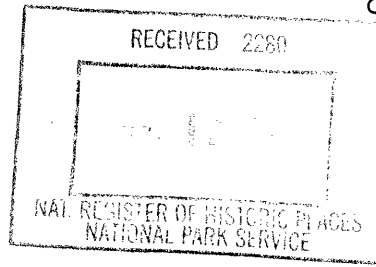


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



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 Wilson's Station

other names/site number BO- 310 Wilson House

2. Location

street & number 3750 Lebanon Road N/A not for publication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, SHPO and Executive Director
Signature of certifying official/Title 10-1-97 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 Patrick Andrews Date of Action 11/21/97

Wilson's Station
Name of Property

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	
1	1	buildings
0	0	sites
0	1	structures
0	0	objects
1	2	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

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

Early Stone Buildings of Central KY (Murray Wooley, 1993)
Historic and Architectural Resources of Boyle County, KY 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/ single dwelling
DOMESTIC/secondary structure

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling
DOMESTIC/secondary structure

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

NO STYLE/ settlement vernacular

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE/limestone
walls STONE/limestone
WOOD/weatherboard
roof ASPHALT
other LOG

Narrative Description

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

Wilson's Station

Boyle Co., KY.

Name of Property

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.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

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

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT

Period of Significance

ca. 1785-1794

Significant Dates

ca. 1785-1794

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.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

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

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
previously listed in the National Register
previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of repository:

Wilson's Station
Name of Property

Boyle Co., KY.
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 12.44 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

Junction City Quad

1	16	692940	4165800
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.)

Boundary Justification

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

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Christine Amos, Historian
organization Burry & Amos, Inc. date March 30, 1997
street & number 926 Main Street, telephone (502) 633-5530
city or town Shelbyville state Kentucky zip code 40065

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 James & Deborah Pope
street & number 3735 Lebanon Road telephone _____
city or town Danville, state KY zip code 40422

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Wilson's Station (BO-310)

7. Description

The nominated property is Wilson's Station, a stone masonry residence with the oldest portion built by Boyle County pioneer James Wilson sometime between 1785 and 1794 (with the later date seeming more likely). The house sits on a rise above the forks of Clark's Run, with a massive Sycamore tree located in the flood plain between the house and rock fence and the creek. The front of the house is said to have originally faced south to the Wilderness Road and the Knobs. The present front (north) faces Clarks Run and KY 34, the old Danville-Lebanon Turnpike.

1. **Wilson Station (contributing building).** The original portion of the house is a two-story, stone, three-bay, hall-parlor residence with irregular corner quoins, 6/6 sash (first floor windows lengthened in the mid-19th century) with original jack arches and enlarged keystones. The center entry doors mirror each other on north and south facades with early molded frames. Interior stone chimneys are flanked by circular garret vents (loop holes) framed by gauged stones. As shown in the plan attached, it appears that the northern-most one-story wing was originally detached and served as a kitchen/living space. It is possible that this single cell structure with enclosed corner stair accessing an upper garret is the oldest portion of Wilson's Station, built and lived in during the late years of the eighteenth century with the larger, hall-parlor block built soon after. The kitchen retains a massive stone chimney and fireplace; single window opening in the north and entry in the south elevation (supporting accounts of the original front elevation oriented south); exposed beaded beams, and an enclosed corner stair with HL hinges and beaded board walls. The garret room above has partially-hewn and partially vertical-sawn lapped and pegged common rafters with collar beams.

The early hall-parlor block (the two southern rooms) retains original interior plaster that shows the two exterior doors, centrally placed along opposing north-south walls, originally entered into the larger, southern room. An open, winder stair rises beside the north-facing door and features paneled wainscot, turned balusters, square newel, stringer with crescent moon shaped detail and a closet with six-panel door and early trim. Sometime in the nineteenth century, a stud wall partition was added to the larger room, transforming the hall-parlor configuration into a center hall plan. An example of a very similar modification exists in Fayette County at the ca. 1790 Nathaniel Ferguson house (FA 329). At this brick masonry, two-story, hall-parlor plan residence, a similar hall-parlor configuration was transformed into a center passage plan with the addition of a later partition wall in the larger room.

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A two-story, single bay, frame wing with stone north wall was placed between the detached kitchen and hall-parlor block sometime in the nineteenth century. The wing features heavy molded, 19th century trim, Greek Revival mantel, 6/6 sash that match the enlarged, first story sash of the earlier block, and large, first floor opening on the north wall spanned by a log lintel and filled in with door, side windows and wood blocking above. Italianate brackets were added to the front (north) eave, and a two-story, frame addition extends across the entire rear of the structure. A frame garage with north wall of stone is attached to the south end.

2. Smokehouse (non-contributing building). A v-notched, log smokehouse located northeast of the dwelling in the yard area appears to have been built in the first quarter of the 19th century. It features an integral gable overhang with weatherboard-clad end cantilevered on the projecting ends of the top plates. An offset entry door is located beneath the overhang. The logs are chinked with rock, sand and concrete, exposed and whitewashed beneath the overhang, and covered with vertical board on other exterior surfaces.

3. Rock fence (non-contributing structure). A dry-laid rock fence fronts the property between the house and the creek on the north side and extends along the curved drive to the house. This fence, built of random coursed, unbattered, dry-laid masonry, with diagonally placed coping is terminated by rectangular rock piers at the driveway entrance.

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8. Statement of Significance

Wilson's Station remains one of the few Boyle County structures that recall the very earliest years of community in a still unsettled land. The property is locally significant under Criterion A as a physical link to understanding the early exploration and settlement of the region and Boyle County. The site retains material culture that addresses important research questions posed in the Property Type Significance section. It is an example of defensible site selection for settlement stations and forts; it offers information on early construction techniques and building types, and it may provide information on the establishment of early centers of rural community. The property was determined eligible to the National Register in 1983 as part of the Early Stone Buildings of Central Kentucky Thematic Resources Nomination, but the property was not listed (Wooley, 1983).

The significance of Wilson's Station is further understood within the theme of "Settlement in Boyle County 1774-1820" as a station established during this historic period. Although stations and forts generally refer to close groupings of small cabins both fortified and not, the term "station" also meant a landmark where travelers could stop for shelter and food during a journey. And, although some sites continued to be called stations after 1792 (the year of statehood), it is generally recognized that the term endured more as linguistic habit than descriptive reality (O'Malley, 1987: 30).

Collins dates the "station" built by James Wilson of Albemarle County, Virginia at the forks of Clark's Run to 1785 (Collins, 1874). Historian Calvin Fackler believes Wilson may have arrived almost a decade later and established his station in 1794 (Fackler, 1941: 4). George M. Chinn, in The History of Harrodsburg and the Great Settlement Area (1984) includes a period map (with no specific date) indicating "Givens Station" at the forks of Clark's Run (Figure 1). Deed research did not link Givens with this property, and although title to a station site was probably prudent, it may not have always been possible.

Regardless of its original occupant, Wilson's Station was neither abandoned nor part of a congregation of buildings but rather, the stone residence stood as a defensive dwelling, perceived as a safe haven for the neighborhood in case of attack, although no Indian raids were reported in the area after Wilson built his residence (Fackler, 1941: 4). The dwelling originally faced south to the Wilderness Road and the Knobs. Its location near the well-traveled route suggests Wilson's station may have been as much a stopping place for travelers as a fortified shelter. Wilson located his dwelling on a defensible knoll above the waters of Clark's Run, a location typical of stations and forts.

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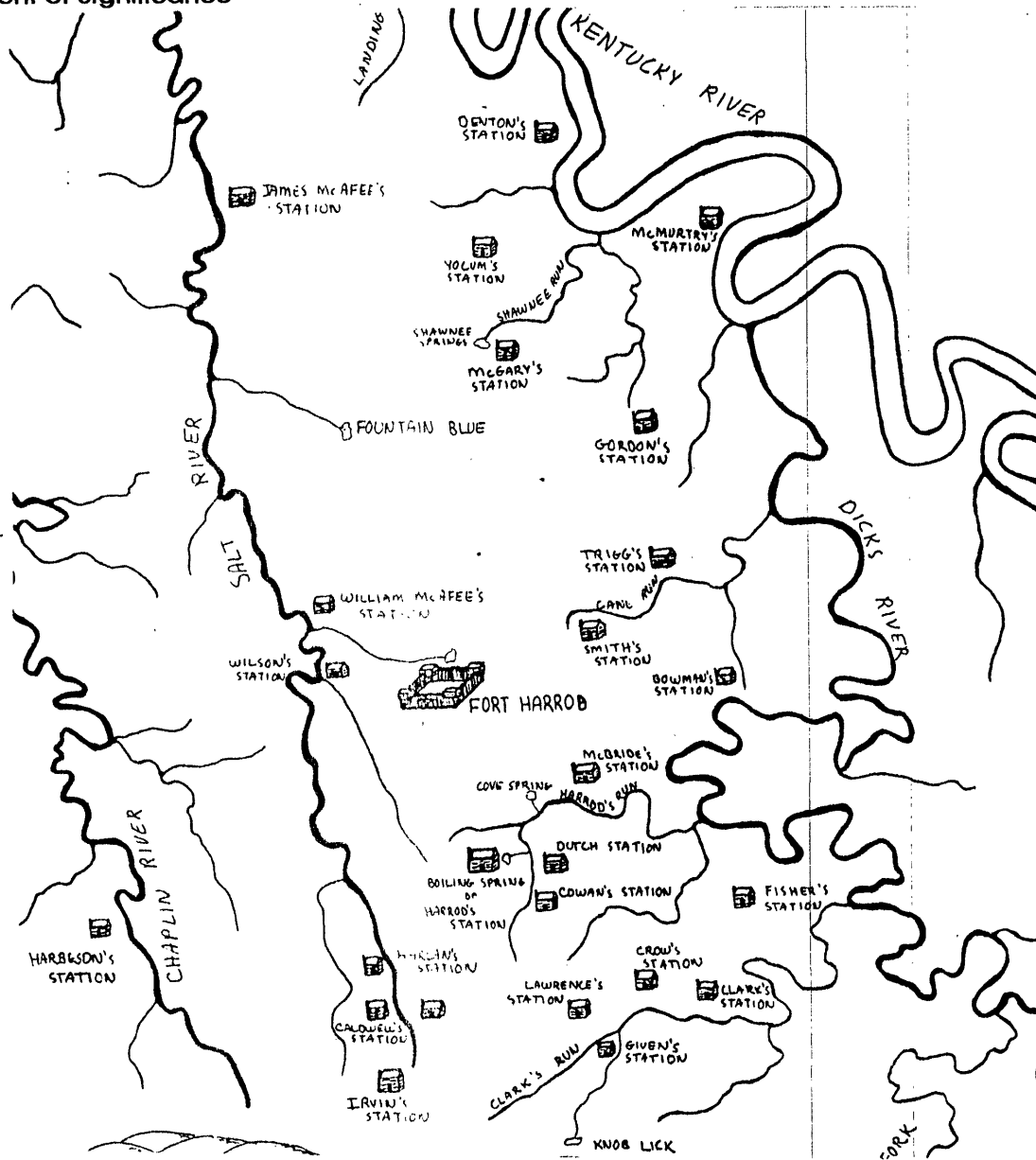


Figure 1. A copy of the George M.Chinn map (1984). Note "Givens Station" at the forks of Clark's Run.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Chinn, George M. The History of Harrodsburg and the Great Settlement Area of Kentucky, 1994-1900. Privately published, Harrodsburg, KY. 1985.

Collins, Richard. History of Kentucky. Collins and Company, Covington, KY. 1874.

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10. Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property includes 9.44 acres, the boundary of which is outlined on Kentucky Department of Revenue Boyle County map #36, parcel 21.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the residence, meathouse, rear yard area, drive, rock fence, Clark's Run and front yard area, and includes the buildings, structures and sites that are historically part of the setting of Wilson's Station or maintain integrity to a later historic period. Other portions of the Wilson farm surrounding the property have been excluded because they have been subdivided and developed into small acreage tracts with modern houses or are part of a separate farm operation and do not contribute to the significance of Wilson's Station.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

Wilson's Station, Boyle County, KY

Photos By: Christine Amos
Burry & Amos, Inc.
926 Main Street
Shelbyville, KY 40065

Date: March, 1997

Facing southwest to main residence
1 of 6

Front facade of main residence, facing southeast
2 of 6

Rear elevation of main residence, facing northwest
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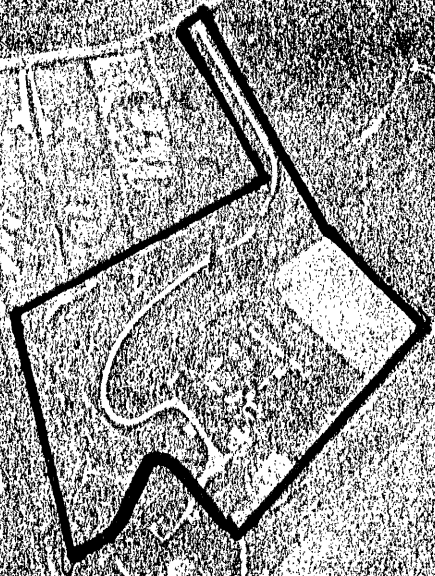
Log meathouse, facing southwest,
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View from Clark's Run Creek to main residence and rock fence, facing south
5 of 6

Entry gates to property, overlooking surrounding region, facing west
6 of 6

TO DANVILLE →

KY. 34



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KY. DEPT. OF REVENUE
MAP 36 PARCEL 21
BOYLE COUNTY

WILSON'S STATION
(BO-310)

1" = 600'