

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Site No. Tm-89

1. Historic Name(s) Preston House; Norfolk Plantation Original Owner _____		22. ADD County No. Ky. / Trimble 1 1 2	
2. Present Name Preston House		23. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'75') Madison West G.I.S. Mod. 	
3. Location Rodgers Road <i>Miller, Va</i>		24. UTM Reference 1 6 6 3 7 0 6 0 4 2 7 7 0 0 0 Zone Easting Northing	
4. Owner's Name Darrell Wheeler		25. Coordinate Accuracy 	
5. Owner's Address Route #3, Box 32, Bedford, Kentucky		26. Prehistoric Site _____ Object _____ Historic Site _____ Structure _____ (Building) _____ Other _____	
6. Open to Public Yes _____ No _____		27. National Register District Name: Historic Resources of Trimble County 	
7. Visible from road Yes _____ No _____		28. Significance Evaluation National Register D	
8. Ownership Private _____ Local _____ State _____ Federal _____		29. Status _____ Date _____ National Landmark _____ National Register _____ Landmark Certificate _____ Kentucky Survey _____ Local Landmark _____ HABS HAER _____	
9. Local Contact/Organization _____		30. Historic Theme Primary Architecture C Secondary _____ Other _____	
10. Site Plan with North Arrow _____		31. Endangered Yes _____ No XX	
11. Architect _____		32. Preservation Project Status 	
12. Builder _____		Actual Cost in \$1,000s 	
13. Date ca. 1840 A. 3 B. 		33. ATTACH PHOTO 	
14. Style A. Greek Revival C B. 		34. Prepared by: William Gus Johnson Sr. Historian & Photographer	
15. Original Use Dwelling A		35. Organization Kentucky Heritage Council	
16. Present use Dwelling		36. Date Fall 1982	
17. Condition Very Good B		37. Revision Dates _____ 38. Staff Review _____	
18. Description Situated on rolling farmland, the Preston House is a two-story brick building which has been weatherboarded. Fenestration is five-bays with a recessed central entrance with five-pane crystal glass sidelights. A one-story, one-bay portico with bracketed and dentilled cornice and a balustraded desk enhances the entranceway. Long, narrow (Continue on Back)		19. History _____	
No. Stories Two C Single Pile XX NA _____ Double Pile _____ Floor Plan Central Passage I Structural Fabric Brick/Frame A. C B. D Decorative Fabric Sawn Weatherboard A. J B. Roof Form Gable		20. Significance Architecture: The Preston House is a significant illustration of vernacular architecture. The formality & ornateness of the interior appointments enhance the significance of this dwelling. In addition the site	
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18. rectangular windows of 6/6 pane pierce the main floor of the facade, while smaller straight-headed windows of 3/3 pane puncture the second floor. A center gable with a single four panel door with three-pane crystal glass sidelights which opens onto the balustraded deck further accentuates the facade. The house rests on a brick foundation and has interior chimneys. A one-story frame ell centered on the rear of the main block was constructed at the same time. The ell has two side entrances both with two-pane transoms, and windows are 6/6 pane. The ell is accented by a gable over one of the entrances which has a one-story, one-bay pedimented porch with a fanlight above. A center ridgeline chimney arises from the gable roof of the ell which rests on a brick foundation. On the rear of the ell is the original dwelling, a one-story frame structure with four bays with two entrances in side bays. Windows are 6/6 pane. The structure has an interior gable-end chimney and rests on a brick foundation.

The interior of the main block is quite ornate. The central hallway and both rooms on the main floor are embellished with stencilled wall and ceiling murals, and parquet flooring. Both rooms on the main floor have Victorian style mantels, as do the rooms on the second floor. First floor ceilings are fourteen feet in height. Four panel doors, twelve feet in height, augment the interior detailing, and doors and windows are enhanced by symmetrical woodwork. A spiral stairway with turned balusters leads to the upper floor.

A rather large collection of outbuildings associated with the dwelling exist today. They are:

- a. One-story brick rootcellar. One-bay. Wood shingle hip roof. Arched brick supports above the bays. Common bond with a row of headers every six rows. Directly behind the house (oldest)
 - b. One-story frame meathouse. Two-bay. Hip roof. Wooden shingle roof. Limestone foundation.
 - c. One-story frame privy. Brick foundation.
 - d. One-story frame shed.
 - e. One and one-half story frame dwelling. Slave and servant quarters. Three-bays with side entrance. Interior chimney. Brick foundation.
 - f. One-story brick with side entrance. Common bond with row of headers every six rows. Original structure had liproof and interior gable-end chimney. Window on brick portion is 6/6 pane with arched brick support. One-story bay porch, other windows 3/6 pane. One of the oldest buildings on the farm. Was used as a Catholic Chapel and School.
 - g. One and one-half brick smokehouse. According to local tradition, the building was constructed for use as a slave jail. The structure has three levels a basement where leg irons still exist, the main floor, and a loft. The building is one-bay with two brick row supporting arch. Executed in common bond with a row of headers every four rows, and reinforced by cast-iron tie ends secured by cast-iron star-shaped retainers. Hip roof.
 - h. One and one-half story frame barn.
 - i. Farm Office. A one-story frame structure. One-bay with projecting pedimented porch. Exterior gable-end stone chimney. Gable roof. Windows are 6/6 pane. Brick foundation.
20. is an outstanding example of a farmstead with a rather large collection of surviving dependencies.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name Preston House Site # Tm-89

Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title Historic Resources of Trimble County

U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTMs if property is ten or more acres.

A. 16 637060 4277000 D. _____

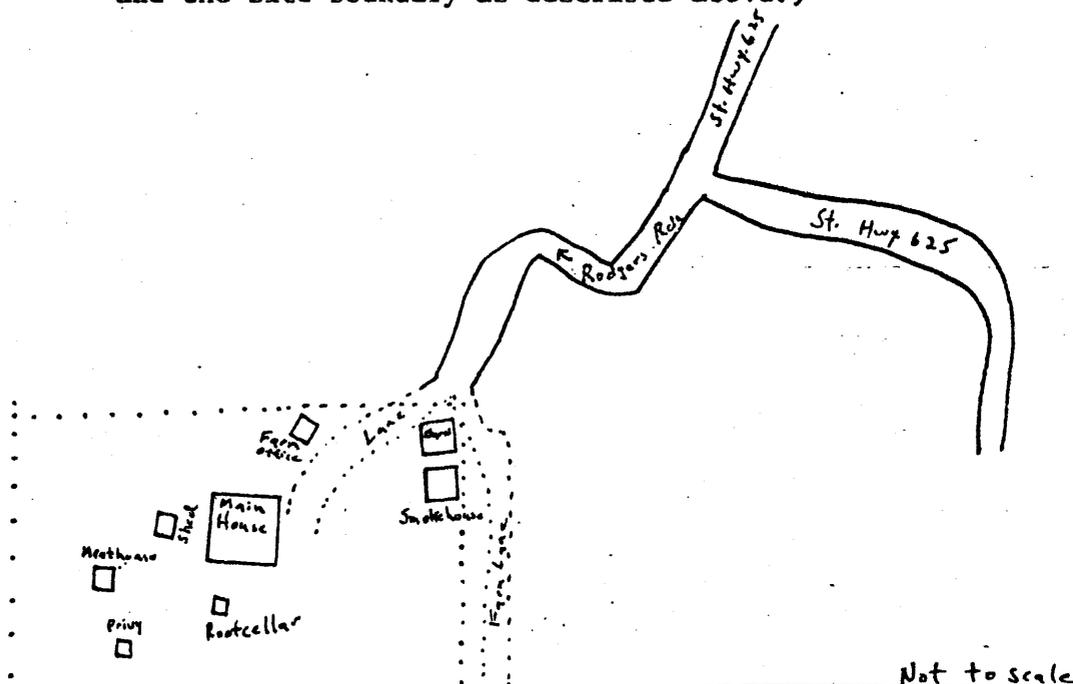
B. _____ E. _____

C. _____ F. _____

Verbal Boundary Description Acreage 6.5

Beginning at a point on the east side of the lane leading to the house, approximately 200' from the house, proceed 200' in an eastward direction; thence 650' in a southward direction along the farm lane; thence 400' in a westward direction; thence 650' in a northward direction; thence 200' in an eastward direction to the point of origin. The boundary is drawn to include the house and outbuildings.

Sketch of Site Plan (Showing outbuildings, structures, landscape features and the site boundary as described above.)



Official Courthouse Property Reference:

