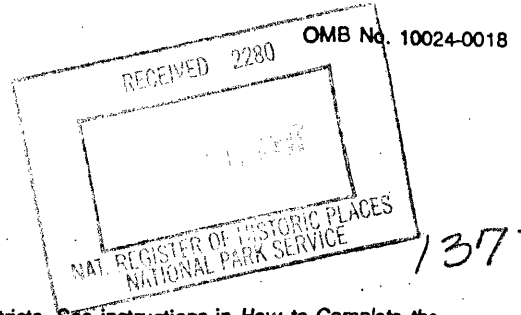


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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *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 Vermillion House and Farmstead

other names/site number BO-133

2. Location

street & number 378 Salt River Road

N/A not for publication

city or town Danville

vicinity

state Kentucky

code KY

county Boyle

code 021

zip code 40422

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 L. Morgan

David L. Morgan, SHPO and
Executive Director

10-1-97

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

Kentucky Heritage Council/State Historic Preservation Office

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 commenting 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): _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Patrick Andrews

8/14/98

Vermillion House (BO 133)
Name of Property and Farmstead

Boyle County, KY
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	
5	1	buildings
2	0	sites
1	0	structures
		objects
8	1	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
Boyle County, KY

**Number of contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register**

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling
AGRICULTURAL: processing and animal
housing

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: hall-parlor

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone
walls Aluminum Siding
roof Asphalt Shingles
other

Narrative Description

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

See Continuation Sheet

Name of Property and Farmstead

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.)

- Criteria A, B, C, D with checkboxes and descriptions.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- Criteria A through G with checkboxes and descriptions.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

AGRICULTURE

Period of Significance

1836 - c. 1900

Significant Dates

1836

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography See Continuation Sheet

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- Documentation checkboxes: preliminary determination, previously listed, designated landmark, recorded by survey, recorded by engineering.

Primary location of additional data:

- Location checkboxes: State Historic Preservation Office, Other State agency, Federal agency, Local government, University, Other.

Name of repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property 4 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

Perryville Quadrant

1	116	686	8170	411713	380
Zone	Easting	Northing			
2					

3					
Zone	Easting	Northing			
4					

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

See Continuation Sheet

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

See Continuation Sheet

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Christine Amos, Historian and Amanda Bradley, Historian

organization Burry & Amos, Inc. (Heart of Danville) date June 20, 1997

street & number 926 Main Street telephone (502) 633-5530

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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 Jane and Louise Fields

street & number 378 Salt River Road telephone N/A

city or town Danville state KY zip code 40422

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

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Multiple Property Listing
Vermillion House and Farmstead (BO-133)

7. Description:

The nominated property is located just south of the Boyle/Mercer County Lines, within the Bluegrass Region of northern Boyle County. The Farmstead is located on the west side of the Salt River at a ford and the crossing of the Old Salt River Road. The property is eligible to the National Register of Historic Places with local significance under Criterion C as it contains examples of early nineteenth century, culturally-based (Dutch-influenced) timber frame construction. The farmstead ensemble is also historically significant as an example of agricultural and domestic building types found on a diversified farm during the mid-to-late nineteenth century. The property contains five contributing buildings, one contributing structure, two contributing sites, and one non-contributing building.

1. Main residence, 1836 and 1839, contributing building. Located in a slightly raised open area west of the Salt River and facing the Old Salt River Road, the main residence was initially constructed in 1836 as a 1-1/2 story hall-parlor plan (east side) of "mud and stick" construction with an exterior end stone chimney, side gable roof, and a continuous stone foundation. The date of construction is carved into an exterior stone of the chimney. Three years later (in 1839) a single room addition to the west wall of the original block also featured an exterior end stone chimney (with the date "1839" carved on one stone). The current plan is the combination of the 1836 and 1839 blocks, and somewhat later shed additions across the rear elevation. The exterior features an asphalt shingle clad side gable roof, replacement aluminum siding and a continuous stone foundation. The front (north) facade is divided into five, slightly-irregular bays (w-d-w-d-w) with 2/2 sash windows (with plain wood surrounds) placed between two entry doors. Small, 6/6 sash garret windows are placed on the sides of both chimneys. The shed behind the 1839 room features 2/2 windows, a rear entry door and aluminum siding. Across the rear elevation, a pre-World War II 1/2 length shed has a weatherboard siding and 8/8 sash windows.

The interior features a five room plan on the first floor, with the original hall and parlor to the left (east, c. 1836), the single added rooms to the west dating to 1839 that changed the house to a hall-parlor plan, and the rear shed containing two rooms. The original parlor features a Greek Revival mantle with tapered columns and a coal insert and has three original four-panel doors (two originally leading outside and one leading to the hall), each capped with an early-molded architrave trim. The 1839 front room features a similar mantel, three beaded batten doors (leading into the hall, the kitchen, and outside); and an enclosed corner staircase in the northeast corner. Rooms throughout the residence were originally plastered, however are now covered with drywall.

2. Log smokehouse, circa 1836-39, contributing building. Probably built about the same time as the residence, the single pen log smokehouse is covered with board and batten siding and features a standing-seam metal gable roof that extends on diagonal braces from the front wall to form a shelter for

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the centrally-placed entry door that faces west to the east side of the house. The foundation is of limestone, dry-laid.

3. Limestone cellar, circa 1836-39, contributing structure. An underground cellar, with dry-laid limestone front facing north to the rear of the house in the yard area is semi-circular in shape, with a recessed entry.

4. Chicken coop, late nineteenth century, contributing building. Located east of the main residence in the domestic yard area, chicken coop features a side gable roof extending into overhangs over the central one-bay block. Sided with vertical boards, the building is enclosed with bricks on one side.

5. Shed, pre-World War II, contributing building. A frame shed with vertical board walls, asphalt shingle roof, and a central bay opening facing the main residence.

6. Barn, circa 1839, contributing building. The timber frame barn displays the Dutch timber framing techniques including mortise and tenon joining, treenails, diagonal corner bracing of the pen, hewn sills and plates, 24" round log supports and added extensions on the south, west and north sides. The front gable roof extends into sheds over the extensions and is covered with standing seam metal.

7. Schoolhouse (moved), non-contributing building. A late-nineteenth century, one-story, single room schoolhouse that is said to have been moved to this site by a former owner of the farm (Mr. Fields). The building has a gable roof clad with standing seam metal, single entry, an interior end brick chimney and open fenestration where windows have been removed. The most interesting aspect of this building is the visible framing of circular sawn lumber with diagonal corner bracing tied to sills and corner posts.

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8. **Spring site, contributing site.** The apparent location of a no longer extant spring house is evident in the front field of the house, west of the drive. The area around the spring features a wetland with indicative vegetation patterns.

9. **Ford, contributing site.** To the northeast of the site is a ford (crossing) of the Salt River. A metal bridge conveys the Old Salt River Road across the river just north of the ford.

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8. Statement of Significance

The Vermillion House and Farmstead, located on the south side of the Old Salt River Road at a ford of the Salt River, near the Boyle/Mercer County line in north-central Boyle County is nominated as part of the Multiple Property Listing "Historic and Architectural Resources of Boyle County, Kentucky". The residence meets National Register of Historic Places Criterion C as a locally important example of Dutch-influenced timber frame construction, identified in the MPF section "Domestic Architecture During the Settlement Period, 1780-1820." The buildings, structures and sites of the farmstead, including a timber-frame barn, log smokehouse, limestone cellar, chicken coop, shed, spring site and river ford are also historically significant on a local level under Criterion C, as an assembly of domestic and farm resources that help to explain the practices, patterns and workings of a relatively-small, diversified farm of the nineteenth century in northern Boyle County during the period of significance: 1832 to c.1900.

The history of the Vermillion farmstead traces to March of 1822, when Henry (Henderson) Vermillion purchased seventy-two (72) acres on the west bank of the Salt River from Henry Fruck (Boyle County DB 12/383). Information gleaned from Census records and recorded documents, suggests Vermillion was an industrious and frugal middling farmer of the nineteenth century, who raised a family of at least ten children; nine girls and one boy, on this 72 acre farm beside the Salt River. In 1838, a few years after the house was completed, Vermillion's farm was valued at \$1260.00 (Mercer County, 1838). He owned no slaves but paid taxes on four horses valued at \$180.00, one mule worth \$50, and eleven cattle worth \$30.00. The cash value of \$1260 on the 72 acre farm equals a per acre value of \$18.00. This amount suggests that the farm was of fairly good ground with improvements. Many smaller acreages were assessed at only \$10.00 per acre in the schedule.* Twelve years later, in 1850, the U.S. Census enumerates Vermillion's farm as divided into 35 acres of improved farmland and 35 acres unimproved with a cash value of \$1400.00 and \$100 of farm implements. Vermillion's diversified farm contained six horses, two milk cows, five cattle, 40 sheep and 24 swine, all valued at \$300.00. He raised wheat, corn, oats, peas and beans, potatoes, barley, buckwheat and hay. The farm also produced 20# wool, 100# butter, 30# flax, 5# flax seed, 5# beeswax and honey, 10 gallons of molasses, and 15# maple sugar. In

* These 1838 county valuation records, in alphabetical order, shed some light on the early Dutch community in what would become Boyle County. Along with Vermillion were many Vanarsdalls, Vanfleets, Vandivers and Vandarifes. Most of these families lived near Salt River (the water course named as near or within the property). A few lands were located near Harrod's Run and Cane Run. These three areas were among the first claimed and settled in Mercer (Boyle) County. The 284 acres of land owned by Isaac Vanarsdall on Harrod's Run may have been some purchased by him from the James Harrod claim in the area identified as the "Low Dutch Settlement" in north central Boyle County.

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comparison to other Boyle County farms in 1850, Vermillion's enterprise was not only more diversified than his neighbors, but was a minority farm in the antebellum Bluegrass region, a small farm containing less than 100 acres. Most farms put up hay, and raised oats and corn (for animal feed and family consumption). Most area farms did raise a variety of livestock, and most produced butter from the milk surplus. Vermillion, however, seems to have embraced a more diverse pattern of activity for his farm. His household production was especially interesting, with none of it counted as sold to market. A few Boyle County farms produced hundreds of pounds of flax (250-700 pounds), assumed for market. Vermillion processed 30 pounds of the fiber, and saved 5 pounds for seed. We can imagine that the flax, along with the 20# of wool sheared from the farm's 40 sheep was woven into cloth for the growing Vermillion family. He is one of the few whose farm produced maple sugar, molasses, and grew buckwheat. In all, it appears that, on this 72 acres along the Salt River, Henry Vermillion raised a large family on a very diversified, fairly self-sufficient farm.

It was, perhaps, the location of this land, on the east bank of the Salt River, at the ford and later bridge crossing of the Salt River Road, that enticed Vermillion into purchasing this acreage from Henry Fruck. He sited the timber-frame house with stone end chimneys parallel to the east-west road. Travelers from either direction could be seen from the house. It would have been a site of some activity. The household spring, to the front (northeast) of the house near the road, was probably frequented by travelers.

The farmstead, including a small domestic yard area and barn yard area, cluster to the east side and south rear of the house. The timber frame barn, perhaps built before the house was completed, would have contained stanchions for milk cows and work horses. The log smoke house and limestone cellar, built at the time of the house and barn, provided room for processing and storage of farm produce.

After Vermillion's death, his heirs sold the farm to Zachariah Fields, who continued to farm, much in the manner established by Vermillion. In 1880, the farm was valued at \$2,000.00. Field hired out only nine weeks of labor that year; with five weeks from white workers and four weeks from African American workers. He harvested two tons of hay, worked the farm with two horses, owned three milk cows, seven other cattle, fifty swine, and counted a total of 230 birds, 70 in the barnyard and 150 "other" (roaming at large on the farm, perhaps?). Like most of his neighbors, he raised corn and wheat. The chicken coop was built during Field's tenure to contain the many domestic poultry raised at the farm. Although Fields' operation was less diversified than Vermillion's, his activities place him in the norm for farmers of the region during the late nineteenth century. The farm remains in the ownership of Field's heirs.

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10. Geographical Data:

Verbal Boundary Description:

The Vermillion House is located on the south side of the Salt River Road, in close proximity to the Boyle/Mercer County lines in north-central Boyle County. The nominated property includes only the main residence and associated outbuildings located within the domestic compound, designated as part of Parcel 12 on Boyle County Property Identification Map 27, found in the Property Valuation Administration Office.

Boundary Justification:

The boundaries of the nominated property include the main residence and buildings historically associated with the property and maintaining a good historic integrity. Historically, the Vermillion House has been associated with over 100 acres of surrounding agricultural farmland, however this land is not nominated.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

Vermillion House and Farmstead (BO-133)

PHOTOS BY: Christine Amos
Burry & Amos, Inc.
Shelbyville, Kentucky 40065

DATE: April, 1997

Looking E-SE to the farmstead from the ford at Salt River
1 of 10

Looking SE from the Old Salt River Rd. bridge to the Salt River ford
2 of 10

Looking S-SE to the Vermillion House and farmstead from entry drive
3 of 10

Front (north) elevation of Vermillion House
4 of 10

Detail of west end chimney with "1839" in stack stone
5 of 10

Rear elevation of house looking north
6 of 10

Meat house looking NE
7 of 10

Looking E from rear yard area to schoolhouse and timber frame barn
8 of 10

School house (moved building) looking west
9 of 10

timber frame barn, north and west sides looking SE
10 of 10

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OLD
(LOWER) SALT RIVER ROAD

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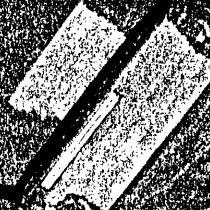
Vermillion House + Farmstead
Boundary

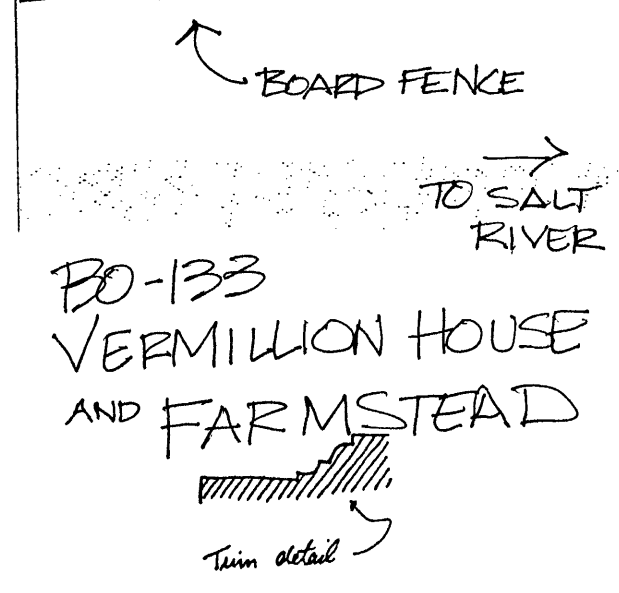
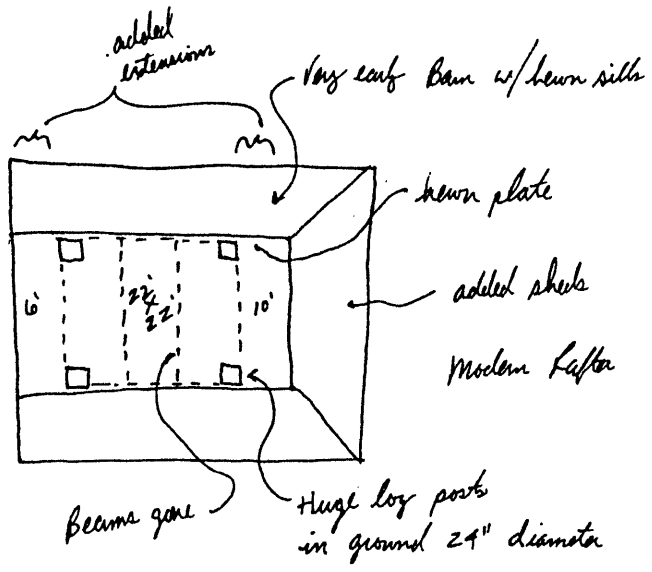
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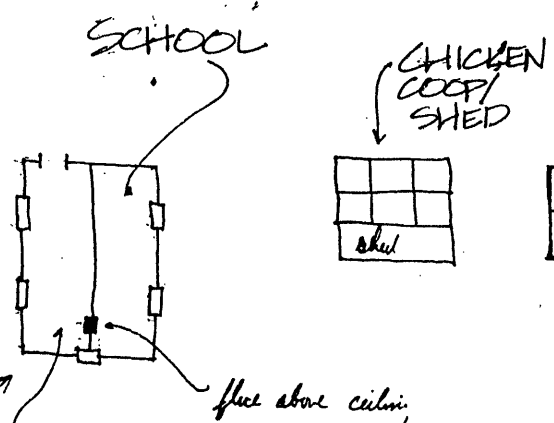
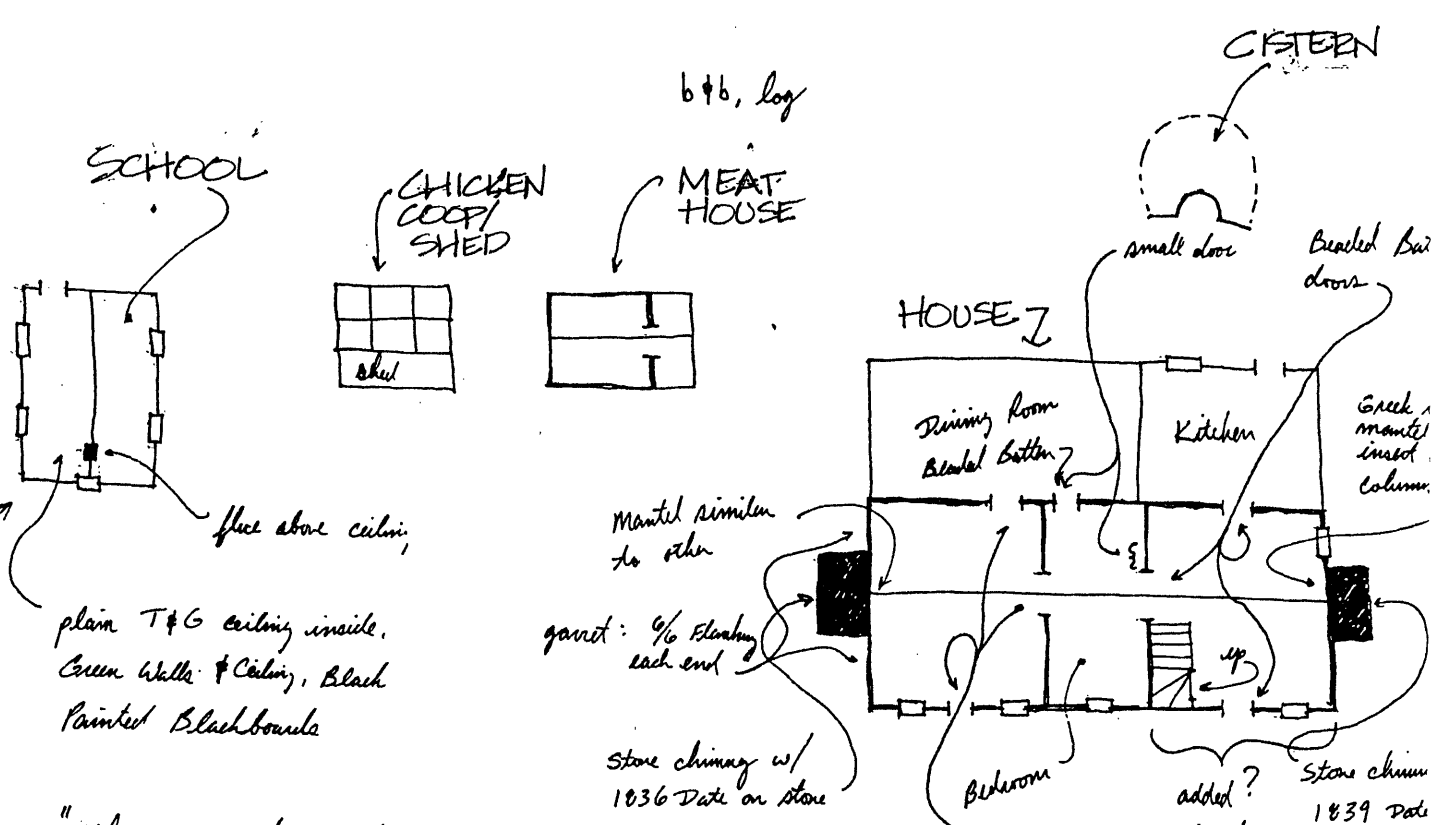
MAP 27
PARCEL 12

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VERMILLION HOUSE
AND FARMSTEAD



plain T&G ceiling inside.
Green walls & ceiling, Black
Painted Blackboards

"When we went to school
it was moved here afterward
by our father"

Beaded circular sawn lumber,
weatherboard, corrugate roof,
6/6 sash original.



← BOARD FENCE

↓ TO OLD SALT RIVER RD.