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Directly across the road from the tayern is the post stable that was built circa 1820-1830 by one of Metcalfe's slaves. The walls of the stable are of native limestone, laid without mortar, and are still in very good condition. The ends of the loft are enclosed by clapboard. The long sloping roofline is extended to cover an open air section on either side of the stable. At a later date the stalls were added on the interior, but the original timbers supporting the loft are intact. The stable was restored by the present owners in 1935. It is in good condition and is used for stabling horses.

The log cabin was reportedly constructed circa 1795 by Daniel Boone. It was completely rebuilt in 1945 by the present owners. A few of the original timbers were used in rebuilding it. The cabin was also moved about 200 yards southeast of its original location.

All four of these buildings are located on Governor Thomas Metcalfe's original tract of land. In 1804 he bought 250 acres, which he later extended to 1500 acres.



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Kentucky. However, for a few days after the inauguration outgoing Governor Joseph Desha did not allow him to move into the Governor's mansion. Desha disliked turning it over to the stonemason who had helped build it. Thomas Metcalfe served as Governor of Kentucky from 1828 until 1832. Between 1834 and 1838 he was In 1840 he became the president a member of the Kentucky Senate. Between 1848 and 1849 he of the board of internal improvements. was appointed and later elected to the U.S. Senate to fill the vacancy caused by John J. Crittenden's resignation to become He engaged in farming on his estate from 1849 until he Governor. died of cholera August 18, 1855 at 75 years of age. He is buried in the family graveyard located about 150 yards behind the house. Metcalfe County, Kentucky is named in his honor.

Also originally owned by Thomas Metcalfe are the post barn, which was constructed by his slaves circa 1820-1830, and the tavern which was built by Metcalfe in 1816. The well-known tavern was also called "Forest Retreat." It was one of the stops on a stagecoach route that stretched between Zanesville, Ohio and Florence, Alabama. Since it was also a mail route, Forest Retreat Tavern served as an early post office.

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On the farm is a log cabin allegedly built circa 1795 by Daniel Boone with the help of Simon Kenton and in which Boone and his wife reportedly lived from 1795 to 1799 before they moved to Missouri. This cabin is very significant to local citizens.

The present owners who purchased Thomas Metcalfe's original 250 acre tract of land have spent nearly thirty years restoring three of the buildings and plan to begin restoration of the fourth, the tavern, in the near future.

