

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Site No. GN-70

7/11/84

1. Historic Name(s) <u>Francis Cowherd House (Green Co. M.R.A.)</u>		22. ADD/County <u>Lake Cumberland/Green</u> 0 4 4	
Original Owner <u>Francis Cowherd</u>		23. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75') <u>Greensburg</u> G.I.S. Mod.	
2. Present Name <u>Cowherd House</u>		24. UTM Reference	
3. Location <u>1/2 mi. W of Ky 1516; 1 m. N of U.S. 68</u>		Zone Easting Northing	
4. Owner's Name <u>Dr. Kenneth J. S. DeSimone</u>		25. Coordinate Accuracy	
5. Owner's Address <u>Route #1, Greensburg, Kentucky</u>		26. Prehistoric Site Object Historic Site Structure <u>(Building)</u> Other	
6. Open to Public Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. Visible from road Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8. Ownership <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal	
9. Local Contact/Organization		27. National Register District Name:	
10. Site Plan with North Arrow <p style="text-align:center">See Attached</p>		11. Architect <u>-</u>	
		12. Builder <u>-</u>	
		13. Date <u>1826-1850</u> A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>	
		14. Style A. Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>	
		15. Original Use <u>Sing. Fam. Res.</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	
16. Present use <u>Same</u>		28. Significance Evaluation <u>Eligible for Nat. Reg.</u> B	
17. Condition <u>Good</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>		29. Status <input type="checkbox"/> National Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> National Register <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landmark Certificate <u>8/15/80</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky Survey <input type="checkbox"/> Local Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> HABS/HAER	
18. Description <p>One story, seven bay brick house. Flemish bond; openings topped with lintels with bulls-eye corner blocks; doors have transoms; partially exterior end chimneys; second story destroyed in tornado recently; fine Federal interior woodwork; two-story portion probably was with five bays.</p>		30. Historic Theme Primary <u>Architecture</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C Secondary <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
(Continue on Back)		31. Endangered Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
19. History <p>F. C. a brother of Colby Cowherd of GN-72; Francis Cowherd (1803-1868) married 1829, so house probably built 1830s; buried on farm.*</p>		32. Preservation Project Status <input type="checkbox"/>	
20. Significance <u>Architecture:</u> <p>The house is one of the best examples in the county of Federal style architecture, featuring an especially significant interior and unusual planning.</p>		Actual Cost in \$1,000s <input type="checkbox"/>	
21. Source of Information <u>*Cowherd Genealogy, p.169.</u> <u>GC Wills 3/307, GC Deeds 29/315; 31/170; 35/444; 106/179</u> <u>Comm. Deeds 2/49</u>		33. ATTACH PHOTO Roll No. <u>6</u> Picture No. _____ Direction _____	
		34. Prepared by: <u>Joe DeSpain</u>	
		35. Organization <u>Green Co. Historical Society, Inc.</u>	
		36. Date <u>March 1984</u>	
		37. Revision Dates _____ 38. Staff Review _____	

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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name FRANCIS COWHERD HOUSE Site # GN-70
Multiple Resource/~~Thematic~~ Nomination Title GREEN COUNTY

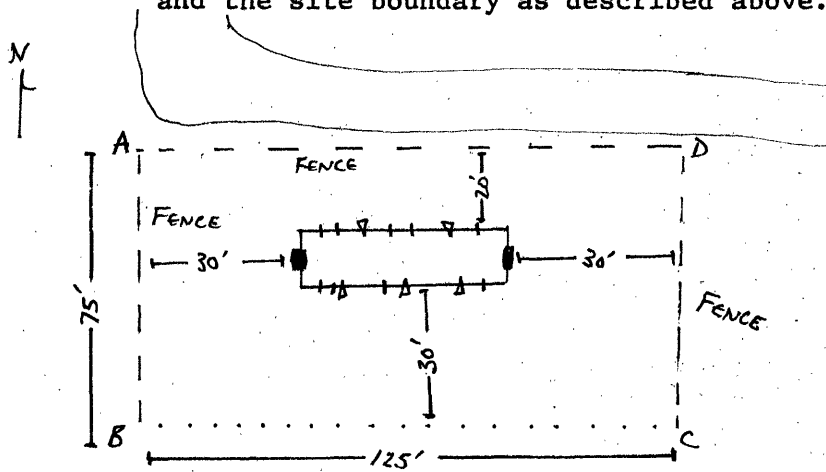
U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTMs if property is ten or more acres.

A. 16 631840 4130240 D. _____
B. _____ E. _____
C. _____ F. _____

Verbal Boundary Description Acreeage @ .22 ACRES

Beginning at point A an intersection with the fences bounding the northern and western edges of the site; thence S along said western boundary, a wire fence, approximately 75' to point B, intersection of the southern boundary line being an imaginary line 30' S of the rear line of the house; thence E along said imaginary line approximately 125' to the intersection of a fence at point C, said fence the eastern boundary of said site; thence along said fence N approximately 75' to point D, the intersection of said fence with the fence marking the northern boundary of said site; thence W along said line to the beginning, approximately 125'.

Sketch of Site Plan (Showing outbuildings, structures, landscape features and the site boundary as described above.)



Official Courthouse Property Ref

FURTHER EVALUATION OF INTEGRITY AND SIGNIFICANCE FOR GN-70

While the original nomination alleged the loss of a second story, no photographic documentation of a second story has been found, nor is there clear and present proof through interviews or actual viewing of the house that a second story existed. It is possible that a room existed as a second story central block, or that what was remembered as second story were dormer windows. However, the basic Federal design remains and the Federal details including brickwork, bull's eye corner blocks and the excellent interior details as shown in the additional photographs argue for the house's architectural significance.