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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

Abraham Kellar House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

W of Brownsboro off

STREET & NUMBER

Ky. 329

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

near Brownsboro

VICINITY OF

4

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Kentucky

021

Oldham

185

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: vacant

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. Henry Fitzhugh

STREET & NUMBER

6401 Wolf Pen Branch Road

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Harrod's Creek

VICINITY OF

Kentucky

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Oldham County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

LaGrange

Kentucky

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky

DATE

1975

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Frankfort

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 type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Abraham Kellar House is located approximately 2400 feet south of KY 329 in southwestern Oldham County near the small community of Brownsboro. Facing southwest, the house sits on a slight rise one-half mile northwest of the site of the William Kellar House (listed on the National Register 8 September 1976). Approximately 200 feet east of the house on a branch of Harrod's Creek is a stone springhouse. To the north are two barns of recent construction and several smaller, modern outbuildings.

Originally a 1-1/2 story, ell-shaped structure, the Abraham Kellar House was enlarged ca. 1835 by enclosing the angle of the ell, raising the roof, and adding the dormers. Evidence of these changes is visible in the brickwork; however, the changes were executed with care and the original brick bond pattern was meticulously retained. The five-bay facade is laid in Flemish bond and windows are 9/6 with jack arches (see photo 1). The stone foundation has been stuccoed. Three gabled dormers were added when the roof was raised; the larger, central dormer is laid in Flemish bond and contains a panelled door with a rectangular transom. A jack arch caps the opening. The one-story Greek portico sheltering the entrance also appears to date from ca. 1835 (see photo 2). The original ell extended from the northeast of the house and was one room deep, containing two 9/6 windows on the rear. When the angle of the ell was enclosed, two rooms were created, thus giving the house a rectangular shape. Windows added in the ell are 6/6 with jack arches, and care was obviously taken to maintain the bond pattern in the addition (see photo 3).

The pitch of the roof is unusually steep due to the enlargement of the attic space. Evidence of the change is visible in the brickwork, but here again, the brick bond of the original portion was retained. Three frame dormers with 6/6 windows, like those on the main facade, were also added on the rear. A 6/6 window was added on the south gable end when the roof was raised, and the interior chimneys on both gable ends were rebuilt at the same time.

On the north side of the house is a two-room, frame wing with a projecting bay added in the late nineteenth century.

Originally the interior consisted of a single-pile, central-passage plan. Corner stairs with winders are located in the northeast end of the hall (see photo 4). Interior trim is plain, consisting of simple Federal mantles (see photo 5), and in the south room cupboards flank the fireplace. In the enlarged attic space, there is evidence of the existence of cupboards in the north end wall and chair railing around the entire room. The ceiling consists of beaded board sheathing.

The house has been vacant for some time and needs considerable work to make it habitable again. However, the building is structurally sound and the owners, who have just recently acquired full possession of the house, hope to restore it as their residence in the near future.

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1st 1/4 19th cent/. ca,1835,late 19th cent. BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Dating from the first quarter of the nineteenth century, the Abraham Kellar House is one of the earliest brick structures in Oldham County. The house was enlarged shortly after its construction, and examination of the brickwork in the additions reveals that extreme care was exercised to maintain the brick bond pattern of the original portion. The early date of the building combined with the sensitive manner in which the alterations were executed make the Kellar House an especially distinctive structure.

The original owner, Abraham Kellar, was the oldest son of the Reverend William Kellar who organized and was the first pastor of the Harrod's Creek Baptist Church (see National Register form for the Harrod's Creek Baptist Church and the Reverend William Kellar House, listed 8 September 1976). The Abraham Kellar House is one-half mile northwest of the site of the William Kellar House and one mile west of the church. Abraham Kellar received the tract of land upon which the house sits at his father's death in 1817. Abraham sold this property to Thomas Yager in 1835. The enlargement of the brick portion most likely occurred at this time if not earlier.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Jefferson County (Ky.) Deed Book C, pp. 601-602.  
 Jefferson County (Ky.) Will Book 2, p. 62.  
 Oldham County (Ky.) Settlement Book 4, p.248.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. 4.5 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Anchorage Quadrangle

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 

1	6	6	2	9	0	3	10	4	2	4	6	6	5	0
ZONE	EASTING					NORTHING								

B 

1	6	6	2	9	0	3	10	4	2	4	6	4	9	0
ZONE	EASTING					NORTHING								

C 

1	6	6	2	18	9	15	10	4	2	4	6	5	0	10
ZONE	EASTING					NORTHING								

D 

1	6	6	2	18	8	18	10	4	2	4	6	6	6	10
ZONE	EASTING					NORTHING								

E 

ZONE	EASTING					NORTHING								

F 

ZONE	EASTING					NORTHING								

G 

ZONE	EASTING					NORTHING								

H 

ZONE	EASTING					NORTHING								

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Beginning at point A (see U.S.G.S map), the boundary follows the east side of the drive southward for approximately 300' to the ridgeline, runs southwest along the ridge to point C, from thence northwest approximately 600' to point D, and from point D eastward along the fenceline for approx. 450' to point of

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Charlotte Schneider, Architectural Historian

April, 1979

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Kentucky Heritage Commission

(502) 564-3741

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

104 Bridge Street

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Frankfort

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

*Donna C. Hopkins*

TITLE

*Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer*

DATE

*5-10-79*

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

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Bill Leavich*

DATE

*July 9, 1979*

ATTEST:

*John H. Gannon*

DATE

*7/5/79*

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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The nominated property consists of approximately 4.5 acres which incorporates the main house and stone springhouse as well as the more modern dependencies to the north. The boundaries on the south and east (the ridgeline and the drive, respectively) are designed to encompass the natural setting of the house and springhouse. To the north, the fenceline which delineates the present farm complex is the obvious boundary, running to the northwest ridgeline. A line of convenience running in a southeasterly direction to the rear of the house from the fence to the southern boundary encloses the complex on the west.