first newspaper in Union County in Uniontown in 1855. It is unknown how long the newspaper was published. 8

Proctor was widowed by first wife Ellen, married for a second time when he was in his seventies and fathered a set of twin girls. His widow Cordie Proctor inherited the house in 1903 when he died at the age of 73. 9

Louise Proctor Tapp and Ella R. Proctor equally inherited the house and land from their mother, Cordie, on her death in 1921. 10 The house had been rented out as a farmer's tenant house from circa 1900 to 1942. Byron and Louise Tapp bought the property outright from Louise's sister Ella R. Proctor Brown and her husband A.M. Brown in 1942, when the residence the Tapps had been occupying was taken by the United States Government as part of a proposed military base. 11

The Tapp family undertook the interior and exterior remodeling at that time. It was then that central heat, the front portico, and the rear addition were added to the

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house. The two-story brick summer kitchen was also reduced to a one-story building. 12

The first known oil lease signed for use on the Proctor property was in 1938, by a Mr. John P. Hogan for a period of five years. An oil lease was signed with Sun Oil in 1941, after Hogan's death. 13 The Sun Oil lease provided an income for the family and financed the home remodeling project. 14 The presence of oil had been noted in the county as early as 1876 by historian Collins, who recounted that "A few miles from Uniontown, on Highland Creek, there is a tar or American oil spring, from which tar or oil constantly flows, in considerable quantities". Several oil wells are still productive on the farm. 15

Michael and Nancy Geiger are the current owners of the property.

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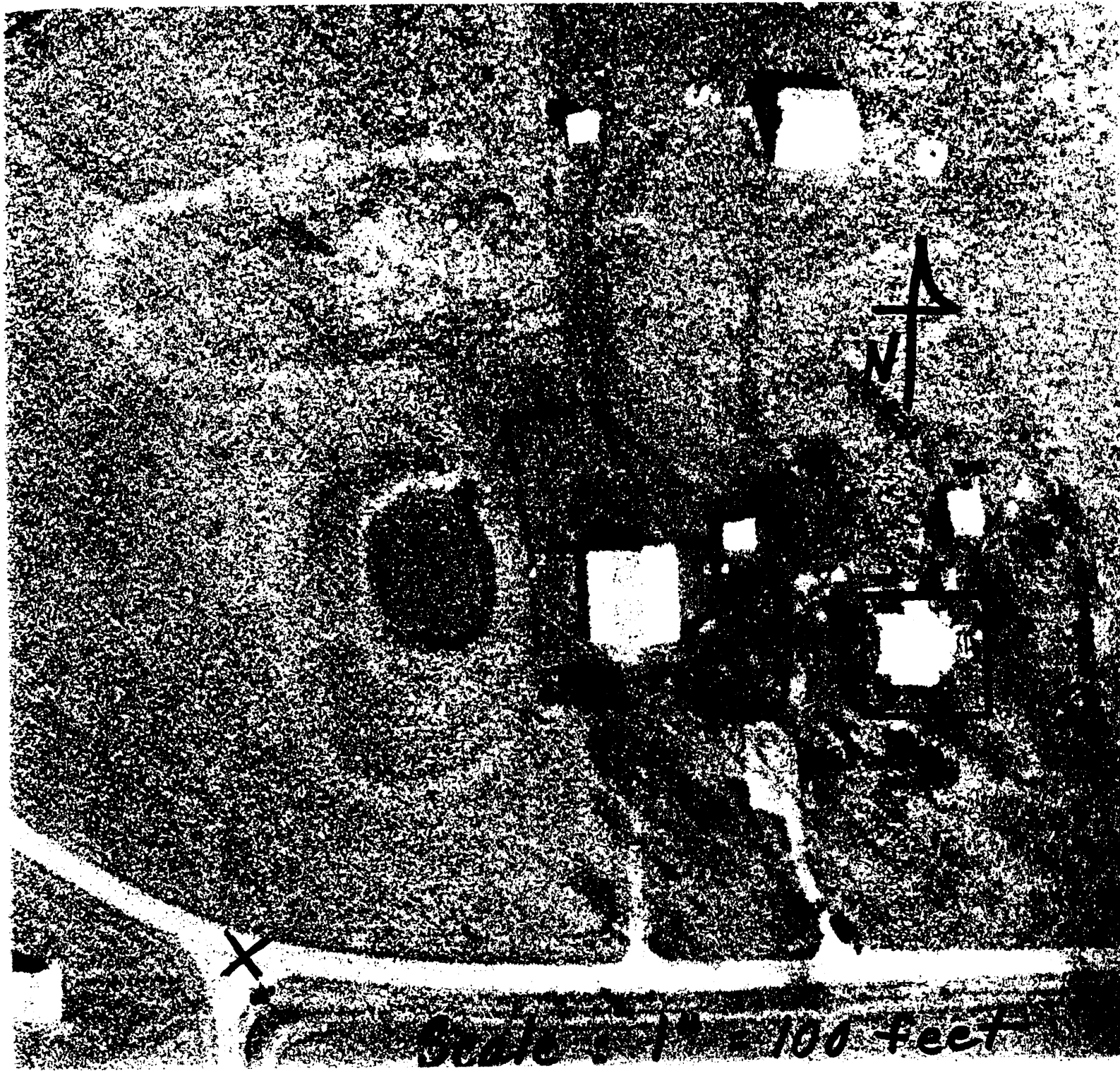
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Verbal Boundary Description: The nominated area is defined as a rectangle below. The symbol "X" occurs at the junction of Proctor and Waverly Roads. That intersection has been marked with an "X" on the quad map, as well, for clarity.



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Photo List

1. Proctor, George N. House
2. Union County, Kentucky
3. Photographer, Donna M. Neary
4. Date: April, 1989
5. Negatives on file with the Kentucky Heritage Council, Frankfort, Kentucky

(The above information is the same for all 12 photographs submitted with this nomination. Below the photographs are listed in the order of their photographic numbers.)

1. Southwest facade (main facade) of house; photographer facing northeast.
2. Southwest facade (main facade) of house; photographer facing northwest.
3. Southwest facade (main facade) of house; photographer facing northwest.
4. Southwest facade (main facade) detail of house; photographer facing north.
5. West facade of house; photographer facing east.
6. Southwest facade (main facade) detail of entrance; photographer facing north.
7. West facade of house, window detail; photographer facing east.

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8. Northeast facade (rear facade) of house; photographer facing southwest.

9. Northwest facade (rear facade) of house; photographer facing southeast.

10. West facade of house and summer kitchen; photographer facing northeast.

11. East facade of summer kitchen; photographer facing west.

12. Northeast facade of summer kitchen; photographer facing southwest.