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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

Clay Hill

AND/OR COMMON

The James Sanders House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Route 2 about 5 mi. N of Campbellville on KY 55

CITY, TOWN

Campbellville

VICINITY OF

STATE

Kentucky

CODE

021

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

05

COUNTY

Taylor

CODE

217

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

(Miss) Mary Louise Singler

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 155

CITY, TOWN

Junction City

VICINITY OF

STATE

Kentucky

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the Taylor County Court Clerk

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Campbellville

STATE

Kentucky

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE

10/29/70

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

401 Wapping Street

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

Clay Hill is located on U. S. Highway 68, between Campbellsville to the south and Harrodsburg to the northeast. The house is situated on a rise facing the road.

Clay Hill, a modified Georgian house, was built by slaves, with brick burned on the site. It contains six large rooms, all twenty feet square, and its inside and outside walls are 12 to 14 inches thick. It is of two story construction with front porches, lower and upper, identified as Greek Revival.

Opening off the entrance hall to the right, is a large parlor-bedroom. Opening off the entrance hall to the left is a three-room ell, with doorways connecting between the three rooms. Two large rooms are on each side of the spacious hall on the second floor. The third floor contains a large enclosed attic. The first floor entrance hall extends to a door in the rear of the hall, which formally opened onto a yard, but now has been enclosed to connect with an addition built in 1972. The large entrance hall contains an elaborately carved stairway which has a cherry handrail (see photo 3).

All six rooms have fireplaces with beautifully hand-carved mantelpieces, one having a sunburst design, while another has Grecian columns (see photos 4 and 5).

The windows are deeply recessed, about nine inches in depth, and extend in length to the level of the chair railing. The doors and windows are fastened together with wooden pegs and brass doorknobs adorn the doors.

The physical appearance has not been altered except for the one addition built in the southeast rear wing. The home has been completely rewired and modern plumbing installed. The wide floor boards remain in the two upstairs rooms and in the hallways, but had to be replaced in four rooms. Some rooms have been re-plastered and painted. It has been necessary to replace most windows but these are the 24 pane type to resemble the original windows. The lower front porch has been concreted and the columns replaced, but were built to match the original columns.

The original wood shingle roof was destroyed by a tornado in the early 1920s. It was replaced by a metal roof which has since been replaced by an asphalt shingle roof.

# 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	
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) continuation of habit- ation.	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

1835

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Henry Sanders, Jr.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Clay Hill is a fine example of modified Georgian architecture, built in 1833 by Henry Sanders, Jr., for his son, James Sanders. It is unique in that its sole owners have been five direct descendants of Henry Sanders, Jr.

Henry Sanders, Jr., owned hundreds of acres of land on both sides of the present day Kentucky Highway 55 in Taylor County. He was one of the surveyors in building the road through Muldraugh's Hill which was later referred to as the Louisville-Nashville Road.

The home of Henry Sanders, Jr., was located about a quarter mile south of the brick home that he built for his son James Sanders. Henry Sanders, Jr.'s home was known as the famous Sanders Tavern and stagecoach stop. On September 27, 1832, while en route to Washington, President Andrew Jackson dined with Henry Sanders, Jr., at his famous tavern. The Sanders' Tavern changed hands and was later torn down in the late 1940's, but the James Sanders home, "Clay Hill" still stands serenely on its gently sloping hill.

General John Hunt Morgan, the Confederate, disguised as a Union soldier, once made Clay Hill his hide-away. He also used it as his headquarters at various times during the Civil War.

According to tradition, Union soldiers came to Clay Hill one day, looking for Robert Page Sanders, a son of James Sanders and a staunch Confederate. Thinking Miss Carey Ann Sanders, a daughter of James Sanders, had her brother hidden and was refusing to reveal his whereabouts, the Union soldiers pinned Miss Sanders to the wall through the sleeve of her dress with their bayonets. This hole is still in the plaster of the wall and is exposed.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Garrison, Richard. Old Homes of the Blue Grass. Lexington: The Kentucky Society, 1950.

The Green River Sprite, "Sanders Homes Remain," Saturday, August 21, 1971.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

map date 5/11/71

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,6	64,4	6,2,0	4,1	4,3	6,4,0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING			
C						

B						
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING			
D						

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

(Miss) Mary Louise Singler

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 155

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Junction City

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.

SIGNATURE

Eldred W. Melton

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

7-14-75

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

10/10/75

ATTEST:

Ronald M. Greenberg

DATE

10/10/75

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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