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DATA SHEET

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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

Andrew Hearn Log House and Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Charles G. Hearn Property

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Hanley Lane

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

3 miles from

VICINITY OF Jett

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

06

STATE

Kentucky

CODE

021

COUNTY

Franklin

CODE

073

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

__DISTRICT

__PUBLIC

__OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

__MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

__COMMERCIAL

__PARK

__STRUCTURE

__BOTH

__WORK IN PROGRESS

__EDUCATIONAL

__PRIVATE RESIDENCE

__SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

__ENTERTAINMENT

__RELIGIOUS

__OBJECT

__IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

__GOVERNMENT

__SCIENTIFIC

__BEING CONSIDERED

__YES: UNRESTRICTED

__INDUSTRIAL

__TRANSPORTATION

__NO

__MILITARY

__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Jones

STREET & NUMBER

1166 Ojibwa Trail

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort

VICINITY OF

STATE

Kentucky

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Franklin County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

St. Clair Street

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Survey of Historic Places in Kentucky

DATE

October 1975

__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 type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

The Andrew Hearn House is a single-pen, story-and-a-half log house constructed c. 1827 with a c. 1900 one-story frame ell attached to the rear. The log house, surrounded by farmland and woods, faces eastward, and is located on a gently rolling hill, partially enclosed in a bowl of slightly higher hills (see photo 1). There are streams south and east of the house, and rock outcroppings nearby. Surviving dependencies around the house consist of a privy, chicken coop, corn crib, and a smokehouse, and (on the hillside opposite) three tobacco barns, all of which were constructed about 1900, except for the smallest barn, which is set on a stone foundation and may well be older. On the north side of the house are two unknown graves marked only by a field stone. On the hill east of the house is a small family cemetery nearly hidden by trees and underbrush.

The log portion of the Hearn House is constructed of hewn poplar logs, laid horizontally, resting on a dry-laid stone foundation (see photo 7). The logs have been covered by weatherboard, probably added around 1900 when the frame addition was constructed. Since the weatherboard covers the logs, the corner notching can not readily be determined.

The original passage into the log house is the present front entrance. The door is placed slightly off center on the east wall and has a plain six-over-six-pane window on each side. It is evident that a porch (probably added in the late 19th century) once covered the entrance and south bay (see photo 6).

A huge stone chimney dominates the north gable end of the log house (see photo 5). It is constructed of native limestone and laid in regular courses with razor-sharp corners, slanted shoulders, and a projecting course just below the top. (For similar, but not quite identical chimneys, see the nomination form for the Penn-Marshall Stone House, also in Franklin County, Kentucky, listed on the National Register June 5, 1975.) Centered on this side of the log house, the chimney is flanked by two small windows located in the loft area. There is evidence that a similar chimney was located at the west end of the main house. It is possible that the stones were reused as the foundation of the ca. 1900 south wing.

The interior of the log house is virtually intact as it was in the second quarter of the 19th century. All the interior walls reveal the bare hewn logs except for the rear wall, which has been plastered. A vertical beaded-board partition on the first floor divides the space into two rooms, creating a larger room and a small rear room, which perhaps served as the parents' sleeping quarters, although the proportions suggest the traditional hall-and-parlor layout. The entire first floor has traces of white-wash, but most of the wood has retained its natural finish. The ceiling of the first story is the underneath of the beaded-board poplar floor boards and joists of the loft (see photo 14). These beaded-board joists were obviously never intended to be covered by plaster. In the main room is a large stone fireplace opening

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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 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 checked="" 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 1827; c. 1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Andrew Hearn

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Secluded on a large tract of farmland within five miles of Frankfort in the Bluegrass region of the State, the Andrew Hearn Log House serves as an archetype of the single-pen log house in Kentucky dating from the first and second quarters of the 19th century. The log house was built by Andrew Hearn about 1827, and demonstrates a high degree of craftsmanship not unlike that revealed in the construction of the "grander" homes of the Bluegrass. With its stone foundation, hewn poplar logs laid horizontally, beaded-board flooring, joists and partitions, and delicately-detailed mantel, it is unusually well built, with much of the original materials intact and minimum evidence of "modernization."

The house was built by Andrew Hearn probably shortly after he purchased the 125-acre property in 1827 from his brother-in-law Littleton Whittington, of Woodford County. (Census records indicate that Andrew Hearn was living and paying taxes at this location in 1830.) The parcel of land is near Glens' Creek, between the small villages of Jett and Millville near the border line of Franklin and Woodford Counties, not far from the valley of the Kentucky River. In 1827 this entire area was farmland with very few dwellings, with the Hearn property located off the dirt road connecting the Leestown Pike with Millville. (The section of road from this property to Millville is now as it was about 1900. The Blanton-Crutcher Farm, listed on the National Register on October 29, 1975, is across the Millville Road from the Hearn property; see the house marked "L. T. Crutcher" on the 1882 Atlas.)

Andrew Hearn died in 1849, willing the house and property, which included a Negro woman Priscilla and her son Patrick, to his wife and son Charles. Charles G. Hearn lived and farmed at this location until his death in 1905, at which time his daughter Lula Mitchell and her husband took possession of the farm and lived there until the 1930s. The Hearn family had cleared and cultivated the land and lived in the log house for over 100 years, from the pioneer era into the twentieth century.

The Hearn house remained a single-pen log building until a one-story frame addition was constructed to facilitate the growing family around 1900. The interior of the log house has not been altered with the exception of electrical lines. The beaded-board partitions, floor boards, and joists have never been painted or plastered over. Only small chips of white-wash remain on the wood work. These finely beaded boards remind us that our early settlers, besides being farmers, were masters in the art of carpentry.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 The Magazine Antiques, March and April 1974, pp. 791-98.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 9 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,6	68,963,0	4,22,52,6,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

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 J. Hearn, Restoration Program Co-ordinator GM

ORGANIZATION

Kentucky Heritage Commission

DATE

January 23, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

401 Wapping Street

TELEPHONE

(502) 564-3361

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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Edward W. Melton

TITLE

DATE

3/16/76

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

Acting

W. J. Hearn

DATE

8/11/76

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST

Charles A. ...

DATE

8.9.76

Acting

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and flat board mantelpiece with ample proportions but delicacy of detail including a hint of reeding that suggests the Federal style (see photo 13). A small piece of the log chink (mortar) from the interior of the cabin appears to be of high lime content with a mixture of clay soil and animal hair.

To the right of the entrance is a boxed-in stair casing leading to the loft (see photo 16). The batten door at the bottom of the stairway has evidence of having had a thumb latch.

The loft contains two small rooms separated by vertical beaded-board partitions on each side of the landing at the top of the stairway. These partitions are held together not by the standard tongue-and-groove method but by grooves placed back to back with a shaft referred to as a "spline," between the two boards. A cherry wood batten door from one of the loft door openings still retains its hand-carved wooden latch and knob (see photo 17). The ceiling of the loft is open revealing the roof supports and structural members (see photo 20). The members are joined together by means of mortise-and-tenon joints and secured by a dowel.

The c. 1900 one-story frame addition contains two large rooms and a screened-in porch set, as mentioned above, on stone foundations. The rooms have high ceilings and plaster-over-lath interior wall. There are two plain mantels of undetermined age. A cellar door is located in the screened-in porch (south side), leading underneath the frame addition. The cellar was used for fruit and food storage. The cellar walls are of dry-laid stone with a dirt floor.

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Particular features worthy of note include a cherry wood batten door with a hand-carved latch and knob constructed in a simple and yet ingenious manner (see photo 18); the vertical beaded-board partitions fitted together side-by-side by a spline (a small slender shaft) between the grooved edges of the individual beaded boards; and Rosehead nails of a type characteristic of the late 1700s and early 1800s in Kentucky. The interior is unaltered and can very easily be imagined to have been recently vacated by a pioneer family.

Characteristic outbuildings surrounding the house help to retain the atmosphere of the pioneer farm. The earliest of the outbuildings appear to be a small board-and-batten structure to the rear of the main house that was later used as a small house and stripping room, and a barn on stone foundations across a shallow ravine to the east of the log house (see photos 9-12).

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Interview with on-site inspection with Henry Chambers, Restoration Architect from Akron, Ohio, October, 1975.

Interview with Mrs. Walter Kimbel, Frankfort, Kentucky (great-grand-daughter of Andrew Hearn), January 22, 1976.

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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1 NAME

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Charles G. Hearn Property

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN

$\frac{x}{3}$ VICINITY OF
miles from Jett

COUNTY
Franklin

STATE
Kentucky

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

An Atlas of Franklin County. D. J. Lake & Co.

SCALE 2"=1 mile

DATE 1882

4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES

Andrew Hearn House is circled in red at lower right section of map; it belonged to "C. L. Hearn" at that time.

Map 2