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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

Clark, John, House (Auvergne)

AND/OR COMMON

Auvergne

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Tates Creek Pike

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Lexington

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

Kentucky

CODE

021

COUNTY

Fayette

CODE

067

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Claude R. McGaughey

STREET & NUMBER

912 The Curtilage

CITY, TOWN

Lexington

__ VICINITY OF

STATE
Kentucky 40502

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Fayette County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

West Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Lexington

STATE
Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Kentucky Historic Resources Inventory

DATE

April, 1980

__FEDERAL STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort

STATE
Kentucky

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The John Clark house is located on the east side of the Tates Creek Pike, one mile outside of Lexington, north of the Mt. Tabor Road. Its driveway enters from The Curtilage to the north of the house.

Built between 1852 and 1854, the John Clark house is a Greek Revival, two and one half story, three bay brick building. (photo 1). The brick, which is said to have been burned on the farm, is laid up in the occasional bond pattern. The house has a large one-story portico with coupled Ionic columns (photo 2). The doorway has four-pane sidelights over a single panel and a three-pane transom over the door. The front door has three long vertical panels over three shorter ones, like many throughout the interior of the house.

The porch, which has a brick foundation, has a wood floor with Kentucky "marble" margins, steps and antepodia, all of which are bush-hammered. The house sits on a stone foundation which is also bush-hammered on the front facade. The facade has double windows except over the central entrance where the window has three lights. The window frames are mitered and there are several blind windows, each covered with a shuttered panel, on the gable ends of the house.

The house has a large two-story ell on the back and a large two-story gallery runs along the ell's south side. The gallery has five square brick piers supporting a full entablature. The doors and windows on the gallery have cast iron decorations resembling stylized acanthus leaves. Instead of being attached to corner blocks these motifs are applied directly to the uprights, which continue to the top of the lintel. A one-story kitchen is connected to the back of the ell and a fine herringbone pattern brick walk surrounds the house.

The house has a central hall with a sweeping three flight staircase continuing up to the attic. The slightly curving banister and slender, turned spindles are cherry. The newel, which has a "mortgage button" in it, curves gracefully and rests on a curtail step. The open stringer stairs have low relief, basically s-shaped, foliage-like forms decorating the step-ends (photo 3). These are unusual in that they are executed in three dimensions rather than being cut-outs. The woodwork throughout the house is primarily poplar, as are the floors. The center hall and parlors on either side have very large engaged pilasters with deep entablatures around the windows and doors (photo 4) and also have very high baseboards. The south parlor has a fine cast iron mantel veined to look like marble, with a rounded arch and a shell-like cartouche (photo 5). The north parlor also has a cast iron mantel, although somewhat plainer and having a flat cartouche. The woodwork in the dining room is "eared" around the doors, windows and cupboards (photo 6). The wood mantel in this room is typically Greek Revival with plain engaged pilasters supporting a simple shelf. The door and window jambs in this room and throughout the house have plain, long vertical panels.

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	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1852 - 1854

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The land on which this fine Greek Revival house stands was owned by the Clark family for over one hundred and seventy five years. The house was built about 1852 and is a fine example of a Greek Revival residence. It is a two and one half story, three bay brick with a handsome Ionic portico with fine bush-hammering on the stonework. The house is very much intact and has retained both its fine interior and exterior details. Handsome Greek Revival woodwork, both engaged pilasters with large entablatures in some rooms and "eared" woodwork in others, remain intact throughout the house. A fine two-story gallery runs along the south side of the ell and has a full entablature supported by large square brick piers.

Several generations of the Clark family lived on this property, which is known as Auvergne, the Clarks having named it after a region in central France. John Clark, who is said to have been from Ireland, received a land grant here and was one of the early settlers in the Lexington area. The name John Clark appears in a document pertaining to the division of the town lots in 1781 and was also listed in the 1790 census of Fayette County. John Clark had several children, one of whom was John W. Clark, born in August, 1795 "on the same farm at which he died", according to his obituary in the Lexington Daily Press. It is this John William Clark that built the fine Greek Revival house on the farm. The farm consisted of several hundred acres and John W. Clark spent his entire life as a farmer and was one of "our ablest and most substantial citizens". The farm was primarily used as a dairy and for crops and later raised tobacco. John William Clark died July 21, 1876 at the age of eighty. His wife was Maria Louisa Norton, whom he had married December 14, 1830. She was born June 4, 1805 and died November 23, 1872. They had one son and seven daughters, five of whom lived to maturity. Their son, another John William Clark, was born August 31, 1843 "in the same yard the old homestead was erected in some ten years later". Descendants tell of there having been an earlier brick residence which was demolished about 1890. This earlier house must have been the Clark's home until the present house was constructed. John William Clark III also devoted his life to farming and was a leader in community affairs. On October 3, 1878 he married Lillian Berry, who was born in April, 1854. She was of the Berry family who ran a dairy which was also on the Tates Creek Pike. John and Lillian Clark had four children: John William Clark (Jack) who went into the hardware business about 1915 and for many years owned Clark Hardware Company on West Short Street (National Register, July 16, 1979), Barry Clark, who ran the farm for a number of years, Mrs. Mary Bruce Clark Ware and Laurence Hamilton Clark. The farm was

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See attached sheet.

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,6	7,2,0	1,5,0	4,2,1,0	0,6,5	B	1,6	7,2,0	1,4,0	4,2,0,9	9,6,0
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING			ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING	
C	1,6	7,2,0	0,7,0	4,2,0,9	9,6,0	D	1,6	7,1,9	9,8,0	4,2,1,0	0,3,0
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING			ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING	

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary begins at point A, 250' east of the Tates Creek Pike (and 200'S of Wishbone Circle); then S along a line 263 feet to point B, then W along a line 149' to point C, then NW along a line 338' to point D, then northeast along a line 163' to point E, then east 312' to the point of beginning, thereby incorporating the house and log outbuilding. The nominated area consists of the lot under present ownership.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Bettie L. Kerr

ORGANIZATION

Lexington-Fayette County Historic Commission

DATE

April, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

253 Market Street

TELEPHONE

255-8312

CITY OR TOWN

Lexington

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Donna C. Hopkins

TITLE

Acting State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

7-10-80

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

W. Ray Luce

DATE

11/25/80

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST

DATE

Sandra Hunt M. Clallard

11-24-80

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The house is located on approximately two acres of land which also includes a log outbuilding (photo 7) which the owners plan to restore. The log outbuilding is located to the southeast of the house. The house is surrounded by lovely trees, many of which are said to have been planted by John Clark when the house was built.

The nominated area consists of approximately two acres on the east side of the Tates Creek Road, incorporating the house, outbuildings, and surrounding land important to the visual integrity of the site.

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kept in the Clark - Ware family and remained in their possession until 1978 when it was sold to developers. The house and approximately 2 acres have since been purchased by the present owners who are in the process of renovating this fine Greek Revival home.

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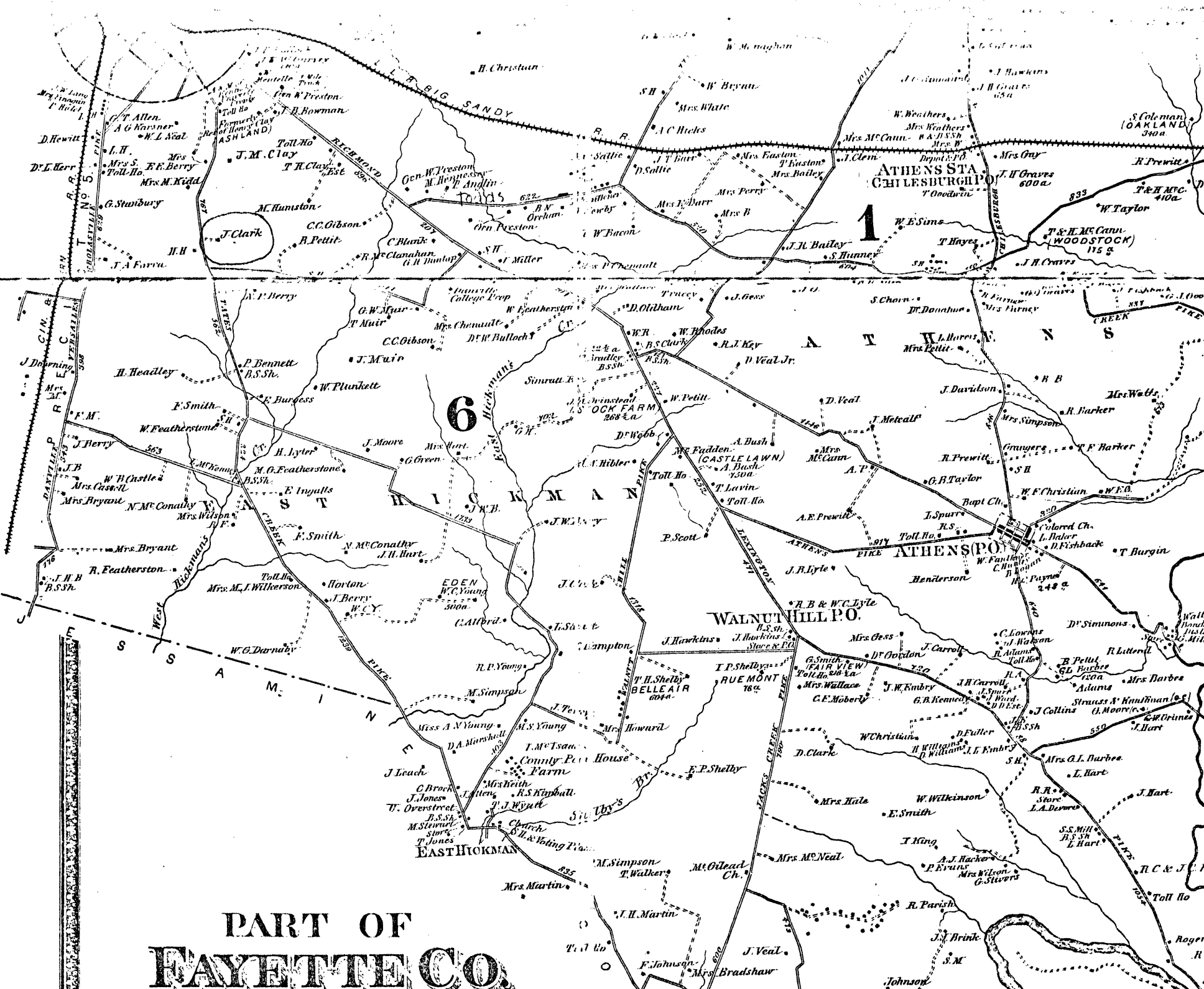
John Clark House
Lexington
Fayette County, Kentucky

Urban Co. Planning Commission Map,
Fayette County

Scale: 1"=100'
Date: 1976

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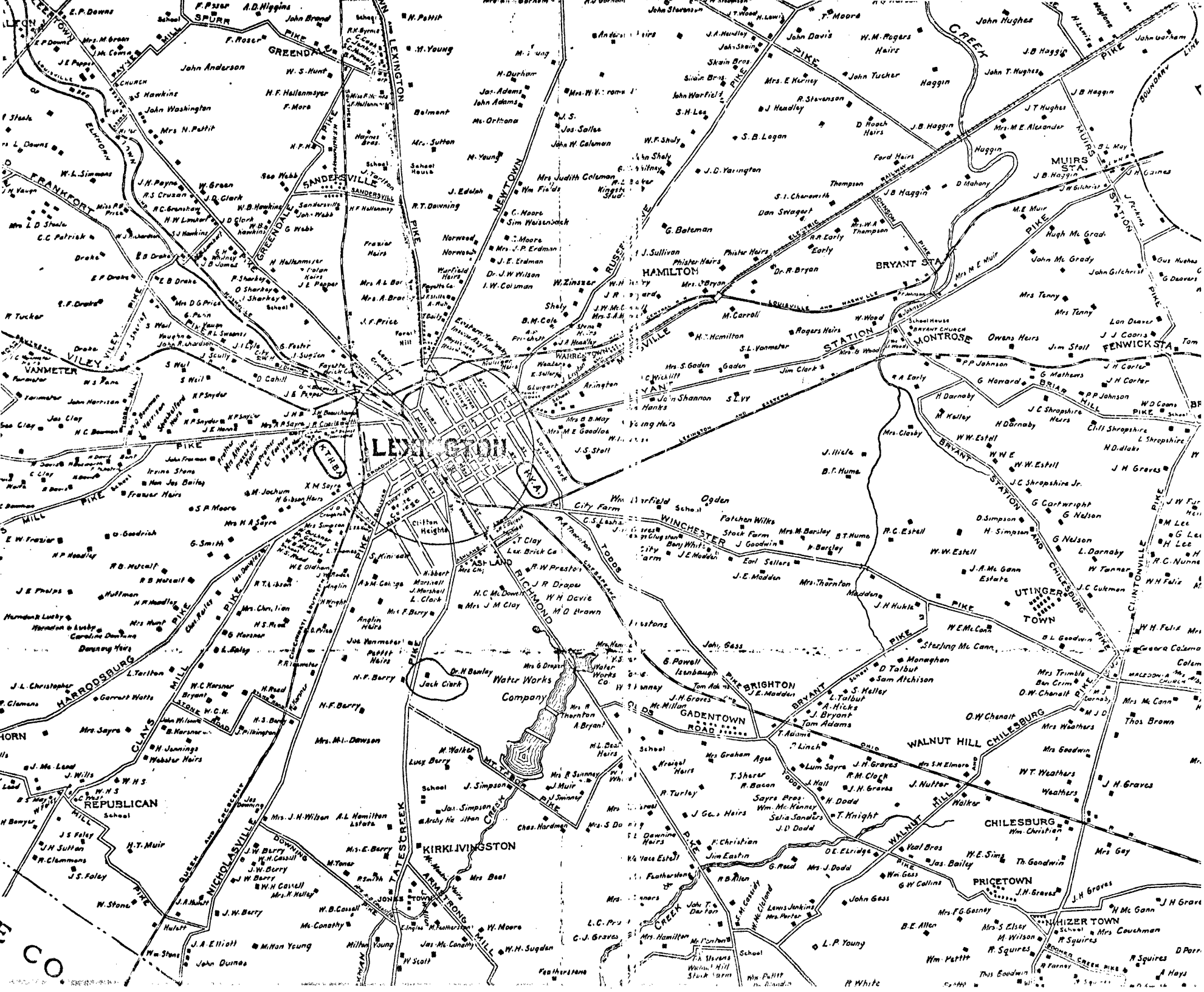
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Counties, Ky.

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Date: 1877

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CO

John Clark House
Lexington
Fayette County
Kentucky

Map of Fayette County Kentucky
J.P. Mullin and J.M. Corbin

Scale; 1" = 4884'

Date; 1904

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