

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Ford Stone House

AND/OR COMMON

Ford, John, House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Folsom Bridge

—NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Elliston

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Kentucky

CODE

021

VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Grant

CODE

081

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**

DISTRICT
 BUILDING(S)
 STRUCTURE
 SITE
 OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC
 PRIVATE
 BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
 IN PROCESS
 BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED
 UNOCCUPIED
 WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
 YES: RESTRICTED
 YES: UNRESTRICTED
 NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE
 COMMERCIAL
 EDUCATIONAL
 ENTERTAINMENT
 GOVERNMENT
 INDUSTRIAL
 MILITARY
 MUSEUM
 PARK
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 RELIGIOUS
 SCIENTIFIC
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. Steve Notestine

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 27

CITY, TOWN

Dry Ridge

VICINITY OF

STATE

Kentucky

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Grant County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Williamstown

STATE

Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky

DATE

1979

—FEDERAL STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort,

STATE

Kentucky

7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Ford Stone House is located in the rural farming community of Folsom (population 85) just west of Kentucky Highway 1942 in a region known as the outer Bluegrass approximately 50 miles north of Lexington.

The house, as originally constructed, faced south; however it has since been reoriented so that the front is now the north facade.

The structure is 1½ stories of cut stone, with large exterior chimneys on each end. The structure has a rather squat appearance with one small window on each side of the central entrance on the first floor of the north and south walls. No bays break the large expanse on the second level. On the gable ends, however, there are attic windows on the second floor on either side of the chimney. A side entrance has recently been placed on the east end to the right of the chimney.

It is thought that the original floor plan provided for two rooms on the first level. Presently however there is one large open space with an enclosed staircase on the south wall. The stairway leads to an attic room, which at one time was plastered. Little is left of the original woodwork except for a mantel on the first floor east wall.¹

The site is surrounded by open fields with no outbuildings remaining. The boundary is drawn to extend 25' from the north and west walls of the house, eastward to Kentucky Highway 1942 and southward approximately 75' to encompass the family cemetery.²

¹The house stood vacant for many years and suffered from its long neglect. Fortunately the property recently sold and has been renovated for use as a residence by the owners.

²The cemetery contains five plain headstones; no names are visible.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES Ca. 1820

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ford Stone House is significant as being one of few and possibly the oldest stone building in Grant County.

Grant County, created by the Kentucky General Assembly in 1820, is located in the northern part of the state. The topography is undulating and in some parts hilly. It is a rural county with its county seat, Williamstown, having a population of 2,063.

The Ford House was built about 1820, the same year the county was created. It has historical interest because of its association with the Ford family who were important to the development of that area as early millers.

John Ford, the original owner of this house, emigrated to Kentucky from Virginia circa 1794. He acquired the land on which this house stands in 1811 and moved into this area from Bourbon County. Upon his death in 1840, the property passed to his son, Elijah. Elijah Ford was killed in 1856 by a slave named Warrick Ford.¹ This event made such an impression in the area that most older people in Grant County even today have a familiarity with the murder, the trial of Warrick, the slave, his quick conviction, and the hanging, all of which followed in rapid succession. According to local sources, Warrick Ford and another black were the "only two men of which any record is given that were ever hanged by the law in Grant County."² (Perhaps a study of the Ford case could elicit information on the justice system as applied to slaves in Kentucky and the South.)

Although stone buildings dating to the late 18th and early 19th century are not uncommon in the Bluegrass and other regions of the state, they are somewhat rare in Grant County, located some 25 miles south of Cincinnati. The county did not contain the resources or wealth that produced the quality of building found in the fertile Bluegrass or in areas immediately south of the Ohio River. The most sophisticated structures in design date to the mid to late Victorian period when the railroad came through the county.

¹Although John Ford had died a natural death in 1840, for some unexplained reason the story of this murder often had John Ford as the victim.

²Robert H. Elliston, The History of Grant County, State of Kentucky. (Williamstown, Kentucky: Printed at the Sentinel Office by E.H. Eyer, 1876).

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Court Records of Fayette, Bourbon, Pendleton and Grant Counties, Kentucky.

Elliston, Robert H. The History of Grant County, State of Kentucky. Williamtown, Kentucky: Printed at the Sentinel Office by E.H. Eyer, 1876.

Information received Charles F. Hinds, Frankfort, Kentucky

UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approximately 3/4 acre.

QUADRANGLE NAME Elliston, Ky.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 16 695650 4287520

B

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

see continuation sheet

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Charles F. Hinds/Calvin P Jones, Historian/Gloria Mills, Historian

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Kentucky Heritage Commission

August 1979

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

104 Bridge Street

502/564-3741

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Frankfort

Kentucky

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

see continuation sheet

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Edward W. Tilton

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 2-80

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

W. Ray Luce
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 2/27/80

ATTEST *Kristin O'Connell*
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 2/25/80

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ADDENDUM

Item #10

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary is drawn to extend 25' from the north and west walls of the house, extending eastward to Kentucky Highway 1942, and southward approximately 75' to encompass the family cemetery.

Item #12

Evaluated Significance of the Property

Local