

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Yewell-Snyder House

and/or common Mt. Pleasant Farms

2. Location

street & number 6206 North Hitt Lane _____ not for publication

city, town Brownsboro vic. vicinity of .7 mi. N of north Hitt Lane

state Kentucky code _____ county Oldham code _____

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mt. Pleasant Farms c/o Tom Hensley

street & number 2440 Grinstead Drive

city, town Louisville _____ vicinity of _____ state Kentucky

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Oldham County Courthouse

street & number Courthouse Square

city, town LaGrange _____ state Kentucky

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Kentucky Historic Resources
Inventory-Oldham County has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1981 _____ federal state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records Kentucky Heritage Council

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 Yewell-Snyder House is located on a 222 acre farm in southwestern Oldham County, Kentucky. The house is situated on high ground above the South Fork of Harrods Creek and at the end of a farm road about one mile north of Interstate 71 and approximately .7 mile north of North Hitt Lane.

The nominated site includes only a tract of approximately .4 acre which contains the house and smokehouse. This area is enclosed by a board fence and there are a number of large deciduous trees surrounding the house.

A graveyard is located about 500 feet northeast of the house. It lies on the ridge above the creek and is enclosed by an iron fence. The graves date from the second half of the 19th century. The cemetery is not a part of the nominated site and is separated from it by an expanse of open field.

The main block of the house is a two-story, single-pile brick structure with a stone foundation and Flemish bond brickwork on the front elevation. The five bay facade has two front doors and three windows on the first story and a central door on the second story. There are 9/6 windows with brick jack arches. A one-story front porch, probably added in the late 19th century, was partially removed in the 1970s, leaving only the floor and stone foundation. There are interior chimneys at each gable end and two small windows at each end of the attic. At the rear of the main block is a one-story, one-room brick ell with a frame porch on the east side. Joined to the rear of the ell is a two-story stone house with one interior end chimney. (photos 1,2,3) About 50 feet northeast of the house is a stone and frame smokehouse with a pyramidal roof. The upper part of the structure is shingle-covered and appears to have been altered. (Photo 4)

The main block has two rooms on each story and no hallway. The west room on the first floor contains an enclosed corner stairway, and there are indications in the east room that a similar corner stairway once existed in that room. Vernacular Federal-style mantels and original chair rails in both first floor rooms remain.

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 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	1820-1830	Builder/Architect	Unknown
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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Yewell-Snyder House is significant for its architectural form. It is one of four 19th century, two-story brick houses in Oldham County which have a double-cell plan, two front doors, and no center passage. With the exception of The Hermitage (OL-276, National Register 1982), these houses are vernacular structures with simple, unornamented details. The Yewell-Snyder house closely resembles the Reuben Sale house (OL-120, National Register, November 1982) but has the unusual feature of a five-bay facade with a center window between the two front doors. The central door on the second story may have been a modification when the porch (removed ca. 1970s) was added in the later 19th century.

Probably built by Jeremiah Yewell before 1830, the brick house was joined to a two-story stone house already on the site. The stone house may have been built by Jeremiah Yewell or his father, James Yewell. The Yewells came from Culpeper County, Virginia and settled in Nelson County in the 1790s. They first bought land in the far eastern part of Jefferson County in 1808. (Oldham County was created in 1823 out of this part of Jefferson County) After his first wife's death, Jeremiah Yewell was married to Dicey Wilhoite in 1819. Possibly he built the main block of the house soon after this marriage. Tax assessment records, while not conclusive proof, indicate that the value of his land and the number of slaves he owned increased during the early 1820s.

In 1838 Yewell sold his 330 acre farm to John Snyder and apparently moved from Oldham County. The Snyder family and their descendants occupied the farm into the 20th century. The cemetery on the farm contains Snyder graves from the second half of the 19th century.

The Yewell-Snyder house has had few alterations and retains the original Federal-style mantels, corner stairway, and woodwork. The unusual arrangement of two front doors and a central window on the first story contribute to its architectural significance.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Jefferson County (Ky) Deed Books, 1808-1823.

Jefferson County (Ky) Tax Records, 1809-1823.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property .4 acre

Quadrangle name Anchorage

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Zone	Easting			Northing							

B

Zone	Easting			Northing							

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Verbal boundary description and justification Beginning at a point approximately 75', southwest of the southwest corner of the house, then northwest approximately 150', northeast approximately 120', southeast approximately 150', southwest approximately 120', to the point of beginning.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mary Jean Kinsman

Jefferson County Office of

organization Historic Preservation and Archives date 31 August 1983

street & number 100 Fiscal Court Building telephone 502-581-5761

city or town Louisville state Kentucky 40202

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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Mary Jean Kinsman

title State Historic Preservation Officer date September 23, 1983

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

for Melores Byer
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 11/3/83

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Jefferson County (Ky) Marriage Registers

Oldham County (Ky) Tax Records, 1823-1839.

Information from Mrs. Paul Dent, Louisville, Kentucky.

McKechnie, Edna Scott, and Dent, Willada Rickman, eds. Oldham County
Records, Vol. I, Cemeteries. Oldham County Historical Society, 1974.

Yewell Family File. The Filson Club, Louisville, Kentucky.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name Yewell-Snyder House Site # OL-238
Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title _____

U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTM's if property is ten or more acres.

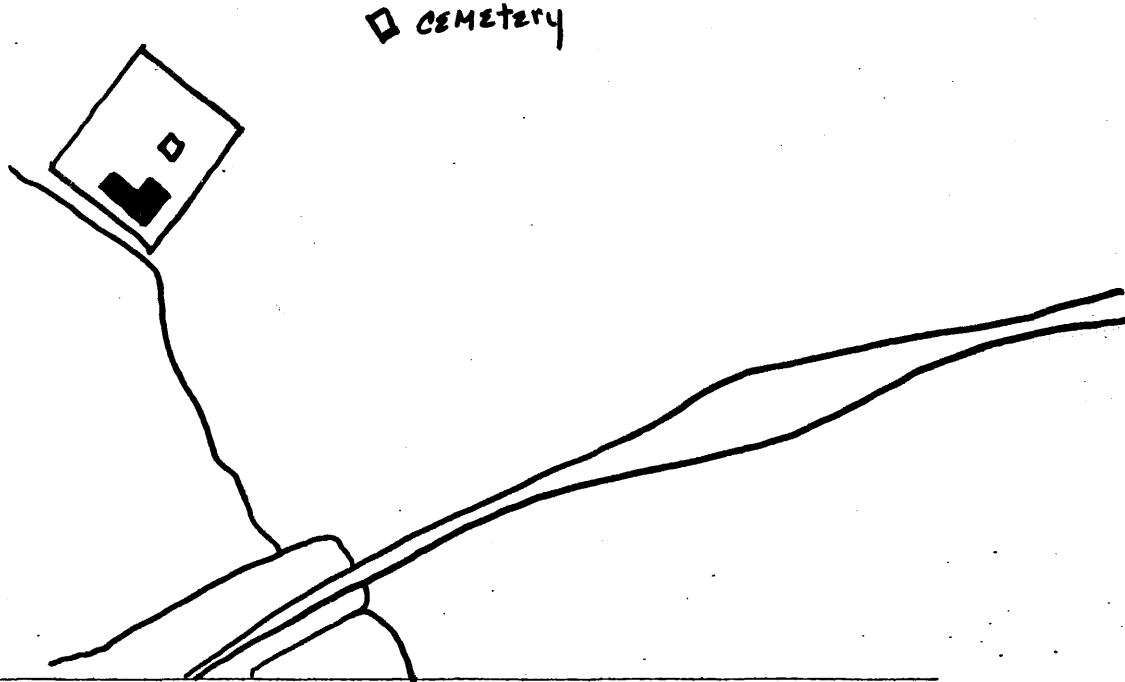
A. 16 627050 4244590 D. _____
B. _____ E. _____
C. _____ F. _____

Verbal Boundary Description Acreage .4 acre

Beginning at a point approximately 75' southwest of the southwest corner of the house, then northwest approximately 150', northeast approximately 120', southeast approximately 150', southwest approximately 120', to the point of beginning.

The nominated site contains .4 acre and includes the house and smokehouse.

Sketch of Site Plan (Showing outbuildings, structures, landscape features and the site boundary as described above.)



Official Courthouse Property Reference:

Description as recorded in Deed Book 218 page 50, May 1981. Oldham County Courthouse.