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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

Sherman Tavern

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

S of Sherman Av

STREET & NUMBER

U.S. 25, three miles north of Dry Ridge

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Sherman Village

VICINITY OF

06

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Kentucky

CODE

021

COUNTY

Grant

CODE

081

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Dr. John B. Flege, Jr.

STREET & NUMBER

1 Handasyde Lane, Hyde Park

CITY, TOWN

Cincinnati

VICINITY OF

STATE

Ohio

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Grant County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Williamstown

STATE

Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky

DATE

1971

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

Sherman Tavern is located off Kentucky Highway 25, the old road connecting Williamstown with Cincinnati, in rural Grant County. The house sits on a slight rise, well back from the road almost hidden from view by the numerous trees and shrubs dotting the property.

The story-and-a-half tavern is based on a T-plan, of frame construction, possibly log underneath. The facade, seven bays in width, is distinguished by a recessed porch supported by four chamfered posts, and a gabled roof. The Greek Revival entrance contains an eight-pane transom and four-pane sidelights, with double doors having four horizontal panels in the upper section over two vertical panels.

The north and south ends are identical, having a brick chimney flush with the wall with two small windows at the second level.

The ell extends from the central section of the house with a recessed gallery on the north side supported by chamfered posts. Also on the gallery side are two dormers near the north end of the ell, allowing natural light into the second story.

The floor plan of the front block is simply laid out, with two rooms at either end of equal size, and a large center room. The woodwork appears to be late Federal, unadorned and almost totally intact--including mantels, and chair-rail. The front rooms have doors opening into the center room as well as the porch. There are four rooms in the ell, all with doors opening onto the side porch. Within 10 feet of the side of the tavern is a well house. It has been said that there were once ten slave cabins on the property. None, however, are extant.

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 checked="" 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	ca. 1840	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Sherman Tavern, located near the vicinity of Sherman in northeastern Kentucky, remains as a good example of the popular version of a three-part Greek Revival composition featuring a recessed pedimented porch. The structure has historical interest in being one of the mid-19th century taverns on the Lexington-Covington Road, one of the first macadamized roads in Kentucky.

The one-and-one-half story frame building was constructed by Lewis Myers, an early settler of Grant County, between 1820-1840.¹ Myers operated a tavern on the only direct route from Lexington north to Covington. Ample pens and water were available for stock, and there were several cabins for slaves.

In 1850 the tavern was purchased by Lewis Cason.² Cason and his descendants continued to operate the tavern until 1900.³ The tavern prospered until the railroad came through a few years after the Civil War. Chap Cason continued to operate the tavern until the turn of the century. After 1900 the frame structure served as a dwelling place on the Cason farm, who retained ownership until 1970.

Sherman Tavern is one of two documented inns remaining today in Grant County. Both taverns were situated on the old Lexington to Covington Road, the transportation route connecting the Bluegrass to Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati until the completion of the railroad in the 1870's.

¹Grant County Tax Assessment Record for 1822; Willard R. Jillson, Old Kentucky Entries and Deeds, p. 365.

²Federal Census of Kentucky for 1850, p. 343; Grant County Tax Assessment Record for 1851, p.6.

³Grant County Sesqui-Centennial Souvenir Program, p. 46.

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 Sesqui-Centennial Committee, 1970.
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 Printing Co., 1926.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 7 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Williamstown Quadrangle

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 16 | 708880 | 42889210

D 16 | 7086610 | 42888810

C 16 | 70861810 | 42887610

B 16 | 7089210 | 42881210

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

William G. Johnson, Historian; Gloria Mills, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Kentucky Heritage Commission

DATE

September 1978

STREET & NUMBER

104 Bridge Street

TELEPHONE

502/564-3741

CITY OR TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

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

Edward W. Gentry

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

11-28-78

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

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
 ATTEST: *Chapman...*
 CLERK OF REGISTRATION

DATE

2-9-79

DATE

2/9/79

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The nominated acreage includes the tavern and three outbuildings. The barn, situated to the southwest of the main house (see U.S.G.S. map, between points C and D), is the oldest of the three outbuildings, and was constructed at the same time as the tavern. It was directly associated with the tavern, being used as a stock barn by the drovers who stopped there enroute to Cincinnati. It is in a deteriorated condition, and serves no function today. Located directly north in close proximity is another barn, built about 1939, which was part of the Cason farm after the close of the tavern. Approximately 150 feet to the north is the third outbuilding, another barn, which was constructed fifty years ago. This barn was also a part of the Cason farm after the tavern closed.

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Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at point A on the west side of U. S. Highway 25 proceeding 725 ft. west to point B; thence 330 ft. south to point C; thence 760 ft. east to point D; thence 340 ft. north along the west side of U. S. Highway 25 to point A.