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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Barret-Keach Farm
other names/site number "The Elms"/HE-31 and HE-67

2. Location

street & number 1586 Highway 136 West N/A not for publication
city or town Henderson N/A vicinity
state Kentucky code KY county Henderson code 101 zip code 42420

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)
David L. Morgan, SHPO and Executive Director, Kentucky Heritage Council 11-16-00
Signature of certifying official/Title Date
Kentucky Heritage Council/State Historic Preservation Office
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)
Signature of commenting official/Title Date
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:
 entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
 determined eligible for the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register.
 removed from the National Register.
 other, (explain): _____

Edson H. Beall Signature of the Keeper Date of Action 1-11-01

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property (Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

- private, public-local, public-State, public-Federal

- building(s), district, site, structure, object

Table with 2 columns: Contributing, Noncontributing. Rows for buildings, sites, structures, objects, Total.

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

Zero (0)

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

- Domestic/single dwelling, Domestic/secondary structure, Agriculture/storage, Agriculture/processing, Agriculture/agricultural outbuilding

- Domestic/single dwelling, Domestic/secondary structure, Agriculture/storage, Agriculture/agricultural outbuildings, Vacant

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

- Early Republic/Federal, Late Victorian/Italianate

- foundation stone/limestone, walls brick, roof limestone, other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- XX A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Agriculture

Period of Significance

1852-1958

Significant Dates

1852; 1923; 1958

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
previously listed in the National Register
previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
X Other

Name of repository:

Henderson County Public Library

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Approx. 165 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Johnston

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Mrs. Alice Lee Keach

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city or town Henderson state KY zip code 42420

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Barret-Keach Farm (HE-31)
Henderson County, Kentucky

7. Narrative Description

The Barret-Keach Farm ("The Elms;" HE-31 and HE-67) is located about 4 miles southwest of downtown Henderson, Kentucky. Located at the juncture of Highway 136 West and U.S. 60 West, the entire farm contains approximately 630 total acres. The farm is bounded by Highway 136 West on the north side, U.S. 60 West on the east side, and farmland on the south and west sides. The farm has a sizeable lake and includes both pasture and croplands. The Barret-Keach homeplace is located approximately one-fourth mile from Highway 136 West at the end of a long tree-lined driveway. The service structures, including the garage/shop, kitchen, smokehouse, and pool house, are situated behind the main house, and the agricultural outbuildings are located west of the main house and service structures. The farm has an internal road system with the main farm entrance off Highway 136 West, an alternate entrance off U.S. 60 West, and internal paths connecting the residence, service structures, and agricultural outbuildings.

The Barret-Keach Farm is historically significant and has contributed to the understanding of agricultural development in Henderson County. The nominated property includes approximately 165 acres, nine contributing buildings, two noncontributing buildings, three contributing structures, and one noncontributing structure. Future knowledge and information about the lives of the Towles, Barret, and Soaper families, slaves, and tenants may be revealed through archeological investigations. Archeological excavations throughout the houseyard and farm might reveal significant information on the existence of original service structures, agricultural outbuildings, and other sites.

Barret-Keach House, 1852. Contributing building.

Constructed in 1852, the Barret-Keach House exhibits both Federal and Italianate styles of architecture. The Barret-Keach House exemplifies the affluence of Henderson County farmers in the mid- and late-19th century. "The main house on the farm was built in 1852 during a time of economic boom that was dependent upon tobacco trade with England" (Kentucky 177). The Barret-Keach House and its setting are examples of a rural historic landscape in Henderson County and reflect the construction and traditions of rural Henderson County in the mid-19th century.

The Barret-Keach House was constructed with bricks made on the farm by slave labor. "The pit from which the clay was taken still exists next to this house in the form of a circular pond, and the same oaken moulds that were used to shape the brick for this home are in the Keachs' possession" (Merrill 40). The house has an original section and a side addition.

The main section of the house features two interior end chimneys on the east and west sides. The windows are 6/6 double-hung, sash windows, and the main entrance door has a transom, sidelights and bracketed surrounds. The window lintels and sills are flat "... painted cast iron that were likely shipped here from England during Henderson's tobacco boom" (Stinnett C1). The main section of the house has a hipped roof with cornice-line modillions. The main section also has a rear addition with an enclosed porch and bathroom. The rear addition has a shed roof and stepped parapet on the west side.

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The side section is one-story and has a side gable roof with an off-center chimney on the roof ridgeline. This section originally had open porches along the front and rear facades, and the open porches were supported by round, hollow pillars (18" diameter) constructed of wedge-shaped bricks with rounded facing. The open porch on the front façade included a vestibule and two sash windows with lower hinged panels. The open porch was accessed by opening the lower hinged panel and raising the sash, and this type of entryway is similar to examples on the Delano-Alves House in Henderson and on some residences in Natchez, Mississippi (Merrill 41). Within the last several decades, the open porch on the front façade has been enclosed, and the open porch on the rear façade has been converted for use as a carport.

The interior of the main section features a side passage plan. The plan includes an entrance hall with an impressive stairway. The first floor interior also includes two 20' x 20' rooms, kitchen, and bathroom. In the 1940s, a door was installed at the end of the entrance hall and connected the main house with the existing kitchen. The kitchen formerly had a second stairway connecting the trunk room on the second floor, and the kitchen was installed in the early 20th century. The second floor includes three bedrooms and the original trunk room that was later converted to a second bathroom. The main section has 12-foot ceilings and fireplaces in each room. One of the second-floor bedrooms still contains cedar flooring, and the first-floor flooring is "... made of long leaf pine rafted up the Ohio from New Orleans" (Kentucky 178). The woodwork throughout the house is yellow poplar. The main section also includes a cellar with a brick floor.

The one-story side section includes the dining room and office/study. "One small room of the house that now serves as an office/study for Keach was determined to have been a commodity-distribution room at one time. Still marked on the walls when they remodeled were notations indicating how many bushels of corn and other commodities were dispensed to which slaves" (Stinnett C1).

Smokehouse, 1852. Contributing building.

Located behind the main house, the smokehouse is one of two original service structures constructed in 1852, and it is a contributing building. The smokehouse is a 17' x 17' brick structure, and it has a front-gable roof with decorative fascia boards. The smokehouse is still utilized to "put up" bacon and hams (Merrill 41).

Kitchen, circa 1852. Contributing building.

The detached kitchen is also a contributing building. It was one of the two original service structures constructed in 1852 and situated behind the main house. The kitchen is an 18' x 35' brick structure, and it has a side-gable roof with decorative fascia boards and central brick chimney located on the roof ridgeline. The kitchen has two 8/8 double-hung, sash windows and entry door on the main façade and has two smaller windows on the rear façade. The kitchen also has a doorway on the west façade. The interior of the kitchen includes two rooms and still contains the large cooking fireplace. Today the detached kitchen is utilized for a recreational room.

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Garage/Shop, c. 1960s. Noncontributing building.

In the 1960s, the Keach family constructed a 3-bay garage and shop. The garage/shop is adjacent to the detached kitchen and shares a common wall. The garage/shop has a concrete block foundation and has four small windows on the rear façade. The garage is a noncontributing building.

Pool House, 1975. Noncontributing building.

In 1975, the Keach family constructed a 40' x 60' pool house. The pool house is a brick building and features a front-gable room with reproduced decorative fascia boards. The pool house façade has three sets of sliding glass doors. The pool house is a noncontributing building.

Equipment Shed, 1930s. Contributing building.

Located within the farmyard, the hay barn is a 24' x 118' brick structure. Constructed in the 1930s, this contributing building has a front-gable roof covered with seamed metal. This shed has a concrete foundation, one wide door on the south side, and three bays and three windows on the south side.

Chicken House, 1930s. Contributing building.

This 10.6' x 12.6' building is frame covered with horizontal wood boards and has a side gable roof covered with seamed metal. Constructed in the 1930s, the chicken house has three openings on the south side. The chicken house is a contributing building.

Farm Shop, 1930s. Contributing building.

Constructed in the 1930s, the farm shop is an 18' x 36' brick structure. The shop has a side gable roof covered with seamed metal, and the building has frame gable ends and shed porches on the east and west sides. Large multi-paned windows are located on the north and south sides, and a large drive and window are located on the west side. The farm shop is a contributing building.

Silos, 1930s. Contributing structures.

The Barret-Keach Farm has two silos. The concrete and metal silos are both 9' in diameter and were constructed in 1930s.

Feed Trough, Mid-20th century. Noncontributing structure.

A frame, livestock-feed trough is located beside the concrete silo and is 16' wide and 100' long. The feed trough is a noncontributing structure because it has been altered and does not relate to the documented significance of the property.

Barns, 1930s. Contributing buildings.

The Barret-Keach Farm has two large, two-story multi-purpose barns. Constructed in the 1930s, the contributing barns feature gambrel roofs covered with seamed metal and are constructed of brick and frame. The first floors of the two barns were utilized in the dairy operations and feature frame construction with

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brick veneer, wide doorway, and two large windows with sidelights. The second floor was utilized for hay storage and has frame construction covered with weatherboard and a massive hay hole flanked by large, four-paned windows. The south barn has two sections forming an "L" and a rear frame addition. The north barn has two shed additions with brick exterior walls and metal roofing.

Pump House, c. 1937-1938. Contributing structure.

The 5' x 10' brick pump house is located approximately 225' from the houseyard, and this contributing structure was constructed to supply water. ". . . [N]othing was ever more welcome than the year REA put electricity into southern Henderson County. The electric driven pump that followed brought water into the house, and life at Keach's Dairy, where Geumsey cows churned out butterfat-rich milk for nearly four decades, became a little easier" (Stinnett C1; Arnett 147).

Tenant House, c. 1925. Contributing building.

Located on the east side of the farm and on U.S. 60 West, the Keach tenant house was constructed circa 1925. The tenant house is a plainly decorated structure and features a one-and-one-half story T-plan. The house is a contributing building, and this brick structure has a cross gable roof with seamed metal roofing. The tenant house has a partial porch inset in the "L" and supported by square columns. A shed addition stands in the rear and is covered in clapboard.

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8. Statement of Significance

“The Elms” (Barret-Keach Farm) is historically significant and meets National Register Criterion A for its contributions to agricultural development in Henderson County between 1852 and 1958. The nominated property is only one of the many farmsteads in Henderson County during the period of significance. However, it is an excellent example of a multi-use agricultural complex and early 20th century dairy operation. It reflects the local agricultural practices and traditions during the late 19th and early 20th century. “The Elms” is an example of a large, family-owned and operated, agricultural complex and dairy operation, and it exemplifies early 20th century agricultural life in Henderson County.

The period of significance 1852-1958 shows the growth of the farmstead to its present-day form and reflects the changing pattern of Henderson County agriculture. The significant date 1852 indicates the construction of the main house, smokehouse, and kitchen. The ending date 1958 indicates the closing of the Keach Dairy at its original location and its relocation to another part of the Barret-Keach Farm.

Agriculture in Henderson County, 1850-1960

To evaluate the historic significance of the Barret-Keach Farm and to begin to understand its role in the development and growth of agriculture in Henderson County, historical documentation was reviewed. Source materials, such as the *Pennyrile Cultural Landscape*, *Henderson County Historic Farms Survey*, *United States Census of Agriculture*, and local histories, provided detailed information on the development of agriculture and culture in Henderson County, Green River region, and Kentucky. The review incorporated the period of significance 1852-1958 and it shows that farms in Henderson County, including the Barret-Keach Farm (HE-31), William Soaper Farm (HE-5), and James-Jackson Farm (HE-10), were above-average farmsteads in total acreage and improved acreage, average acreage per farm, total value of land and buildings, and corn and tobacco production.

By the 1850s, Henderson County was considered as “one of the perennial agricultural leaders in the Pennyrile” (Martin 15). Henderson County’s agricultural success resulted from its location along the Green and Ohio Rivers, topography, soil fertility, improved farmland, and the increasing availability of markets in the South. In 1850, Henderson County’s aggregate population was 12,171 persons. It had 1,037 farms, and the average farm size was 222.9 acres. Of the 100 Kentucky counties that existed in 1850, Henderson County ranked 15th in total number of farms and 23rd in average acreage per farm. The county’s successful agricultural production resulted from its high percentage of improved farmland. By 1850, Henderson County had 231,143 acres in farms, and 30.5 percent of its total farmland was improved.

Corn and tobacco were the primary crops produced in 1850. The county ranked 21st in Kentucky in corn production. Henderson County farms produced a total of 926,865 bushels of corn (893.8 bushels per farm). Henderson County’s role as a leader in tobacco production was demonstrated by its ranking 2nd in total pounds of tobacco in Kentucky. Henderson County farms produced 4,292,960 pounds of tobacco in 1850, approximately 4,140 pounds per farm. Henderson County farms also raised livestock;

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however, “. . . it had little in the way of ‘fine stock,’ implying that much of what it raised brought lower prices and was used for local consumption” (15). In 1850, Henderson County was 14th in total number of swine (46,734) and 25th in total number of cattle (10,003) in Kentucky.

By 1860, Henderson County’s aggregate population increased to 14,262, a 17.18 percent increase. The county had 585 farms with less than 100 acres, 292 farms with 100 to 500 acres, and only 15 farms with 500 or more acres. The total improved farmland was 70,432 acres, and this improved farmland was 37.5 percent of total farmland in Henderson County. In 1860, Henderson County continued as a leader in corn and tobacco production and hog farming. The county ranked 10th in corn production, 2nd in tobacco production, and 12th in total swine in Kentucky. Henderson County produced 1,132,900 bushels of corn, 7,938,836 pounds of tobacco, and had 36,142 swine. Besides grain and livestock farming, Henderson County also engaged in orcharding during and after the Civil War. Apple orchards developed throughout Henderson County and became an alternative to traditional crops.

“Prior to the Civil War . . . there was a continued increase in slave ownership in those counties with the best soil and transportation” (209). With agricultural and industrial development, Henderson County developed a dependence on slave labor. In 1830, Henderson County’s slave population included 2,559 slaves, 38.43% of the total aggregate population. By 1860, Henderson County’s slave population increased to 5,767 and accounted for approximately 40 percent of the county’s total population. In 1860, 712 Henderson County residents were slaveholders. About 91 percent of Henderson County’s slaveholders held less than 20 slaves; 7 percent had 20 to 49 slaves; and, only 2 percent owned more than 50 slaves.

The Civil War adversely affected Henderson County’s agricultural industry. Henderson County farms experienced a significant loss in labor and markets during and after the Civil War. By 1870, Henderson County’s population increased to 18,459 persons. Henderson County had 1,168 farms, and the average farm had 188.5 acres. The total farmland was 220,121 acres, and 46.2 percent of the county’s farmland was improved. Henderson County continued its dependence on grain farming. According to the 1870 Census of Agriculture, Henderson County ranked 1st among Kentucky’s 115 counties in total tobacco production. The total tobacco production was 6,660,506 pounds, 5,702.5 pounds per farm. With the decline of cattle and hog operations, Henderson County also experienced a decline in corn production. In 1870, the total number of swine and cattle on Henderson County farms decreased 45.63 percent and 70.17 percent, respectively, and the total corn production decreased by 34.71 percent.

In 1875, Henderson County experienced a devastating flood. “The summer of this year will be remembered by river bottom planters as one of the most destructive ever known in the history of the country. On the seventh day of August, the whole bottom country bordering on the Ohio and Green rivers, was inundated and remained so, long enough to completely destroy the growing crops of corn and tobacco” (Starling 248). However, in 1880, Henderson County led in corn and tobacco production. Of Kentucky’s 117 counties, Henderson County ranked 1st in corn production and 2nd in tobacco production. Henderson County’s 1,983 farms produced 1,680,087 bushels of corn and 10,312,631 pounds of tobacco. Although the number of farms increased from 1,168 in 1870 to 1,983 in 1880, the average size of farms decreased from 188.5 acres in 1870 to 119.5 acres in 1880. About 59 percent of Henderson County’s farms had less than 100 acres; 38 percent possessed 100 to 500 acres; and, only 3 percent of the county’s farm had more

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than 500 acres.

In 1890, the average size of farms continued to decline; however, the total number of farms and production increased. Henderson County had 2,358 farms, and it ranked 16th in total number of farms among Kentucky's 119 counties. The average acreage of farms decreased to 101 acres. A majority (64 percent) of Henderson County's farms included less than 100 acres. 35 percent of the farms had 100 to 500 acres, and only 1 percent of Henderson County's farms had more than 500 acres. In 1890, Henderson County's total farmland was 237,600 acres, and 58 percent of the total farmland was improved.

Henderson County's corn and tobacco production peaked in 1890. Henderson County again ranked 1st in corn production and 2nd in tobacco production among Kentucky's counties. Henderson County's farms produced 2,076,313 bushels of corn, 880 bushels per farm, and 10,918,060 pounds of tobacco, 4,630 pounds per farm. In 1890, the county also experienced a growth in livestock. The total number of cattle was 12,813, and the dairy cattle accounted for 39 percent. Henderson County's farms had 32,056 swine, 13.6 hogs per farm.

Between 1852 and 1923, comprehensive documentation on the farming practices and production of the Barret farm is unavailable. According to the 1850 and 1860 U.S. Census, Judge Thomas Towles and his son-in-law, William T. Barret, were large landowners and slaveholders. In 1850, Judge Towles owned 35 slaves, and in 1860, Barret owned 20 slaves. Both Towles and Barret were in the 7 percent of Henderson County slaveholders holding 20 to 49 slaves in 1860. Towles and Barret utilized slave labor for farming and construction of domestic, service, and agricultural structures. By the turn of the century, "The Elms" farm was an above-average farmstead in Henderson County. The Elms included more than 749 acres and was in the 3 percent of farms with greater than 500 acres.

Henderson County continued to prosper after the turn of the century; however, agriculture began a significant transformation. "There occurred between 1900 and 1940 a dramatic subdivision of Kentucky farms" (Kentucky 26). In 1900, Henderson County's population increased to 32,907 persons. Its farms numbered 2,832, and the average size of farms was 91 acres. Henderson County ranked 10th among Kentucky's counties in total improved acreage. The county's farmland was 84.1 percent improved. In 1909, Henderson ranked 2nd in total corn and tobacco production in Kentucky. Total corn production was 2,073,092 bushels, and total tobacco production was 10,164,005. In 1910, Henderson's total number of farms decreased to 2,734. The average farm size was 84.7 acres, and 70 percent of Henderson's farms had acreage less than 100 acres.

"By the 1920s the dominance in tobacco production long held by the Ohio River counties shifted to the southern section as the northern counties became more reliant on manufacturing and commerce" (Martin 54). After 1910, Henderson County lost its ranking as one of the top tobacco production counties in Kentucky. Henderson County's total tobacco production increased to 10,381,928 pounds in 1919 but decreased to 7,540,060, a 27 percent decrease, in 1929. Henderson County retained its ranking as the top corn producer in Kentucky. In 1919, Henderson County farms produced 1,581,697 bushels, and in 1929, its corn production increased to 2,082,016 bushels. Accordingly, Henderson County's livestock farming heightened in the early- and mid-20th century. In 1920, Henderson County farms reported 10,484 cattle and 37,552 swine, and in 1930, the farms had 10,018 cattle and 33,435 swine.

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After 1930, the number of farms in Henderson County began to decrease, and the average acreage per farm began to increase. In 1930, the total number of farms was 2,625, and the average size of farms increased to 92.8 percent. 34 percent of Henderson County farms had acreage greater than 100 acres. Tenant farmers accounted for 57 percent of the farm operators. Henderson County ranked 1st in corn production but ranked 9th in tobacco production in 1929. Henderson County's farms averaged 793.1 bushels per farm and produced a total of 2,082,016 bushels. Henderson County's tobacco production decreased 27 percent to 7,540,060 pounds.

During the mid-20th century, Henderson County experienced a shift in its agricultural production and economy due to mechanization, availability of electricity, and scientific farming methods (55). Henderson County benefited from the agricultural innovations, and many of its farmers and agricultural extension professionals contributed to the emergence of new agricultural techniques and products. Henderson County's farms evolved into large agricultural complexes. In 1950, Henderson County had 1,654 farms, a 17 percent decrease from 1940. However, the average farm size increased from 131.4 acres in 1940 to 152.7 acres in 1950. Only 49 percent of the county's farms had 100 acres or less. However, 47 percent of the farms had 100 to 500 acres, and the number of farms with 500 acres or more increased to 5 percent. Henderson County ranked 62nd among Kentucky's 120 counties in total number of farms but ranked 3rd in the average size of farms and number of farms with 500 to 1000 acres. The county also ranked 4th in farms with 1000 or more acres. The operation of Henderson County's farms also shifted from tenant farming to full-time and part-time owner-operated farming.

In the early 20th century, the Keach farm was synonymous with Henderson County dairy and livestock operations. The Keach Dairy pasteurized and delivered dairy products until the 1940s and ran the dairy operation at "The Elms" until late 1958. Besides the Guernsey cattle, the Keach family also raised corn and soybeans. The Barret-Keach Farm is comparable to the William Soaper Farm ("Benvenue") and the Jackson-Ijames Farm. These Henderson County farms were within the three percent with greater than 500 acres and were productive farmlands. Based on a 100 percent reconnaissance survey of the county, the Barret-Keach Farm is one of the most intact historic farms in Henderson County associated 19th century farming traditions and with dairy operations in the early 20th century.

The Barret-Keach Farm today includes the house, smokehouse, and kitchen constructed in 1852 and still includes all of the agricultural outbuildings associated with the dairy operations. Throughout the period of significance, the Barret-Keach Farm was an above-average farmstead. Its proprietors were committed to dairy farming and agricultural development of Henderson County. Today this farm still contributes to Henderson County's agricultural economy and exemplifies late 19th and early 20th century farming in Henderson County. It is an active agricultural complex and a family-owned and -operated farm.

Historical Development of the Barret-Keach Farm (The Elms)

On August 27, 1774, Richard Henderson established the Richard Henderson and Company to acquire vast lands west of the Alleghenies in order to establish a new colony. His company was commonly called the Transylvania Company and included numerous partners. In 1775, the Transylvania Company purchased 20 million acres from the Cherokees, and this land included the Kentucky county created by the Virginia legislature in December 1776 (King 1). "Two years later, after much legal wrangling, the Virginia

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legislature voided any purchase from Indians of lands which Virginia considered within its legal bounds. The legislature also specifically voided the sale made to Richard Henderson by the Cherokees" (1). In turn, the Virginia legislature compensated the Transylvania Company with 200,000 acres on the Ohio River and at the mouth of the Green River. This 200,000 acres included the present-day Henderson County, and beginning in 1797, the land grant was surveyed. The town of Henderson was laid out and lots solicited and sold. In addition, acreage outside of the town limits were surveyed and given to original settlers.

The Barret-Keach Farm ("The Elms") is situated on Lots 44 and 45 of the original plan of the Transylvania Company's land grant. In the early 1800s, Judge Thomas Towles purchased the acreage known today as the Barret-Keach Farm. Judge Thomas Towles was married to "... Elizabeth Alves, daughter of Walter Alves, one of the signers of the Henderson Grant, and Amelia Johnston, whose father was William Johnston, one of the Richard Henderson & Co., to whom the grant was made" (Starling 781). In 1852, Judge Towles constructed a Federal-style residence, smokehouse, and detached kitchen on the farm. The brick used to construct the house and service structures were made on the farm by slave labor. "The pit from which the clay was taken still exists to this house in the form of a circular pond, and the same oaken moulds that were used to shape the brick for this home are in the Keachs' possession" (Merrill 40). In June 1853, Judge Towles's daughter Elizabeth and her husband, William T. Barret, acquired the house and approximately 749 acres. The Barret family resided in the dwelling and farmed the site until 1868 when they moved to Henderson.

On November 12, 1923, Aubrey E. Keach and Cheal A. Moss purchased 208.23 acres of the original Barret farmstead. In 1925, Keach built a tenant house on the east side of the farm. In 1934, "The Elms" was transferred to Aubrey E. Keach's son, Aubrey Houston Keach, and Houston Keach continued and expanded the successful dairy operations. In the 1930s, Keach built two dairy barns, hay barn, chicken house, and shop, and constructed a silo for grain storage. In 1939, Keach built the large pond located on the east side of the farm. The Keachs pasteurized and delivered dairy products until the 1940s. At the end of 1958, Keach moved the dairy operations to another part of the farm and ceased dairy operations at "The Elms."

Today "The Elms" farm consists of 630 acres, and the Keach family still have their dairy operation and grow soybeans and corn. Only 165 acres of the original 207-acre purchase still exist, and since 1852, the farm has experienced changes and effects of urban growth and development. In 1957, Keach donated 98.2 acres for the site of the Henderson Community College. Additionally, the Barret-Keach farm has experienced encroachments from the widening of U.S. 60 West, construction of Highway 136 West, and development of Henderson's industrial park.

Integrity Considerations

For a farmstead to retain integrity as a whole, a majority of its components must possess integrity, and relationships among the farmstead's components must be substantially unchanged since the period of significance. To assess the historic integrity of a historic farmstead, all seven integrity factors – location, setting, design, workmanship, feeling, and association – must be examined.

Today the Barret-Keach Farm reflects the patterns of spatial organization, physical components, and historic associations originally associated with "The Elms" farm. The area proposed for listing includes 165

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of the farm's 1923 acreage, the area which retains its historic integrity. The property is located within the urban fringe of the City of Henderson, and the property's changes merely reflect the growth and development of Henderson and the changes in agriculture during the period of significance. The feeling and character of the farmstead have been maintained.

Historic farmsteads must possess integrity of location, setting, and design, and the Barret-Keach Farm's location, setting, and design remain intact and represent the structure of Henderson County farms in the late 19th and early 20th century. The location and setting of Henderson County farms were influenced by topography, soil fertility, climate, and accessibility. The Barret-Keach Farm is located approximately four miles southwest of the City of Henderson and the Ohio River. The Barret-Keach Farm includes only the house, smokehouse, and kitchen associated with the Towles-Barret farm, and it includes all of the agricultural outbuildings associated with the Keach dairy operations. Although the farmstead adjoins two major highways and public and industrial uses, the Barret-Keach Farm is surrounded by farmland and has retained its historic setting.

The layout of the Barret-Keach Farm developed between 1852 and the 1930s. The farm's design evolved over time and in response to the needs of the inhabitants and operators. The proximity of the dwelling, service structures, and agricultural operations exhibits the association of family and farm. The farm's layout also was a response to the topography and accessibility. The dwelling, service structures, and dairy operations are situated on higher elevations, and the fields and pastures are located in more suitable and fertile lands.

Historic farmsteads and their contributing components must possess materials and workmanship of the period of significance. Today the Barret-Keach Farm and its components retain the materials and workmanship of the original farm. The Barret-Keach House exemplifies the Federal and Italianate styles of architecture. The house, smokehouse, and kitchen are constructed of materials made or taken from the farm and therefore exemplify the workmanship and materials of the mid-1850s. The bricks for the house, smokehouse, and kitchen were made on the farm by slave labor, and the dwelling and service structures show the workmanship.

"The Elms" still evokes a feeling of past time and place. The layout and construction of the homeplace, houseyard, and agricultural fields and dairy reflect a typical late 19th century farmstead and early 20th century dairy operation. This farmstead has contributed to the development of Henderson's rural landscape and continues the tradition of family-owned and -operated agricultural complexes in Henderson County.

The Barret-Keach Farm possesses integrity of association because it exhibits a clear relationship with the development of Henderson County agriculture. The farm has continually been used as an agricultural complex since the early 1800s. The Towles-Barret family owned the acreage for almost 100 years, and the Keach family has owned and operated the farm for 87 years. The homeplace, service structures, and agricultural outbuildings exemplify the importance of family-owned and operated farms in Henderson County, and it exemplifies the design, setting, workmanship, feeling, and association of a late 19th and early 20th century farmstead.

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Summary

The Barret-Keach Farm exhibits the development and growth of agriculture in Henderson County. The nominated property includes only 140 acres of the original 208-acre tract. Highway and industrial development have encroached upon the farm; however, the Barret-Keach Farm has retained its collection of built features, agricultural lands, and other natural elements. "The Elms" exemplifies an above-average and family-owned and -operated farm. It is an excellent example of a 19th century farmstead and early 20th century dairy operation, and it exemplifies the character and feeling of the Henderson County rural landscape and agricultural development during the period of significance.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property includes a portion of the property described in *Henderson County Deed Book 69*, pages 498-500. The nominated property is described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the west line of U.S. 60 and south line of Kentucky Highway 136 near Henderson in Henderson County, Kentucky; thence southerly along the west line of U.S. 60 approximately 4100 feet; thence leaving said west line and with the meanders of a ditch line approximately 3260 feet to a point in the south line of Kentucky Highway 136; thence with said south line approximately 3720 feet to the beginning, containing 165 acres, more or less.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The boundary of the Barret-Keach Farm was determined by the present-day tract containing the significant historic components identified on the site plan. The nominated property only includes 165 acres of the original 208 acre-farm. Although the entire farm includes 630 acres, the 490 additional acres do not represent the historical significance of the Barret-Keach Farm. The nominated property represents the evolution of the Barret-Keach Farm into a successful dairy and agricultural complex and shows the visual and functional relationships of its components. The setting of the Barret-Keach Farm is intact and maintains its historic integrity.

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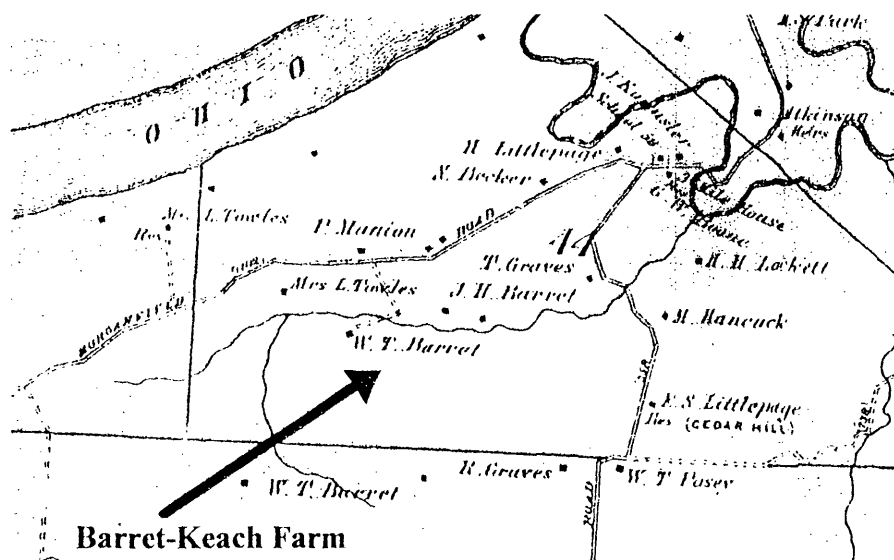
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Historic Map

The following historic map was copied from An Illustrated Historical Atlas of Henderson and Union Counties, Kentucky, published by D.J. Leake and Co., Philadelphia, in 1880.



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Agricultural Statistics

The following pages include agricultural statistics for Henderson County, Green River Region, and Commonwealth of Kentucky. Tables 1-30 provide comparative data on population, number and acreage of farms, and production. The agricultural statistics were copied from the *Henderson County Historic Farms Survey Report* prepared by Janet L. Johnston on March 20, 2000.

Agricultural Statistics
Henderson County, Green River Region, & Kentucky
1850-1950

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Table 1 Aggregate Population, 1850-1950

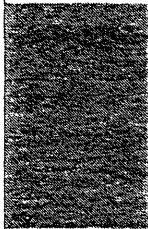
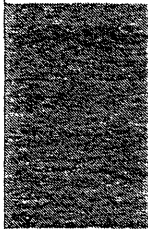
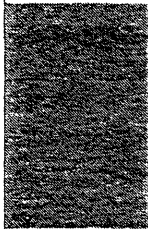
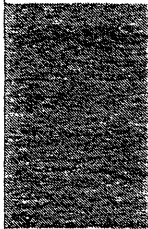
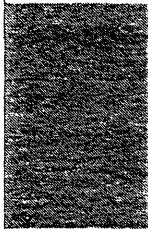
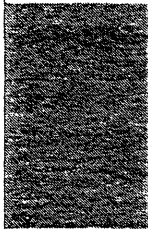
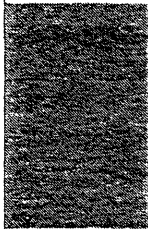







County	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950
Daviess	12,362	15,549	20,714	27,730		38,667	41,020	40,733	43,779	52,335	57,241
Hancock	3,853	6,213	6,591	8,563		8,914	8,512	6,945	6,147	6,807	6,009
Henderson	12,171	14,262	18,459	24,515		32,907	29,352	27,609	26,295	27,020	30,715
McLean	**	6,144	7,614	9,293		12,448	13,241	12,502	11,072	11,446	10,021
Ohio	9,749	12,209	15,561	19,669		27,287	27,642	26,473	24,469	24,421	20,840
Union	9,012	12,791	13,640	17,809		21,326	19,886	18,040	17,053	17,411	14,893
Webster	**	7,533	10,937	14,246		20,097	20,974	20,762	20,534	19,198	15,555
Kentucky	982,405	1,321,011	1,648,690	1,648,690	1,858,635	2,147,174	2,289,905	2,416,630	2,614,589	2,845,627	2,944,806

Table 2 Number of Farms, 1850-1950

County	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950
Daviess	1,057		1,837	2,572	2,733	3,616	3,707	3,808	3,728	3,294	2,950
Hancock	319		744	980	1,262	1,332	1,483	1,272	1,075	1,086	937
Henderson	1,037		1,168	1,983	2,358	2,832	2,734	2,949	2,625	1,985	1,654
McLean	**		805	1,225	1,181	1,570	1,664	1,922	1,576	1,397	1,283
Ohio	1,122		2,248	2,705	2,993	3,914	4,033	4,112	3,191	3,429	2,895
Union	681		848	1,696	1,881	2,279	1,840	1,809	1,342	1,217	908
Webster	**		1,320	1,717	1,826	2,715	2,459	2,407	1,927	1,647	1,480
Kentucky	74,777	90,814	118,102	166,453	179,264	234,667	259,185	270,626	246,499	252,894	218,476

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Table 3 Size of Farms, 1850-1950

Acreage	County	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950
0-100 acres	Daviess		1,051		1,549	1,666		2,780	3,024	2,890	2,241	2,065
	Hancock		438		645	838		1,071	858	707	608	535
	Henderson		585		1,174	1,497		1,917	2,117	1,725	1,059	817
	McLean		455		797	1,035		1,144	1,425	1,065	614	720
	Ohio		1,084		1,377	2,440		2,685	2,815	2,095	1,880	1,826
	Union		462		1,044	1,557		1,131	1,136	669	381	363
	Webster		639		944	1,985		1,737	1,761	1,224	885	755
	Kentucky		58,350		92,067			179,787	193,736	174,577	166,726	149,265
100-499 acres	Daviess		287		989	1,049		913	775	829	831	861
	Hancock		75		328	421		408	411	365	370	397
	Henderson		295		755	828		788	801	859	832	780
	McLean		98		408	517		503	488	505	518	542
	Ohio		235		1,289	1,462		1,336	1,288	1,086	1,132	1,054
	Union		267		611	699		678	645	633	498	465
	Webster		127		735	707		706	641	695	705	705
	Kentucky		24,095		69,472			76,773	74,834	70,215	69,744	66,963
> 500 acres	Daviess		4		34	18		14	9	9	29	24
	Hancock		0		7	3		4	3	3	4	5
	Henderson		15		54	33		29	31	41	67	77
	McLean		0		20	18		17	9	6	22	21
	Ohio		4		39	12		12	9	10	12	15
	Union		9		41	23		31	28	40	61	80
	Webster		0		38	24		16	5	8	18	20
	Kentucky		1,241		4,914			2,625	2,056	1,707	2,031	2,248

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Table 4 Average Acreage of Farms, 1850-1950

County	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950
Daviess	359.4		121.3	109.7	96.0	78.0	72.0	63.0	65.7	78.9	84.6
Hancock	194.5		139.2	92.0	83.0	80.4	73.2	81.5	84.4	89.4	102.5
Henderson	222.9		188.5	119.5	101.0	91.0	84.7	80.3	92.8	131.4	152.7
McLean	**		125.2	94.2	113.0	90.3	85.7	74.4	84.3	100.0	116.9
Ohio	196.7		131.8	118.6	110.0	87.5	83.9	81.9	86.3	87.0	96.6
Union	284.7		158.2	109.1	103.0	87.1	109.5	101.4	135.0	170.1	195.9
Webster	**		123.7	116.8	108.0	72.3	83.1	71.0	88.8	106.7	122.9
Kentucky	226.7	211.0	157.9	129.1	119.0	93.7	85.6	79.9	80.8	80.2	89.0

Table 5 Total Acreage in Farms, 1850-1950

County	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950
Daviess	379,897	240,181	222,820	282,254	261,441	282,184	267,062	240,006	245,053	259,758	249,447
Hancock	62,049	79,228	103,835	90,132	105,052	107,081	108,588	103,691	90,765	97,141	96,060
Henderson	231,143	247,650	220,121	236,995	237,600	257,717	231,677	236,741	243,558	260,807	252,628
McLean	**	98,263	100,823	115,409	133,815	141,731	142,616	143,083	132,838	139,680	279,576
Ohio	220,696	300,912	296,331	320,923	328,042	342,349	338,211	336,794	275,434	298,386	149,936
Union	193,856	193,971	134,173	184,999	193,290	198,638	201,431	183,507	181,129	206,990	177,841
Webster	**	136,416	163,334	200,522	197,478	196,358	204,450	170,821	137,300	175,768	181,959
Kentucky	16,949,748	19,163,261	18,660,106	21,495,240		21,979,422	22,189,127	21,612,772	19,927,286	20,294,016	19,441,774

Table 6 Total Improved Acreage in Farms, 1850-1950

County	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950
Daviess	67,408	93,322	115,001	185,309	196,439	236,221	227,708	201,722	207,598		
Hancock	17,775	30,632	47,431	49,984	68,529	76,284	76,062	63,243	62,378		
Henderson	70,432	92,814	101,706	146,388	182,036	216,725	200,954	201,360	216,443		
McLean	**	32,577	42,640	55,058	76,626	98,975	107,473	108,228	105,379		
Ohio	55,196	81,900	114,749	151,135	169,821	219,334	225,375	218,793	195,048		
Union	52,453	72,508	72,621	129,994	152,154	175,697	179,218	164,968	167,576		
Webster	**	42,832	66,344	112,914	136,209	144,647	165,127	133,241	171,043		
Kentucky	5,968,270	7,644,208	8,103,850	10,731,683		13,741,968	14,354,471	13,975,746	15,046,871		

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Table 7 Percentage of Improved Acreage, 1850-1950

County	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950
Daviess	17.7	38.9	51.6	65.7	63.0	83.7	85.3	84.0	84.7		
Hancock	28.7	38.7	45.7	55.5	52.0	71.2	70.1	61.0	68.7		
Henderson	30.5	37.5	46.2	61.8	58.0	84.1	86.7	85.1	88.9		
McLean	**	33.4	42.3	47.7	51.0	69.8	75.4	75.6	79.3		
Ohio	25.0	27.2	38.7	47.1	51.0	64.1	66.6	65.0	70.8		
Union	27.1	37.4	54.1	70.3	54.0	88.5	89.0	89.9	92.5		
Webster	**	31.4	40.6	56.3	59.0	73.7	80.8	78.0	80.3		
Kentucky	35.2	39.9	43.4	49.9		62.5	64.7	64.7	75.5		

Table 8 Total Value of Land and Buildings (\$), 1850-1950

County	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950
Daviess	1,965,057	4,598,215	4,816,889	4,974,797	5,779,580	8,695,620	14,175,347	27,097,574	16,537,900	14,715,001	
Hancock	483,833	1,092,955	1,310,317	952,418	1,233,910	1,282,080	10,389,434	15,331,065	8,644,986	2,460,728	
Henderson	2,091,022	5,242,955	3,322,516	3,666,786	4,255,520	7,972,550	10,777,322	22,497,481	12,973,107	11,946,683	
McLean	**	1,172,853	1,214,143	1,350,263	1,541,920	2,333,150	4,213,041	9,360,841	5,036,285	4,348,726	
Ohio	879,204	2,128,143	2,185,083	2,405,860	2,484,560	3,014,410	4,907,504	10,364,116	6,749,622	5,523,417	
Union	1,204,589	4,147,800	2,852,215	3,537,180	5,983,660	7,605,880	10,777,322	18,897,537	9,835,859	8,782,920	
Webster	**	1,232,375	1,075,452	1,823,313	2,786,340	4,122,850	6,334,062	10,744,837	5,657,995	4,383,894	
Kentucky	155,021,202	291,496,955	311,238,916	299,298,631	382,004,890		635,459,372	1,305,158,936	871,448,632	776,494,098	

Table 9 Value of Land and Buildings per Farm (\$), 1850-1950

County	1850*	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950
Daviess	1,859		2,622	1,934	2,115	2,405	3,824	7,116	4,436	4,467	9,309
Hancock	1,517		1,761	972	978	963	7,006	12,053	8,042	2,266	5,293
Henderson	2,016		2,845	1,849	1,805	2,815	3,942	7,629	4,942	6,018	12,496
McLean	**		1,508	1,102	1,306	1,486	2,532	4,870	3,196	3,113	8,298
Ohio	784		972	889	830	770	1,217	2,520	2,115	1,611	3,769
Union	1,769		3,363	2,086	3,181	3,337	5,857	10,446	7,329	7,217	18,172
Webster	**		815	1,062	1,526	1,519	2,576	4,464	2,936	2,662	6,439
Kentucky	2,073	3,210	2,635	1,798	2,131	1,628	2,452	4,823	3,535	3,070	7,192

*Includes land, buildings, farm implements, and machinery.

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Table 10 Value of Farm Implements and Machinery (\$), 1850-1950

County	1850*	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950
Daviess		122,699	188,044	152,857	237,880	382,350	436,283	1,163,410	664,230	1,099,731	
Hancock		44,552	64,265	58,019	61,670	74,670	130,560	263,395	175,741	249,957	
Henderson		153,169	115,702	142,221	167,960	285,540	304,139	797,222	610,188	972,472	
McLean		47,693	65,287	63,612	97,070	136,030	198,335	500,595	288,970	416,454	
Ohio		97,775	144,399	135,073	146,060	201,920	254,120	544,329	424,133	438,132	
Union		143,700	98,600	195,464	217,870	284,730	303,250	700,193	502,214	724,470	
Webster		53,566	54,253	95,145	122,010	191,820	208,435	370,449	240,649	319,200	
Kentucky	5,169,037	7,474,573	8,572,806	9,734,634		15,301,860	20,851,840	48,354,857	36,546,828	41,518,943	

*See Table 9.

Table 11 Value of Farm Implements and Machinery per Farm (\$), 1850-1950

County	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950
Daviess			102	72	78	106	118	306	178	334	
Hancock			86	59	53	56	88	207	163	230	
Henderson			99	72	59	101	111	270	233	503	
McLean			81	52	57	87	119	260	183	298	
Ohio			64	50	56	52	63	132	133	128	
Union			116	115	58	125	165	387	374	595	
Webster			41	55	54	71	85	154	125	194	
Kentucky	69	82	73	58	61	67	80	179	148	174	

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Table 12 Type of Farmers, 1920-1950

County	Type	1920	1930	1940	1950
Davies	Full-time Owners	1,827	1,489	1,591	1,646
	Part-time Owners	252	339	217	376
	Managers	21	10	14	12
	Tenants	1,890	1,890	1,472	916
Hancock	Full-time Owners	738	581	622	589
	Part-time Owners	119	159	123	125
	Managers	3	1	0	0
	Tenants	412	334	341	223
Henderson	Full-time Owners	1,094	826	792	803
	Part-time Owners	328	273	264	291
	Managers	32	26	19	8
	Tenants	1,495	1,500	910	552
McLean	Full-time Owners	1,049	636	637	716
	Part-time Owners	132	197	228	271
	Managers	7	5	7	2
	Tenants	734	738	525	294
Ohio	Full-time Owners	3,024	1,913	2,068	2,064
	Part-time Owners	241	432	403	449
	Managers	14	4	3	4
	Tenants	833	842	955	378
Union	Full-time Owners	709	567	643	506
	Part-time Owners	193	180	177	209
	Managers	14	21	8	8
	Tenants	893	574	369	185
Webster	Full-time Owners	1,238	859	932	890
	Part-time Owners	157	258	173	282
	Managers	7	4	2	3
	Tenants	1,005	806	540	305
Kentucky	Full-time Owners	159,206	135,215	149,695	143,455
	Part-time Owners	20,121	22,188	18,909	25,493
	Managers	969	675	466	416
	Tenants	90,333	88,421	83,824	49,112

Table 13 Number of Slaves, 1820-1860

County	1820		1830		1840		1850		1860	
	Total # Slaves	% of Total Population	Total # Slaves	% of Total Population	Total # Slaves	% of Total Population	Total # Slaves	% of Total Population	Total # Slaves	% of Total Population
Daviess	852	21.98%	1,324	25.42%	1,960	23.53%	2,889	23.37%	3,515	22.61%
Hancock	**	**	347	22.90%	539	20.88%	622	16.14%	818	13.17%
Henderson	2,265	39.64%	2,559	38.43%	3,319	34.76%	4,397	36.13%	5,767	40.44%
McLean	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	888	14.45%
Ohio	468	12.06%	583	12.36%	823	12.48%	1,132	11.56%	1,292	10.58%
Union	1,035	29.83%	1,355	28.44%	1,728	25.90%	2,292	25.43%	3,105	24.27%
Webster	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	1,083	14.38%
Kentucky	126,732	22.46%	165,213	24.02%	182,258	23.37%	210,981	21.48%	225,483	19.49%

Table 14 Number of Slaveholders, 1860

County	Total Number of Slaveholders	Total Number of Slaveholders Holding								
		1-5 Slaves	6-9 Slaves	10-14 Slaves	15-19 Slaves	20-29 Slaves	30-39 Slaves	40-69 Slaves	70-99 Slaves	100-199 Slaves
Daviess	637	432	108	57	15	16	3	5	1	0
Hancock	148	103	25	12	3	5	0	0	0	0
Henderson	712	410	116	85	38	35	16	8	2	2
McLean	263	213	38	8	2	2	0	0	0	0
Ohio	290	212	46	22	5	5	0	0	0	0
Union	485	304	94	45	23	15	1	3	0	0
Webster	244	192	43	11	3	5	0	0	0	0
Kentucky	38,645	24,720	7,119	3,691	1,560	1,093	296	147	12	6

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Table 15 Total Bushels of Corn, 1850-1949

County	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1909	1919	1929	1939	1949
Daviess	739,860	1,083,797	1,085,492	1,392,599	1,619,978		1,694,399	1,211,996	1,337,719	2,058,277	1,902,871
Hancock	210,730	312,450	376,915	389,305	502,631		516,183	441,811	352,720	376,207	416,938
Henderson	926,865	1,132,900	739,652	1,680,087	2,076,313		2,073,092	1,581,697	2,082,016	2,439,737	2,933,980
McLean	**	319,105	271,508	542,349	582,382		617,500		621,357	849,690	794,013
Ohio	521,128	748,296	577,371	935,515	948,889		840,649		886,218	1,000,223	850,929
Union	680,640	1,132,900	771,186	1,663,957	2,009,942		2,306,415	1,425,349	1,509,090	1,715,598	1,912,639
Webster	**	432,446	221,332	847,233	1,061,935		959,343	871,628	750,230	1,113,383	1,113,383
Kentucky	58,672,591	64,043,633	50,091,006	72,852,263	78,434,847	73,974,220	83,348,024	71,518,484	61,008,387	58,766,874	71,009,754

Table 16 Bushels of Corn per Farm, 1850-1949

County	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1909	1919	1929	1939	1949
Daviess	700.0		590.9	541.4	592.7	105.3	457.1	318.3	358.8	624.9	645.0
Hancock	660.6		506.6	397.3	398.3	62.9	348.1	347.3	328.1	346.4	445.0
Henderson	893.8		633.3	847.2	880.5	132.3	758.3	536.4	793.1	1,229.1	1,773.9
McLean	**		337.3	442.7	493.1	43.6	371.1	288.4	394.3	608.2	618.9
Ohio	464.5		256.8	345.8	317.0	25.8	208.4	240.5	277.7	291.7	293.9
Union	999.5		909.4	981.1	1,068.5	254.4	1,253.5	787.9	1,124.5	1,409.7	2,106.4
Webster	**		167.7	493.4	581.6	43.5	390.1	362.1	389.3	676.0	752.3
Kentucky	784.6		424.1	437.7	437.5	315.2	321.6	264.3	247.5	232.4	325.0

Table 17 Total Pounds of Tobacco, 1850-1949

County	1850	1860	1870	1879	1890	1900	1909	1919	1929	1939	1949
Daviess	3,426,633	5,303,470	6,273,067	9,523,451	8,523,143		16,332,970	17,492,869	14,319,575	8,877,984	7,561,425
Hancock	398,843	1,079,098	1,679,384	2,155,180	1,022,194		4,086,829	3,266,688	1,743,922	1,472,637	1,845,333
Henderson	4,292,960	7,938,836	6,660,506	10,312,631	10,918,060		10,164,005	10,381,928	7,540,060	4,292,257	2,805,661
McLean	**	1,623,428	2,262,037	3,729,616	2,204,276		4,809,190		4,412,110	3,209,741	2,323,089
Ohio	1,543,692	2,927,084	3,392,633	3,187,999	1,790,316		5,578,821		2,500,112	1,833,437	2,370,439
Union	494,784	2,051,000	2,096,260	2,996,293	3,966,563		3,261,055	4,259,469	2,203,280	675,885	264,078
Webster	**	2,455,245	3,511,649	4,740,082	7,187,769		7,253,239	8,012,148	5,477,797	2,477,799	2,037,085
Kentucky	55,501,196	108,126,840		171,120,784	221,880,303		398,482,301	506,150,592	376,648,533	324,518,411	71,009,754

Table 18 Pounds of Tobacco per Farm, 1850-1949

County	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1909	1919	1929	1939	1949
Daviess	3,241.8		3,414.8	3,702.7	3,118.6	5,278.9	4,406.0	4,593.7	3,841.1	2,695.2	2,563.2
Hancock	1,250.3		2,257.2	2,199.2	810.0	2,537.0	2,755.8	2,568.2	1,622.3	1,356.0	1,969.4
Henderson	4,139.8		5,702.5	5,200.5	4,630.2	5,421.4	3,717.6	3,520.5	2,872.4	2,162.3	1,696.3
McLean	**		2,810.0	3,044.6	1,866.4	3,679.0	2,890.1	3,394.9	2,799.6	2,297.6	1,810.7
Ohio	1,375.8		1,509.2	1,178.6	598.2	1,512.5	1,383.3	1,914.1	783.5	534.7	818.8
Union	726.6		2,472.0	1,766.7	2,108.8	2,659.2	1,772.3	2,354.6	1,641.8	555.4	290.8
Webster	**		2,660.3	2,760.7	3,936.3	3,796.5	2,949.7	3,328.7	2,842.7	1,504.4	1,376.4
Kentucky	742.2			1,028.0	1,237.7		1,537.4		1,528.0	1,283.2	325.0

Table 19 Total Tons of Hay, 1850-1949

County	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1909	1919	1929	1939	1949
Daviess	1,872	2,896		5,569	13,709		20,737	38,821	28,227	30,928	37,954
Hancock	1,128	2,094		1,954	3,192		5,372	10,024	7,076	7,170	9,107
Henderson	1,620	2,064		2,243	6,261		12,754	21,437	21,512	21,535	23,542
McLean	**	1,699		1,633	4,996		10,213		16,992	17,068	18,873
Ohio	1,720	2,426		4,278	9,364		13,717		18,163	29,269	30,539
Union	1,001	2,901		3,307	7,945		16,672	32,213	23,672	20,642	23,869
Webster	**	585		2,457	5,371		9,382	18,240	13,182	16,435	19,138
Kentucky		158,476		218,739	652,995		957,241	2,123,490	1,306,228	1,533,212	2,113,813

Table 20 Tons of Hay per Farm, 1850-1949

County	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1909	1919	1929	1939	1949
Daviess	1.8			2.2	5.0		5.6	10.2	7.6	9.4	12.9
Hancock	3.5			2.0	2.5		3.6	7.9	6.6	6.6	9.7
Henderson	1.6			1.1	2.7		4.7	7.3	8.2	10.8	14.2
McLean	**			1.3	4.2		6.1	0.0	10.8	12.2	14.7
Ohio	1.5			1.6	3.1		3.4	0.0	5.7	8.5	10.5
Union	1.5			1.9	4.2		9.1	17.8	17.6	17.0	26.3
Webster	**			1.4	2.9		3.8	7.6	6.8	10.0	12.9
Kentucky				1.3	3.6		3.7	7.8	5.3	6.1	9.7

Table 21 Total Bushels of Wheat, 1850-1949

County	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1909	1919	1929	1939	1949
Daviess	21,953	74,011	68,681	147,303	187,645		262,024	307,493	110,513	193,886	75,567
Hancock	4,599	25,049	12,354	39,868	29,450		64,191	61,119	13,895	22,324	19,065
Henderson	10,571	48,391	47,586	124,991	199,594		226,948	215,300	62,128	131,105	48,284
McLean	**	22,946	26,984	63,643	45,111		52,577		45,944	81,566	37,178
Ohio	10,607	43,694	40,321	85,954	56,915		56,932		14,430	161,644	23,399
Union	11,994	109,218	82,892	256,697	539,950		444,799	260,418	131,678	161,792	113,582
Webster	**	19,618	39,771	86,401	118,381		57,631	81,741	30,936	121,174	56,880
Kentucky	2,142,822	7,394,809	5,728,704	11,356,113	10,707,462		8,739,260	10,375,129	2,483,443	7,253,568	4,490,750

Table 22 Bushels of Wheat per Farm, 1850-1949

County	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1909	1919	1929	1939	1949
Daviess	20.8		37.4	57.3	68.7	105.3	105.3	80.7	29.6	58.9	25.6
Hancock	14.4		16.6	40.7	23.3	62.9	62.9	48.0	12.9	20.6	20.3
Henderson	10.2		40.7	63.0	84.6	132.3	132.3	73.0	23.7	66.0	29.2
McLean	**		33.5	52.0	38.2	43.6	43.6	0.0	29.2	58.4	29.0
Ohio	9.5		17.9	31.8	19.0	25.8	25.8	0.0	4.5	47.1	8.1
Union	17.6		97.8	151.4	287.1	254.4	254.4	144.0	98.1	132.9	125.1
Webster	**		30.1	50.3	64.8	43.5	43.5	34.0	16.1	73.6	38.4
Kentucky	28.7		48.5	68.2	59.7		33.7	38.3	10.1	28.7	20.6

Table 23 Total Bushels of Soybeans, 1939 & 1949

County	1939	1949
Daviess	162,766	327,891
Hancock	34,244	48,745
Henderson	162,735	248,528
McLean	160,077	334,032
Ohio	13,239	79,928
Union	82,187	95,522
Webster	46,512	131,577
Kentucky	969,437	2,266,108

Table 24 Bushels of Soybeans per Farm, 1939 & 1949

County	1939	1949
Daviess	49.4	111.1
Hancock	31.5	52.0
Henderson	82.0	150.3
McLean	114.6	260.4
Ohio	3.9	27.6
Union	67.5	105.2
Webster	28.2	88.9
Kentucky	3.8	10.4

Table 25 Total Number of Horses, Asses, & Mules on Farms, 1850-1950

County	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950
Daviess	4,474	5,528	6,261	8,090	9,089		12,477	11,159	9,271		5,172
Hancock	1,185	1,576	2,336	2,550	2,995		3,623	3,309	2,448		1,616
Henderson	4,938	5,318	4,523	7,045	7,841		10,384	10,498	8,762		3,984
McLean	**	1,987	2,400	3,548	3,801		5,768	6,121	4,567		2,298
Ohio	3,598	5,018	6,224	6,681	7,641		10,336	11,053	7,841		5,175
Union	4,144	4,779	3,734	6,874	7,640		9,139	8,294	5,578	5,018	2,421
Webster	**	2,582	4,013	5,072	5,966		7,722	7,215	5,310		2,885
Kentucky	381,291	473,338	416,264	488,801	553,005		673,354	678,189	500,205	456,323	375,834

Table 26 Number of Horses, Asses, & Mules per Farm, 1850-1950

County	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950
Daviess	4.2		3.4	3.1	3.3		3.4	2.9	2.5		1.8
Hancock	3.7		3.1	2.6	2.4		2.4	2.6	2.3		1.7
Henderson	4.8		3.9	3.6	3.3		3.8	3.6	3.3		2.4
McLean	**		3.0	2.9	3.2		3.5	3.2	2.9		1.8
Ohio	3.2		2.8	2.5	2.6		2.6	2.7	2.5		1.8
Union	6.1		4.4	4.1	4.1		5.0	4.6	4.2	4.1	2.7
Webster	**		3.0	3.0	3.3		3.1	3.0	2.8		1.9
Kentucky	5.1		3.5	2.9	3.1		2.6	2.5	2.0	1.8	1.7

Table 27 Total Number of Cattle, 1850-1950

County	1850	1860	1870*	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950
Daviess	9,603	12,265	4,048	12,212	16,179		10,206	13,263	12,049		24,210
Hancock	3,451	4,239	1,548	4,022	5,612		3,835	4,934	3,937		6,155
Henderson	10,003	10,996	3,280	8,345	12,813		81,760	10,484	10,018		22,163
McLean	**	4,342	1,788	5,628	7,766		5,397	6,277	6,170		10,770
Ohio	10,058	13,939	5,101	12,532	18,131		10,485	13,535	10,599		15,039
Union	9,306	12,488	2,718	13,018	14,192		11,139	15,115	13,744		21,753
Webster	**	5,873	2,837	6,653	10,668		6,267	7,621	7,264		10,734
Kentucky	752,512	836,059	700,327	843,794	1,066,091		1,000,937	1,093,453	1,086,310	1,130,152	1,651,658

*Working and dairy cattle only.

Table 28 Number of Cattle per Farm, 1850-1950

County	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950
Daviess	9.1		2.2	4.7	5.9		2.8	3.5	3.2		8.2
Hancock	10.8		2.1	4.1	4.4		2.6	3.9	3.7		6.6
Henderson	9.6		2.8	4.2	5.4		29.9	3.6	3.8		13.4
McLean	**		2.2	4.6	6.6		3.2	3.3	3.9		8.4
Ohio	9.0		2.3	4.6	6.1		2.6	3.3	3.3		5.2
Union	13.7		3.2	7.7	7.5		6.1	8.4	10.2		24.0
Webster	**		2.1	3.9	5.8		2.5	3.2	3.8		7.3
Kentucky	10.1	9.2	5.9	5.1	5.9		3.9	4.0	4.4	4.5	7.6

Table 29 Total Number of Dairy Cattle, 1850-1950

County	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950
Daviess		3,816	3,363	4,815	6,067		5,316	7,524	6,553		8,021
Hancock		1,424	1,249	1,677	2,140		1,792	3,453	2,030		1,682
Henderson		3,302	2,664	3,577	5,007		3,935	6,092	4,701		3,217
McLean		1,493	1,533	2,194	2,787		2,442	3,998	3,167		3,066
Ohio		3,540	3,801	5,041	6,267		5,501	9,396	5,781		13,426
Union		3,408	2,130	3,416	4,542		3,278	2,347	3,693		2,076
Webster		1,836	2,253	2,625	3,882		2,879	3,981	3,852		3,437
Kentucky	247,475	269,215	247,615	301,882	364,516		409,834	659,794	532,348	514,665	636,387

Table 30 Number of Dairy Cattle per Farm, 1850-1950

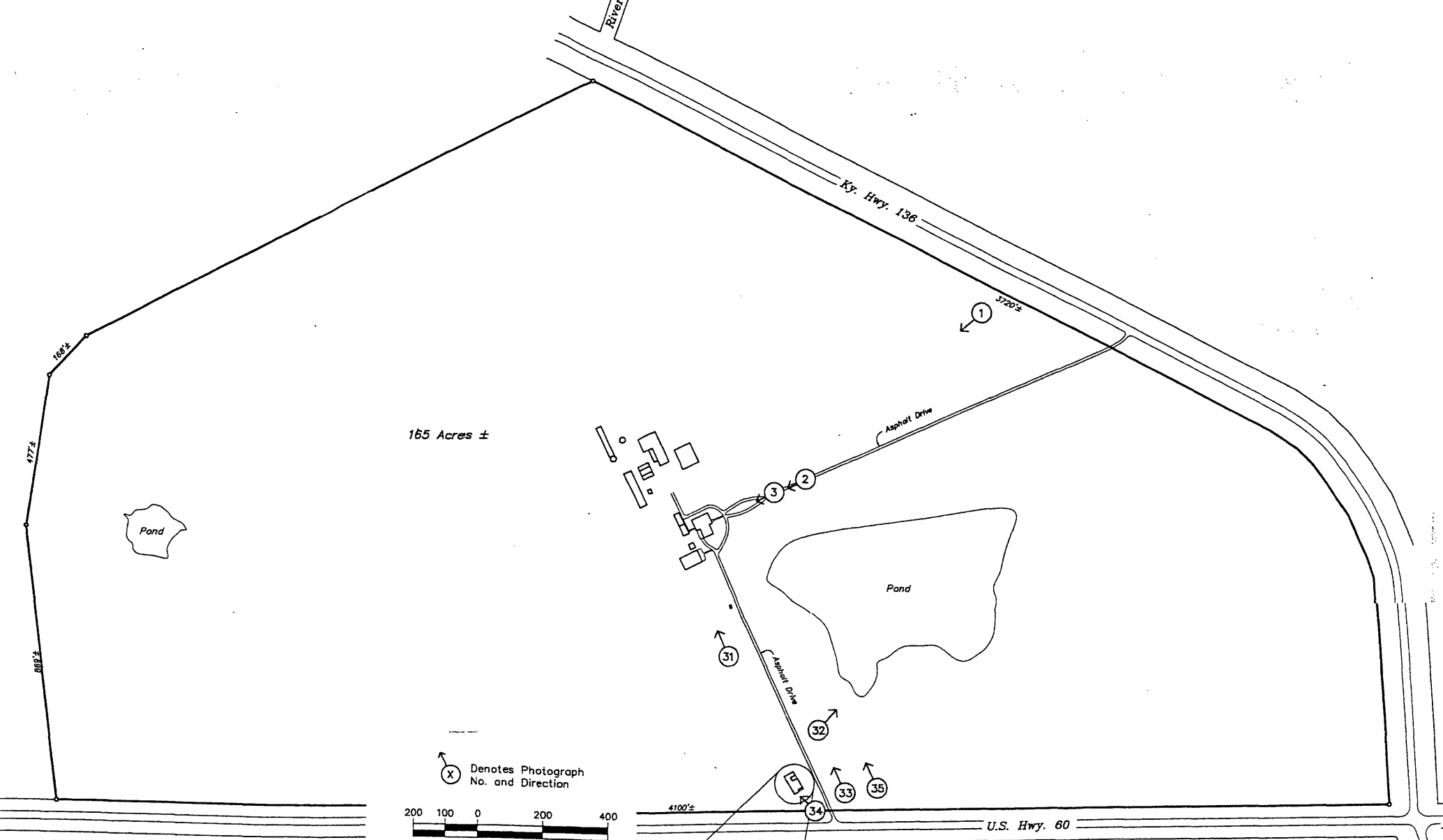
County	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1919	1929	1940	1950
Daviess			1.8	1.9	2.2	1.5	1.4	2.0	1.8		2.7
Hancock			1.7	1.7	1.7	1.2	1.2	2.7	1.9		1.8
Henderson			2.3	1.8	2.1	1.5	1.4	2.1	1.8		1.9
McLean			1.9	1.8	2.4	1.5	1.5	2.1	2.0		2.4
Ohio			1.7	1.9	2.1	1.3	1.4	2.3	1.8		4.6
Union			2.5	2.0	2.4	1.6	1.8	1.3	2.8		2.3
Webster			1.7	1.5	2.1	1.2	1.2	1.7	2.0		2.3
Kentucky			2.1	1.8	2.0		1.6	2.4	2.2		2.9

Table 31 Total Number of Swine, 1850-1950

County	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950
Daviess	45,138	39,774	24,216	37,699	30,489		18,642	24,342	18,117		34,421
Hancock	13,371	13,304	9,449	11,456	14,180		5,857	6,537	3,381		6,670
Henderson	46,734	36,142	19,652	31,554	32,056		26,292	37,552	33,435		46,167
McLean	**	15,567	14,528	17,738	17,188		12,526	18,144	9,366		16,151
Ohio	44,292	20,202	30,646	34,494	29,546		13,778	13,751	8,096		13,426
Union	38,177	39,805	14,976	37,643	32,330		36,095	32,250	39,988		52,229
Webster	**	18,549	16,673	30,790	26,610		17,975	15,485	11,844		23,254
Kentucky	2,891,163	2,330,595	1,838,227	2,225,225	2,036,746		1,491,816	1,504,431	1,034,593	1,053,242	1,530,337

Table 32 Number of Swine per Farm, 1850-1950

County	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1919	1929	1940	1950
Daviess	42.7		13.2	14.7	11.2	8.0	5.0	6.4	4.9		11.7
Hancock	41.9		12.7	11.7	11.2	7.1	3.9	5.1	3.1		7.1
Henderson	45.1		16.8	15.9	13.6	10.2	9.6	12.7	12.7		27.9
McLean	**		18.0	14.5	14.6	11.5	7.5	9.4	5.9		12.6
Ohio	39.5		13.6	12.8	9.9	7.8	3.4	3.3	2.5		4.6
Union	56.1		17.7	22.2	17.2	15.6	19.6	17.8	29.8		57.5
Webster	**		12.6	17.9	14.6	8.3	7.3	6.4	6.1		15.7
Kentucky	38.7		15.6	13.4	11.4		5.8	5.6	4.2	4.2	7.0



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