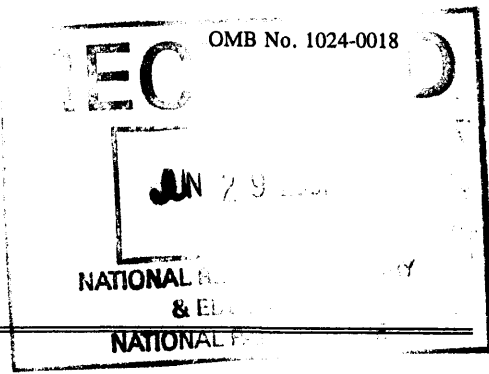


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REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

historic name Baxter, Barlow, House

other names/site number (MR-294)

2. Location

street & number Celina Road, (State Route 163)

not for publication N/A

city or town Hestand

vicinity N/A

state Kentucky

code KY

county Monroe

code 171

zip code 42151

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this x 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 x meets        does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant        nationally        statewide x locally. (        See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

David L. Morgan, SHPO

Signature of certifying official

Date

6-22-01

Kentucky Heritage Council, State Historic Preservation Office

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property X meets        does not meet the National Register criteria. (        See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this 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 Keeper

Date of Action



Baxter, Barlow, House  
Name of Property

Monroe County, Kentucky  
County and State

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## 8. Statement of Significance

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### 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.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a 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).

Architecture

### Period of Significance

1904

### Significant Dates

1904

### 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.)

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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(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: Kentucky Heritage Council



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**Description**

The Barlow Baxter House (MR-294) is located at the small crossroads settlement of Hestand in Monroe County, Kentucky. Hestand consists of a post office, a church, and around a dozen dwellings and commercial buildings. The house faces State Route 163, and is across from the Hestand Post Office. The dwelling is presently the home of Samuel and Joan Reynolds.

The Barlow Baxter House was built ca. 1904, and is a two-story frame dwelling built in a "prow house" type. The house has very simplified Queen Anne-style detailing in its milled porch columns and railing which extends around three facades of the projecting wing. The house has a gable roof of original metal standing seam, interior brick chimneys, a concrete block and poured concrete foundation, and exterior of weatherboard siding. On the main (W), south, and east facades is a two-story wraparound porch. The porch has a concrete floor, original chamfered wood columns, cut out eave brackets, and an original milled railing with square balusters.

The house was remodeled ca. 1930 with the addition of new doors and windows on the first floor. The doors are three-vertical light and three-panel glass and wood design. Windows on the first floor are three-over-one vertical light sash. On the second floor opening onto the porch on the west facade is an original single-light and three-panel glass and wood door. The two other doors on the second story leading to the porch are original four-panel solid wood design. Windows on the second floor are original four-over-four rectangular wood sash.

On the rear (north) facade is an original shed roof wing with an exterior wall brick and concrete flue. This wing has ca. 1930 three-over-one vertical sash windows. Also on this facade is an original one-story gable roof wing with an original four-over-four wood sash window. The entrance on the east facade of this ell has a ca. 1930 single-light and three-panel glass and wood door. On the east facade of the dwelling is an original attached well house. This well house has original cedar posts, added storm doors, and lattice panels. Windows in the kitchen wing are ca. 1990 sliding track design.

The interior of the dwelling consists largely of original wood floors covered with carpet, horizontal board and tongue and groove walls, and wood paneled ceilings. In the parlor is an original wood mantel. In the upper floors most walls have added drywall, while ceilings are of original tongue and groove. In the connecting hall on the first floor is an enclosed staircase with a vertical board door. At the top of the stairs is an original railing with square balusters. Interior doors are original four-panel solid wood design. The kitchen was remodeled in 1990 by the present owners with new cabinets and floor and wall surfaces. At the rear of the house is a metal garage built in 1990 which is included as a non-contributing building to the property.

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**Summary**

The Barlow Baxter House (MR-294) meets the terms of National Register criterion C for the significance of its architectural design. The house is an excellent example of a "Prow House" type with Queen Anne influences. Built ca. 1904, the house retains much of its original floor plan and exterior design. This includes a two-story wraparound porch that extends on three facades, original chamfered wood columns, cut out eave brackets, and milled railing with square balusters. New doors and windows were added to the first floor of the dwelling ca. 1930, but since this time, the house has remained largely unaltered. The Barlow Baxter House is located in the small community of Hestand and retains integrity of site and setting.

**Overview**

The Barlow Baxter House was constructed ca. 1904 in the small community of Hestand. Baxter was a third generation merchant and farmer. Barlow Baxter built this two-story dwelling across the road from his store and farmed surrounding acreage. The store also served as a local post office, and Baxter held the position of postmaster in the community for nearly forty years.

Named Smith Barlow Baxter at birth, Barlow Baxter (1876-1954) was born and raised in the Hestand community. His maternal grandfather, Joshua Kell Hestand, was the first to operate a store in the small settlement. His father, Hamilton Baxter, also managed the store for a time. As a young man, Barlow and his brother Josh owned and operated a store in the Rock Bridge community while their brother Erastus operated the store at Hestand. Around 1904, Erastus and his family moved to a new location, and Baxter and Josh decided to move their goods to Hestand, where they constructed a new store, Baxter Brothers General Merchandise. In addition to a wide variety of goods and merchandise, the Baxter Brothers store also housed the local post office, and Barlow Baxter was appointed postmaster.

In addition to the store, the Baxter brothers also purchased about 1,000 acres of farmland in Hestand, and Barlow Baxter constructed the large two-story house directly across the road from the store. The dwelling was constructed in a prow house plan with a large two-story wraparound porch on the main and side facades, and detailing from the era's popular Queen Anne style. The large house proved necessary for Baxter, who soon married and started a large family. In 1907, Barlow Baxter married Roxie D. Page, with whom he had six children. Roxie died in 1924, and Baxter remarried in 1927. He and his second wife, Bessie Arms, had three more children.

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Baxter Brothers Merchandise proved to be a successful enterprise for the family. As the only commercial establishment in the area and home of the local post office, the store was the center of the Hestand community. It stocked hardware, clothing, medicine, furniture, gasoline and oil, tobacco, poultry, fruit, and a variety of other necessary goods. People from the surrounding area would come to the store to buy or trade merchandise, collect their mail, and visit with friends and neighbors.

Although each brother assisted in tending both the farm and the store, Josh oversaw the agricultural activities while Barlow managed the store and post office. As postmaster and the central figure in the store, Barlow became well respected throughout the community and was well known for his storytelling and speaking ability. He became active in local civic and charitable organizations and was instrumental in getting quality roads constructed in the county. Barlow Baxter also served as the first president of the Monroe County Farm Bureau and served as a trustee for Monroe County schools.

In the early 1940s, Barlow Baxter retired from the store and post office. His brother Josh took over as postmaster and continued to operate the store until the mid-1950s. The store remained in the Baxter family until it was closed in 1980. The post office remains extant today and still serves the Hestand community. The position of postmaster remained in the Baxter family until 1980. Barlow Baxter passed away April 8, 1954. His wife Bessie survived him and died in 1988. The Barlow Baxter House was inherited by Barlow's daughter, Elizabeth Duncan Hestand, and purchased by the present owners in 1989.

The Barlow Baxter House illustrates the prow house type of the turn of the century. The "Prow House" is related to crossplan dwellings in its overall form and plan. A crossplan dwelling has the principal axis of a building perpendicular to the street, with one or two wings forming a cross section midway back from the street.<sup>1</sup> Common to these houses is a projecting gabled bay facing the street. The term prow house is generally applied to dwellings which have a prominent gabled wing on the main facade, and this wing often has wraparound porches which extend on all three sides. In most cases this one-room projecting wing is visually balanced by the two lateral wings of the rooms behind. The projecting bay resembles a ship's "prow," and this house plan was so named by Cyrus Sutherland at the University of Arkansas School of Architecture.<sup>2</sup> This

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<sup>1</sup> John A. Jakle, Robert W. Bastian, and Douglas K. Meyer, *Common Houses in America's Small Towns*, (Athens, Georgia: University of Georgia Press, 1989), p. 163.

<sup>2</sup> Jean Sizemore, *Ozark Vernacular Houses*, (Fayetteville, Arkansas: University of Arkansas Press, 1994), p. 103.

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house type is relatively rare in the Southeast, but occurs more frequently in the Midwest.<sup>3</sup>

Because of its rarity, this house type has not been studied in extensive detail. In surveys completed in eight states in the South and Midwest, the author of this nomination has inventoried no more than three dozen of these dwellings. The most comprehensive discussion of this house type is detailed in Jean Sizemore's Ozark Vernacular Houses. The prow house terminology is utilized by the Arkansas and Missouri state historic preservation offices, and this house type occurs with some degree of frequency in both states. In her discussion of this dwelling, Ms. Sizemore states that the prow house "unquestionably demonstrates the far-flung influence of the decorative Queen Anne architectural style."<sup>4</sup> Prow House designs appear in numerous pattern books at the turn of the century. This design allowed builders to place the projecting bay common to Queen Anne style houses and put it on a double pen house. The front room, or prow wing, was generally designed with two doors entering each side and with numerous windows for ventilation. This room was usually utilized as the formal living space for the family.

In the available studies and the experience of the author, two-story prow houses are most commonly found in rural areas or small towns, and might be understood as local builders' versions of the Queen Anne style. In largely rural counties, the two-story prow house form represents the attempts of local builders to approximate the varied gabled forms and detailing of the Queen Anne style. The front porches often displayed the dwelling's primary decoration in milled columns and brackets, spindled railings, friezes, and valences. These houses were generally built from 1900 to 1920, and are often associated with prosperous farmers or small town merchants. A nearby example of a National Register-listed prow house is the French House in the Burnside Historic District in Pulaski County (PU-97/NR 8/18/84). This two-story dwelling was completed ca. 1890 with a chamfered projecting central bay and one-story porch.

The Barlow Baxter House is the only known example of this house type in the rural sections of Monroe County, and the only two-story Queen Anne influenced dwelling outside of Tompkinsville. The house type displays a prominent projecting two-story bay with an original two-story wraparound porch. This porch retains original milled columns, a spindled frieze, and brackets. Two entrances are located on the east and west facades of the prow. These entrances lead into a connecting hallway, and within the hall is the staircase leading to the second floor. The projecting prow contains a parlor on the first floor, and a bedroom on the second floor. With

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<sup>3</sup> Ibid, p. 105.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid, p. 103.



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the exception of some ca. 1930 replacement windows and doors, the dwelling retains the majority of its exterior and interior detailing.

Additional information is located within the multiple property documentation form, "The Historic and Architectural Resources of Monroe County."

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*Verbal Boundary Description*

The boundary of the Barlow Baxter House is shown as the rectangular lot on the accompanying Monroe County tax map 73. This lot includes all of parcel 7B, and includes the dwelling, and one associated outbuilding. The property is bounded on the east and north by wire fences, on the west by a gravel driveway, and on the south by the right-of-way of State Route 163.

*Verbal Boundary Justification*

Barlow Baxter originally owned hundreds of acres of land in the Hestand area, but by the mid-20th century almost all of this property had been sold and subdivided for development. The dwelling is now sited on less than one acre, and no historic outbuildings are associated with this property. To the west of the house is a post-1950 church, and to the east are post 1950 commercial and residential buildings. The dwelling has been nominated for its architectural significance, and the proposed boundary includes the remaining property which encompasses the house.

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Barlow Baxter House  
Celina Road (State Route 163), Monroe County, Kentucky  
Photographs by: Thomason and Associates, Nashville, Tennessee  
Location of Negatives: Kentucky Heritage Council  
Date: August 29, 2000

Photo No. 1: South facade, view towards north.

Photo No. 2: Detail of prow design on south facade, view towards north.

Photo No. 3: South and east facades, view towards northwest.

Photo No. 4: West facade, view towards east.

Photo No. 5: North facade, view towards south.

Photo No. 6: View of parlor in the projecting wing.

Photo No. 7: Original mantel in the parlor.

Photo No. 8: View of enclosed staircase leading to second floor

Photo No. 9: Non-contributing metal garage.