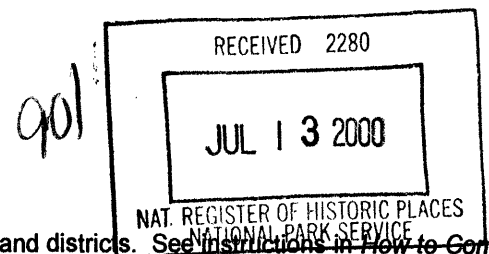


United States Department of the Interior
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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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1. Name of Property

historic name Rogers, Boone Fowler, Barn

other names/site number BE-1244

2. Location

street & number 5394 Belleview Road not for publication N/A

city or town Petersburg vicinity

state Kentucky code KY county Boone code 015 zip code 41080

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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, KHC 6-5-2000
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State Historic Preservation Office/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 for additional comments.)

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I hereby certify that this property is:
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Edsall H. Beall
Signature of the Keeper

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other (explain): _____

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Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
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Category of Property

(Check only one box)

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

Number of Resources within Property

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Contributing	Noncontributing	
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Name of related multiple property listing

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Historic Resources of Boone County, Kentucky

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE/storage

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Architectural Classification

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NO STYLE

Materials

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Narrative Description

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Refer to continuation sheets

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Period of Significance

c. 1840

Significant Dates

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Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

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Rogers, Boone Fowler, Barn
Name of Property

Boone County, KY
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(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

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Continuation Sheet

Rogers, Boone Fowler, Barn
(Historic Resources of Boone County, Kentucky)

Section Number 7 Page 1

Description

The Boone Fowler Rogers Barn (BE-1244) is an imposing side-entry English stock barn which dates from about 1840. The building is located on a hilltop adjacent to Belleview Road (Kentucky State Route 20) between Petersburg and Belleview, in western Boone County, approximately six miles west of the county seat of Burlington. Located in the county's rural and agrarian Belleview Precinct, the barn lies at the terminus of a picturesque, unpaved farm lane which extends approximately a quarter-mile east from the main road and meanders along Willoughby Creek. The lane was part of the original alignment of the Belleview-Petersburg Pike (see Fig. 1). The barn is oriented to the lane, with an attached a corn crib and cattle chute.

The Rogers Barn is an example of Property Type IIG(2), *English barns*, as described in the National Register Multiple Property Documentation Form, "Historic Resources of Boone County Kentucky."

The building is rectangular in form, rests on piers of dry-laid fieldstone, and is capped with a laterally-oriented gabled roof sheathed in standing-seam metal (Photo 1, 2, 3, 4). The building is of timber frame construction and retains much of its original vertical board siding in a generally good condition. The appearance of the exterior surfaces suggest that the barn was never painted or oiled. A few replacement boards have been installed inconspicuously. Hinged double doors are centered in the south elevation; a small doorway in the second story opens to the loft (Photo 2). Small sheds were added on three sides, likely during the early to mid-twentieth century.

The interior of the barn exhibits the classic three-bay plan, with a wide central drive extending from end to end. The drive is flanked by stalls, above which is a floored hayloft. The framing is of large, hewn timbers secured by massive pegs (Photo 5). The horizontal supports, carrying the hayloft, are of slender, hewn timbers, some with bark still in place. The most distinctive feature of the framing is a huge "humpbacked" timber which is parallel to the main drive; after this timber was cut from an obviously enormous tree, its center was left thicker to ensure additional strength in the weakest part of the beam. The plank floor and planed roof boards appear original to the building. Several tiers of tobacco poles have been added to the center driveway bents and some sections of old roping, with wooden tackles still attached, still hang in the barn, reminders of the days when farmers used horses and block and tackle for farm work. The initials of Luvet (sp.?) Rogers, grandfather of the present owner, are painted on one of the barn posts. The barn is still in regular, active use and is well maintained.

As originally constructed, the barn had a banked ramp at the rear, which was removed when the side sheds were added. The doors at the far end of the drive also were removed at this time, but the original door hardware was retained in place. These alterations, along and the addition of the sheds, do not seriously impact the integrity of the structure because its original plan and framing have remained remarkably intact. Further, the modifications reflect the necessity of adapting farm buildings over time.

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Rogers, Boone Fowler, Barn
(Historic Resources of Boone County, Kentucky)

Section Number 8 Page 1

Significance

The Boone Fowler Rogers Barn (BE-1244) is significant under National Register Criterion C for its architectural design, as an excellent example of the English barn, which was one of the most favored bary types in Boone County from c. 1840 to 1930. With reference to the Multiple Property Documentation Form, "Historic Resources of Boone County, Kentucky, 1789-1950," the Rogers Barn is significant within Historic Contexts I and IV, "Settlement, Socioeconomic Growth and Maturity of Boone County, 1789-1950" and "Agriculture in Boone County, 1789-1950," respectively. One of the best-preserved examples of the English barn in Boone County, this resource retains a high degree of material integrity, as well as integrity of location, feeling, association, and setting and meets fully the Registration Requirements set forth in Section F of the Boone County MPDF for Property Type II buildings.

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The Rogers Barn and the other early Boone County examples of this barn form are fashioned from hewn timbers secured by mortise and tenon. English barns built after the Civil War are generally built of sawn timbers, although some incorporate hewn beams salvaged from earlier structures. Sometimes the primary timbers are secured by mortise and tenon and pegged while the secondary supports are nailed. The three-part configuration of the English barn, as seen in the Rogers Barn, incorporating a center drive which extends from side to side and is flanked by stabling areas, remained constant over time, although twentieth-century examples are generally taller and are smaller in scale than is the Rogers Barn. Early foundations are of dry-laid fieldstone which may consist of piers under the outer corners and main supports, or, as with the Rogers Barn, may be continuous along perimeter walls

Some Boone County English barns were banked against a side hill or, like the Rogers Barn, featured an earthen ramp for wagon access.

Occasionally the English barn may be built against a bank designed to provide a side entry at ground level into the loft area of the barn. The access ramp may be elevated at the proper angle by making a rock or concrete fill or by literally positioning the barn against a mound of earth, thus making a natural entrance to the second level a reality.²

¹Montell, William Lynwood and Morse, Michael **Kentucky Folk Architecture** (Frankfort: University of Kentucky, 1976), p. 76.

²*Ibid.*, p. 78

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Rogers, Boone Fowler, Barn
(Historic Resources of Boone County, Kentucky)

Section Number 8 Page 2

Significance, continued

Banked barns such as the Rogers Barn also typically featured "partially open lower level shelter, a floor level at grade for stalls, granary and tack storage, and upper level for hay and grain storage."³ Sometimes, as with the Rogers Barn, the ramp was later removed. The Rogers Barn hayloft, too, is an important feature which assists in the definition of the barn form. This particular area of the barn "is a spacious area designed solely for the storage of hay. The expanse is broken only by support poles interspersed throughout. . ."⁴

The Rogers farm has remained in the same family since William Rogers, Jr. (1767-1826) came westward from Virginia to Boone County and acquired the property. Subsequent owners of the property include William Rogers' son, Barnett (1791-1830) and Barnett Rogers' son, John (1815-1875), who likely built the barn, since family tradition holds that the building was constructed about 1840. The 1883 *Atlas of Boone, Kenton, and Campbell Counties* identifies B. F. Rogers as being the owner of the property at that time (See Fig. 1). Boone Fowler Rogers (1851-1934) was the son of John Rogers. Later generations associated with the property include Louvette M. Rogers (1889-1958), his son Robert Barnett Rogers (1924-), the owner of the barn at the time of its nomination, and Gary Wayne Rogers (1949-), who lives on the property. Historically, the Rogers family were major landowners along the western river corridor of the county and owned several large farms in the fertile lowlands between Petersburg and Belleview.

The Rogers Barn is noted in the Boone County MPDF as being "one of the best-preserved English barns in the County." Other well-preserved examples of this barn type include those on the John J. Walton Farm on Burlington Pike (BE-14).

³Amos, Christine, "The Bluegrass Cultural Landscape," Kentucky Heritage Council Regional Planning Overview, 1990.

⁴Montell and Morse, *op. cit.*

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Rogers, Boone Fowler, Barn
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Section Number 10 Page 1

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Being a portion of that parcel described in Boone County Deed Book 185, Page 217 and on Property Tax Parcel Map No. 9-12, measuring north 210', east 192', south 204' and west 170', more particularly depicted on the attached map prepared by the Boone County Planning Commission.

JUSTIFICATION

The boundaries only contain the barn, which has historically been part of this property and retains its architectural integrity and significance; the integrity of the associated house and other dependencies has been compromised and these buildings are excluded from the nomination.

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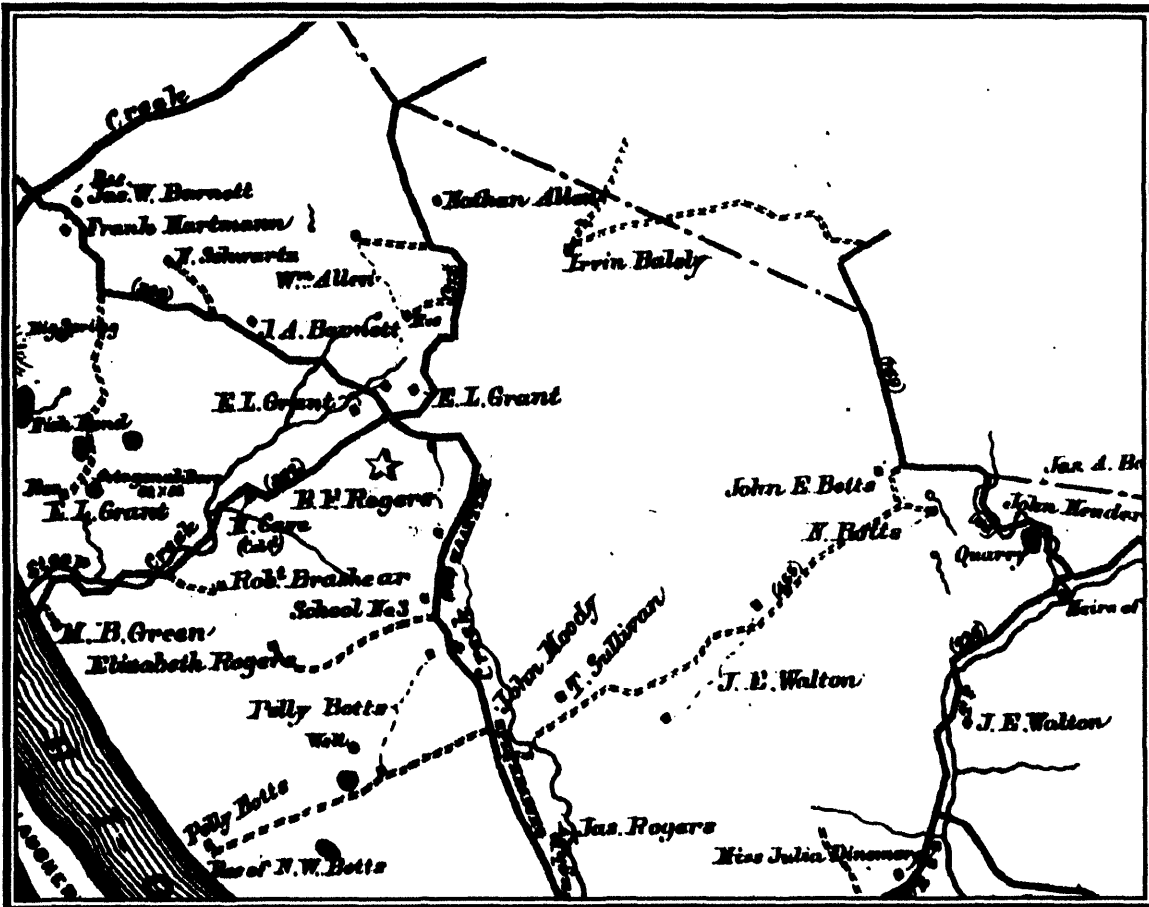


Figure 1 This excerpt from the 1883 D. J. Lake Atlas of Boone, Kenton, and Campbell Counties shows the portion of the Belleview Precinct containing the B. F. Rogers farm and its barn, which is identified with a ☆.

BELLEVIEW RD

Parcel #
9-12

Parcel #
9-12

Parcel #
9-13B

Petersburg ↑

Parcel #
9-12A

Parcel #
9-13C

Bellevue ↓

Area - 0.83 Acres

Historic Resources of Boone County, KY

B. F. Rogers Barn

BE - 1244

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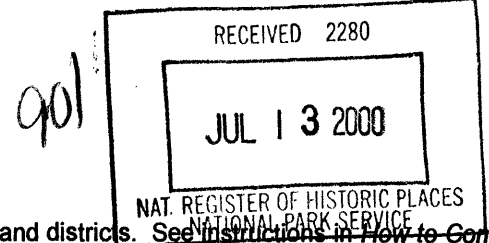


1 inch equals 200 feet

Produced by the
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other names/site number BE-1244

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other (explain): _____

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(Check as many boxes as apply)

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Name of related multiple property listing

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Historic Resources of Boone County, Kentucky

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

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Materials

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(Enter categories from instructions)

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Significant Dates

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Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

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Cultural Affiliation

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Architect/Builder

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Rogers, Boone Fowler, Barn
(Historic Resources of Boone County, Kentucky)

Section Number 7 Page 1

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The Rogers Barn is an example of Property Type IIG(2), *English barns*, as described in the National Register Multiple Property Documentation Form, "Historic Resources of Boone County Kentucky."

The building is rectangular in form, rests on piers of dry-laid fieldstone, and is capped with a laterally-oriented gabled roof sheathed in standing-seam metal (Photo 1, 2, 3, 4). The building is of timber frame construction and retains much of its original vertical board siding in a generally good condition. The appearance of the exterior surfaces suggest that the barn was never painted or oiled. A few replacement boards have been installed inconspicuously. Hinged double doors are centered in the south elevation; a small doorway in the second story opens to the loft (Photo 2). Small sheds were added on three sides, likely during the early to mid-twentieth century.

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Continuation Sheet

Rogers, Boone Fowler, Barn
(Historic Resources of Boone County, Kentucky)

Section Number 8 Page 1

Significance

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The English barn, as its name implies, originated in the British Isles and was brought westward by settlers. According to Montell and Morse, this particular barn form

. . . diffused westward from such focal points as Puritan New England, southeastern Pennsylvania, and the Tidewater and Piedmont regions of the South Atlantic states. It then entered Kentucky during the earliest days of settlement, but was not accepted. The English barn is composed of two stabling areas . . . located across the driveway from each other. The driveway . . . extends through the center of the barn from side to side rather than from end to end . . . There is an open hay loft at the second level at each side. The driveway is generally closed off at each end by large double doors, while smaller doors lead from the driveway into the livestock stables.¹

The Rogers Barn and the other early Boone County examples of this barn form are fashioned from hewn timbers secured by mortise and tenon. English barns built after the Civil War are generally built of sawn timbers, although some incorporate hewn beams salvaged from earlier structures. Sometimes the primary timbers are secured by mortise and tenon and pegged while the secondary supports are nailed. The three-part configuration of the English barn, as seen in the Rogers Barn, incorporating a center drive which extends from side to side and is flanked by stabling areas, remained constant over time, although twentieth-century examples are generally taller and are smaller in scale than is the Rogers Barn. Early foundations are of dry-laid fieldstone which may consist of piers under the outer corners and main supports, or, as with the Rogers Barn, may be continuous along perimeter walls

Some Boone County English barns were banked against a side hill or, like the Rogers Barn, featured an earthen ramp for wagon access.

Occasionally the English barn may be built against a bank designed to provide a side entry at ground level into the loft area of the barn. The access ramp may be elevated at the proper angle by making a rock or concrete fill or by literally positioning the barn against a mound of earth, thus making a natural entrance to the second level a reality.²

¹Montell, William Lynwood and Morse, Michael **Kentucky Folk Architecture** (Frankfort: University of Kentucky, 1976), p. 76.

²*Ibid.*, p. 78

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Significance, continued

Banked barns such as the Rogers Barn also typically featured "partially open lower level shelter, a floor level at grade for stalls, granary and tack storage, and upper level for hay and grain storage."³ Sometimes, as with the Rogers Barn, the ramp was later removed. The Rogers Barn hayloft, too, is an important feature which assists in the definition of the barn form. This particular area of the barn "is a spacious area designed solely for the storage of hay. The expanse is broken only by support poles interspersed throughout. . ."⁴

The Rogers farm has remained in the same family since William Rogers, Jr. (1767-1826) came westward from Virginia to Boone County and acquired the property. Subsequent owners of the property include William Rogers' son, Barnett (1791-1830) and Barnett Rogers' son, John (1815-1875), who likely built the barn, since family tradition holds that the building was constructed about 1840. The 1883 *Atlas of Boone, Kenton, and Campbell Counties* identifies B. F. Rogers as being the owner of the property at that time (See Fig. 1). Boone Fowler Rogers (1851-1934) was the son of John Rogers. Later generations associated with the property include Louvette M. Rogers (1889-1958), his son Robert Barnett Rogers (1924-), the owner of the barn at the time of its nomination, and Gary Wayne Rogers (1949-), who lives on the property. Historically, the Rogers family were major landowners along the western river corridor of the county and owned several large farms in the fertile lowlands between Petersburg and Belleview.

The Rogers Barn is noted in the Boone County MPDF as being "one of the best-preserved English barns in the County." Other well-preserved examples of this barn type include those on the John J. Walton Farm on Burlington Pike (BE-14).

³Amos, Christine, "The Bluegrass Cultural Landscape," Kentucky Heritage Council Regional Planning Overview, 1990.

⁴Montell and Morse, *op. cit.*

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Being a portion of that parcel described in Boone County Deed Book 185, Page 217 and on Property Tax Parcel Map No. 9-12, measuring north 210', east 192', south 204' and west 170', more particularly depicted on the attached map prepared by the Boone County Planning Commission.

JUSTIFICATION

The boundaries only contain the barn, which has historically been part of this property and retains its architectural integrity and significance; the integrity of the associated house and other dependencies has been compromised and these buildings are excluded from the nomination.

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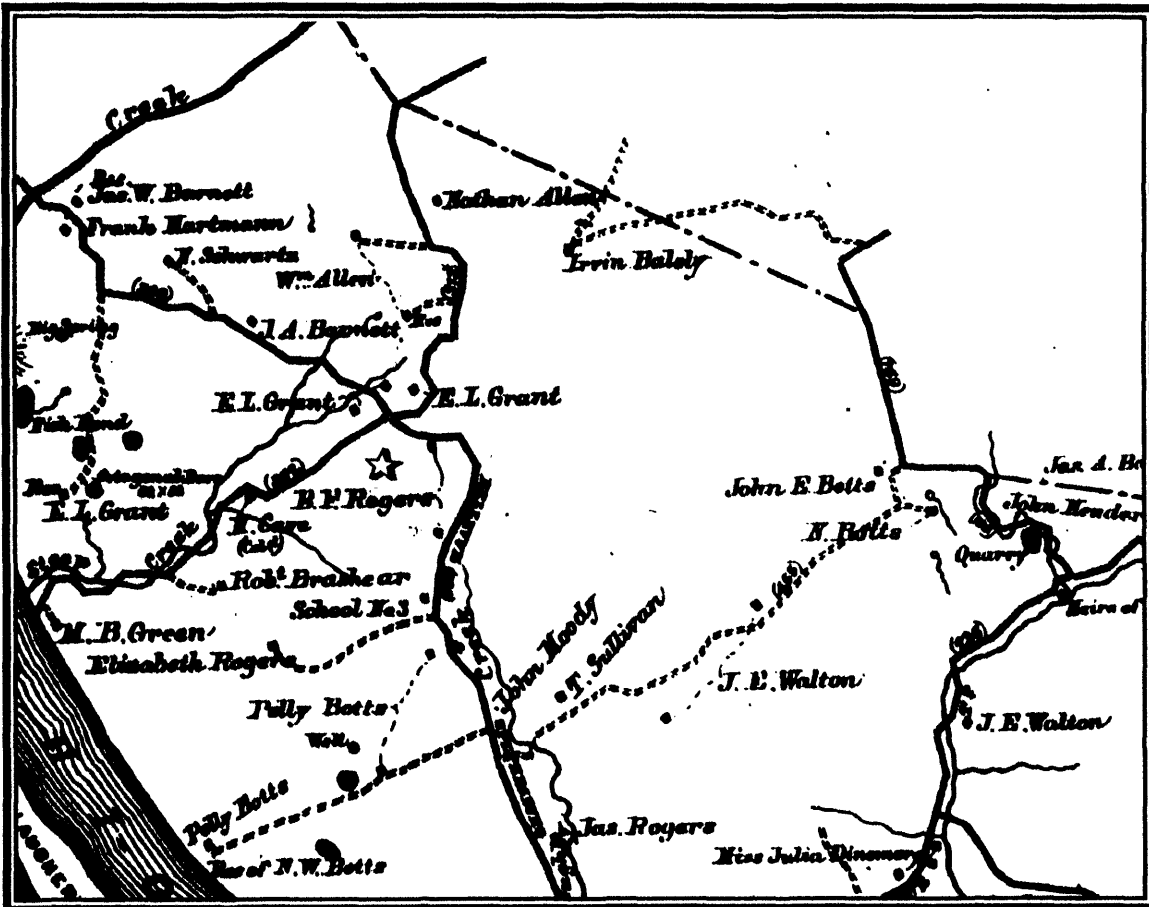


Figure 1 This excerpt from the 1883 D. J. Lake Atlas of Boone, Kenton, and Campbell Counties shows the portion of the Belleview Precinct containing the B. F. Rogers farm and its barn, which is identified with a ☆.

BELLEVIEW RD

Parcel #
9-12

Parcel #
9-12

Parcel #
9-13B

Petersburg ↑

Parcel #
9-12A

Parcel #
9-13C

Bellevue ↓

Area - 0.83 Acres

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200 0 200 Feet



1 inch equals 200 feet

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