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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**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 Highlands  
AND/OR COMMON Beauvoir

**2 LOCATION**

*SW of Smithfield on KY 22*

STREET & NUMBER Route 22  
CITY, TOWN Smithfield  
STATE Kentucky CODE 021 COUNTY Henry CODE 103  
 NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 06  
 VICINITY OF

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Mr. J. Davis Marrett  
STREET & NUMBER Route 1  
CITY, TOWN Smithfield STATE Kentucky  
VICINITY OF

**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  
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Highlands, located on Kentucky 22 near Smithfield in southwest Henry County, is seven and one-half miles southwest of New Castle, the county seat. Facing southeastward, the house sits approximately 1600 feet from the road on a rise above the East Fork of Floyd's Fork. The level to gently rolling farmland of Henry County is situated northwest of the central Bluegrass region.

Constructed in 1798, the Highlands is a 2 1/2-story, five-bay ell-shaped brick structure. The facade is laid in Flemish bond and the building rests on a limestone foundation. Nine-over-nine pane, sash windows with jack arches pierce the first floor facade, while second floor windows are six-over-nine pane. The round arch entrance consists of architrave trim and a semi-circular fanlight. The original six-panel door has been replaced with one containing glass panels to admit more light into the hall. Corbelled brick chimneys rise from the east and west gable ends, the former being an interior and the latter an exterior chimney. The 1 1/2-story, two-bay kitchen wing located on the west side of the main block appears to be contemporary with the house.

The one-story porch which shelters the three central bays dates from ca. 1900. The central portion of this half-hip-roofed porch contains a gabled pediment. The porch roof as well as that of the house and kitchen wing is denticulated indicating the present cornice with its deep returns was added at the time the front porch was built. The dentils are continued on the rake mold of the gable ends. An earlier sketch of the house shows it at one time having a two-story, pedimented portico sheltering the central bay. One-story porches along the west side of the ell and across the rear of the kitchen wing have been enclosed in frame creating a bathroom and kitchen, respectively.

The interior consists of a central passage, single-pile plan with a one-room ell on the northwest. A stairway with landing is located along the east wall of the central hall. Enclosed corner stairs are situated in the southwest corner of the ell, and these provide the only access to the second floor of the ell, traditionally known as the "traveller's room." The original ash floors and poplar woodwork remain intact throughout the house. Woodwork consists of plain, six-inch baseboards, chair railing, reeded window jambs, six-panel doors, and Federal mantels. The mantel in the east room reveals urns in wood relief on the end blocks, and a pressed metal trim has been added to the mantel shelf cornice. In the west room, the mantel consists of a plain central tablet and end blocks supported by turned "colonnettes" resembling balusters (see photo 2). Simpler mantels are located in the ell and second floor rooms. Cupboards with panelled doors flank the fireplace in the ell (see photo 3), and closets are located in the second floor west room.

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# 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 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
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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 1798

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Erected in 1798, the Highlands is a well-preserved example of the modest Federal houses constructed in and around central Kentucky in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. The builder, Colonel John Callaway, was the youngest son of Colonel Richard Callaway, an early settler and explorer, and the Highlands was erected on a 640-acre land grant awarded to Richard Callaway in his infant son's name.

Richard Callaway (for whom Calloway County is named despite the variation in spelling) served as one of the leaders of the Transylvania Company which unsuccessfully attempted to establish a proprietary colony in Kentucky during the 1770s. The main force behind the Transylvania enterprise, Colonel Richard Henderson, purchased from the Cherokee Indians on March 17, 1775, a huge section of land comprising most of present-day Kentucky. Richard Henderson, Richard Callaway, and Daniel Boone constituted the leading triumvirate of the company; Henderson served as the organizer of the colony, Boone as its scout, and Callaway as the military leader (Bate, p. 10). Colonel Callaway commanded the military forces at Boonesborough during the Indian siege in the summer of 1778. With John Todd, he served as Kentucky County's first representative in the Virginia legislature in 1777 and was again a delegate in 1779. Colonel Callaway acted as one of the trustees who laid off the town of Boonesborough in 1779.

Callaway's services to the Transylvania Colony were rewarded in the form of numerous land grants. In the five years he lived in Kentucky, Colonel Callaway acquired between five and ten thousand acres of land. The 640-acre tract upon which his son John built the Highlands in 1798 was one of these grants; however, in this particular instance, the land was given directly to the infant John Callaway. When in 1778 the Virginia legislature made official its claim to Kentucky, thus nullifying the Transylvania Colony and voiding all land grants issued by the colony, Colonel Callaway was serving his second term in the legislature. Therefore, it is likely that he was instrumental in creating the act by which the legislature granted twelve square miles along the Ohio River south of the mouth of the Green River to the Transylvania Colony in recognition of its "masterly efforts of colonization" (Bate, p. 16). Richard Callaway was killed by Indians outside Boonesborough along the Kentucky River in 1780.

John Callaway married in 1796 and in 1798 completed the construction of the Highlands on the land given him in recognition of his father's contribution and

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bate, Dr. Alexander R. Colonel Callaway's Preparedness. Louisville: The Society of the Transylvanians, 1941.

Collins, Lewis and Richard H. History of Kentucky. 2 Vols. Reprint ed., Berea, Kentucky: Kentucke Imprints, 1976.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. 20 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Ballardsville

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES 500

720

A | 1 6 | 6 5 0 7 2 0 | 4 2 4 7 5 0 0

B | 1 6 | 6 5 0 3 4 1 0 | 4 2 4 7 4 4 1 0

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C | 1 6 | 6 5 0 0 6 1 0 | 4 2 4 7 6 1 0 0

D | 1 6 | 6 5 0 2 4 1 0 | 4 2 4 7 8 9 1 0

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## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at the junction of the fence and the East Fork of Floyd's Fork (point C on U.S.G.S. map) and following the east bank in a northeasterly direction for (Continued)

## 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

Charlotte Schneider, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Kentucky Heritage Commission

April 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

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

*Donna C. Hopkins*

TITLE Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 5-10-79

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

ATTEST: *Bill Bobovich*  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE July 9, 1979

ATTEST: *Ann H. Gilmore*  
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 7/5/79

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The fireplace in the original kitchen has been filled in, and that room now functions as a bedroom with an arched opening connecting it to the rest of the house. Previously, the only access from the kitchen to the main house had been via the porches. It would appear that the storage area currently located between the west wall of the house and the kitchen was created from the kitchen space after the original construction date. The construction of the arched opening may have coincided with the conversion of the kitchen into a bedroom and the creation of the storage area.

Located directly behind the kitchen wing (see site location map) are two single-room, gabled outbuildings constructed of horizontal boards. These appear to date from the first half of the nineteenth century, while a third shed-roofed, vertical-board, frame building to the west is a late nineteenth century structure. A large barn of more recent construction is situated east of the house at the end of the drive. Southeast of the house is a small pond.

The nominated property consists of approximately 20 acres which encompass the house and four outbuildings. The East Fork of Floyd's Fork forms a natural boundary to the north of the site, while fences on the east, south, and west delineate the yard immediately around the house.

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service to the Transylvania Colony. John Callaway served in the War of 1812, distinguishing himself at the Battle of the Thames. However, he declined military promotion and returned to the Henry County farm where he died in 1825.

The Highlands had undergone only minor changes, consisting primarily of the ca. 1900 addition of the front porch and the enclosure of the rear porches. These changes do not diminish the architectural integrity of the house. Furthermore, as Henry County has remained an agricultural region, the land around the house has not been developed and therefore site integrity has been retained as well.

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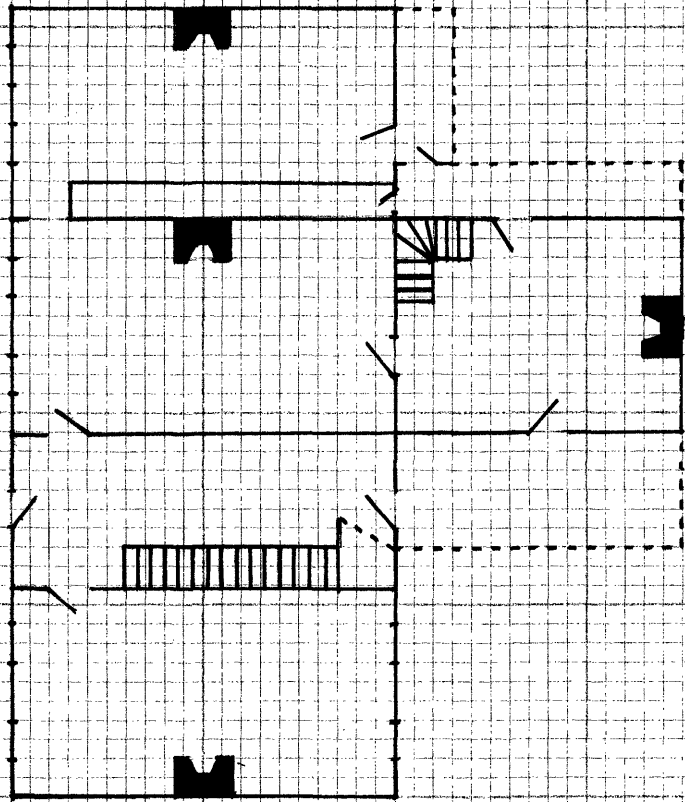
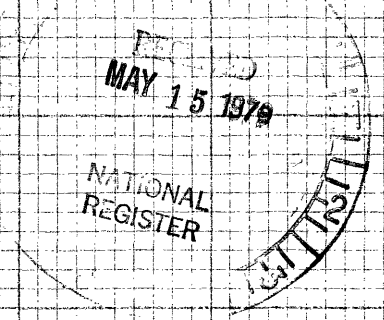
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approximately 2000 feet to the junction of a fence with the East Fork, turning southwest and following the fence line for approximately 500 feet to the drive, then turning west along the drive for approximately 400 feet to a fence, turning northwest along the fence line for approximately 800 feet to the point of origin.





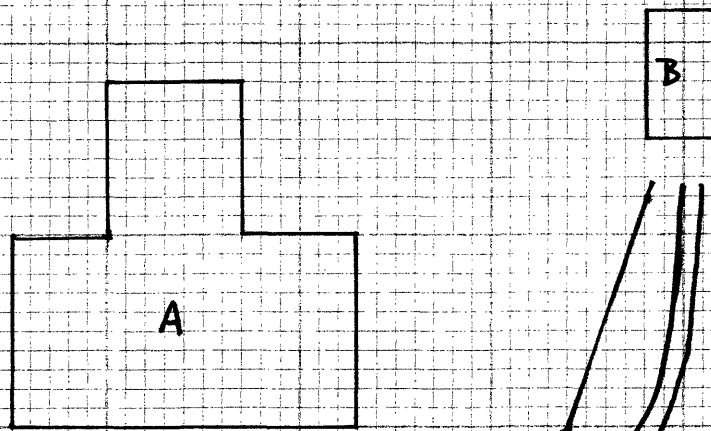
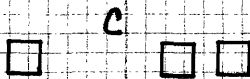
Highlands  
Henry County  
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Drive



Highlands  
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- A - Highlands
- B - Barn (recent)
- C - Outbuildings
- D - Pond

No Scale.

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Henry County  
Kentucky  
Map 3

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Site location map - No scale  
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