

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Site No. JF446

1. Historic Name(s) <u>James Clore House (Jefferson County M.R.A.)</u> Original Owner James Clore			22. ADD/County Jefferson/Jefferson 0516		
2. Present Name			23. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75') Anchorage 		
3. Location <u>N of Prospect off KY 329 approx. 3mi NE of Covered Bridge Rd. Jefferson County, Ky. Prospect Vic.</u>			24. UTM Reference 1, 6 62, 1, 65, 0 4, 2, 46, 2, 70 Zone Easting Northing		
4. Owner's Name Embry C., Jr. and Noreen T. Rucker			25. Coordinate Accuracy 		
5. Owner's Address 7123 Covered Bridge Rd., Prospect, Ky. 40059			26. Prehistoric Site Historic Site Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Object Structure 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 Jeff. Co. Office of Historic Preservation and Archives			27. National Register District Name: n/a 		
10. Site Plan with North Arrow 			11. Architect Unknown		
			12. Builder Unknown		
			13. Date 1847-50 addition A. 3 B. 8		
			14. Style A. Vernacular 22 B. Greek Revival 3		
			15. Original Use Sing. Fam. Resid 1		
16. Present use Residence			28. Significance Evaluation 		
17. Condition Excellent 1			29. Status National Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> Date _____ National Register <input type="checkbox"/> Landmark Certificate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oct. 1980 Kentucky Survey <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feb. 1977 Local Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> HABS/HAER <input type="checkbox"/>		
18. Description See next page (Continue on Back)			30. Historic Theme Primary <u>Architecture</u> 03 Secondary _____ Other _____		
			31. Endangered Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
			32. Preservation Project Status 		
			Actual Cost in \$1,000s 		
			33. ATTACH PHOTO		
19. History See next page			Roll No. _____ Picture No. _____ Direction _____		
20. Significance See next page			34. Prepared by: <u>Mary Jean Kinsman Researcher</u>		
21. Source of Information See next page			35. Organization <u>Jeff. Co. Office of Historic Pres. and Archives J</u> 36. Date <u>77</u>		
			37. Revision Dates 84		
			38. Staff Review		

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18. Description

Frame, 2-story house with stone foundation, symmetrical 3-bay facade, 6 over 6 windows, and center passage. Exterior end chimneys of stone have sloped shoulders. Entrance has a 4-light transom and 3-pane sidelights. Rear ell, 1½ stories, has a stone chimney and was built at the same time as the main block. Two-story frame wing at rear and front porch are recent additions. First floor interior retains original chestnut woodwork and vertical-panel doors in a primitive Greek Revival style and the original chestnut floors. The stairway balusters, newel post, and gooseneck handrail are of cherry. Outbuildings include a board and batten slave house with a central brick chimney and a small frame shed which dates from the late 19th century. The brick-walled pit of an ice house also remains on the site.

19. History

James Clore built this house soon after buying 108 acres of land from his brother-in-law, Benjamin Wilhoyte, in 1847. The Clore and Wilhoyte families were early 19th century settlers in the northeast section of Jefferson County--which became part of Oldham County in 1824. They came here from Culpeper County, Virginia and both families were descendants of the original German colonists who came to Virginia's Shenandoah Valley in the early 1700s and settled what were later named the "Germania Colonies." The Clores and Wilhoytes were among the prosperous farm families in Oldham County and Jefferson County, and their land, in several instances, spanned the county line. James Clore died in 1899 and the house, on a 20 acre tract, was occupied by his descendants until 1978.

20. Significance

The Clore House is significant as an example of primitive vernacular construction techniques used in a mid-19th century building. Though obviously an attempt to express the architectural fashion of the 1840s, the form of the main block (closely resembling that of a log structure), the exterior stone chimneys, and the unsophisticated Greek Revival interior trim are all marks suggestive of an older, more primitive building technology applied to a later, self-conscious architectural style.

The Clore House is also significant for its association with the County's early patterns of ethnicity and settlement. Eastern Jefferson (later becoming in part, Oldham) County had become a destination for transmontane migrants from the Valley of Virginia in the first half of the 19th Century. These settlers were descendants of Germana colonists, and the Clores maintained material and familial ties with at least two kindred branches, the Wilhoytes and the Yagers. (see JF 454 and 463)

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21. Sources of Information

Jefferson County (Ky) Deed Books; Will Books; Marriage Registers.

The Germanna Record, No. 10, April 1967; No. 13, October 1971.

Memorial Foundation of the Germanna Colonies, Richmond, Virginia.

Oldham County Marriages, 1823-51.

Lucien Rule, "The Clore Ancestors in Oldham County," The Oldham Era.
Undated newspaper clipping in scrapbook, The Filson Club.

Boundary Description

The boundary of the nominated site is shown as a red line on the attached aerial photograph (SCALE 1" = 200'). The site contains approximately 1-1/8 acres and includes the main house, board and batten slave house, frame sheds, and remains of an ice pit. These are the only extant improvements associated with the period of the property's greatest significance.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name James Clore House Site # JF 446
Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title Historic Resources of Jefferson County, Kentucky

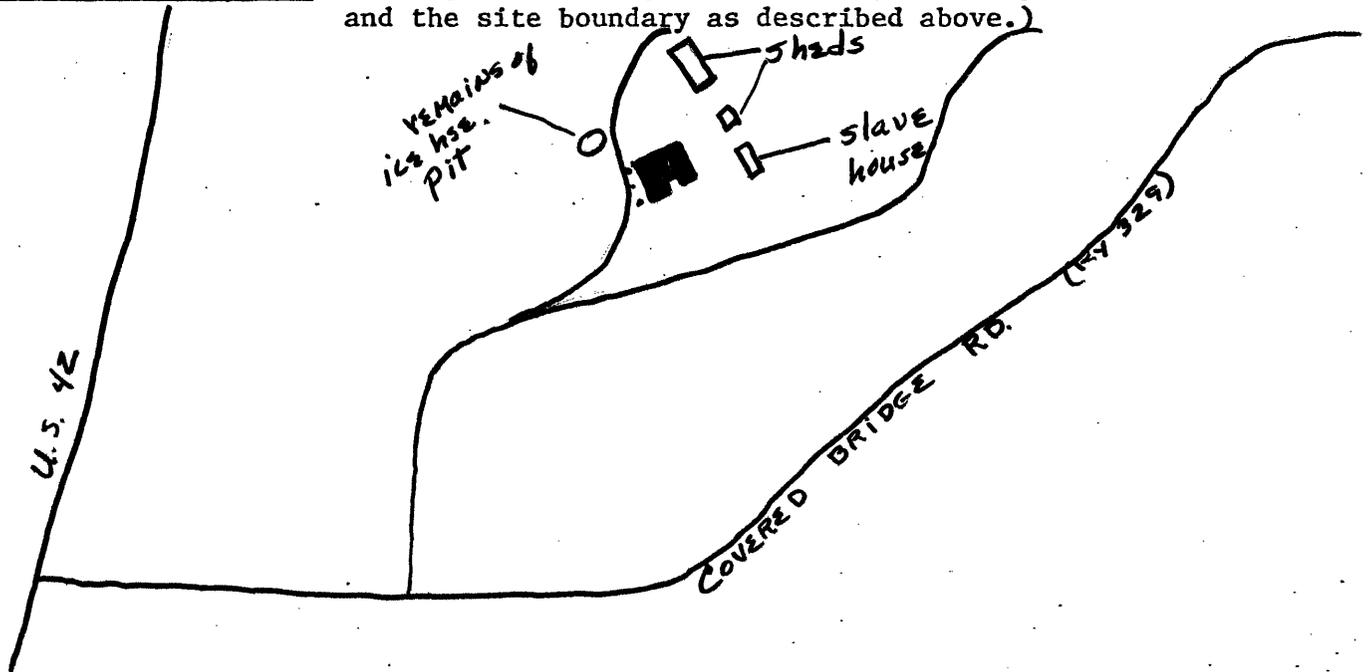
U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTMs if property is ten or more acres.

A. 16 621650 4246270 D. _____
B. _____ E. _____
C. _____ F. _____

Verbal Boundary Description Acreage 1-1/8 acres

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



Official Courthouse Property Reference:
Jefferson County Ky, Deed Book 5052, p. 101 (1978).

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