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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Grimes Family House and Mill Complex is located on the Grimes Mill Road approximately twelve miles south of the New Circle Road on Boone's Creek in Fayette County, Kentucky. This complex includes the Grimes Family House, the mill building, the cemetery, the foundations of the earlier distillery and flax house, and the spring house. Intrusions within the complex are a mid-twentieth century barn (photo10), a 1950s guest house and a 1970s riding arena.

At present, the <u>Grimes Family House</u> (photo 2) faces northeast, although at the time the house was built the <u>Grimes Mill</u> Road was on the opposite side of the house and what is now used as the front of the house was originally the rear of the building. There are three sections to this building: the five-bay, two-story main block or principal mass which was completed in 1813 as shown by a date stone in the chimney; a lower wing at one end which also has two stories, and an ell attached to the latter at right angles.

The stonework is some of the finest to be seen in central Kentucky with the original front having alternating square and horizontal blocks reflecting the Flemish bond pattern. The original rear of the house has the stone laid in the occasional bond pattern. The east gabled wing of the house (photo 3) has four blind windows which are normally covered with closed shutters. New shutters are presently being made. Cornices have dentilated trim and there is a water table surrounding the house. Eared door frames (photo 4) of a later period surround the front and back doors of the main block, each with a transom. The present front transom is louvered and vents an empty box-like space above the recessed door; the back transom has four lights.

The door is recessed on the original front entrance and displays paneled jambs. Window frames are pegged. The present owners have removed a later 1950s field stone addition (photo 5) to the ell, replaced it with a cut stone addition, matching the rest of the house, and raised the roof of this ell in order to create a useable second story to this wing (photo 6). On both sides of this ell they have added gallery porches and on the end wall, a two-story, three-section multi-paned window. Original carved chair railing is found throughout the house. Deteriorated plaster crown molding was recently removed and replaced with wooden ones. The stair is open-string with turned walnut spindles and scroll step ends (photo 7). Engaged posts on the wall beneath the rail match the freestanding ones (photo 8). The turned newel post has a rounded "biscuit"-shaped cap.

All the interior

wood trim is finely detailed. The parlor mantel is marvelously reeded with pilasters with a broken shelf and fine carved detailing. This fireplace is flanked by shallow niches enframed by an archivolt springing from reeded pilasters matching those of the mantel (photo 9). The windows in the main rooms on the first floor have recessed frames surrounded by paneling. The original ash flooring is throughout the first floor with pine and poplar used as the second flooring material in the rest of the house.

The Grimes Mill was constructed in 1803 with the gable-end facade facing east and the opposite gable end facing its source of power, Boone Creek. This massive two-and-one-half-story mill building (photo 1) is constructed of quarried stone except for the

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Grimes Family House and Mill Complex is located in southeast Fayette County on Boone Creek which divides Fayette from Clark County. The complex contains a fascinating array of buildings and sites which together form an important representation of the prosperous mill economy of early Kentucky. Included are two architecturally significant stone structures—the Grimes mill and house, that, according to architectural historian Clay Lancaster, is the finest stone house in the county. The stonework is laid with exquisite care and the interior trim is finely detailed. The 1803 mill building, with its three-foot thick quarried stone walls, its hand-hewn interior support system, and its prominent situation along Boone Creek, is the most important early commercial building remaining in central Kentucky.

Philip Grimes (1734-1809), born in Prince William County, Virginia, and his wife Mary Dowdall of Fairfax County, Virginia bought 225 acres of the Boone Creek land on May 1, 1798, from Robert Boggs (placed on National Register on December 22, 1978). Before moving to Kentucky, he had furnished provisions to the military during the American Revolution. The Grimes first house was a one-room log cabin which was soon converted to the summer kitchen (dismanteled in the 1940s). In 1803 Grimes hired an Irish stonemason, Peter Paul, who had recently established a business in Lexington, to construct a mill on Boone Creek. A June 18, 1802, edition of the Kentucky Gazette carries an advertisement for Peter Paul and son, stone cutters from London. The stone was quarried from the quarry on the land which contained Tyrone and Birdseye stone, also known as Kentucky River marble. At the death of Philip Grimes in 1809 Charles S. Grimes, the youngest of eight children, inherited the homeplace and built the large front addition to the earlier stone house which his father had built.

Charles Grimes married Jane Winn in 1791 and he and his brother John were members of Kentucky's "corn stalk" militia. Half of the ten children of Charles and Jane are buried in the family cemetery which is north of the house on the hill above the mill. The Grimes family were important in the area and were some of the first members of the Christian Church in Athens. An 1891 map shows T.E. Grimes as owner of the house, but by 1904 the house appears to have been sold out of the family.

In the 1950s the property belonged to Mr. and Mrs. S.L. Reinhardt of Barrington, Illinois. They named the farm "West Wind Farm" and kept it until the late 1960s at which time it was bought by Robert Myrphy. He had been the farm manager for the Reinhardts and ran a riding school for hunters and jumpers. It was during this period that the large indoor arena was built on the property. In the late 1970s the property was purchased by the present owner.

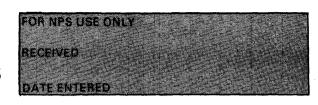
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7416 (Grimes House) - Dr. and Mrs. Charles Martin 7416 Grimes Mill Road 40511

7520 (Iroquois Hunt Club) - Iroquois Realty
P.O. Box 537
Winchester, Ky. 40391

Stone foundation - S.L. and Virginia C. Reinhardt, et al 332 South Michigan Avenue Chicago, Ill. 60604

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framed gables. The east side, facing the road, has a large arched entrance with stone voussoir. This was the arch under which the water was originally channeled from the mill race under the building to provide power to turn the mill wheel. Not the original, but a nineteenth-century iron mill wheel is still in place in the lower floor of the building. The gable-end facade is three-bay, the middle bay being doorways on each floor to accommodate storage and functional use of a mill building. Except for a few later windows, they have stone lintels and the frames are pegged. The present sashes, which were undoubtedly put in during the 1920s when the building was converted to a clubhouse for the Iroquois Hunt Club, are six-over-six. When operating as an important mill on Boone Creek, it housed all the mechanical apparatus needed to function. As mentioned, some of this equipment is undisturbed in the basement and two mill wheels remain as decorative elements in front of the building. The present interior space is basically two large rooms, the first floor one having been divided into a kitchen space for present needs. The exposed horizontal beams on both floors are supported by octagonal chamfered posts which have hand-hewn capitals. There is one large stone corner fireplace on the first floor with smaller ones on the second floor and basement. The second story has only been partitioned to create a bathroom and on the first floor a bathroom has been inconspicuously placed under the stairs. A later staircase connects the first and second floors replacing a steep ladder-type one. This was done during rehabilitation of this building in the 1920s. In the 1960s a glassed-in, one-story porch was added to the building to accommodate the activities of the club.

Other important sites relating to the historic continuity of this complex are a cemetery, springhouse and foundations of the distillery and flaxhouse. The springhouse site is located across the road from the mill (photo 12) and is constructed with the locally quarried stone and is covered with an earth berm. The cemetery, which is surrounded by a stone wall, has nineteen stones in it, fourteen of which are legible. Two stone foundations remain on the property—the larger foundation, near the rock quarry and above the creek (see map), is thought to have been the distillery of which there is record of the Grimes having operated. The other foundation, beside the Grimes Mill Road (see map) may have been used as a flaxhouse.

¹ The blind windows, as far as is known, are original.

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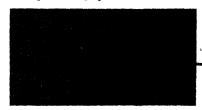
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Buildings and Sites Included:

Historic:

Grimes House Grimes Mill Springhouse

Flaxhouse Foundation Distillery Foundation

Cemetery

Intrusions:

c. 1950 Barn

c. 1950 Guest House Riding Arena c. 1970 Form No. 10-300a (Hev. 10-74)

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The Grimes Mill was owned by Charles Grimes, as shown on the 1877 map. He died in 1886 and by 1891 the name of T.C. McCuddy and the word "mill" appears on a map. The mill continued in use until 1927 and was purchased in 1928 by the Iroquois Hunt.

The Iroquois Hunt was formed in 1880 by General Roger Williams in Clark and Fayette Counties. It was named after the first American horse to win the English Derby. In 1928 the Grimes Mill was selected as its permanent headquarters and the hunt was held three times weekly. The same year the hunt began its annual horse show and barbeque to honor the landowners over whose land they hunted. Arnold Hanger and William C. McDowell were named the joint masters and in 1929 the two men supervised the formal organization of the Iroquois Club by the Masters of Fox Hount Association and the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association. In 1931 Edward Spears, a prominent Bourbon Countian, became Master of the Hounds and served until his death several years ago. W. Fauntleroy Pursley was appointed to serve with Spears and presently has the distinction as the nation's longest-serving master. The Grimes Mill was closed during World War II but reopened soon after and in 1953 they held their first point-to-point races and the running of the Kentucky Hunt Cup. A swimming pool was put in and the glassed porch built in the 1960s, making it a year-round facility. It is now called the Iroquois Hunt Club.

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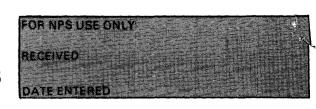
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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary begins at a point (labeled I on Map 3) that is on the west side of the Grimes Mill Road, approximately 200 feet north of the large barn and runs southwest along a line for approximately 1050 feet to Boone Creek, point II; then east-northeast approximately 1800 feet, following Boone Creek to point III; then west 250 feet to Grimes Mill Road and across the road to point IV; then north, west and south on a line encompassing the springhouse, back to Grimes Mill Road; then northwest with the west side of the road 450 feet to point V (which is approximately 50 feet southeast of driveway to house), crossing the road to the east to point VI; then north and west back to Grimes Mill Road, thereby incorporating the stone foundation; then northwest following west side of Grimes Mill Road (east boundary of property) 600 feet to point of beginning--thereby incorporating the house, family cemetery, two stone foundations, mill and other farm buildings.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The southern boundary of the nomination follows Boone Creek on which the Grimes Mill is located and to which the entire complex relates historically and physically. The eastern boundary follows the Grimes Mill Road which runs to the immediate northeast of the Grimes House, veering eastward off the road to incorporate the flax house foundation and the springhouse. On the north, west and southwest extents of the nominated area, the line is drawn so as to include the cemetery and distillery foundation.

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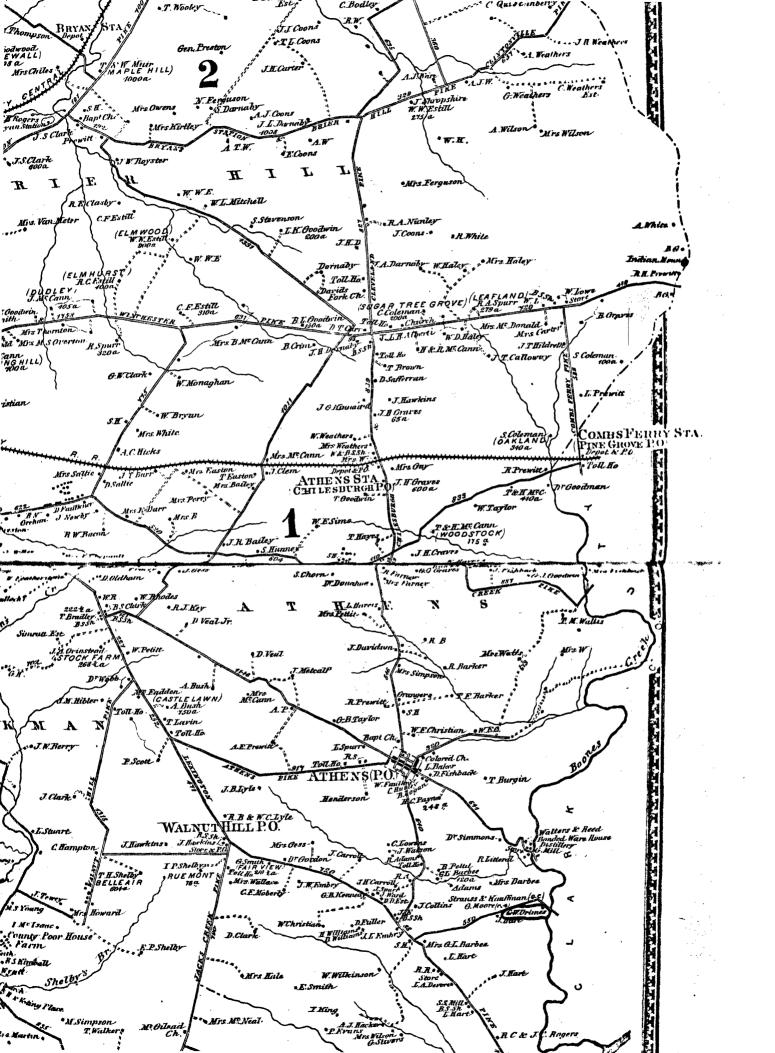
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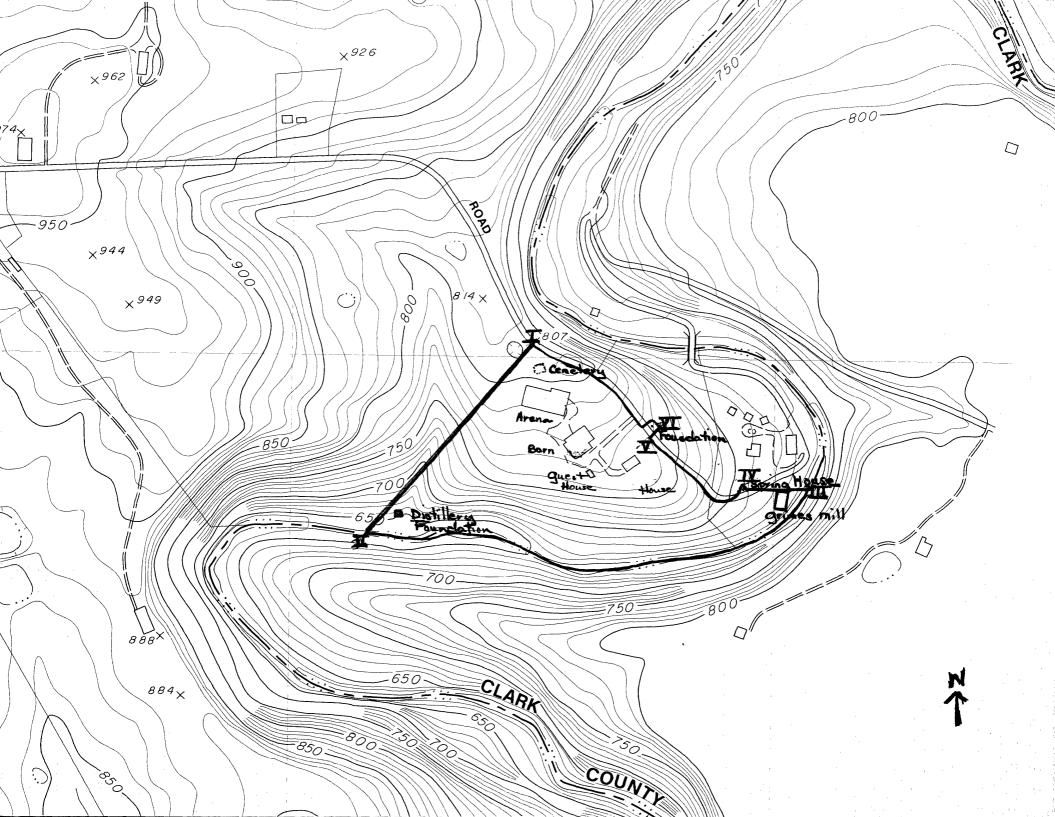
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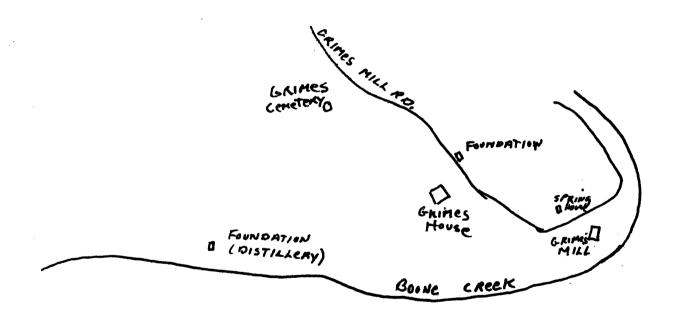
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Map #3

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Grimes Family House & Mill Complex Fayette County, Kentucky Map 4 Sketch Map of the Complex Not to Scale

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