

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # MS-5
Mason County

1. Name of Resource: Ben Moran House

2. Original Owner: Ben Moran ?

3. Other Names: _____

4. Prehistoric Site _____ Building Object
Historic Site _____ Structure _____ Other _____

5. Location: northeast corner of Kentucky 8 and
Kentucky 10, 1/2 mile west of Moranburg

6. Owner's Name: David Cartmell [P]

7. Owner's Address: Route #1, Box 160
Maysville, Kentucky 41056

8. Evaluation: [G]

9. Recognition & Date:
Nat.Landmark _____ Local Landmark _____
Nat.Register _____ HABS/HAER _____
Highway Marker _____ KY Inventory
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 house is unique for its very primitive off-center fenestration reflecting the plan. It is not as sophisticated as the similarly sized Strøbe House (BK-23) in neighboring Bracken County. This one and the McGee House (ME-178 N.R.) in Mercer County are the most

14. History:
Thought to have been built for Ben Moran, for whom town was named.

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: 1970 Survey Form

16. Date:
Original Building 1818 [2]
Addition []

17. Style: Federal [21]
[]

18. Architect/Builder: Not Known

19. No. of Stories: 1 1/2 [1.5]

20. Original Floor Plan:
3 or 4 rooms []

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 Roof _____

27. Special Features: _____

28. Outbuildings: Two Barns [2]

29. Original Function: Residence [01A]

30. Present Use: Residence [01A]

31. Condition: Good [G]

32. Endangered: Yes _____
No

33. Attach Photos:
Roll: 25 Photo Nos: 11-19 No. of Slides: X

34. Prepared by: Carolyn Murray-Wooley

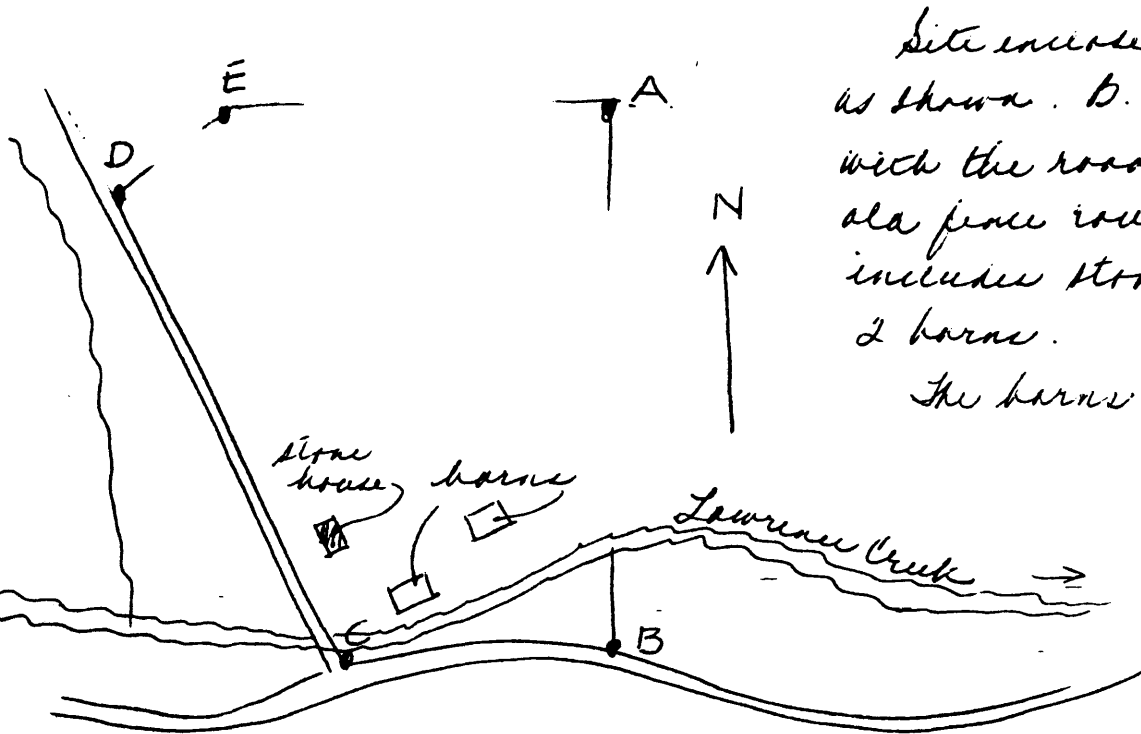
35. Organization: Kentucky Heritage Council

36. Date: April 1984

37. New Survey _____ Resurvey

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|---|--|--------------------------------|
| 36. UTM Point of Primary Building:
17/254280/4284010 | 37. USGS Quadrant:
Maysville West | 38. G.I.S. Mod. [] |
| 40. UTM Points of Boundary:
A. 17/254480/4284300
B. 17/254500/4283970 | C. 17/254320/4283900
D. 17/254010/4284190 | E. 17/254080/4284260
F. [] |
| 41. Total Acreage in Present Property: | 42. Acreage Included in Nominated Boundary: | ca. 29 |
43. Site Plan and Boundary Description and Justification:



Site enclosed by A-B-C-D-E as shown. B-C and C-D are with the roads, E-A is the old fence row. Boundary includes stone house and 2 barns.

The barns are non-contributing.

Description & House Plan:

One and one-half story, three-bay, dry-stone house, size ca. 18 x 32 feet. Masonry is Upper Ordovician limestone, tooled and coursed, of very good quality. There are voussoirs with keystones above the windows. There are interior chimneys in each gable end, the north one forward the roof ridge. Chimney placement indicates a three or four-room plan, reflected in the decidedly off-center location of the doorway. Circa 1880 the roof was heightened and the eaves were widened in the Gothic style. Old mortar is similar to MS-53. A diamond-shaped stone in the south gable end is carved "1818."

Recent repairs to the house include repair of the front wall, repointing, and new windows. A new log wing was added to the north end, and shed-roofed room and sun deck built on rear. These additions have not obliterated the form of the house, and replace a stone ell damaged by a 1981 fire.

The house is built on the side of a hill, facing a branch, with the end of the house toward the South Fork of Lawrence Creek, and one-half mile west of Moranburg. There are two old barns in the valley south of the house.

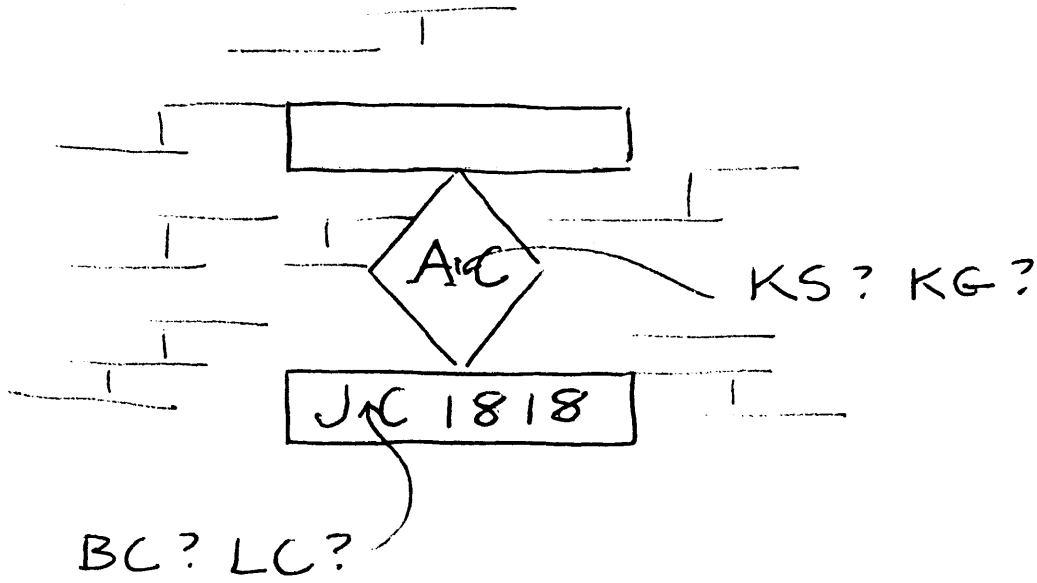
13. Statement of Significance (Continued)

non-symmetrical of the early stone houses in Kentucky. This house was enlarged by steepening the roof in the Gothic period, either to add space or because of a change in fashion.

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State stones in S. gable end:



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