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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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STATE: Kentucky
COUNTY: Boone
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ENTRY DATE JUL 18 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Piatt's Landing

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Winfield Cottage; Crutchfield Estate

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
East Bend Bottoms - S of Burlington off Kv 338

CITY OR TOWN:
Burlington vic

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
04

STATE: Kentucky CODE: 021 COUNTY: Boone CODE: 015

3. CLASSIFICATION

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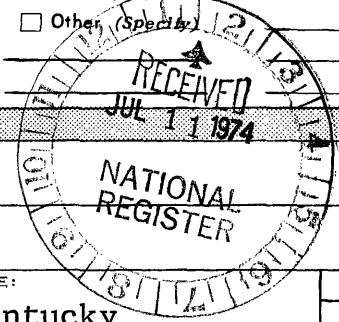
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OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. James Mullins

STREET AND NUMBER:
c/o Jimmie's Rollerdom, 115 Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Erlanger

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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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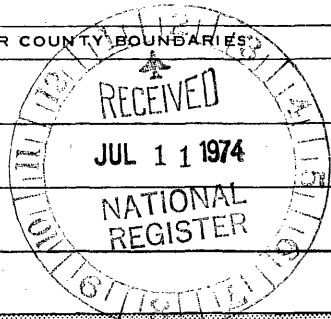
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **2 acres**

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Judge Bruce Ferguson, assisted by Patrick Raverty
 ORGANIZATION: **Boone County Representative, Ky. Heritage Commission** DATE: **May 19, 1974**
 STREET AND NUMBER:
401 Wapping Street
 CITY OR TOWN: **Frankfort** STATE: **Kentucky** CODE: **021**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Mrs. Eddred W. Kelton

Title State Liaison Officer

Date 7-3-74

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

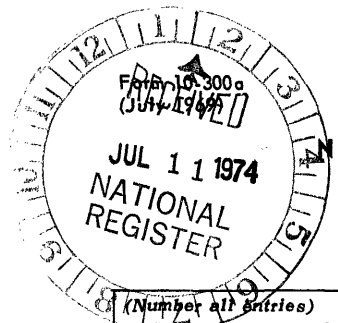
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

AK Montrose
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 7/18/74

ATTEST:
Wm. S. Murray
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 7-16-74



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A legal notice in the Cincinnati Gazette in 1856 described the property as a whole, and conveys a sense of the functional unity of an antebellum farm establishment:

"Winnfield Cottage" For Sale.

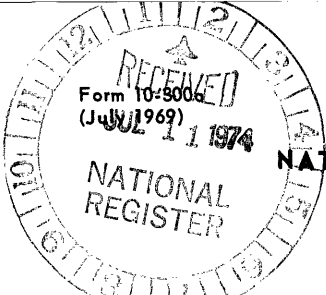
THE FARM OF THE LATE BENJAMIN F. CRUTCHFIELD, on the Ohio River, in Boone County, Kentucky, (known as "Winnfield Cottage,") is offered for sale. The Farm contains 154 acres--one hundred in cultivation, the remainder well timbered. The improvements are a large, Brick Cottage, with eleven rooms, good cellars, bath room and store room, kitchen, wash house, servants' room, ice house, carriage, and smoke house; a well of excellent water and large cistern. The yard is ornamented with fine Trees and choice Shrubbery. On the place are 400 Apple Trees and other select Fruits, a fine Barn with good Stables, Corn Cribs, a good Horse Mill, Corn and Cob Crusher with Threshing Machine attached. Also, Wood Shed and Cow House, and an abundant supply of never-failing stock-water. In short, it is one of the best improved Farms in the State.

Persons desiring to purchase are invited to examine the property. They can ascertain the terms by application to Wm. Ernst, Covington, Ky., D. A. Russell, Danville, Ky., or Mrs. S. M. Crutchfield, on the premises.

Wm. Ernst, }
D. A. Russell, } Executors.

Unfortunately, little remains of the outbuildings and plantings, although the house is still set among magnificent shade trees.

In spite of standing empty for a number of years, the house itself is in fairly sound structural condition and apparently would be suitable for restoration.



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The house at Piatt's Landing was the birthplace in 1817 of Major General Edward Richard Spriggs Canby, known as General E.R.S. Canby. His father, Dr. Israel Canby of Prince George County, Maryland, known only as an "amiable young man" had come to Piatt's Landing in 1814. Two years later Israel married Elizabeth Piatt, a granddaughter of the Huguenot John (who is referred to as "John of France" in family chronicles) and daughter of Daniel and settled in the present house.

Elizabeth and Caroline Piatt discuss Daniel Piatt, the original settler of Piatt's Landing in their Memorial Biography of Benjamin H. Piatt and Elizabeth His Wife:

Daniel, the fourth son of John of France, was born in New Brunswick, N. J., in 1745. He married Catherine Sherrad in 1765 and served in the first regiment of the New Jersey Brigade in the Revolutionary War, achieving the rank of major. His eldest daughter, Elizabeth, married Dr. Israel Canby, and was the mother of General Edward Richard Spriggs Canby, who was prominent in the late Civil War.

General Canby had a distinguished military career. After starting his education in the nearby East Bottoms School and then attending Wabash College in nearby Indiana, Canby in 1835 was admitted to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point from which he was graduated four years later in 1839.

Canby began his military career by removing conquered Seminole Indian Tribes to an Indian territory set aside for them in the Northwest. During the Mexican War, he served under General Riley in the siege of Vera Cruz; and in 1862, he was assigned to Washington as a Brigadier General. He served as an advisor to Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War. When the Draft Riots broke out in New York in 1863, he was dispatched there to restore order.

During the Civil War, as a Major General in command of The Department of the Mississippi, he and his army aided by Admiral Farragut and his fleet participated in the victory at the Battle of Mobile. On May 26, 1865, at Citronella, Alabama, Canby accepted the final surrender of Confederate forces from Confederate Generals Richard Taylor and Kirby Smith, seven weeks after

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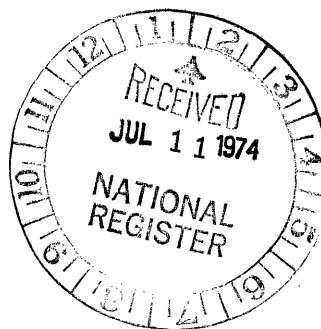
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General Robert E. Lee surrendered his army of Northern Virginia to General U. S. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse, Virginia.

In 1873 Canby, as Commander of The Department of Columbia, ended his brilliant military career while negotiating a peace treaty with the Modoc Indians of Northern California. During this meeting, under a flag of truce, his party was ambushed and he received wounds from which he soon died.

General Canby spent only the first couple of years of his life at the Landing; his father sold the property back to the Piatts about 1818. It stayed in their hands until 1844, when it was sold to Benjamin Crutchfield, a prominent local landowner. His estate in turn sold it to Henry and Anna Goff and Charles Yeiser in 1863; the property has been in very few hands since then, and now is threatened by a power company which plans to develop a plant in the area.

In conclusion, Piatt's Landing is a site worthy of preservation because it is an example of early 19th century Ohio River architecture as well as the birthplace of a distinguished military leader of the Civil War.



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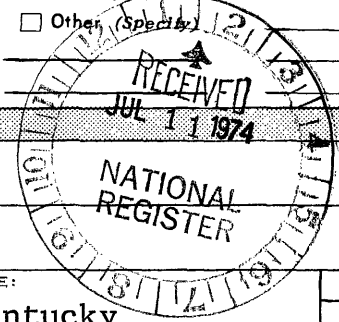
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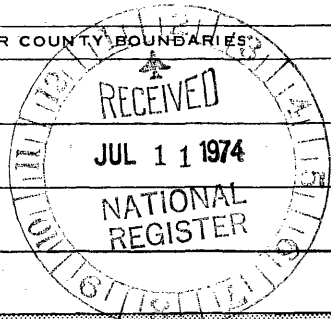
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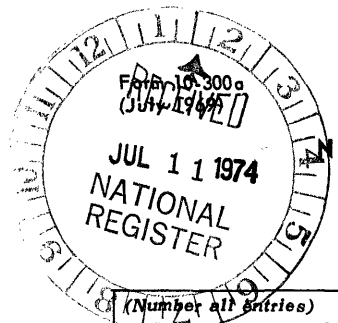
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A legal notice in the Cincinnati Gazette in 1856 described the property as a whole, and conveys a sense of the functional unity of an antebellum farm establishment:

"Winnfield Cottage" For Sale.

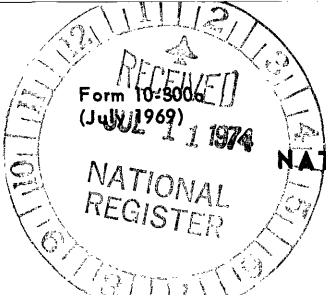
THE FARM OF THE LATE BENJAMIN F. CRUTCHFIELD, on the Ohio River, in Boone County, Kentucky, (known as "Winnfield Cottage,") is offered for sale. The Farm contains 154 acres--one hundred in cultivation, the remainder well timbered. The improvements are a large, Brick Cottage, with eleven rooms, good cellars, bath room and store room, kitchen, wash house, servants' room, ice house, carriage, and smoke house; a well of excellent water and large cistern. The yard is ornamented with fine Trees and choice Shrubbery. On the place are 400 Apple Trees and other select Fruits, a fine Barn with good Stables, Corn Cribs, a good Horse Mill, Corn and Cob Crusher with Threshing Machine attached. Also, Wood Shed and Cow House, and an abundant supply of never-failing stock-water. In short, it is one of the best improved Farms in the State.

Persons desiring to purchase are invited to examine the property. They can ascertain the terms by application to Wm. Ernst, Covington, Ky., D. A. Russell, Danville, Ky., or Mrs. S. M. Crutchfield, on the premises.

Wm. Ernst, }
D. A. Russell, } Executors.

Unfortunately, little remains of the outbuildings and plantings, although the house is still set among magnificent shade trees.

In spite of standing empty for a number of years, the house itself is in fairly sound structural condition and apparently would be suitable for restoration.



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The house at Piatt's Landing was the birthplace in 1817 of Major General Edward Richard Spriggs Canby, known as General E.R.S. Canby. His father, Dr. Israel Canby of Prince George County, Maryland, known only as an "amiable young man" had come to Piatt's Landing in 1814. Two years later Israel married Elizabeth Piatt, a granddaughter of the Huguenot John (who is referred to as "John of France" in family chronicles) and daughter of Daniel and settled in the present house.

Elizabeth and Caroline Piatt discuss Daniel Piatt, the original settler of Piatt's Landing in their Memorial Biography of Benjamin H. Piatt and Elizabeth His Wife:

Daniel, the fourth son of John of France, was born in New Brunswick, N. J., in 1745. He married Catherine Sherrad in 1765 and served in the first regiment of the New Jersey Brigade in the Revolutionary War, achieving the rank of major. His eldest daughter, Elizabeth, married Dr. Israel Canby, and was the mother of General Edward Richard Spriggs Canby, who was prominent in the late Civil War.

General Canby had a distinguished military career. After starting his education in the nearby East Bottoms School and then attending Wabash College in nearby Indiana, Canby in 1835 was admitted to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point from which he was graduated four years later in 1839.

Canby began his military career by removing conquered Seminole Indian Tribes to an Indian territory set aside for them in the Northwest. During the Mexican War, he served under General Riley in the siege of Vera Cruz; and in 1862, he was assigned to Washington as a Brigadier General. He served as an advisor to Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War. When the Draft Riots broke out in New York in 1863, he was dispatched there to restore order.

During the Civil War, as a Major General in command of The Department of the Mississippi, he and his army aided by Admiral Farragut and his fleet participated in the victory at the Battle of Mobile. On May 26, 1865, at Citronella, Alabama, Canby accepted the final surrender of Confederate forces from Confederate Generals Richard Tylor and Kirby Smith, seven weeks after

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General Robert E. Lee surrendered his army of Northern Virginia to General U. S. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse, Virginia.

In 1873 Canby, as Commander of The Department of Columbia, ended his brilliant military career while negotiating a peace treaty with the Modoc Indians of Northern California. During this meeting, under a flag of truce, his party was ambushed and he received wounds from which he soon died.

General Canby spent only the first couple of years of his life at the Landing; his father sold the property back to the Piatts about 1818. It stayed in their hands until 1844, when it was sold to Benjamin Crutchfield, a prominent local landowner. His estate in turn sold it to Henry and Anna Goff and Charles Yeiser in 1863; the property has been in very few hands since then, and now is threatened by a power company which plans to develop a plant in the area.

In conclusion, Piatt's Landing is a site worthy of preservation because it is an example of early 19th century Ohio River architecture as well as the birthplace of a distinguished military leader of the Civil War.

