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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # 178
Madison County

1. Name of Resource: Elk Garden

2. Original Owner: Thompson Burnam Sr. and Lucinda Field Burnam

3. Other Names: Burnam House

4. Prehistoric Site Building Object
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location: Lane West of KY 595/North of Junction with KY 52.

6. Owner's Name: Mary S. Adams [P]

7. Owner's Address: 148 Kirksville Road
Richmond, Ky. 40475

8. Evaluation: [N]

9. Recognition & Date:
Nat.Landmark Local Landmark
Nat.Register HABS/HAER
Highway Marker KY Inventory 1980
KY Landmark Certificate

10. N.R.Status & Date:

11. N.R.Group:
District Name: []
Mult.Resource Area: Madison Co. []
Thematic Name: []

12. Historical Theme:
Primary: Politics/Government [250]
Secondary: Architecture [030]
Other: []

13. Statement of Significance:
See attached.

16. Date: Original Building 1826-1849 [7]
Addition []

17. Style: []
Greek Revival [31]

18. Architect/Builder: Unknown

19. No. of Stories: []

20. Original Floor Plan: Central Passage [CP]

21. Single Pile Double Pile N.A.

22. Roof Form & Material: Original
Gable Not Original

23. Structural Material: Brick [B]

24. Exterior Material: Brick [B]

25. Foundation Material: Stone [S]

26. Major Alterations: None
Moved/Rebuilt Other
Additions shed-roofed additions to

27. Special Features: rear and side
Stone from Blue Lick

28. Outbuildings: []

29. Original Function: Single Dwelling [01A]

30. Present Use: Single Dwelling []

31. Condition: Good [G]

32. Endangered: Yes
No

33. Attach Photos:
Roll: Photo Nos: No. of Slides:
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14. History:



15. Source of historical information and/or contact person:
Madison County: 200 Years in Retrospect.
Todd: This is Boone Country.

34. Prepared by: S. Willis & H. Powell

35. Organization: Madison Co. Hist. Society

36. Date: 1985

37. New Survey Resurvey

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. []
 Quadrant: Kirksville 16 729700 4169160 40. Coordi.Accuracy []

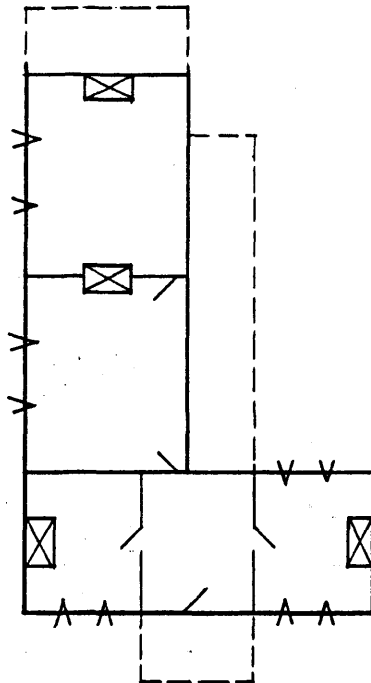
41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):

A.	-----	D.	-----
B.	-----	E.	-----
C.	-----	F.	-----

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary:

44. Site Plan (and boundary description and justification for N.R. sites):

See Attached.



45. Description and House Plan:

Residence is two story five bay brick structure with interior end chimneys. The main block of the house is built on the central passage plan and is one room deep. Windows are six over six except for central window on the second floor which has sidelights. The central doorway on the first floor has sidelights and a transom. The porch is one bay and one story. The pedimented roof of the porch is supported by paired squared columns. The foundation of the structure is stone. Stone used for the porch floor was brought from Blue Lick. There is an original two story brick ell to the rear of the structure, interior hall doors are dog-eared or shouldered.

Elk Garden (Ma-178)

14. History

Thompson Burnam, Sr., was the son of John Burnam who came to Kentucky from Cecil County, Maryland in 1790. John Burnam first settled in Milford and by 1809 owned several lots in Richmond.

Thompson Burnam became a merchant in Richmond, buying goods in Maysville and Pittsburgh for his store. By the time of his retirement in 1844, he ran the largest mercantile house in Richmond.

During his career in Richmond, Burnam was involved in the public affairs of the town. He was a charter member of the Richmond Firefighting Corporation in 1817, trustee of the Madison Seminary in 1821, and a trustee of Richmond in 1830. As a trustee of Richmond, he was involved in the repair of the courthouse and the paving of Main Street in 1830.

Thompson Burnam was married to Lucinda Field. One of their children, Curtis Field Burnam, achieved national prominence as an official in Grant's administration. (The home of Curtis Field Burnam, Burnamwood in Richmond, was placed on the National Register in 1983.)

Thompson Burnam was elected to the Kentucky legislature for terms lasting from 1844 to 1849. As a large slave owner who advocated emancipation, Burnam was a candidate to the state constitutional convention in 1849. Cassius Clay served as his campaign manager in the race against Squire Turner who was pro-slavery. It was during a debate in July at Foxtown near Clay's home that a knife fight broke out between Cassius Clay and Cyrus Turner, Squire's son. Clay survived, but Turner was mortally wounded.

At the time of his death in 1854, Thompson Burnam owned twenty slaves valued at \$800.00 each, 500 acres on Silver Creek as well as property in Richmond and on Otter Creek.

Thompson Burnam is significant in local history during the period prior to the Civil War as a leading merchant, farmer, and representative to the state legislature. As an advocate for emancipation and a political associate of Cassius Clay, a nationally known abolitionist, Burnam was prominent in the political debates of the period.

Source: Madison County: 200 Years in Retrospect, pp. 35, 57, 79, 85-86, 141, 249-250.

Whitehall (Ma-199), the home of Cassius Clay was placed on the National Register in 1977. Squire Turner's House in Richmond was placed on the National Register in 1983 as a part of the Richmond MRA.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name Elk Garden Site # Ma-178
Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title MULTIPLE RESOURCES OF MADISON COUNTY, KENTUCKY

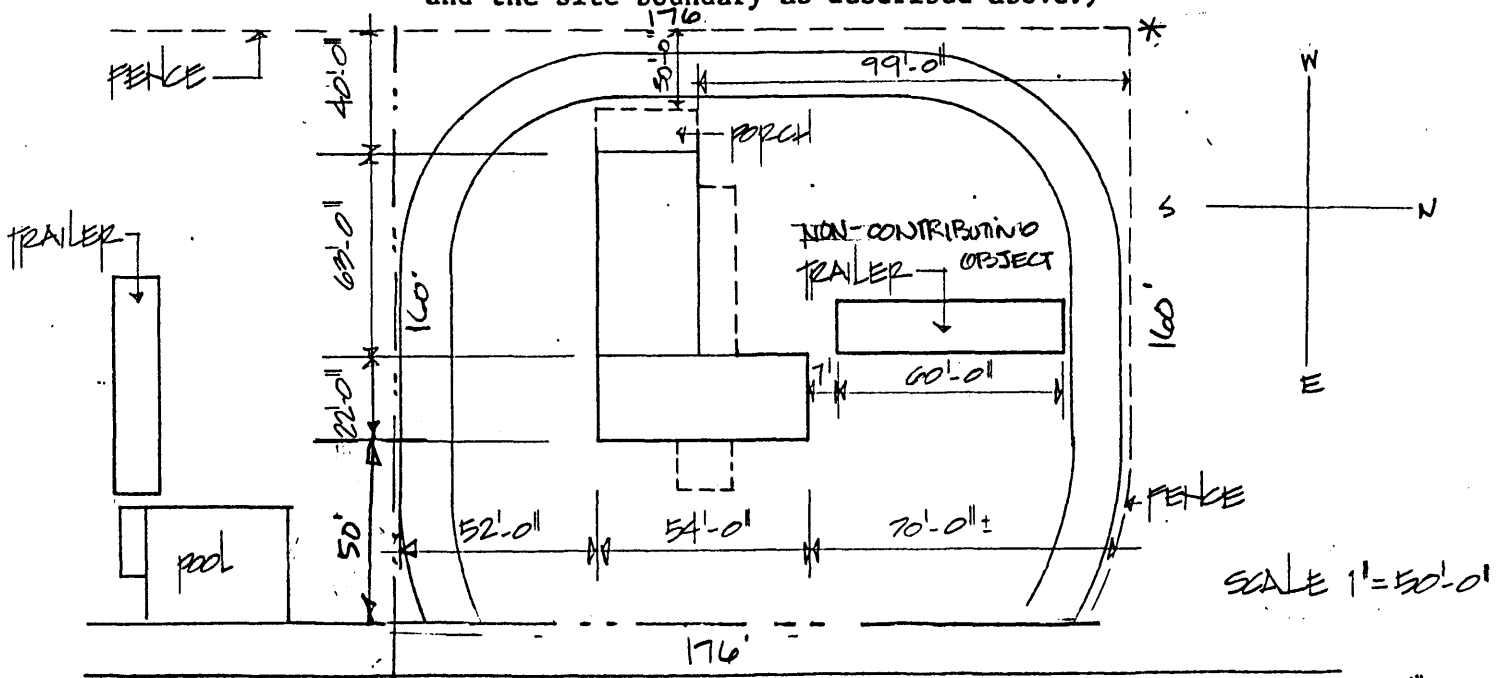
U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTM's if property is ten or more acres.

- A. _____ D. _____
- B. _____ E. _____
- C. _____ F. _____

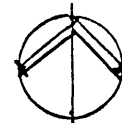
Verbal Boundary Description _____ Acreage .64

From a point of beginning 30 feet west and 99 feet north of the northwest corner of the building; then east 160 feet to a point; then south 176 feet to a point; then west 160 feet to a point; then north 176 feet to the point of beginning.

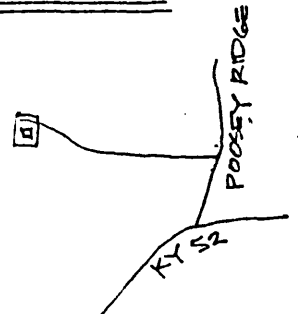
Sketch of Site Plan (Showing outbuildings, structures, landscape features and the site boundary as described above.)



Official Courthouse Property Reference:



1" = 2000'



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Statement of Significance

Elk Garden is significant under criterion B for the period from 1826 to 1849 for its association with the productive period of Thompson Burnam, Sr.'s life. During this period, he was a state legislator and an associate of Cassius Clay as an advocate of emancipation of the slaves. See History (#14).

Verbal Boundary Justification

The boundary was chosen arbitrarily to provide a minimal setting for the house. The east and west boundaries follow the yard fence which separates the domestic space from the fields. On the north side the boundary excludes a trailer and pool.

The boundary contains one contributing building and one non-contributing object (trailer).