

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Site No. NA-144

1. Historic Name(s) <u>Alexander plantation house</u>		22. ADD/County <u>Bluegrass, Woodford</u>	
Original Owner <u>prob. Robert Alexander</u>		23. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75') <u>Midway V. C.</u> G.I.S. Mod. <input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Present Name <u>Lanark farm</u>		24. UTM Reference <u>16 69 79 20 4422 000</u>	
3. Location <u>1/2 mi off E side Old Frankfort Pike, on drive commencing 1.3 mi E of 1685</u>		Zone Easting Northing	
4. Owner's Name <u>A. B. Gay</u>		25. Coordinate Accuracy <input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Owner's Address <u>Old Frankfort Pike, Versailles, Ky. 40383</u>		26. Prehistoric Site Object Historic Site Structure Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Local Contact/Organization		27. National Register District Name: <input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Site Plan with North Arrow <u>See attached boundary form</u>		28. Significance Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Architect		29. Status Date National Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> National Register <input type="checkbox"/> Landmark Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky Survey <input type="checkbox"/> Local Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> HABS/HAER <input type="checkbox"/>	
12. Builder		30. Historic Theme Primary <u>architecture</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secondary <u>agriculture, houses, borders</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>landscape arch.</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
13. Date <u>early 19th C.A.</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>		31. Endangered Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
14. Style A. <u>Federal</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>		32. Preservation Project Status <input type="checkbox"/>	
15. Original Use <u>residence</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Actual Cost in \$1,000s <input type="checkbox"/>	
16. Present use <u>residence</u>		33. ATTACH PHOTO <u>in attached envelope</u>	
17. Condition <u>excellent</u> <input type="checkbox"/>		Roll No. _____ Picture No. _____ Direction _____	
18. Description <u>5 bay 2 story central hall dry stone house of the highest quality; and 1 3/4 story stone house originally located 50 yards from the 1st. These 2 houses were moved intact to the present site from a location</u> <p style="text-align: right;">(Continue on Back) (over)</p>		34. Prepared by: <u>C.M. Woolley</u>	
19. History <u>1877 A.J. Alexander</u> <u>Robert Alexander bought 2000 acres 1790, was born in Scotland.</u>		35. Organization _____	
20. Significance <u>Exceptionally fine early stone house, moved to present site w great engineering skill; superb location.</u>		36. Date <u>1982</u>	
21. Source of Information <u>inspection</u> <u>A. B. Gay, owner</u> <u>19. Raub p. 27, De Burs Atlas</u>		37. Revision Dates _____ 38. Staff Review _____	

18. cont.:

about a mile E, and repositioned to form the present house and W. wing. The E wing was built to match, both connected to house by hypocaust. The moving was done in 1935-6 by a firm from Cincinnati; owner said scaffolding had to be built to raise them up hills.

House exhibits excellent craftsmanship; interior end chimney, tall windows (9/6 and 9/9 size), heavy muntins, stiple painting, guesined corners, modillions and dentils in cornice, beaded pegged frames (pegs very small), ovoid trim: 6/6 attic windows flanking chimney. Repairs were skilfully done and match original fabric.

The wing, ⁱⁿ original form, would be totally unique in early Ky stone, having 60° roof pitch, double shouldered interior chimney, dormers, bay windows. Owner said interior of house was rebuilt using original board planks.

The skill required in the moving, repair and enlargement of this house was remarkable.

House located on rich horse and tobacco farm at end of long winding drive through meadows and lovely woodlands to clearing on small hill; beautiful expanse of lawn to front and rear, descending to wooded ravine.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION & JUSTIFICATION

Beginning at a point 350 ft from the center of the house, there is a circle 350 ft in every direction from the center, to include the Stone house, additions, gardens, and garage - about 9 acres.

SKETCH MAP OF SITE SHOWING BOUNDARIES AND KEY BUILDINGS AND FEATURES WITH NORTH ARROW.

