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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

The Hikes Family Houses

AND/OR COMMON

Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

4118 Taylorsville Rd., 2806 Meadow Dr., & 3026 Nikes Lane

Multiple Addresses (see continuation sheet)

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Louisville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3 and 4

STATE

Kentucky

VICINITY OF

CODE

021

COUNTY

Jefferson

CODE

111

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Multiple Owners (see continuation sheet)

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Louisville

VICINITY OF

STATE

Kentucky

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Jefferson County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Jefferson Street

CITY, TOWN

Louisville

STATE

Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky (Supplement)

DATE

1975

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Situated southeast of Louisville between Bardstown Road and Taylorsville Road--two major arteries which extend south from Louisville to central Kentucky--are four houses constructed between 1791 and 1830 by George Hikes and his three sons. (The Hikes-Hunsinger House, built by George Hikes, Jr., was listed on the National Register October 10, 1975.) Once separated only by farmland, the houses are now spaced between residential developments, schools, and churches. Despite the changes, however, the stone and brick houses retain their integrity.

George Hikes House

The George Hikes house is located on Hikes Lane which connects Bardstown Road and Taylorsville Road. The house is set back from the road in a grove of trees; Beargrass Creek flows immediately behind.

According to tradition, the original portion of the house was built prior to 1791 and was a two-story stone block. Several years later a three-bay, two-story wing was added off the rear. In 1901 the original portion was torn down and replaced by a two-story frame section.

The surviving stone wing is composed of roughly shaped rectangular field stone laid in irregular courses. An entrance is located on the south side of the west bay. The windows on the first floor have been altered to two-over-six pane sash. They have stone voussoirs above and stone lintels below. The second floor openings retain six-over-six pane sash, wooden sills below, with a regular course of stone above. A door, which was added at a later date, is located at the second floor level on the east gable end. Louvered windows flank the interior stone chimney at this end. A simple boxed cornice spans the north and south side of the wing. In the 1960s a small one-story stone room was added to the north side of the stone section (see photos 1 and 2).

The two-story frame addition with a central brick chimney was built off the west side of the stone wing, the north side being flush with the line of the stone section. A shed porch on square posts spans the west side, while a one-story porch, on columns set on rusticated stone pillars, extends off the east side, adjoining the stone wing.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Located in southeastern Louisville within a two mile radius are four houses constructed between 1791 and 1830 by George Hikes and his three sons. (The Hikes-Hunsinger House, built by George Hikes, Jr., was listed on the National Register October 10, 1975.) George Hikes, Sr. (1762-1832) was one of the most prominent settlers in the area and is accredited with building the first saw-mill, grist-mill, carding-machine and fulling-mill, as well as establishing the first church organization. Three of the four houses remain essentially unaltered and represent a rare survival of residences built by one family, which was common in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Although residential developments have encroached upon the Hikes houses, the sites retain their integrity and are fine examples of early stone and Federal style brick farmhouses.

George Hikes was born in 1762 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. In the 1780s he moved to Ohio where he purchased land for a farm. By 1790 Hikes sold his Ohio property and moved to Kentucky, settling on 400 acres on Beargrass Creek in an area southeast of Louisville known as Two Mile Town. Here he constructed the first saw and grist mills, as well as a carding and fulling mill which served the whole community.

In addition, Hikes and his sons were adept farmers. When he first established his farm, Hikes devoted a great deal of time to the cultivation of plants and fruit trees, returning to Pennsylvania to secure the finest specimens. He also gave the same attention to the breeding and raising of live stock (Ford, pp. 16-18).

George Hikes, Sr., House

Around 1791 George Hikes built a stone house, adding the present three-bay, two-story stone section a few years later. In 1901 the original stone portion was torn down because of a faulty foundation and replaced by a frame section.

Upon George Hikes' death in 1832, the house was inherited by his youngest son, Andrew (1803-1870). The house and land continued to be passed down through the Hikes family until 1960 when the property was purchased by the St. Michael Eastern Orthodox

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

An Atlas of Jefferson and Oldham Counties, Kentucky. Philadelphia: Beers and Lanagan, 1879.

Bullitt Papers, an unpublished manuscript, 1937, located at the Filson Club, Louisville, Ky. Ford, Henry A. and Kate.

History of the Ohio Falls Cities and their Counties. Cleveland: L. A. Williams and Co., 1882.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____ $3\frac{1}{2}$ (See Continuation Sheet)

UTM REFERENCES *See maps*

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mary Cronan Oppel, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Kentucky Heritage Commission

DATE

August 1977

STREET & NUMBER

104 Bridge Street

TELEPHONE

(502) 564-3741

CITY OR TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Edwin W. Minton

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

10/26/77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST *Carlson R. Cole*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

3-21-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

3-10-78

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4118 Taylorsville Road
Louisville

Jacob Hikes House
2806 Meadow Drive
Louisville

George Hikes House
St. Michael Eastern Orthodox Church Congregation
3026 Hikes Lane
Louisville

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Jerry L. and Jayne M. Schweizer
John Hikes House
4118 Taylorsville Road
Louisville, Kentucky 40220

John B. and Patricia Helm
Jacob Hikes House
2806 Meadow Drive
Louisville, Kentucky

St. Michael Eastern Orthodox Church Congregation
George Hikes House
3026 Hikes Lane
Louisville, Kentucky

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Jacob Hikes House

Located approximately one mile northwest of the George Hikes house is the Jacob Hikes House. Although situated in a modern subdivision, the house is isolated from the adjoining lots by large trees and a white board fence.

The house is a five-bay, two-story brick structure on a stone foundation with a one-story, two-room brick ell off the rear. The brick is laid in Flemish bond in the front and common on the sides and back. Interior brick end chimneys with corbelled tops are placed at the ends of the main block and the east walls of the dining room and kitchen in the ell. The front entrance in the center bay is slightly recessed and has an elliptical fanlight above. The shuttered windows have nine-over-six pane sash with jack arches above and narrow stone lintels below. A one-story shed porch on square posts spans the west side of the first room of the ell, while a one-story enclosed porch extends across the east side (see photos 3 and 4).

The interior layout of the house is based on the two room central hall plan. The half-turn stair with full landing rises on the east side of the hall. The front rooms off the hall are 20' x 20' and retain the original woodwork. The doors and window frames are grooved with concentric circles in the corner blocks. The mantels are supported by paired colonettes with grooved and concentric circles which reflect the window and door moldings in the end and center panels. Although there is no chair-railing in the west parlor, there are panels with three vertical ovals beneath the windows. In the east parlor there is chair railing, but no paneling beneath the openings.

Located off the south side of the east parlor is a small stair-hall which contains a second stairway leading to the second floor. The dining room retains the original chair railing and a simple mantel with slender grooved pilasters. The fireplace in the kitchen, which extends south off the dining room, has a plain shelf and frame mantel.

The original ash and pine floors remain intact throughout.

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John Hikes House

The John Hikes house, which is very similar in design to the Jacob Hikes House, is located a mile and a half northeast of the George Hikes house, on Taylorsville Road. The house sits on 1 1/2 acres and is set back from the road. Large trees and plantings seclude it from more recent development.

The house is a five-bay, two-story brick structure on a stone foundation with a two-story ell extending off the rear of the main block. The brick is laid in Flemish bond in the front and common on the sides and back. Interior brick chimneys with corbelled tops are located at the ends of the main block and ell. A 1 1/2 story kitchen wing extends south off the ell. Located on the west side of the ell is a one-story porch with turned posts and sawtooth trim, while on the east, a concrete stoop with a roof sheltering the side entrance has been added (see photos 7 and 8).

Like the Jacob Hikes house, it has a recessed entrance in the center bay with a semi-circular fanlight. The first floor openings in the front have nine-over-nine panes with jack arches and narrow stone sills, while the windows on the second floor have nine-over-six. Lookout windows flank the chimney at each end of the main block (see photos 5 and 6).

The floor plan of the house consists of a central hall with a room off each side. The stair which rises on the west wall of the central hall has a full landing and makes a half turn. The woodwork around the doors and windows is composed of grooved moldings with concentric circles in the corner blocks. The mantels in the front parlors have plain friezes supported by paired fluted colonnettes. The windows in the west parlor have raked sides with panels. There are also panels beneath the openings.

A door in the south wall of the east parlor opens onto a stair-hall. A plain paneled mantel is in the dining room, which is south of the stair-hall.

The original ash floor remains on both the second and first floors.

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Congregation. The house is presently used as the church rectory (Bullitt, pp. 74-80).

Jacob Hikes House

As George Hikes' sons reached maturity, he gave each a piece of his original land holdings. In 1820, his oldest son, Jacob (1781-1857), received the portion of land northwest of the stone house which contained the fulling mill. Here he built a fine five-bay, two-story brick house. In the mid-1800s, the house and land was owned by Jacob's son, John. Around the turn of the century the members of the Hikes family who owned the farm operated a horse farm and riding stable. In 1972 the house was sold out of the Hikes family to the present owners.

George Hikes, Jr., House

George Hikes, Jr., the second son, received the grist mill on his section of land. He also built a two-story brick structure, the Hikes-Hunsinger House, which was listed on the National Register October 10, 1975.

John Hikes House

In 1830 the third son, John, built a brick house which is almost identical to the Jacob Hikes house. Both houses have simple front entrances with elegant elliptical fanlights and the original interior woodwork with grooved molding and concentric circle corner blocks. Another feature shared by both is the back stair-hall dividing the main block and ell. John also received the carding mill.

John Hikes married Kitty Herr, a daughter of John Herr, another early settler in eastern Louisville (see the Herr-Rudy Family Houses, Louisville, Jefferson County, forwarded to Washington, D. C., November 3, 1976.)

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At the death of John Herr in the 1870s, the house and seventy acres of land was left to his daughter, Mary Hikes Seaton, the wife of Dr. John Seaton. She is listed as the owner on the 1879 Atlas of Jefferson County. In the early 1900s Mary Seaton sold it out of the Hikes family.

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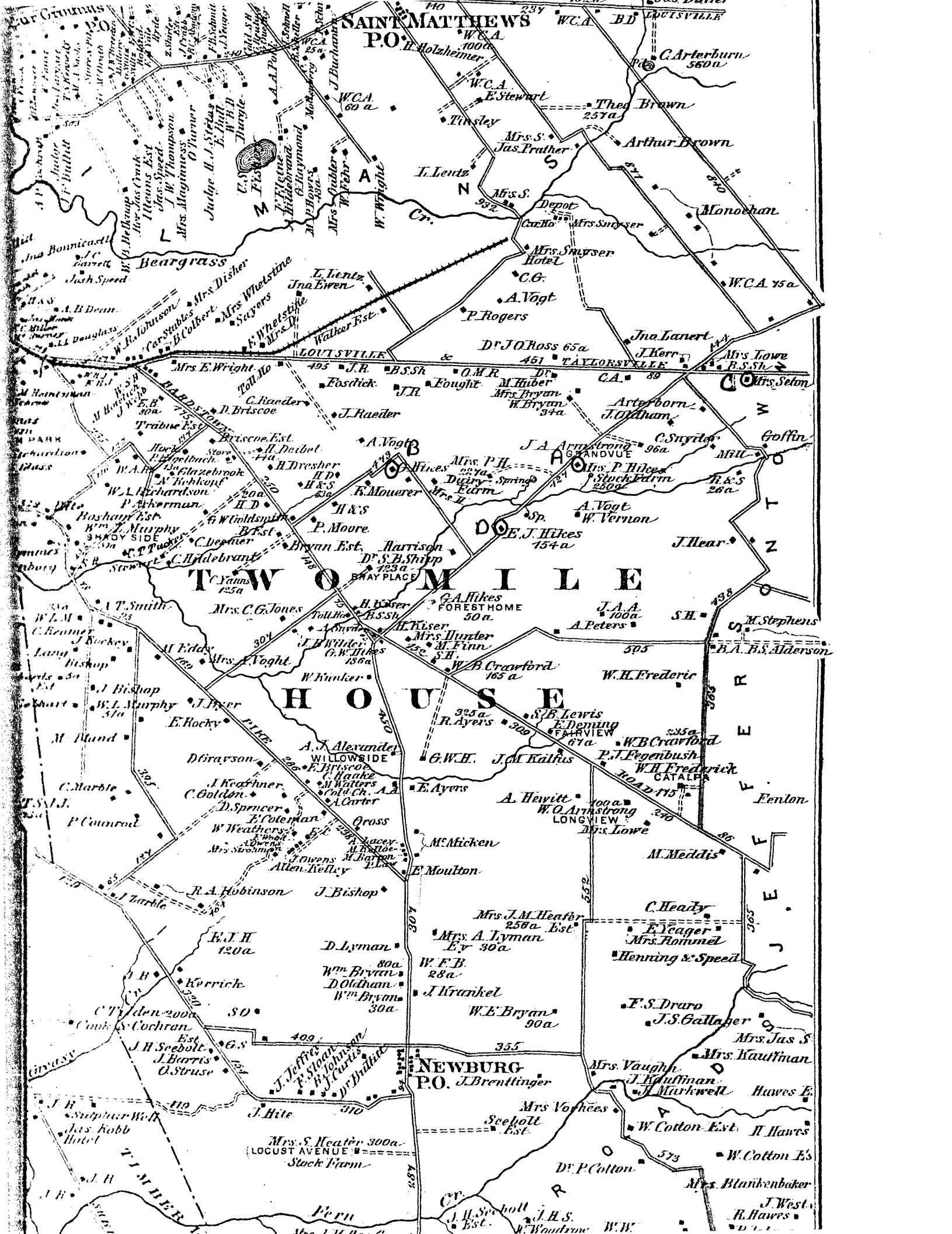
Additional information from Mrs. M. A. Allgeier, Louisville, Kentucky; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Schweizer, Louisville, Kentucky; and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Helm, Louisville, Kentucky.

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John Hikes House - 1 1/2 acres
16/620960/4230790
980

Jacob Hikes House - 1 acre
16/618010/4229970

George Hikes House - 1 acre
16/619320/4229970



SAINT MATTHEWS
P.O. E. Holzheimer

Bearsgrass

TWO MILE HOUSE

NEWBURG
P.O. J. Brentlinger

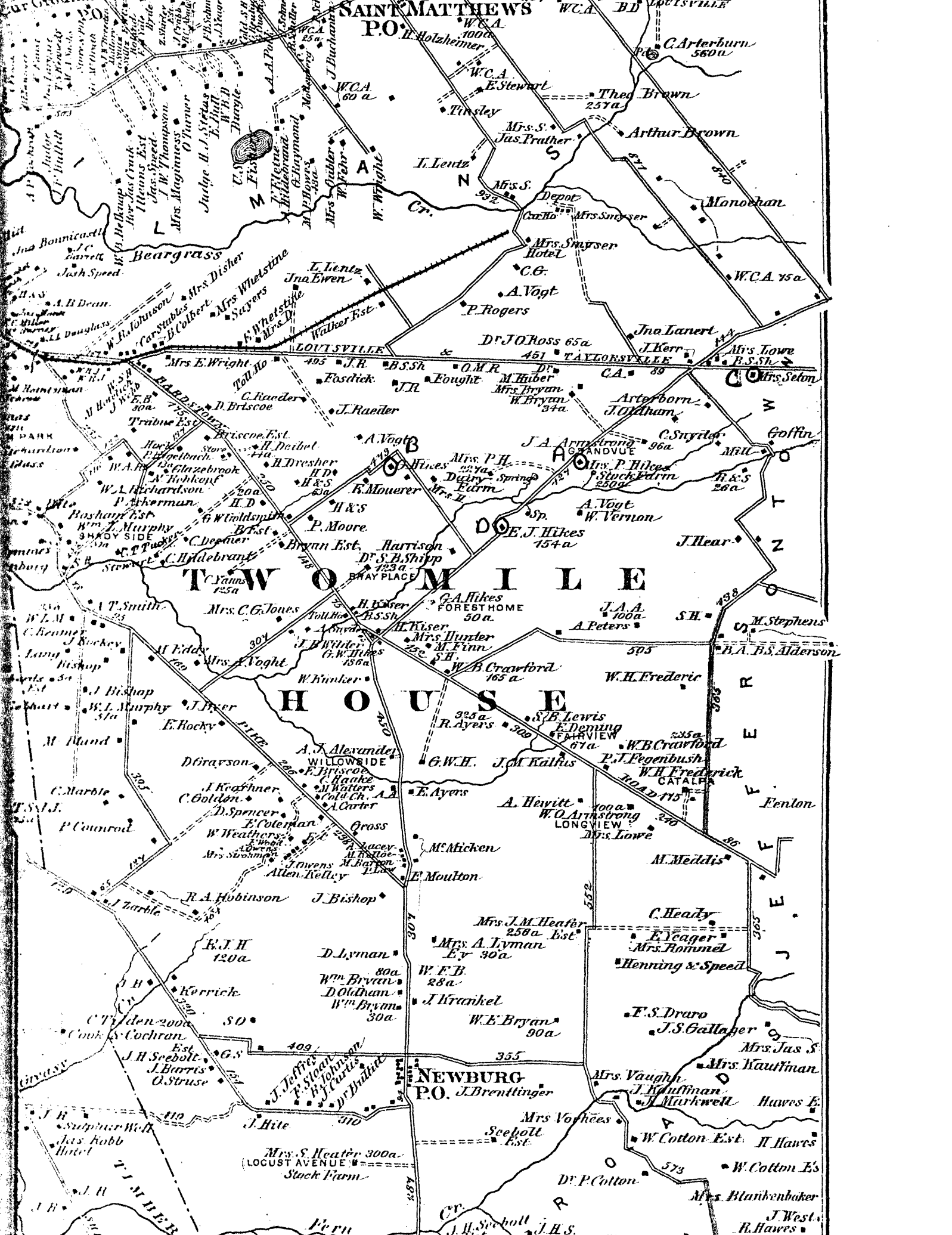
Map showing numerous land parcels with owner names and acreages. Owners include: J. H. Smith, Mrs. C. G. Jones, Mrs. A. J. Lyman, Mrs. S. Heater, J. H. Hite, W. E. B. 28a, J. H. Krick, Mrs. J. M. Heater, Mrs. A. J. Lyman, Mrs. S. Heater, J. H. Hite, W. E. B., J. H. Krick, Mrs. J. M. Heater, Mrs. A. J. Lyman, Mrs. S. Heater, J. H. Hite, W. E. B., J. H. Krick.

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*Atlas of Jefferson and Oldham Counties, Ky. Philadelphia: Beers &
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Map 3. The Hikes Family Houses
are circled in red.

A) George Hikes House

B) Jacob Hikes House

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C) John Hikes House

D) George Hikes, Jr., House,

Listed on National Register

October 10, 1975.