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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES  
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # ED-24  
Edmonson County

1. Name of Resource:  
Mathias Willis General Store

2. Original Owner:  
Mathias Willis

3. Other Names:

4. Prehistoric Site  Building  Object  
Historic Site  Structure  Other

5. Location:  
End of Cummins Road off south side of  
Kentucky 655, near Windyville

6. Owner's Name:  
Gus and Elaine Parsley [ P ]

7. Owner's Address:  
Windyville Road  
Brownsville, Kentucky 42210

8. Evaluation: [ G ]

9. Recognition & Date:  
Nat.Landmark  Local Landmark   
Nat.Register  HABS/HAER   
Highway Marker  KY Inventory   
KY Landmark Certificate

10. N.R.Status & Date:

11. N.R.Group:  
District Name: [ ]  
Mult.Resource Area: [ ]  
Thematic Name: Early Stone Buildings [ ]

12. Historical Theme:  
Primary: Architecture [ 030 ]  
Secondary: Communication [ 05B ]  
Other: Water Transportation [ 29W ]

13. Statement of Significance:  
  
The Willis Store is the only dry-stone building known in Edmonson County except for the consumptive huts built inside Mammoth Cave (N.R.). It is a quite late example of this building technique and  
[ ]

14. History:  
  
Built by Mathias Willis as a "store house," patronized by river travellers.

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person:

16. Date:  
Original Building mid-19th C [ 6 ]  
Addition [ ]

17. Style:  
mid-19th commercial [ 4X ]  
[ ]

18. Architect/Builder:  
Not Known

19. No. of Stories: One [ 1 ]

20. Original Floor Plan: [ NA ]

21. Single Pile  Double Pile  N.A.

22. Roof Form & Material: Original  
Flat  Not Original

23. Structural Material:  
Stone [ S ]

24. Exterior Material:  
Stone [ ]

25. Foundation Material:  
Stone [ S ]

26. Major Alterations: None   
Moved/Rebuilt  Other   
Additions

27. Special Features:  
Steel Lintels

28. Outbuildings:  
None [ 0 ]

29. Original Function:  
Store [ 02F ]

30. Present Use:  
Vacant [ 9V ]

31. Condition:  
Shell good/Interior gone [ F ]

32. Endangered: Yes   
No

33. Attach Photos:  
Roll: 4 Photo Nos: 28-36 No. of Slides:

34. Prepared by: Carolyn Murray-Wooley

35. Organization: Kentucky Heritage Council

36. Date: December 1983

37. New Survey  Resurvey

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Quadrant: <u>Brownsville</u>	Zone <u>16</u>	Easting <u>556850</u>	Northing <u>4114700</u>	39. G.I.S. Mod. [ ]	40. Coordi. Accuracy [ ]
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41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):

A. ---	D. ---
B. ---	E. ---
C. ---	F. ---

42. Total Acreage in Present Property:      43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: 9.69 acres

44. Site Plan (and boundary description and justification for N.R. sites):

Attached

45. Description and House Plan:

Single-cell, 30 x 60 feet, dry-stone store building, built on top of bank of Green River. Quarried, shaped stones in regular courses laid dry, and pointed with mortar containing some cement; large size stones without tool marks. Built with gable end facing river (photo 1), may have had false front; large center doorway flanked by very large "show" windows, all having steel bars for lintels. Rear, away from river, is similar except windows are smaller (photo 2). Each side has three small windows high in the walls. All the wood and roof are burned out.

Located in picturesque flat meadow, above river and below hills bordering river valley.

Stone is fossiliferous, oolitic, bioclastic limestone: Glen Dean member of lower Mississippian series.

13. Statement of Significance: (Continued)

remained totally intact with all the wood burned out.

(Also depicts days of river travel—not part of the Theme Nomination.)

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT  
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

26 1981

Historic Property Name Mathias Willis store Site # Ed 24

Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title \_\_\_\_\_

U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTMs if property is ten or more acres.

A. 16 556850 4114700 D. \_\_\_\_\_

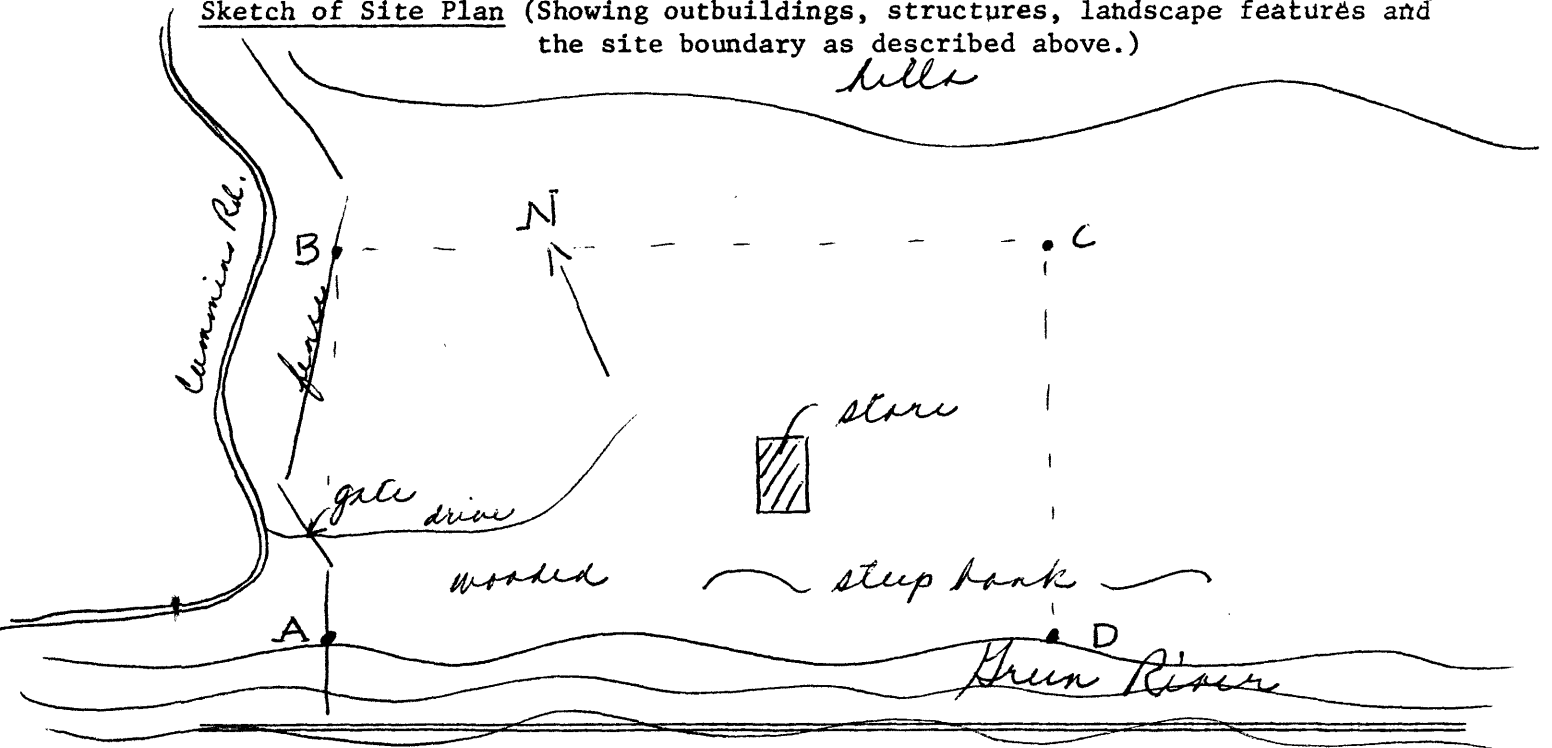
B. \_\_\_\_\_ E. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_ F. \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal Boundary Description Acreage 9.69 acres

Beginning at the river edge S of the gate to the meadow, thence northward 650 ft to B at the fence, thence parallel to river edge E 650 ft to C, thence parallel to A-B S 650 ft to the river, thence with river edge W 650 feet to the beginning, containing the store, access lane and surrounding lot. Open farm land is outside this boundary. No other buildings in sight.

Sketch of Site Plan (Showing outbuildings, structures, landscape features and the site boundary as described above.)



Official Courthouse Property Reference:

JUN 6 1981