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DATA SHEET

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Robert Ricketts House
AND/OR COMMON
Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER *N of New Castle off US 421*

Beasley Lane, 1/4 mile west of U.S. Highway 421

CITY, TOWN _____ NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6

VICINITY OF New Castle

STATE Kentucky CODE 021 COUNTY Henry CODE 103

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Lee and Mary O. Peyton ✓

STREET & NUMBER _____

R.F.D. # 1A

CITY, TOWN Campbellsburg _____ VICINITY OF _____ STATE Kentucky

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Henry County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER _____

CITY, TOWN New Castle STATE Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky (Supplement)

DATE 1977

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN Frankfort, STATE Kentucky

____ FEDERAL STATE _____ COUNTY _____ LOCAL _____

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" 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 Ricketts House is located in a bend of Beasley Lane which runs off Highway 55, between New Castle and Campbellsburg. Ten acres of farmland surround the residence.

This fine house is a five-bay, one-and-a-half story structure with parapet end chimneys. The brick is laid in Flemish bond in the front and common on the sides and back. A narrow boxed cornice with molding below extends across the front of the house. There is evidence that a porch originally spanned the center three bays of the facade, but it was removed at an unknown date (see photo 1). Around 1900 a frame lean-to was added across the back.

The front entrance in the center bay has a large transom with a jack arch above. All the windows have six-over-six pane sash, jack arches, and wooden sills. Two openings are centered between the chimneys in the end walls on both the first and second floors.

The layout of the house is unusual in that it is based on the hall and parlor plan, and is two rooms deep, instead of one. The back rooms are the same proportions as those of the front. The main entrance opens onto the large east room with a flight of stairs with a quarter turn rising along the west wall. A second enclosed corner staircase is located in the southwest corner of the rear east room (see sketch of the floor plan).

Each room on the first floor has a fireplace with a simple Greek Revival mantel composed of a plain shelf, and a frieze with a cyma reverse molding. Plain pilasters support the frieze. The fireplaces are faced with brick and have segmental arched openings (see photo 3). A built-in poplar cupboard is located to the left of the fireplace in the east front room, and to the right of the fireplace in the east rear room. High baseboards extend around all the rooms. It appears that the woodwork in the house was changed during the Greek Revival period. A piece of earlier beaded baseboard was discovered in the closet underneath the front stairs.

There are three rooms on the second floor; two small rooms on the east side and one large room on the west. No fireplace openings are found upstairs.

Located immediately behind the house to the south is a one-room outbuilding constructed of field stone laid in random courses. A large exterior stone chimney is placed at the east end, while the entrance is in the west wall. The roof of the structure has completely deteriorated. Also near the house is the remains of an ice house and the family cemetery.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" 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
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<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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ricketts House, located between New Castle, the county seat, and Campbellsburg, was built in the 1830s by Robert Wilson Ricketts, a Baptist minister. In 1856 the farm was inherited by Ricketts' son, Robert Luther, a prominent businessman and former County sheriff. The house has several distinctive features including parapet end chimneys and a hall and parlor floor plan, uncommon in Kentucky, in a double pile structure.

Robert W. Ricketts (1794-1856), originally from Maryland, moved with his parents to Jessamine County in 1797. After attending the local schools he became a gunsmith by which trade he acquired a sizable property. In 1815 he married Sally W. Thomas. Shortly after his marriage he was converted and baptized into the Baptist Church.

In 1830 he moved with his family to New Castle in Henry County. Three years later he was licensed to preach and ordained to the ministry. Ricketts was described as "a good preacher, for that day, a man of strong convictions, and a bold, persistent executor of his purposes" (Spencer, p. 529).

During the 1830s there was a great discussion within the Sulphur Fork Association concerning missions. Ricketts was opposed to the missions of the time and became the leader of the antimissionary party in the association. The disagreement led to a schism and in 1840 the Mount Pleasant Association was formed, with Ricketts as moderator. He held this position until his death in 1856.

In 1834 Ricketts purchased the farm, on which the house was built, from Robert Lankford. It is believed that the house was built shortly afterwards. Several unusual features characterize the Ricketts House. Parapet end chimney's are rarely found in Kentucky residences, although Casa Blanca, a similar example, was found along the Kentucky River in Henry County (see photo 5). (Casa Blanca, built c. 1847, was constructed by Adjutant General Charles E. Marshall, brother of Humphrey Marshall, and grandson of Chief John Marshall. The house was destroyed by fire in the 1960s.) The layout of the Ricketts House is based on the hall and parlor plan, found in a number of early houses around the State. In this case the plan is unusual, because it is found in a double pile house. Only a few other structures with similar layouts have been discovered in Hart County which is located in west central Kentucky.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Atlas of Henry and Shelby Counties, Kentucky.

Philadelphia: D.J. Lake & Co., 1882.

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Additional information from Mary O. Peyton, Campbellsburg, Kentucky

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES - a U.S.G.S. map with U.T.M. References is not available.

Latitude: 38° 28' 44" Longitude: 85° 11' 14"

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property includes the stone outbuilding, remains of the outhouse, and the family cemetery, all of which are located directly behind the house.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mary Cronan Oppel, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Kentucky Heritage Commission

DATE

January, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

104 Bridge Street

TELEPHONE

(502) 564-3741

CITY OR TOWN

Frankfort,

STATE

Kentucky

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

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

Eddus W. Muta

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

5-9-78

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

W. Muta

DATE

3/12/78

ATTEST:

Walter Cole

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

6-29-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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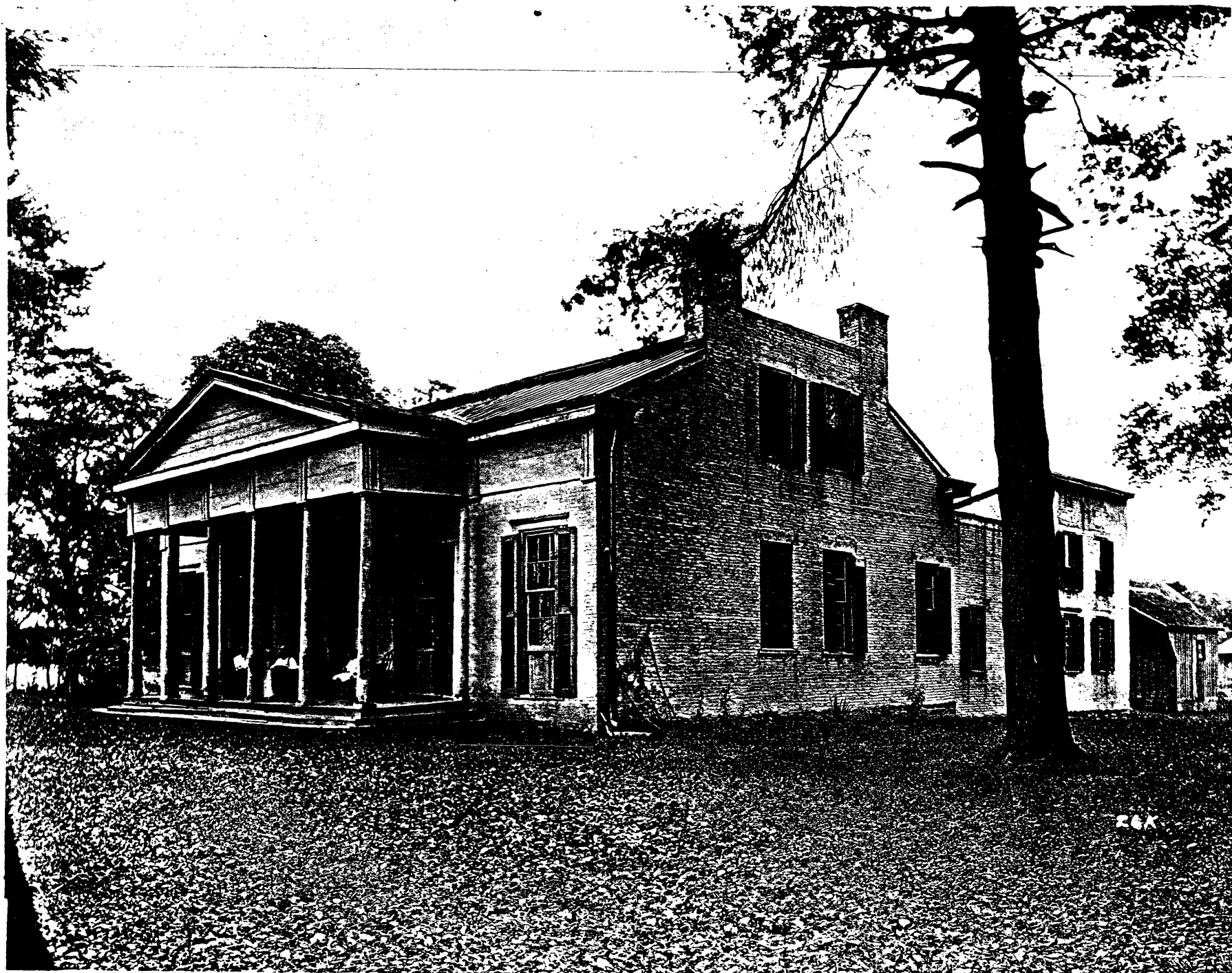
Ricketts House

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At the time of Ricketts' death in 1856 the property was left to his son, Robert Luther, although his widow, Sally, continued to live there until her death in 1889. Robert L. Ricketts was a successful businessman and also served two terms as the Henry County Sheriff beginning in 1872. In 1899 Ricketts', daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Oscar Orem, purchased the house and land and held it until 1905, when it was sold outside of the family. It was just recently purchased by the Orem's granddaughter, who plans to restore the house and out-buildings.



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Ricketts House
New Castle
Henry County Kentucky

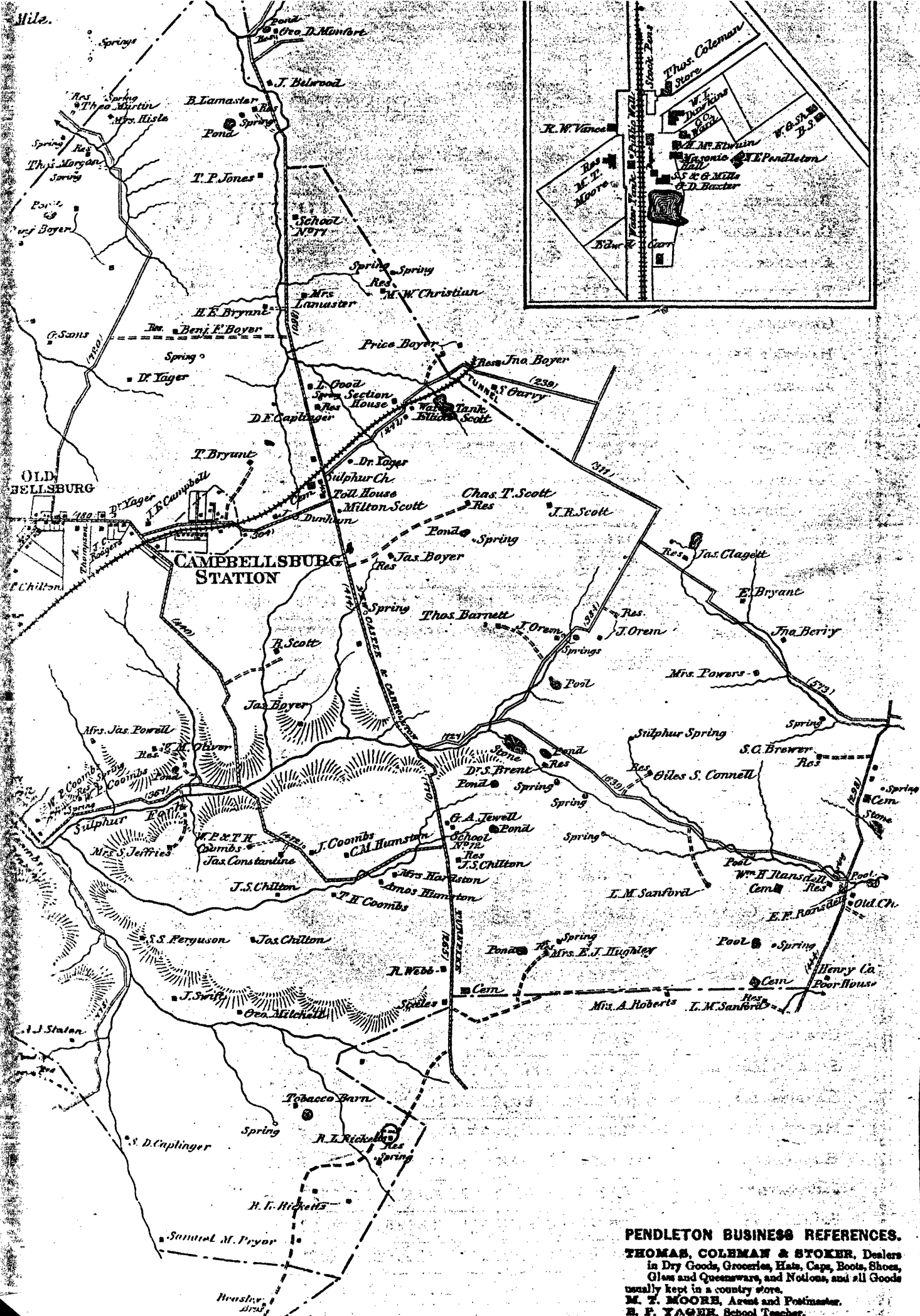
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Photo 5: 45

A xerox copy of Casa Blanca,
Charles E. Marshall House,
Henry County, build c. 1847. It
was destroyed by fire in the 1960s.

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



PENDLETON BUSINESS REFERENCES.
THOMAS, COLEMAN & STOKER, Dealers
 in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes,
 Glass and Queensware, and Notions, and all Goods
 usually kept in a country store.
M. T. MOORE, Agent and Postmaster.
E. F. YAGER, School Teacher.

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New Castle
Henry County Kentucky

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Atlas of Henry and Shelby Counties,
Kentucky
Philadelphia: D. Lake & Co., 1882

Map 2.

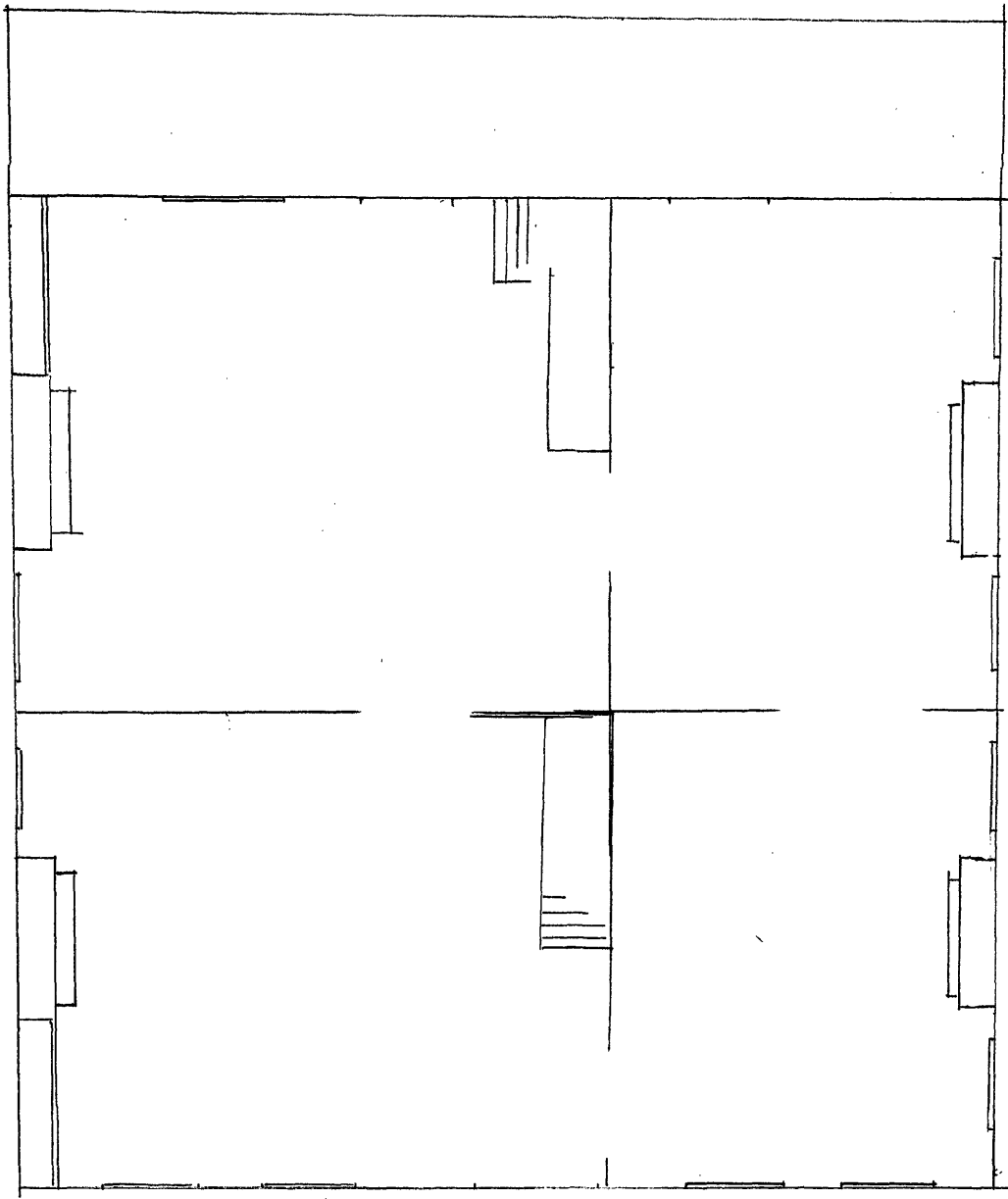
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Ricketts House circled in red.

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LUTHER-BICKETS HOUSE
NEAR CAMPBELLSBURG
HENRY COUNTY, KENTUCKY

1ST FLOOR

BY- WJ HEARN
K.H.C.



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W N

"ROUGH"
NO
SCALE

Sketch Plan - No Scale
William J. Hearn
Kentucky Heritage Commission
October, 1977

Map 2.
First floor sketch plan.

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