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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 Spears-Craig House

other names/site number BO-351

2. Location

street & number .1 mi. W. of S.R. 33, .6 mi. S. of Spears Ln. N/A  not for publication

city or town Danville  vicinity

state Kentucky code KY county Boyle code 021 zip code 40422

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 and  
Executive Director

10-1-97

Signature of certifying official/Title

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:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Patrick Anderson

11/21/97

Spears-Craig House (BO-351)  
Name of Property

Boyle County, KY  
County and State

**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 |            |
|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| 2            | 0               | buildings  |
|              |                 | sites      |
|              |                 | structures |
|              |                 | objects    |
| 2            | 0               | Total      |

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

Historic and Architectural Resources of  
Boyle County, KY

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

N/A

**6. Function or Use**

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

DOMESTIC: single dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**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 Shingles  
other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

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

See Continuation Sheets

Spears-Craig House (BO-351)  
Name of Property

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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.

**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.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

**Period of Significance**

c. 1826

**Significant Dates**

c. 1826

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Unknown

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

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

See Continuation Sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography** See Continuation Sheet

(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 # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

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

**Name of repository:**

Spears-Craig House (B0-351)  
Name of Property

Boyle County, KY  
County and State

**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property** 4 acres.

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

Danville Quadrangle

|      |         |     |     |          |     |   |
|------|---------|-----|-----|----------|-----|---|
| 1    | 16      | 696 | 990 | 417      | 167 | 0 |
| Zone | Easting |     |     | Northing |     |   |
| 2    |         |     |     |          |     |   |

|      |         |  |  |          |  |  |
|------|---------|--|--|----------|--|--|
| 3    |         |  |  |          |  |  |
| Zone | Easting |  |  | Northing |  |  |
| 4    |         |  |  |          |  |  |

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

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

See Continuation Sheet

**Boundary Justification**

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

See Continuation Sheet

**11. Form Prepared By**

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**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 Mrs. Kay Frances Thurmond

street & number P.O. Box 806 telephone N/A

city or town Danville state KY zip code 40422

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Historic and Architectural Resources of Boyle County, KY

Multiple Property Listing

Spears-Craig House (BO-351)

## 7. Description:

The Spears-Craig House (BO-351) is located on the west side of the Lexington Road (S.R. 33--a.k.a. Shakertown Road). The residence was historically associated with a large and prosperous farm, however was divided and most original acreage is now under separate ownership from the main residence. Within this nomination are two contributing buildings, the main residence and meat house. Additional acreage was not included.

1.) Facing east, toward the Shakertown Road, the c. 1826 **main residence** (contributing building) is a two-story, brick masonry center-passage plan with Greek Revival influences, having an American bond pattern, rear two-story ell and a side gable roof clad with asphalt shingles. Sitting on a cut stone foundation, the residence features two interior end and one central interior brick chimneys, all of brick. The symmetrical front facade is divided by five bays, with the central glass and wood entry topped with a single pane transom and fronted by a modern screen door, flanked on either side by original 2/2 sash windows with bevelled exterior surrounds and stone sills. Windows on the rear ell are also original, 6/6 sash with similar surrounds. A central one-story porch expands across three bays, supported by round wood columns capped with Ionic treatments. The two story rear ell features a central interior brick chimney, weatherboard siding in the gable end, and windows on each facade. Two porches, on the south side and rear (west) have entries into the ell. The rear porch is an early-to mid-twentieth century addition, extending one-story in length the one bay room has a gable end (with weatherboard siding) a brick exterior, and continuous sash windows enclosing the porch.

The interior central hall has an open-string stair with a plain wood, square newel post, wood balusters and a square ramped rail. Each room on either side of the central hall feature high stepped baseboards, single doors with two-panels, a slight pointed head trim with plain profile over each doorway, and plain square corner blocks. Central-placed fireplaces on each end wall are fronted by typical mantels with Greek Revival motifs and topped with tooled stove flat arches. The second story of the front block features the same floor plan. Details to the rear ell are unavailable due to no access.

2.) Behind (southwest) of the main residence is a c. 1826 **log meat house** (contributing building), oriented north-south. The building features a front gable roof with standing seam metal covering and weatherboard siding in the gable ends. A vertical plank entry door is centered on the front (east) facade while a single pane window is found on each side wall. The exterior logs are separated by rows of chinking and are square notched.

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Historic and Architectural Resources of Boyle County, KY

Multiple Property Listing

Spears-Craig House (BO-351)

### 8. Statement of Significance:

The Spears-Craig House (BO-351) is located on the west side of State Route 33 (the Lexington and Danville Road) along the northern outskirts of Danville in central Boyle County. Nominated as part of a Multiple Property Listing entitled "Historic and Architectural Resources of Boyle County, Kentucky" the residence meets National Register of Historic Places Criterion C and is a locally significant example of a traditional hall-parlor plan influenced by the Greek Revival style in Boyle County. The size of the house and quality of construction, including finely cut, dry-laid limestone foundation, suggests that the owners enjoyed a certain prosperity, but had no intention of declaring their wealth in the appearance of their residence. The restrained, five-bay facade and simple Greek Revival interior are vernacular expressions of the Greek Revival that contribute to the understanding in the range of Greek Revival architecture in Boyle County during the early to mid-nineteenth century.

The property is significant within the theme "Domestic Architecture in Boyle County, 1780-1945" and has a period of significance of c. 1826, the approximate date of construction. The residence was constructed by the Spears family (as was the non-existing, associated stone barn) (Murray-Wooley, 1983). The property currently maintains good historic integrity through its retention of original materials, design, craftsmanship and style.

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Spears-Craig House (BO-351)

## 9. Bibliography:

Murray-Wooley, Carolyn. Kentucky Historic Inventory Survey Form for BO-351, 1983.

Worsham, Gibson. Kentucky Historic Inventory Survey Form, 1990.

\_\_\_\_\_. "Boyle County Survey Summary Report," prepared for The Boyle County Landmark Trust and The Kentucky Heritage Council, 30 September, 1991.

## 10. Geographical Data:

### Verbal Boundary Description:

Located on the west side of S.R. 33 (the Lexington Road), the nominated property sits away from the main road, fronted by a stand of mature trees. The boundary of the nominated property is the area indicated by dotted lines within Parcel 79 of the accompanying Boyle County Property Identification Map 45. Located in the Boyle County Property Valuation Administration Office, the tax map has a scale of 1" = 600'.

### Boundary Justification:

The boundaries include the main residence and an associated log meat house, the only remaining buildings historically associated with the property and maintaining a level of historic integrity. The remaining portion of Parcel 79 was excluded from the nomination as it does not contribute to criterion considerations.

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## PHOTOGRAPHS

Spears-Craig House, Boyle County, KY

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926 Main Street  
Shelbyville, KY 40065

DATE: August, 1996

Overview of nominated property, facing west  
1 of 6

Front (east) facade of main residence, facing west  
2 of 6

North (side) and west (rear) elevations of main residence, facing southeast  
3 of 6

Main Residence and Log Meathouse, facing north  
4 of 6

Log meathouse, front facade facing southwest  
5 of 6

Rear (south) elevation of log meathouse, facing north  
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Spears - Craig House

Coyle Co. Tax Map - US

Parcel 79

1" = 400'

N

4579  
Spears - Craig House

