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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # BE-110
BOONE County

1. Name of Resource:
Abe Souther House

2. Original Owner:
Abe Souther

3. Other Names:

4. Prehistoric Site Building Object
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location:
one-half mile east of Kentucky 237, 3/4 mile south of Francisville

6. Owner's Name:
Fred Foster [P]

7. Owner's Address:
602 North Bend Road
Hebron, Kentucky 41048

8. Evaluation: [G]

9. Recognition & Date:
Nat.Landmark Local Landmark
Nat.Register HABS/HAER
Highway Marker KY Inventory 8/4/77
KY Landmark Certificate

10. N.R.Status & Date:

11. N.R.Group:
District Name: []
Mult.Resource Area: []
Thematic Name: Early Stone Buildings []

12. Historical Theme:
Primary: Architecture [030]
Secondary: []
Other: []

13. Statement of Significance:

This is one of several stone houses built in Boone County during the settlement period, but is unlike the others in size and proportion, having a 1 3/4 story elevation, similar to GR-4, N.R.
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14. History:

House was built in 1818 for Abe Souther, early settler and founder of large family in Boone County (see BE-352); became residence of Peter Townsend Cropper, of another prominent Boone County family. (See BE-85 and BE-98.)

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person:
Inspection and Owner

16. Date:
Original Building 1818 [8]
Addition []

17. Style:
Federal [21]

18. Architect/Builder: Unknown

19. No. of Stories: One & Three-fourths [1.5]

20. Original Floor Plan:
Hall-Parlor [HP]

21. Single Pile Double Pile N.A.

22. Roof Form & Material: Original
Gable Not Original

23. Structural Material:
Stone [S]

24. Exterior Material:
Stone [S]

25. Foundation Material:
Stone [S]

26. Major Alterations: None
Moved/Rebuilt Other
Additions X

27. Special Features:

28. Outbuildings: [0]

29. Original Function:
Residence [01A]

30. Present Use:
Residence [01A]

31. Condition:
Fair [F]

32. Endangered: Yes
No XX

33. Attach Photos: 1-3
Roll: 2-3 Photo Nos: 18-21 No. of Slides: X

34. Prepared by: Carolyn Murray-Wooley

35. Organization: Kentucky Heritage Council

36. Date: December 1983

37. New Survey Resurvey XX

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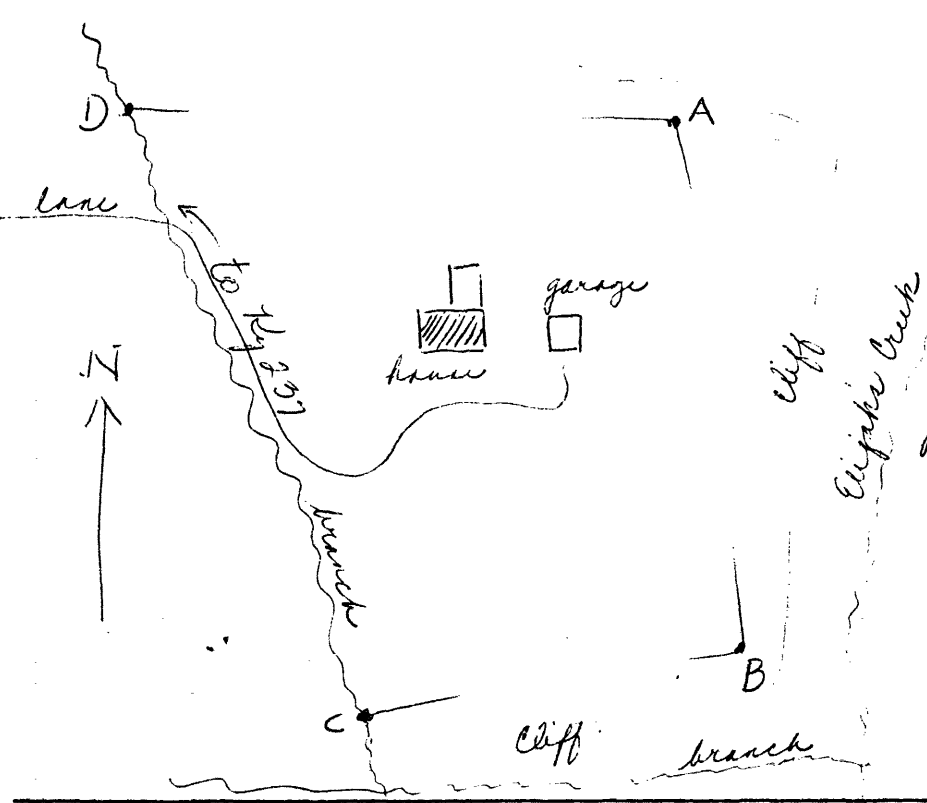
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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. []
Quadrant: Durlington 16 698260 4330080 40. Coordinate Accuracy []

41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N.R. eligible sites only):
A. 16.698390.4330190 C. 16.698260.4329820 E. _____
B. 16.698450.4329950 D. 16.697990.4330100 F. _____

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 112 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: 25

43. Site Plan (and boundary description and justification for N.R. sites):



Site enclosed by A-B-C-D.
A-B and B-C are located at the top of a cliff descending to Elijah's Creek and a tributary. C-D is located on a branch. The boundary was drawn to include the hilltop on which the house is located, which is part of the present and original acreage. Garage is non-contributing.
, contributing building

45. Description and House Plan:

One and three-fourth story, three-bay, hall-parlor, dry-stone house, size 24' x 33'; interior chimneys each end. House has more height than usual above first floor windows allowing more second floor headroom; full-size windows upstairs beside chimneys (photo #1). Upstairs windows pegged; beaded tapered gable boards (photo #1); pegged frame door in northeast end wall; chisel marks on stones, more prominent at corners; no voussoirs.

Large fireplace in northeast end, used for cooking; enclosed corner stair along partition wall, arises from southwest room; fireplace in every room. "1818 Abe Souther" carved in log joists; vertical diamond-barred cellar window.

House has been repointed with concrete; first floor windows lengthened and replaced with narrow mitered-corner frames; formerly had chair rail, interior now remodelled. A turn of the century, two-room frame addition on rear has enclosed shed porch on northeast side--all in poor condition. These have not damaged the stone house.

Souther cemetery near house. No significant outbuildings; modern garage. Present farm is 112 acres. Located near summit of knoll draining to branch of Elijah's Creek and steep descent to Ohio River.

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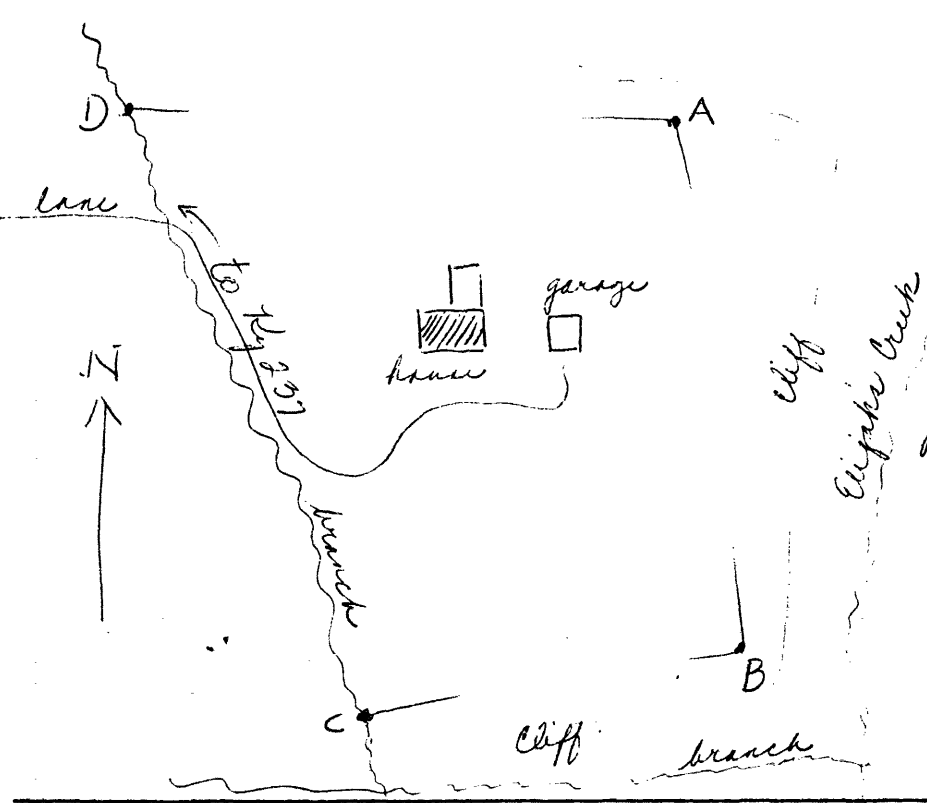
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