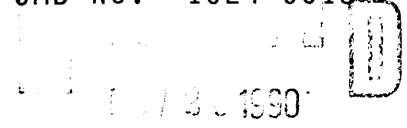


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

NATIONAL
REGISTER

1. Name of Property

historic name: Atherton, Aaron, House

other name/site number: William Boone House, LU-6

2. Location

street & number: Route # 4

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Hodgenville

vicinity: X

state: KY

county: Larue

code: 123

zip code: 42748

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Larue County Multiple Resource Area

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. See continuation sheet.

David L. Morgan

11-19-90

Signature of certifying official _____ Date _____
David L. Morgan, State Historic Preservation Officer, Kentucky Heritage Council
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

Entered in the National Register

- entered in the National Register *William Byers* 1/10/91
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):

ja signature of Keeper _____ Date _____
of Action _____

6. Function or Use

Historic: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling

Current : Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

COLONIAL
Other: Double Pen Log

Other Description:

Materials: foundation Stone roof Asphalt
walls Wood other Stone/Brick

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

Applicable National Register Criteria: A and C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : N/A

Areas of Significance: Architecture
Settlement

Period(s) of Significance: ca. 1790 ca. 1841

Significant Dates : ca. 1790

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above. X See continuation sheet.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

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
- Other -- Specify Repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than 1 acre _____

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	16	622175	4165000	B	__	_____	_____
C	__	_____	_____	D	__	_____	_____

New Haven Quad

Verbal Boundary Description: See continuation sheet.

Boundary Justification: See continuation sheet.

11. Form Prepared By

Name/Title: Philip Thomason

Organization: Thomason and Associates Date: February, 1990

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City or Town: Nashville State: TN ZIP: 37212

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The Aaron Atherton House is a five-bay, two-story log and frame, double pen residence which was originally built ca. 1790. The house originally consisted of two one-story log pens with an open breezeway. The house was remodeled ca. 1841 with the addition of a second story and the enclosure of the open breezeway. At the rear of the house is a two-story frame addition completed in 1966. The house is sited in a rural area along the Knob Creek valley and at the rear is a 19th century log smokehouse.

The house has a stone foundation, gable roof of asphalt shingles, two exterior end brick chimneys, and exterior siding of weatherboard. The main entrance has a four panel door added ca. 1875 and a Greek Revival influenced surround which dates from the ca. 1841 enclosure of the breezeway. This surround has a two light transom, three light sidelights, and Doric motif pilasters. Windows are six-over-nine rectangular wood sash added during the ca. 1841 remodeling. Most windows are from this remodeling but several are also recent replacements to match the original.

At the rear of the 19th century log and frame section is a two-story frame addition completed in 1966. This addition has exterior weatherboard siding, a gable roof of asphalt shingles, interior brick chimney, and windows to match those on the 19th century section. To the north of the house is a one-story log smokehouse built ca. 1840 which has half-dovetail notching, a gable roof, and original vertical board door. The rear ell of the house and the log smokehouse are attached through an open carport added in 1966.

The interior of the 19th century section retains its floor plan and detailing completed ca. 1841. This interior displays a wood staircase with a milled newel post and balusters, Greek Revival influenced mantles with Doric motif pilasters, and paneled wood doors. In the east pen is an Italianate influenced mantle which was added ca. 1885. Adjacent to the mantle in the west pen is a finely crafted built in wall cabinet.

The house is sited facing southeast towards the old L&N Turnpike (now U.S. 31 E). To the west and north of the house are post-1940 sheds and barns.

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The Aaron Atherton House is significant for its association with the early settlement of Larue County and as an example of a log and frame residence of the early 19th century. The house was built by Aaron Atherton ca. 1790 and is one of the oldest remaining structures in the county. The original section was completed during the first wave of migration into the county and was constructed along one of the county's major roads. The main section of the house was enlarged ca. 1841 into its present form and this section has not been significantly altered.

Aaron Atherton and his wife, Nancy, moved to Larue County in the early 1790s and had this two-story log residence constructed near Knob Creek. The Knob Creek valley was a fertile section of Larue County and the Atherton family farmed over fifty acres adjacent to their residence. The abundant springs nearby also provided Atherton with ready amounts of water and he operated a small distillery near his residence. A road which was to become the Louisville and Nashville Turnpike ran in front of Atherton's residence and provided a ready market for his whiskey products.

In 1801, Aaron Atherton deeded his land to his son Peter M. Atherton. Peter Atherton assumed operation of the distillery and was also granted a permit to operate a ferry over the Rolling Fork River on the Bardstown-Hodgenville Road. Atherton's Ferry and distillery were well known Larue County landmarks in the early 1800s. In 1841, Atherton remodeled the residence by enclosing the open breezeway and adding sawn weatherboard siding to the exterior. Also in 1841, a son, John M. Atherton was born in the house and lived here until going to school in the 1850s. John M. Atherton later enlarged and expanded his father's distillery and created the nearby community of Athertonville. The John M. Atherton House stood until recent months just to the northeast of Athertonville.

Following the death of Peter Atherton the house and 400 acres were left to his daughter, Elizabeth Atherton Key and her husband, Marshall Key. Later owners included the Jesse Dawson family and William Boone family. The house has been in the Enlow family since 1925. The major change to the house in the 20th century has been the addition of a two-story frame ell at the rear of the structure. This ell was completed with weatherboard siding and matching windows. Because this addition is located at the rear of the original section and has compatible architectural features, the Aaron Atherton House retains its integrity, associations, and feeling from its mid-19th century evolution.

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Verbal Boundary Description: The boundary for the Aaron Atherton House is shown as the heavy black line on accompanying Larue County tax map # 56 which is drawn at a scale of 1"= 660'. The boundary is drawn to include the house and rear log smokehouse and to exclude modern structures to the west and north of the house.

Boundary Justification: The boundary for the Aaron Atherton House includes all structures associated with the property's period of significance. The boundary includes all 19th century buildings and structures and excludes 20th century structures to the west and north.

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Aaron Atherton House
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Date: February, May, 1990
Location of Negs: Kentucky Heritage Council

Photo # 1
View of southeast facade.

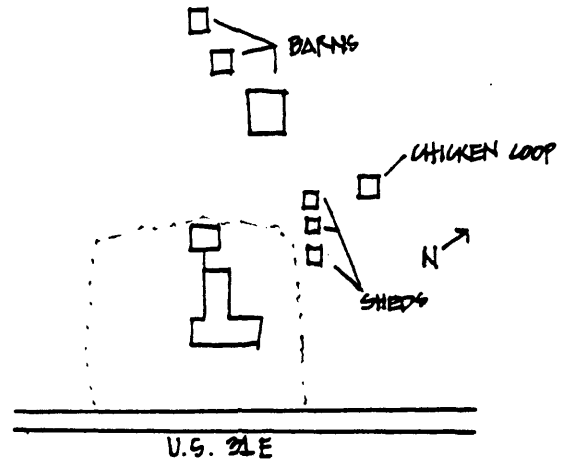
Photo # 2
View of southeast and southwest facades.

Photo # 3
View of northwest and northeast facades.

Photo # 4
View of interior mantle.

Photo # 5
View of log smokehouse.

SITE PLAN



HOUSE PLAN

