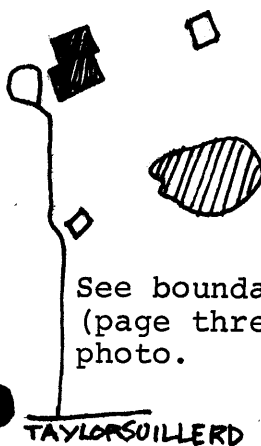


1. Historic Name (s) Robert Tyler Place Original Owner Robert Tyler		22. ADD/County Jefferson/Jefferson																												
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3. Owner's Name William F. Norris, Sr.		24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75') Jeffersontown																												
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18. Description Two-story log structure, now weatherboarded, has two rooms on first story, one on the second. It is attached to a two story stone structure with two rooms on each story. Rifle slits are visible in the interior exposed log walls of one room. A log barn with weatherboarded walls and a stone springhouse are nearby. The site is off the main highway, at the end of a tree- (SEE NEXT PAGE)		31. Endangered Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>																												
19. History This structure has a complicated history as one of the early homes of the Tyler family. Other Tyler houses are nearby (JF-260 and 298). Edward Tyler, Sr. came from Virginia to Jefferson County in 1779 or 1780. With him were his sons, Edward Jr., Moses, and William, and a Robert Tyler who is thought to have been a nephew. (Edward, Sr. also had a son named Robert who (SEE NEXT PAGE)		32. ATTACH PHOTO																												
20. Significance Although definite documentation of the dates of construction or the builders of this structure have not been determined, it is probably one of the earliest structures in Jefferson County. It also was owned by members of the Tyler family, who were early settlers in (SEE NEXT PAGE)		Roll No. _____ Picture No. _____ Direction _____																												
21. Source of Information Jefferson County (KY) Deed Books, Will Books, Tax Records, Minute Order Books, Census Records. (SEE NEXT PAGE)		33. Tape No. _____ Negative No. _____ 34. Prepared by: Mary Jean Kinsman Researcher																												
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13. continued

Log-ca.1780s Stone-1790s

18. continued

lined lane in a wooded area.

19. continued

supposedly went to Shelby County about 1780 and settled at Squire Boone's Station, Painted Stone. Robert died there in 1815). In 1789 Edward Tyler, Sr. sold a Robert Tyler 200 acres of a survey made for Edward which included this site. In 1818 and 1819 Robert Tyler sold the 200 acres in two tracts, one of 78 acres to his son-in-law Henry Zenor, and one of 122 acres to Edward Tyler, the son of Edward, Sr. who died in 1802. This Robert Tyler died in Jefferson County in 1840. It is possible that Edward Tyler, Sr. lived on this site until his death in 1802. It was part of the 570 acres sold by Edward Tyler, his son, to Joseph A. Sweeney in 1837. When Sweeney sold 157 acres, including this site, to James Pound later in 1837 the deed described it as the Robert Tyler place. It remained in the Pound family until the late 1890s and then had a series of owners.

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Louisville and then in the eastern part of Jefferson County. The combination of log, clapboard and stone make it a visually interesting structure and the early building techniques are architecturally significant.

21. continued

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Additional information requested by NPS

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Robert Tyler Place
12603 Taylorsville Rd.

November 3, 1982

Description

The oldest part of the house is the two-story log section which is now weather-boarded. It has one exterior end chimney of stone. The house is a rectangular pen with two rooms on the first story divided by a partition of beaded boards. Only the smaller room has exposed logs on the interior. There is one enclosed corner staircase. The log house was probably built in the late 1780s by either Edward Tyler, Sr. or his nephew Robert Tyler. The Tylers are known to have been at the Falls of the Ohio in 1780.

The two-story, double-pen stone house was probably built in the 1790s and joined to the log house. The stone house has one interior end chimney and an enclosed corner stair in one room. Windows are six-over-six panes. Porches were later added to both the log and stone sections. The site contains a stone springhouse and a log barn.

Significance

The Robert Tyler house is significant in the historical and architectural continuum of Jefferson County. It combines two buildings, each a representative example of late eighteenth and early nineteenth century log and stone construction in the county. The rectangular pen log house with a hall-parlor plan was probably not as common in early Jefferson County as the single pen structure or the double pen with a dogtrot. The double pen stone house is comparable in form to the Ben Stout house (JF171) or the Eight-Mile house (JF333), but is less refined than other surviving stone structures such as the Benjamin Head house (JF349). It provides an excellent example of the manner in which early houses were often enlarged with various materials in a somewhat random fashion.

Historically the Tyler house is important locally as one of the earliest houses of the Tyler family, whose members were in Jefferson County in 1780, owned extensive land in the eastern part of the county, and were later prominent and well-known in farming, politics, and social affairs.

Boundary Description

The boundary of the Robert Tyler house nomination is shown as a red line on the attached aerial photo. (SCALE: 1" = 200') The nominated site contains approximately 2.2 acres and includes the house, springhouse, and barn.

JF-259
Robert Tyler Place

■ - original log structure
ca. 1790s

■ - stone house
ca. 1790s

■ - porches - added
probably in 20th
cent.

