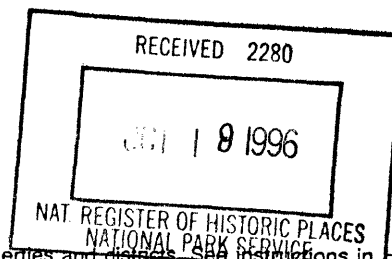


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



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1. Name of Property

historic name Woodlawn

other names/site number Capt. Wm Garrard House/ J.H. Holt House/ BB-151

2. Location

street & number Peacock Road N/A not for publication

city or town Paris vicinity

state Kentucky code KY county Bourbon code 017 zip code 40361

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: 10-1-96

Signature of certifying official/Title _____ Date _____
State Historic Preservation Office/Kentucky Heritage Council

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 certifying 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

Patricia Adams

12/2/96

Name of Property

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	
1	2	buildings
		sites
1		structures
		objects
2	2	Total

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

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic- Single Dwelling
Structure- Root Cellar

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic- Single Dwelling
Not in use

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Federal
Gothic (porch)
Victorian

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone
walls brick
roof asphalt shingle
other wood

Narrative Description

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

Woodlawn

Bourbon, KY

Name of Property

County and State

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.)

- 1 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.
[x] 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.
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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

c. 1818

Significant Dates

c. 1818

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

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.

Narrative Statement of Significance

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

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[] 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:

- [x] State Historic Preservation Office
[] Other State agency
[] Federal agency
[] Local government
[x] University
[] Other

Name of repository:

University of Kentucky Libraries
Special Collections

Woodlawn
Name of Property

Bourbon, KY
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1 acre +

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing
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Zone Easting Northing
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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

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

Boundary Justification

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

11. Form Prepared By

name/title C. Thomas Moore

organization _____ date 7-8-96

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city or town Millersburg state KY zip code 40348

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 Mr./Mrs. Jack G. Tucker

street & number Peacock Road telephone 606-987-4356

city or town Paris state KY zip code 40361

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Bourbon County, KY

Narrative Description

Woodlawn (BB-151) is a rural residence located in Bourbon County, Kentucky, approximately two miles from Paris, the county seat. The 1.5 story brick dwelling is the central structure of a working 133 acre tobacco and cattle farm and is bounded by Colthard Lane on the south, Peacock Road on the east, commercial railroad lines on the west and Mt. Lebanon (Gov. Garrard residence, BB152), to the north. The property was originally part of Gov. James Garrard's holdings on Stoner Creek, and the land and residence were reputedly a wedding gift to the Governor's eldest son, Captain William Garrard. The property remained in the Garrard family until 1951. The main entrance to the farm is from the Peacock Road. The area of approximately one acre being nominated is located in the center of the farm and is reached by way of a paved farm drive off the Peacock Road.

The dwelling is a brick structure of one and one-half stories and was constructed in 1818 with the subsequent addition of a one story brick kitchen wing to the north rear corner of the main house and a frame front entry porch with wooden steps. Both of these latter alterations are from the period shortly after the American Civil War, approximately 1870-75.

Woodlawn contains many classic features of the early Federal home in Kentucky, including a wide elliptical fanlight doorway, broad central hall with wraparound stairwell, large evenly spaced chambers on the first and second floors and a full stone basement with cooking fireplace. Unevenly spaced dormers light the attic rooms, but it is not known if they are original. An unusual rear dormer, with Palladian window, vents the main stairhall. It, too, may have been added shortly after construction of the house to provide additional light and air.

Constructed of flemish bond brickwork on the facade and common bond elsewhere, the residence contains four chimneys, each flush with the external walls. Other than the installation of storm windows and modern utilities and the movement of cooking facilities to the 1870's kitchen wing, the house is little changed. A wooden entrance porch with modest Gothic trim was added to the front, probably after the Civil War and likely concurrent with the kitchen addition. In recent years, the rear porch, which spans the entire west wall of the original house, has been enclosed as a modern sunroom.

The front porch addition shelters an exceptional fanlight, with circular patterned tracery in the sidelights, and a double-leafed doorway. The entire fan and door structure occupies almost nine feet of the ten-foot wide front hallway wall.

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Woodlawn
Bourbon County, KY

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Each of the four principal rooms on the main floor, two on either side of the ten foot wide entry hall, contain an original carved wooden mantelpiece, ash floors, 12-over-12 paned window sashes, 12-foot ceilings and reeded window frames. All the woodwork, chair rail, hardware and paneled doors appear original to the house. The chambers in the southwest and northeast corners of the structure possess matching built-in wall cupboards flanking the fireplaces. In the other two rooms, the recesses adjacent to the fireplaces are occupied by additional windows.

Upstairs are two low-ceilinged bedrooms, both with very small off-center shallow fireplaces, each vented through the chimney associated with the large front chamber below. A modern bath has been inserted in the upper hall, directly over the front door, and enclosing the center dormer. The major feature of the upper rooms are the relatively low ceilings compared with the height of those on the first floor. An unusual construction feature apparent on this level are the obviously-added iron straps which penetrate the north and south brick walls and lie atop the floorboards for a distance of several feet into each room. They are attached straight through the floorboards to the joists between the first and second stories. On the outside of the structure, these straps are attached to curved iron braces evidently added after construction to assist in strengthening the upper walls.

A dormer on the rear of the house spans the same area as that occupied by the main stairhall and contains a large modified Palladian window directly above the mid-level landing of the stairs. Observation of the slope of the ceiling on this landing suggests that headroom would have been minimal without the presence of the dormer.

The kitchen wing is connected to the original house through a former window of the northwest chamber and contains a hall with rear outside door, modern bath, and kitchen with simple Victorian woodwork. This addition contains two-over-two paned sash and stone lintels, whereas the original part of the house has brick jackarches over the window openings.

The root cellar is directly to the rear of the residence, about 40 feet distant from the rear porch. The low entry is partially silted over, but the grass-covered dome is still a prominent feature of the rear yard. It was likely built at the same time as the house, and provided storage and preservation of food. It is counted as a contributing structure.

A later frame cabin, or cook's room, is located on the northwest corner of the nominated grounds, and is presently used only for storage. It likely dates from the turn of the 20th century and is designated a non-contributing building. A modern garage for vehicles is mid-twentieth-century and is a non-contributing building. It is located on the northern edge of the nominated area and is a part of the present immediate grounds of the residence.

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Bourbon County, KY

Statement of Significance

Woodlawn/ Wm. Garrard residence/J.H. Holt residence/BB-151 meets National Register Criterion C by its exhibition of an important architectural period in the history of Bourbon County, Kentucky. The residence is an excellent example of Federal architecture in the Bluegrass region and represents an important body of construction in Bourbon County, Kentucky, from 1800 to 1840.

The 1985 survey, Historic Architecture of Bourbon County, was sponsored by Historic Paris Bourbon County, Inc., in conjunction with the Kentucky Heritage Council. The authors, Walter E. Langsam and William Gus Jonhson, documented 880 sites, over 600 of them individually pictured and discussed. Woodlawn was identified as BB-151, page 68.

Eighty-four Federal-style houses of brick construction were documented in the survey. Sixty six of these were located in rural areas. These houses were characterized by an unadorned facade of well laid Flemish bond brickwork with jackarches or flat arches over the windows and doors. The sides and rears were usually laid in common bond with a header course every five rows. Foundations were made of dressed fieldstone, finely dressed on the facade of the dwelling, and less so on the sides and rear. The majority of the structures were one and one-half stories, with a central hallway dividing equi-sized rooms. The interiors usually had crafted woodwork such as chairrails and sunburst mantels. (Langsam:17-18)

Although many of the rural brick residences surveyed are without adornment or refinement, there are examples of early construction in the county which reflect the growing agricultural prosperity of the larger landholders. The increasing wealth of these property owners led to a refined sense of dwelling space and a desire to go beyond the needs of basic shelter. Artisans, masons, and woodcarvers were employed to embellish residences with such refinements as fanlight doorways, richly carved mantels and wallpresses, and delicately reeded framing. (Lancaster: 106) Of the 66 rural properties mentioned, 28 possess round or elliptical fanlight doorways--probably the highest concentration of this feature in the state. Eight of the buildings exhibit some form of Palladian window treatment; again, an unusually high number for a rural region. Ten of the buildings are double-pile edifices, indicating a larger number of chambers in the main block of each residence. The room plans suggest a more formal arrangement of rooms around a central hallway, perhaps showing the desire to use the dwellings for more lavish methods of entertaining.

Aesthetically, Woodlawn, the nominated property, can be seen as superior to many of its contemporaries in the county (and in the Bluegrass Region) because of its massing (double-pile), scale (12-foot ceilings and 19-foot-square rooms) and refinements (spectacular tracery fan and sidelights, oversize palladian window, delicately reeded woodwork.). Along with Eden (BB-266), Xalapa (BB-452), Escondida (BB-399), and the Grange (BB-502), the house is one of the best representations of the refined rural dwelling as constructed in Bourbon County in the early nineteenth century.

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Bourbon County, KY

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Woodlawn
Bourbon County, KY

Verbal boundary description

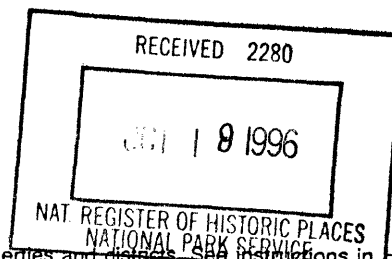
The boundary of the nominated property is a rectangle starting at the southeast corner of the front yard of Woodlawn, the property designated as parcel # 46 on Bourbon County PVA map # 16, and proceeding west along a line of trees approximately 250 feet to the southwest corner of the property to a wire fence which designates a tobacco field. Following the tobacco fence north for some 200 feet, one reaches a driveway which delineates the northern and eastern boundaries of the property. The proposed property contains approximately one acre and includes a 1.5 story house, a root cellar (no longer in use) and a frame cabin and garage, both of 20th century vintage.

Boundary Justification

The area selected represents the immediate grounds of a significant nineteenth century rural homestead and contains the residence itself and the partially silted-over root cellar, as well as substantial flower gardens and vintage trees and shrubs. Two non-contributing structures also occupy the yard. Several of the ash, white oak and walnut trees appear to date to the time of construction of the residence.

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1. Name of Property

historic name Woodlawn

other names/site number Capt. Wm Garrard House/ J.H. Holt House/ BB-151

2. Location

street & number Peacock Road N/A not for publication

city or town Paris vicinity

state Kentucky code KY county Bourbon code 017 zip code 40361

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 Executive Director 10-1-96
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State Historic Preservation Office/Kentucky Heritage Council

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 certifying 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

Patricia Adams

Date of Action

12/2/96

Name of Property

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	
1	2	buildings
		sites
1		structures
		objects
2	2	Total

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

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic- Single Dwelling
Structure- Root Cellar

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic- Single Dwelling
Not in use

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Federal
Gothic (porch)
Victorian

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone
walls brick
roof asphalt shingle
other wood

Narrative Description

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

Woodlawn

Bourbon, KY

Name of Property

County and State

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.)

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

c. 1818

Significant Dates

c. 1818

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
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Narrative Statement of Significance

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Primary location of additional data:

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Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of repository:

University of Kentucky Libraries
Special Collections

Woodlawn
Name of Property

Bourbon, KY
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1 acre +

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 16 740110 4236320
Zone Easting Northing
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Zone Easting Northing
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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

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

Boundary Justification

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

11. Form Prepared By

name/title C. Thomas Moore

organization _____ date 7-8-96

street & number P.O. Box 445 telephone 606-484-3684, 606-257-1689

city or town Millersburg state KY zip code 40348

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

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Property Owner

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name Mr./Mrs. Jack G. Tucker

street & number Peacock Road telephone 606-987-4356

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Bourbon County, KY

Narrative Description

Woodlawn (BB-151) is a rural residence located in Bourbon County, Kentucky, approximately two miles from Paris, the county seat. The 1.5 story brick dwelling is the central structure of a working 133 acre tobacco and cattle farm and is bounded by Colthard Lane on the south, Peacock Road on the east, commercial railroad lines on the west and Mt. Lebanon (Gov. Garrard residence, BB152), to the north. The property was originally part of Gov. James Garrard's holdings on Stoner Creek, and the land and residence were reputedly a wedding gift to the Governor's eldest son, Captain William Garrard. The property remained in the Garrard family until 1951. The main entrance to the farm is from the Peacock Road. The area of approximately one acre being nominated is located in the center of the farm and is reached by way of a paved farm drive off the Peacock Road.

The dwelling is a brick structure of one and one-half stories and was constructed in 1818 with the subsequent addition of a one story brick kitchen wing to the north rear corner of the main house and a frame front entry porch with wooden steps. Both of these latter alterations are from the period shortly after the American Civil War, approximately 1870-75.

Woodlawn contains many classic features of the early Federal home in Kentucky, including a wide elliptical fanlight doorway, broad central hall with wraparound stairwell, large evenly spaced chambers on the first and second floors and a full stone basement with cooking fireplace. Unevenly spaced dormers light the attic rooms, but it is not known if they are original. An unusual rear dormer, with Palladian window, vents the main stairhall. It, too, may have been added shortly after construction of the house to provide additional light and air.

Constructed of flemish bond brickwork on the facade and common bond elsewhere, the residence contains four chimneys, each flush with the external walls. Other than the installation of storm windows and modern utilities and the movement of cooking facilities to the 1870's kitchen wing, the house is little changed. A wooden entrance porch with modest Gothic trim was added to the front, probably after the Civil War and likely concurrent with the kitchen addition. In recent years, the rear porch, which spans the entire west wall of the original house, has been enclosed as a modern sunroom.

The front porch addition shelters an exceptional fanlight, with circular patterned tracery in the sidelights, and a double-leafed doorway. The entire fan and door structure occupies almost nine feet of the ten-foot wide front hallway wall.

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Bourbon County, KY

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Each of the four principal rooms on the main floor, two on either side of the ten foot wide entry hall, contain an original carved wooden mantelpiece, ash floors, 12-over-12 paned window sashes, 12-foot ceilings and reeded window frames. All the woodwork, chair rail, hardware and paneled doors appear original to the house. The chambers in the southwest and northeast corners of the structure possess matching built-in wall cupboards flanking the fireplaces. In the other two rooms, the recesses adjacent to the fireplaces are occupied by additional windows.

Upstairs are two low-ceilinged bedrooms, both with very small off-center shallow fireplaces, each vented through the chimney associated with the large front chamber below. A modern bath has been inserted in the upper hall, directly over the front door, and enclosing the center dormer. The major feature of the upper rooms are the relatively low ceilings compared with the height of those on the first floor. An unusual construction feature apparent on this level are the obviously-added iron straps which penetrate the north and south brick walls and lie atop the floorboards for a distance of several feet into each room. They are attached straight through the floorboards to the joists between the first and second stories. On the outside of the structure, these straps are attached to curved iron braces evidently added after construction to assist in strengthening the upper walls.

A dormer on the rear of the house spans the same area as that occupied by the main stairhall and contains a large modified Palladian window directly above the mid-level landing of the stairs. Observation of the slope of the ceiling on this landing suggests that headroom would have been minimal without the presence of the dormer.

The kitchen wing is connected to the original house through a former window of the northwest chamber and contains a hall with rear outside door, modern bath, and kitchen with simple Victorian woodwork. This addition contains two-over-two paned sash and stone lintels, whereas the original part of the house has brick jackarches over the window openings.

The root cellar is directly to the rear of the residence, about 40 feet distant from the rear porch. The low entry is partially silted over, but the grass-covered dome is still a prominent feature of the rear yard. It was likely built at the same time as the house, and provided storage and preservation of food. It is counted as a contributing structure.

A later frame cabin, or cook's room, is located on the northwest corner of the nominated grounds, and is presently used only for storage. It likely dates from the turn of the 20th century and is designated a non-contributing building. A modern garage for vehicles is mid-twentieth-century and is a non-contributing building. It is located on the northern edge of the nominated area and is a part of the present immediate grounds of the residence.

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Bourbon County, KY

Statement of Significance

Woodlawn/ Wm. Garrard residence/J.H. Holt residence/BB-151 meets National Register Criterion C by its exhibition of an important architectural period in the history of Bourbon County, Kentucky. The residence is an excellent example of Federal architecture in the Bluegrass region and represents an important body of construction in Bourbon County, Kentucky, from 1800 to 1840.

The 1985 survey, Historic Architecture of Bourbon County, was sponsored by Historic Paris Bourbon County, Inc., in conjunction with the Kentucky Heritage Council. The authors, Walter E. Langsam and William Gus Jonhson, documented 880 sites, over 600 of them individually pictured and discussed. Woodlawn was identified as BB-151, page 68.

Eighty-four Federal-style houses of brick construction were documented in the survey. Sixty six of these were located in rural areas. These houses were characterized by an unadorned facade of well laid Flemish bond brickwork with jackarches or flat arches over the windows and doors. The sides and rears were usually laid in common bond with a header course every five rows. Foundations were made of dressed fieldstone, finely dressed on the facade of the dwelling, and less so on the sides and rear. The majority of the structures were one and one-half stories, with a central hallway dividing equi-sized rooms. The interiors usually had crafted woodwork such as chairrails and sunburst mantels. (Langsam:17-18)

Although many of the rural brick residences surveyed are without adornment or refinement, there are examples of early construction in the county which reflect the growing agricultural prosperity of the larger landholders. The increasing wealth of these property owners led to a refined sense of dwelling space and a desire to go beyond the needs of basic shelter. Artisans, masons, and woodcarvers were employed to embellish residences with such refinements as fanlight doorways, richly carved mantels and wallpresses, and delicately reeded framing. (Lancaster: 106)

Of the 66 rural properties mentioned, 28 possess round or elliptical fanlight doorways--probably the highest concentration of this feature in the state. Eight of the buildings exhibit some form of Palladian window treatment; again, an unusually high number for a rural region. Ten of the buildings are double-pile edifices, indicating a larger number of chambers in the main block of each residence. The room plans suggest a more formal arrangement of rooms around a central hallway, perhaps showing the desire to use the dwellings for more lavish methods of entertaining.

Aesthetically, Woodlawn, the nominated property, can be seen as superior to many of its contemporaries in the county (and in the Bluegrass Region) because of its massing (double-pile), scale (12-foot ceilings and 19-foot-square rooms) and refinements (spectacular tracery fan and sidelights, oversize palladian window, delicately reeded woodwork.). Along with Eden (BB-266), Xalapa (BB-452), Escondida (BB-399), and the Grange (BB-502), the house is one of the best representations of the refined rural dwelling as constructed in Bourbon County in the early nineteenth century.

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Verbal boundary description

The boundary of the nominated property is a rectangle starting at the southeast corner of the front yard of Woodlawn, the property designated as parcel # 46 on Bourbon County PVA map # 16, and proceeding west along a line of trees approximately 250 feet to the southwest corner of the property to a wire fence which designates a tobacco field. Following the tobacco fence north for some 200 feet, one reaches a driveway which delineates the northern and eastern boundaries of the property. The proposed property contains approximately one acre and includes a 1.5 story house, a root cellar (no longer in use) and a frame cabin and garage, both of 20th century vintage.

Boundary Justification

The area selected represents the immediate grounds of a significant nineteenth century rural homestead and contains the residence itself and the partially silted-over root cellar, as well as substantial flower gardens and vintage trees and shrubs. Two non-contributing structures also occupy the yard. Several of the ash, white oak and walnut trees appear to date to the time of construction of the residence.