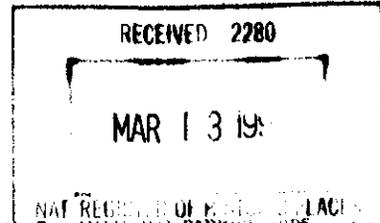


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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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 #12 Cranston Voting House

other names/site number RW-10

2. Location

street & number Corner of Clear Fork Road and State Road #377 Not for publication

city or town Morehead Vicinity

state Kentucky code KY county Rowan code 205 zip code 40351

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 & Executive Director 3-9-98
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 4-9-98
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

#12 Cranston Voting House
Name of Property

Rowan, Kentucky
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

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

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

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

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

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	-	buildings
-	-	sites
-	-	structures
-	-	objects
1	0	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

~~ROWAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY WPA STONE VOTING HOUSES~~ 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

GOVERNMENT

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

VACANT/NOT IN USE

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation SANDSTONE

walls SANDSTONE

roof ASPHALT

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.)

- 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)

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

Period of Significance

1935-1936

Significant Dates

1935

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
- Other

Name of repository:

Morehead State University

Name of Property

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	1 7	2 8 6 8 6 0	4 2 3 7 5 6 0	Cranston Quad	3			
	Zone	Easting	Northing			Zone	Easting	Northing
2					4			

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 Christa Smith, Architectural Historian

organization Morehead State University date 7-20-97

street & number UPO 557 telephone (606) 783-2067

city or town Morehead state KY zip code 40351

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 _____

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The # 12 Cranston Voting House is situated on a large flat lot on the corner of Clear Fork Road and State Road #377.

The # 12 Cranston Voting House is constructed of ashlar stone with beaded mortar. Exposed beams project from the original standing seam metal roof. One over one windows are placed on the east and west elevations, with three 2' x 2' single lights located under the north gable eave. The windows have ashlar cut stone sills, but lack lintels. The three lights on the west elevation were positioned high to give light and to insure privacy to citizens voting in the three booths located under the windows. Victorian beaded boards seal the gable ends between the stone walls and roof. A capped yellow chimney is located at the center of the roof ridge.

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County and State: Rowan, KY

NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The # 12 Cranston Voting House meets criterion A and is a significant physical representation of the New Deal. It was constructed by the WPA and used exclusively as a voting house during the period of significance. The # 12 Cranston Voting House has retained a majority of the original materials and is recognizable in function as a voting house. The # 12 Cranston Voting House is located in its original setting and location, and has retained its integrity of association as a building constructed by one of the New Deal era agencies.

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Name of Property: #12 Cranston Voting House
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County and State: Rowan, KY

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of #12 Cranston Voting House is delineated by the Rowan County PVA permanent parcel number 76-1000005.00

Boundary Justification

The boundaries encompasses the space inhabited by the structure.

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Property Name: #12 Cranston Voting House

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3. Christa Smith; Lynn David
4. 5/95
5. Morehead State University
6. Front facade