

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Site No. Bb 48

1. Historic Name(s) <u>Jacob Spears house</u>		22. ADD/County <u>Benevolence / Bourbon</u>	
Original Owner <u>Jacob Spears</u>		23. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75') <u>Shawhan Shawhan</u> G.I.S. Mod. <input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Present Name <u>Jacob Spears house 1 (Stone castle)</u>		24. UTM Reference <u>16 7,955,810 4238780</u>	
3. Location <u>SW corner ^{SR} 1876 and the Kease Road</u>		Zone Easting Northing	
4. Owner's Name <u>Douglas Parrish 987-1876</u>		25. Coordinate Accuracy <input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Owner's Address <u>Spears Mill Rd. Paris, Ky. 40361</u>		26. Prehistoric Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	
6. Open to Public Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Historic Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	
7. Visible from road Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Local Contact/Organization		27. National Register District Name: <input type="checkbox"/>	
8. Ownership Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/>		28. Significance Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Site Plan with North Arrow <u>see attached boundary form</u>		29. Status National Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> National Register <input type="checkbox"/> Landmark Certificate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kentucky Survey <input type="checkbox"/> Local Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> HABS/HAER <input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Architect		Date <u>7-5-74</u>	
12. Builder <u>Thos. Mitchell - Whitley</u>		30. Historic Theme Primary <u>architecture</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secondary <u>settlement</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>distilling</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
13. Date <u>1810</u> A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>		31. Endangered Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
14. Style A. <u>Federal</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <u>remodeled G.R. and Gothic R</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		32. Preservation Project Status <input type="checkbox"/>	
15. Original Use <u>residence</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Actual Cost in \$1,000s <input type="checkbox"/>	
16. Present use <u>residence</u>		33. ATTACH PHOTO <u>attached</u>	
17. Condition <u>excellent</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		34. Prepared by: <u>C.M. Wooley</u>	
18. Description <u>2 story 5 bay central passage ashlar house, interior gable end chimney, squared mortar joints; 1 1/2 story wing of quarried stone w interior gable end chimney, steeply joints, fine detailed cornice; 1 1/2 story stone all on rear w huge looking</u> (over)		35. Organization	
(Continue on Back)		36. Date <u>1982</u>	
19. History <u>House built for Jacob Spears by Thomas Mitchell, later governor of Kentucky. Spears, of German ancestry, was born and reared in Rockingham Co., Va; was a member of Bowmans Co at Harrodsburg (over)</u>		37. Revision Dates 38. Staff Review	
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fireplace. Quality of craftsmanship (photos 7, 8)
is excellent - ashlar masonry unsurpassed (photo 3)
in the domestic architecture, as at Mt.
Lebanon and the Shipp, Harrod, and
(now demolished) Thompson houses;
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House sits on rise facing Clay-Kiser
Road w rock wall along roadway;
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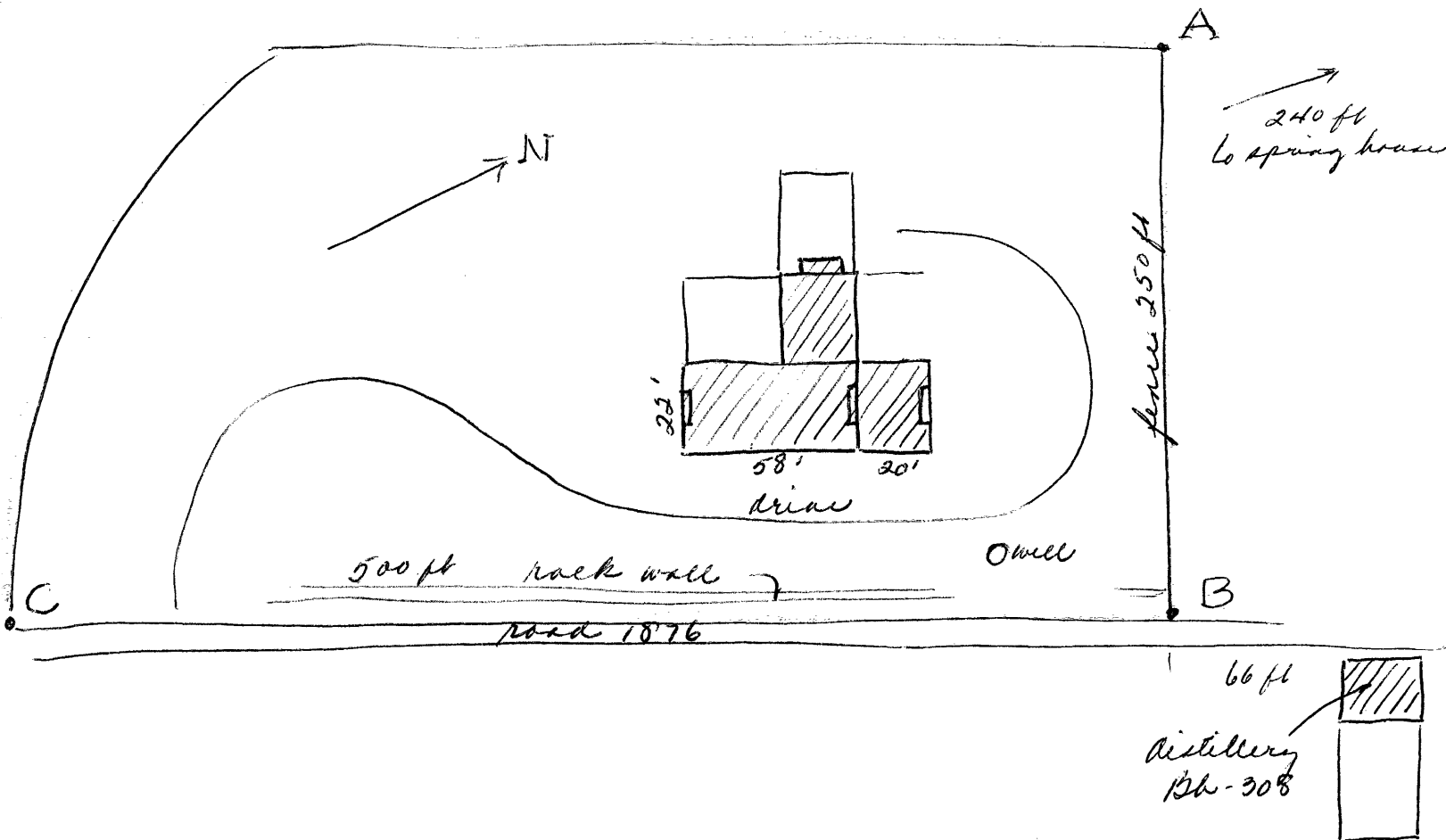
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Beginning at A in the NW corner of the yard, thence E ^{250 ft} with fence to the rock wall at the road at B, thence with road 500 ft to the fence at the S end of the yard, thence with fence W and N to the beginning, containing the stone house and enclosed yard. North of point B 66 feet is the

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Double Pile <input type="checkbox"/>			
Floor Plan <u>center passage</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>D</u>			
Structural Fabric <u>stone</u> A. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>B</u> B. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Decorative Fabric <u>detailed cornice ashlar masonry square mortar joints Moses hills</u> A. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>D</u> B. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>D</u>			
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