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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES  
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # Be-68  
Boone County

1. Name of Resource: Kirtley house

2. Original Owner: Jeremiah Kirtley, or his eldest son, Robert

3. Other Names: None

4. Prehistoric Site  Building  Object  
Historic Site  Structure  Other

5. Location: .9 m. north of Rt. 20; .4 m. west of Old Ferry Rd. / 2451 Second Creek Road

6. Owner's Name: Benjamin Setters [ ]

7. Owner's Address: 2643 Petersburg Road  
Burlington, KY 41005

8. Evaluation: National Register [ ]

9. Recognition & Date:  
Nat.Landmark  Local Landmark   
Nat.Register  HABS/HAER   
Highway Marker  KY Inventory 1977   
KY Landmark Certificate

10. N.R.Status & Date:

11. N.R.Group:  
District Name: [ ]  
Mult.Resource Area: Boone County [ ]  
Thematic Name: [ ]

12. Historical Theme:  
Primary: Architecture [ ]  
Secondary: [ ]  
Other: [ ]

13. Statement of Significance:  
This property is significant under criterion C as a rare surviving example of early 19th century timber frame construction, significant to Boone County in the period 1795-1840. It is the only known example of this method of construction in the county and is significant as well for its unique (continued)

16. Date: Original Building 1st 1/2 19th c. [ ]  
Addition c. 1850s [ ]

17. Style: Federal-vernacular [ ]  
Greek Revival-vernacular [ ]

18. Architect/Builder: unknown

19. No. of Stories: two/one [ ]

20. Original Floor Plan: hall-parlor [ ]

21. Single Pile  Double Pile  N.A.

22. Roof Form & Material: Original   
gable/st. seam tin Not Original

23. Structural Material: early frame/wood frame [ ]

24. Exterior Material: weatherboard [ ]

25. Foundation Material: fieldstone [ ]

26. Major Alterations: None   
Moved/Rebuilt  Other   
Additions

27. Special Features: recessed corner porch

28. Outbuildings: three: barn, icehouse, unknown [ ]

29. Original Function: farm dwelling [ ]

30. Present Use: vacant [ ]

31. Condition: fair [ ]

32. Endangered: Yes   
No

33. Attach Photos:  
Roll: 7 Photo Nos: 0-15 No. of Slides:

14. History:  
The owner indicated for the property in the 1883 atlas was Mrs. H. E. Kirtley. The first member of the family to settle in Boone County, in 1796, was Jeremiah Kirtley, Sr. (1764-1806). Although his will was imprecise, it is likely, because surrounding lands were bequeathed to his children, that this is the house he left to his widow. The house may also be that of his eldest son, Robert.

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person:  
Will of Jeremiah Kirtley, Sr.

34. Prepared by: Kenneth T. Gibbs

35. Organization: Boone Co. Hist. Pres. Rev. Bd.

36. Date: Sept. 1986

37. New Survey  Resurvey

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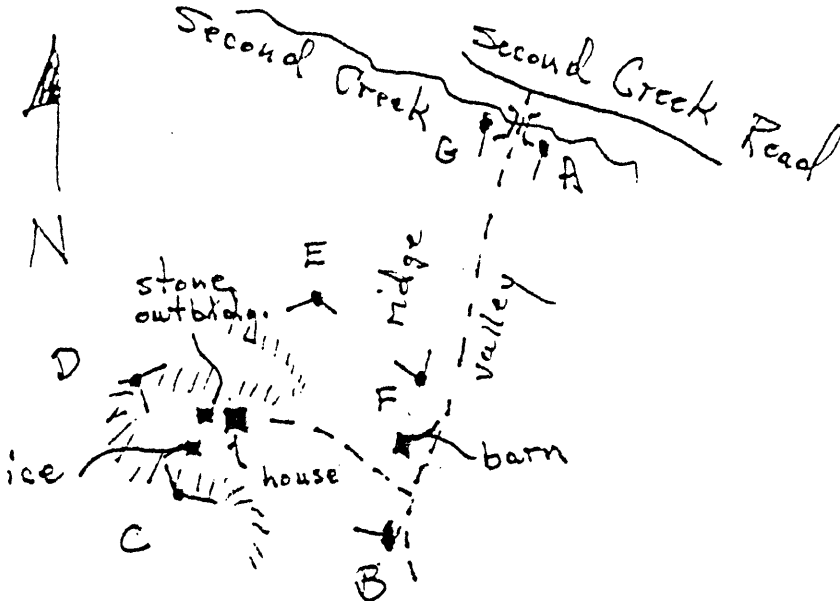
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 Quadrant: Lawrenceburg 16 687780 4337540 40. Coordi.Accuracy [ ]

41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):

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

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 192 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: 8

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



Verbal Boundary Description: Beginning at point A on the south side of Second Creek Road, 10' southeast of Farm Lane, proceed 1800' in a southwesterly direction paralleling the Lane to point B. From B travel 500' in a west-northwesterly direction to C, which is 100' southwest of the southwest corner of the ice house. From C travel 200' northwest to D, then 750' northeast to E, then 600' southeast to F, then 1500' northeasterly and parallel to Farm Lane to G. Points G and A are 50' distant along Second Creek Road. The nominated area forms a polygon A-G which includes the house and outbuildings.

Contributing: 2 buildings (house, barn);  
 2 sites (walls of stone outbuilding and icehouse foundation)

The nominated area includes sufficient acreage for a setting, and a corridor to provide access from the nearest public road. The Lane, not shown on the 1961 USGS map, passes between a dry creek bed on the east and a ridge on the west.

45. Description and House Plan: The Kirtley house is a 2-story farmhouse of timber frame construction with a hall-parlor plan and two exterior chimneys in the gable-ends. It faces north and is sited on a high point on a small ridge extending west from the barn and entrance lane. The farmstead is isolated in a picturesque setting a half mile from the nearest public road.

The main front of the house stands above a high basement of fieldstone. The door and window in the basement are pegged (as are all other openings in the first stage), and they do not line up vertically with the openings above. The first floor has three bays, the second two, and the rear of the house has four bays. Heavy wooden framing was used in this first stage.

The front-left wall was recessed at the first floor level, creating an open corner porch. The floor above is supported by two chamfered posts resting on a parapet wall. The corner post of the porch is considerably larger than the center one, and the stone wall of the basement is thickened, buttress fashion, at the front-left corner. The recessed porch was treated as an interior room: a chairrail extends around the recessed walls at the height of the parapet wall, and the wall below the rail is plastered. The wide facing boards capping the porch posts are beaded.

The first floor windows have nine-over-six panes on the main faces, while all other windows have six-over-six panes. One of the two fieldstone end-chimneys survives on the east; the replacement chimney on the west end is of brick. Although the stonework at the entrance to the corner porch is bowed outward, some of the windows have been damaged, and some of the weatherboarding has fallen away, the house is structurally sound, with most of its architectural detailing in place.

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The stone foundation of an icehouse remains to the southeast of the house. The outer edges of this foundation are rectangular, while the inner well, about ten feet deep, is oval with battered sides. Contemporary with the house, the remains of this outbuilding contribute to the significance of the property by illustrating the importance of domestic outbuildings in the period.

The mid-century frame addition to the house was erected as a low ell, in Greek Revival style. Neither this addition nor the replacement chimney on the west end of the main block significantly affect the overall character and design of the property.

The wood frame, gabled, vertical-board sided barn to the east of the house was built in the last part of the 19th century. Although it was erected after the period of significance of the house, it contributes to the property because it illustrates the agricultural, land-based economy of the original occupants of the house and the frequent replacement of agricultural outbuildings over time.

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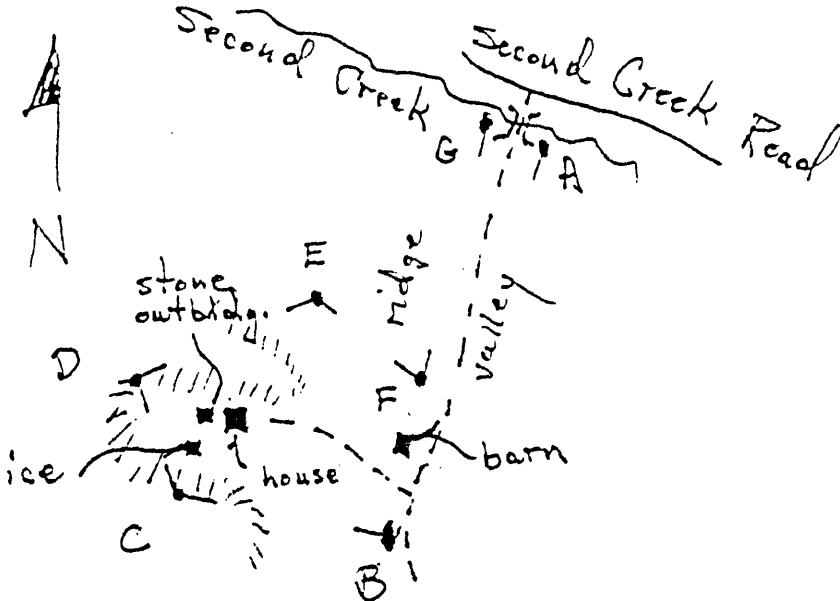
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