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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See *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 Taylor, E.W., House

other names/site number Maple Grove; WD 261

2. Location

street & number East side of Midway Pike, about 1/2 mile north of intersection with Old Frankfort Pike not for publication N/A

city or town Midway vicinity

state Kentucky code KY county Woodford code 239 zip code 40383

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 Mays Executive Dir./SHPO 11/18/93
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State Historic Preservation Office/Kentucky Heritage Council
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 certifying 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): _____

for Signature of the Keeper Gregory M. Lapsley Entered in the National Register Date of Action 1/27/94

Name of Property

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	2	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
1	2	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Historic and Architectural Resources of North West Woodford County, Kentucky

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC / single dwelling

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC / single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

MID 19TH CENTURY / Greek Revival

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE / Limestone

walls BRICK

WOOD / Weatherboard

roof ASPHALT

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Name of Property

County and State

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.)

- Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
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.
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:

- owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
removed from its original location.
a birthplace or grave.
a cemetery.
a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
a commemorative property.
less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

c. 1853

Significant Dates

c. 1853

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

na

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:

Kentucky Heritage Council

Taylor, E.W., House
Name of Property

Woodford, Kentucky
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property approximately 15 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

Midway, KY. 7.5 min. Quad

1

16	702	770	4222	360
Zone	Easting	Northing		

3

16	703	260	4222	100
Zone	Easting	Northing		

2

16	703	300	4222	160
Zone	Easting	Northing		

4

16	702	740	4222	220
Zone	Easting	Northing		

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 Christine Amos, Historian

organization Burry & Amos, Inc. date December 1, 1992

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city or town Shelbyville, KY state Kentucky zip code 40065

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 Dr. and Mrs. Smiser West

street & number P.O. Box 638 telephone not for publication

city or town Midway state Kentucky zip code 40347

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7. Written Narrative Description

The property consists of the buildings located within the domestic area of a 729 acre farm that, until the 1970s, was devoted exclusively to tobacco and cattle. Within the past 20 years, the owners have converted many of the farm's tobacco barns for Thoroughbred horse use, and divided ground into small paddocks surrounding these horse barns. The farm does raise tobacco and cattle as well. The main house is located at the west end of a farm drive that extends over 3/4 mile from the Midway Road, crossing Lees Branch and extending through a pasture area containing some ancient trees of a woodland pasture remnant. The house is located on a high knoll that falls to the east to the creek, and to the south and north and is surrounded by large deciduous and evergreen trees. The site includes one contributing and two non-contributing buildings. The two non-contributing buildings are a frame potting shed and a frame wood shed, both built prior to WWII. These buildings do not detract from the integrity of the main residence; they are located within the rear yard area. Yet, because the property is being nominated for architectural significance, they are not considered to contribute to the property's architectural value.

1. **Residence, contributing building, c.1853.** A two-story, center passage plan, single pile, five-bay, brick masonry, antebellum residence with Greek Revival details that include a Flemish bond front; common bond side walls; asphalt shingled gable roof with returns; an original two-story brick ell with two chimneys, double galleries to the south and framed-in second floor and first floor galleries on the north side. The front facade is divided into five bays by brick pilasters with 6/6 sash windows with flat stone lintels and sills and entry recessed within the panels created by the pilasters. The front entry is defined by similar upper and lower entries of four-panel doors with four light transoms and three side lights. The upper entry opens to a flat roofed portico with spindled rail and ball-topped balustrade. This covers the entry portico supported by Doric columns. A herringbone-patterned brick walkway leads to the front entry, wraps to the south side along the side of the gallery, and to the rear. The rear ell features unequal fenestration on the south side first floor, and ends in a two-story masonry bay to the east. The second floor gallery is infilled with frame and 8/8 sash windows. The north side has a one-story enclosed shed porch with fixed glass windows and a two-story masonry block addition at the junction of the front and ell with shed roof and common bonding (assumed to house modern plumbing).

2. **Potting shed, non-contributing building.** In the rear yard, a board and batten frame building with asphalt shingled gable roof, concrete foundation, 6-lite casements to south and east, 11'9" by 17'8".
3. **Wood shed, non-contributing building.** Clapboard siding, concrete block foundation, 6/6 sash to south, asphalt shed roof, 11'7" by 9'10".
4. **Savanna remnant/entry, contributing site.** The Taylor house is situated 9/10 of a mile east of the Midway Pike at the end of a private drive that crosses Lees Branch and climbs a hill to the 870' contour, where the house is located. Along both sides of the drive is a wood fenced savanna remnant, an area used for pasture and hay, probably since the farm was established in the mid-19th century.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The E.W. Taylor house is architecturally significant on a local level under criteria C, as a good example of an antebellum residence with Greek Revival influences, a property type and historic context developed in the North West Woodford County Multiple Property form.

The house is one of ten surviving antebellum residences from the antebellum era (c. 1820-1865) in the Big Sink/Old Frankfort Pike MPL. Each of these examples utilizes a traditional, center passage plan enclosed within popular styles such as the Greek Revival, Gothic Revival or Italianate. The Taylor house is a good example of the Greek Revival, the most prevalent stylistic influence in antebellum domestic architecture throughout the region, and is a well preserved example of a common plan and type: the two-story, center passage. The Taylor house exhibits details such as Flemish bond front, bays divided by brick pilasters, and first and second floor central entries with transoms and side lights. The exterior architectural details rely on geometry and proportion rather than decoration. Compared to other area examples, it is a handsome and restrained version of a very popular house type.

The "E.W." Taylor, "Maple Grove" referred to at this location on the 1861 Hewitt and 1877 deBeers maps is probably Edmund Watson Taylor, son of Col. E.H. Taylor, a prosperous banker, distillery, and farm owner in Woodford and Franklin counties in the 19th century after the Civil War. The Taylor residence is a physical corollary between social and economic position and choice of dwelling, marks the separation of one large holding into smaller farm units (here, a reduction to 301 acres), and the building of new residences on those tracts.

The over 3/4 mile drive that connects the home to the Midway Road extends through a pasture area with savanna woodland characteristics. This rare savanna remnant and entry way contribute to the setting and feeling of the property's integrity, and therefore, are included, in part, within the nominated property boundary.

9. Major Bibliographic References

Railey, William E. History of Woodford County. (Versailles, Woodford County Improvement League), 1927.

Woodford County Courthouse; Versailles Kentucky. Clerk and Recorder's Office.

10. Verbal Boundary Description

The property boundary contains approximately 15 acres and is defined by a rectangle formed by the lines drawn on the accompanying topographic map. The map is drawn from the Property Valuation Assessor map for Woodford County, map 39, parcel 2, which is the legal location for the property.

Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the immediate side and rear yard areas (bound by fences and north side driveway) and the entire front yard. The west property boundary line is located at where the unnamed east fork of Lees Branch flows beneath the entry drive. This drive area, defined to the north and south by board fencing, is vegetated with occasional specimens of ancient hardwoods and is a remnant feature of the historic landscape associated with the residence and an important part of the historic setting of the property.

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Taylor, E.W., House
(WD 261)
Woodford Co., Ky.

PHOTO LOG: E.W. Taylor House (WD 261, Maple Grove)

Property location: Woodford County, Kentucky.

Photographer: Christine Amos

Date of photograph: 1992

Location of original negative: Kentucky Heritage Council,
Frankfort, Kentucky

1. Looking east to front elevation of residence.
2. Looking northwest to rear and south side of rear ell with full, double gallery.
3. Looking west along front entry walk to front yard area with maple trees, and beyond to entry drive and Savanna remnant.
4. Wood shed, looking north-northeast in rear yard area.