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National Park Service



National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

1. Name of Property

Historic name: Thomas Barbee House
Other names/site number: Willis Russell Memorial House; BOD-141 Willis-Russell House; Willis Russell Log Cabin
Name of related multiple property listing: N/A
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. Location

Street & number: 204 East Walnut St
City or town: Danville State: KY County: Boyle
Not For Publication: NA Vicinity: NA

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 at the following level(s) of significance:

national statewide local
Applicable National Register Criteria:
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	<u>5-20-19</u>
Signature of certifying official/Title:	Date
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government	

In my opinion, the property <input type="checkbox"/> meets <input type="checkbox"/> does not meet the National Register criteria.	
Signature of commenting official:	Date
Title :	State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

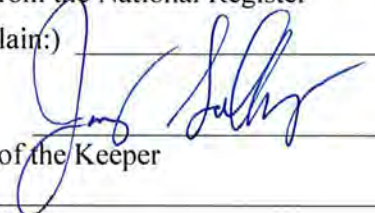
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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain:)


Signature of the Keeper

6/26/2019
Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

- Private:
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

Category of Property

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

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Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use
Historic Functions

DOMESTIC/single dwelling
COMMERCE/TRADE/business

Current Functions

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

Other – single pen log house

Materials:

Principal exterior materials of the property:

walls: Log
foundation: Limestone
roof: Wood Shake
chimney: Stone & brick

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Narrative Description

Summary Paragraph

The Thomas Barbee House, locally known as the Willis Russell Memorial House, and referred to as such in most of this document (BOD-141), is located at 204 East Walnut Street in central Danville, Kentucky. The two-story, single-pen log house was likely built in the 1790s, around the time Danville served as the first state capital of Kentucky. The building's log walls measure approximately 20'x20' and are comprised of 16-inch diameter white oak logs saddle-notched on the corners. The house sits on a dry-laid stone foundation, with a wood shake roof and double hung windows. The property is being interpreted for its architectural significance. The Willis Russell Memorial House displays many characteristics of the second phase of pioneer architecture as log construction was used for permanent houses in growing towns as the frontier receded to the west. The nominated area contains .2 acres and 1 contributing building.



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Property Setting

The front door of the Willis Russell Memorial House faces north to Walnut Street, which is about 25 feet from the door. The lot is approximately 4,850 square feet. The building encroaches the modern 8' side yard setback and is very close to the neighboring house to the east. There is minimal landscaping on the site. The property slopes downward to the east, which had caused problems with the settling of the log house over the decades, but this problem has been rectified.

The log house's historic appearance and original setting add greatly to the character and appearance of Danville, and even the undersized setback shows a pattern of urban home construction in a previous era of Danville's development. Constitution Square Historic Site (NRIS# 76000847), only about 300 feet west of the house, has several original and reconstructed

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historic buildings including Grayson's Tavern, and hosts thousands of visitors and local citizens every year.



Thomas Barbee House, locally known as the Willis Russell Memorial House

Exterior Description

The Willis Russell Memorial House is a two-story three-bay log residence built on a single squarish pen. The 20'-wide walls have a total height of 20 feet so that the walls of the house form a cube measuring roughly 20' x 20' x 20'. The 16-inch logs comprising the walls are old-growth white oak and were hewn flat on their inner and outer surfaces to a thickness of 6 inches. The logs are notched at the corners in the "steeple" (or "Inverted V") notch technique (also called saddle-notching), and the house sits on a stone foundation. Hand-wrought nails were used to construct the house and are still present throughout. The roof is side-gabled with wood shake shingles. Wood siding covers the east side of the house, and portions of the rear and west sides.

Facing the log house from Walnut Street, the chimney is on the right (west) side of the building. The front door is located in the center of the first floor, with the threshold about 18 inches above ground level (accessed by a wide stone step). First-floor windows are on both sides of the front door, and three second-floor windows are evenly spaced above. Wood siding is present on the gable portion of the west side of the house. The bottom section of the chimney is mortared stone, with brick forming the upper portion from about the top of the second floor up. A backdoor is located in the center of the first floor on the rear of the house, above three concrete steps, and a single second-floor window is directly above it. Only one window is present on the east side, in

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the center of the second floor, and a vent is located near the center of the gable to allow ventilation in the attic. The electric meter is located on the east side near the northeast corner of the building.



Front of Willis Russell Memorial House



Northeast corner, showing notching



Rear view (south side).



Chimney (west side).

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A galvanized metal cellar door sits below and to the right of the back door, offering access to the basement. The original dry-laid stone foundation originally enclosed a crawl space, and it is possible that a small door was originally in the downhill (east) side of the foundation wall.

Interior Description

The floor joists appear to be original. The floor joists on the first floor are round, unpeeled white oak logs measuring approximately 10 inches in diameter. The joists rest on the stone foundation within the log pen but are not joined to the pen in any way (called “sleeper” joists). They are hewn flat on the top side, and the bottoms of the logs are flattened as necessary to rest securely on the stone foundation.



Floor joists as seen from the basement.

The interior of the house is unfinished and lacking modern improvements. Only basic plumbing and wiring is present, and there is no bathroom or kitchen. However, the stone hearths and fireplaces on the west ends of both stories are original and show skilled craftsmanship, including the hearth beams which are built into the masonry chimney. The interior of the log walls are keyed for plaster, but only a few remnants of the plaster are still present. The staircase is located in the center of the east side of the house. On the second floor, an interior wall separates the main room from the landing area around the stairs. The main second-floor room is in the western end and includes the fireplace, two of the north-facing (front) windows, and the single rear-facing window. A steep staircase near the northeast corner of the second floor, in the landing area, offers access to the attic, which is unfinished and whose only vertical walls are the gables at the west and east ends. The basement has 6-foot headroom and a poured concrete floor on the eastern portion. The western portion of the basement floor is only the height of a crawlspace.

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Downstairs fireplace.



Upstairs fireplace.



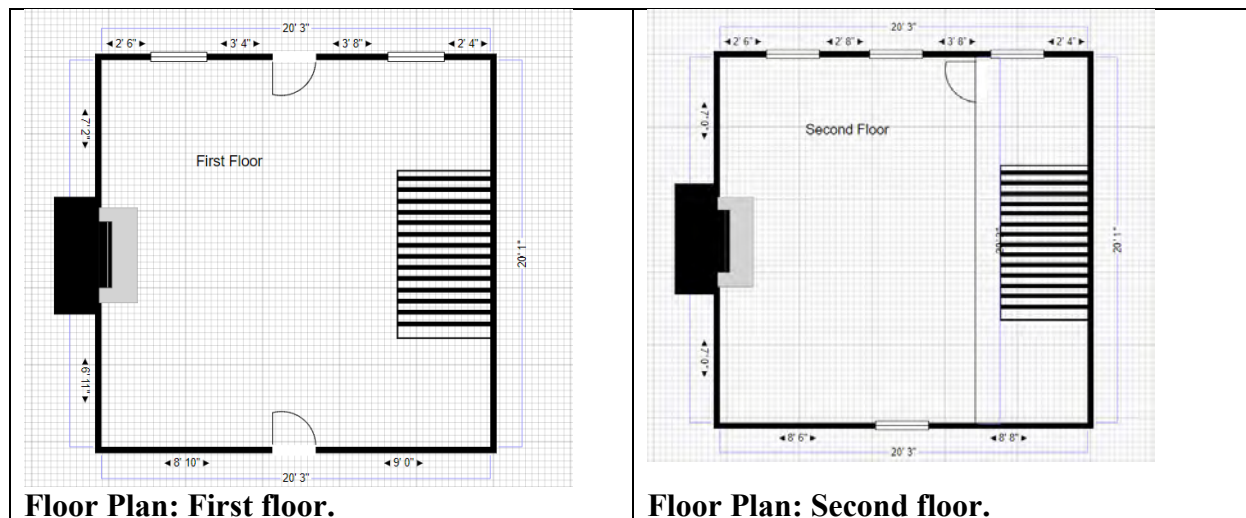
Downstairs, the rear door at right.



Upstairs facing out front windows.

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Changes to the Property since the Period of Significance

The Willis Russell Memorial House has undergone maintenance and restoration projects over the years, yet the historic appearance and contributing architectural elements remain largely intact. Siding is not present on the front of the house, nor the lower portions of the west side and rear. Siding may need to be added to those portions in the future to protect the logs. The house was protected by wood siding before 1820, as evidenced by the vertical rows of nailer blocks between the logs to span the chinking spaces and provide a nailing surface. Many decades ago, the top 6' or so of the chimney was replaced with brick. This brick portion of the chimney now sits on top of the original stone chimney, which rises about 20' to where the brick begins.

At some point prior to the 1980s, the crawlspace was excavated to provide more space for plumbing and mechanical equipment. The foundation walls in this excavated area were rebuilt using a cement-based mortar, and presumably, at this time, a storm cellar entrance with stairs was added to the rear of the building. A concrete floor was added to the excavated half of the cellar, and a concrete block wall was added to separate it from the unexcavated crawlspace. The block wall provided some support for the floor joists above but unfortunately was ineffective in retaining the unexcavated soil on the uphill side of the cellar. When work on the foundation began in 2015, this unsupported soil bank was in failure and slumping, which was undermining the hearth above.

Another significant period of work on the house took place in the mid-1980s after the Boyle Landmark Trust became involved in the property's preservation. Architectural historian Clay Lancaster and contractor Stanley Kelly, both of whom had recently completed restoration of Liberty Hall (NRIS # 71000344) in Frankfort, were hired to design and oversee the work. An addition to the rear of the house was removed at this time, and a new shingle roof was installed. When it was purchased in 1985, the front door was in the left-most bay and a window was in the middle, but the door was put back in the center at that time to restore the original configuration.

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“Russell House may be open by summer,” Advocate-Messenger, January 17, 1988.

In recent years, the Willis Russell Memorial House has undergone significant repairs which were necessary to save it from deteriorating beyond the point of rehabilitation or restoration. Around 2009, the roof was repaired and the second floor was reinforced by two 8” beams that were added running east-west to support the second story floor. Several of the lowest logs were replaced during this period of restoration work, and a few courses of brick at the top of the chimney were removed and reinstalled during the work. More recently, the foundation was repaired with dry-laid stone, which also corrected the building’s significant tilt that had occurred due to settling. The building is now stable, but other improvements and modernizations are needed to make it ready for productive use in the twenty-first century. It is likely the windows were enlarged in the past, but they have remained the same dimensions since at least 1985. The owner of the property, Boyle Landmark Trust, plans to preserve the house’s historic features with a Preservation and Conservation Easement.

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Foundation including recent repairs using dry stone technique.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

- 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.

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Criteria Considerations

- 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 old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

Areas of Significance

Architecture

Period of Significance
c. 1793

Significant Dates
1793

Significant Person
NA

Cultural Affiliation
NA

Architect/Builder
Barbee, Thomas

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Statement of Significance Summary

The Willis Russell Memorial House (BOD-140) meets National Register Criterion C and is significant within the historic context “Log Construction in Boyle County, Kentucky, 1792-1865.” It was constructed very close to 1792, the year that Kentucky became the fifteenth state in the union. It was built less than a block from where the new state’s first constitution was signed. The Willis Russell Memorial House exhibits significant and well-preserved architectural elements indicative of the secondary log construction that was once the pre-eminent construction style as permanent residences were built in the growing settlements in Central Kentucky at the end of the eighteenth century. The use of unpeeled old growth white oak logs in the construction and the distinctive V-notched corners reveal to modern viewers the techniques and architectural style that was used for similar 2-story log houses across the region.

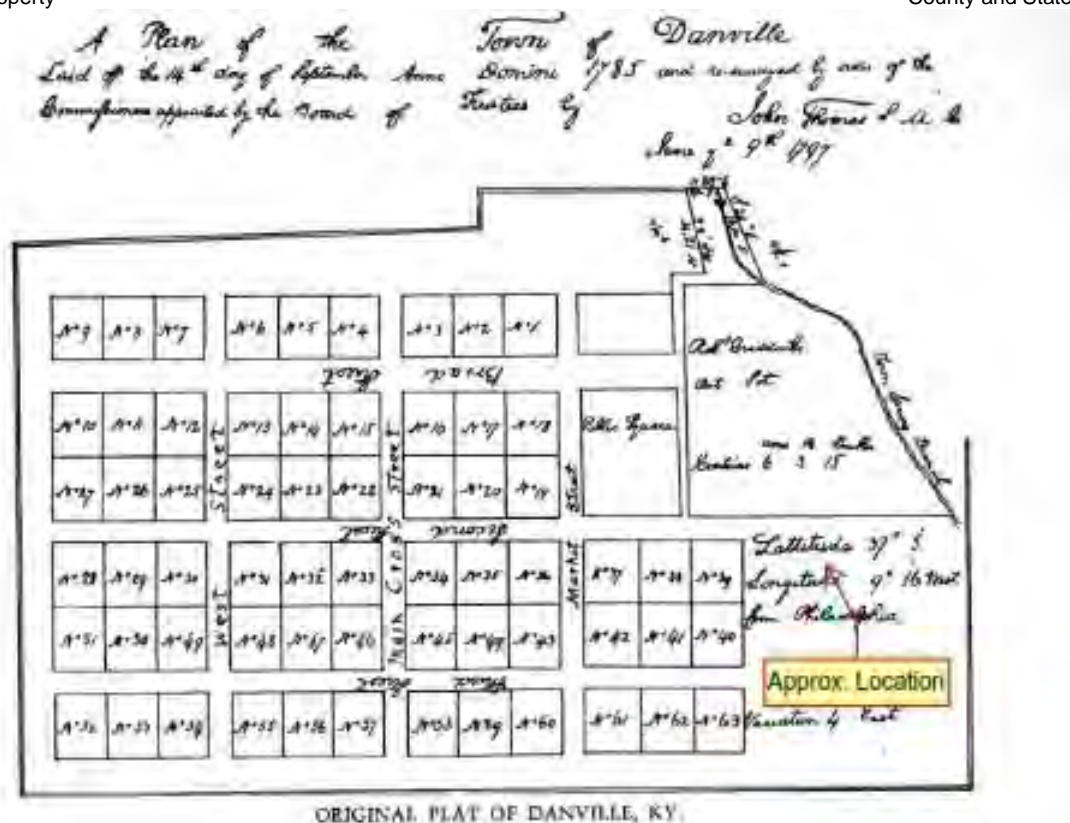
Narrative Statement of Significance

Historic Context: Log Construction in Boyle County, Kentucky, 1792-1865

Danville was settled beginning in the mid-1770s as part of the “Great Settlement Area” around Harrod’s Fort. The land that includes the Willis Russell Memorial House was included in a “village right” land grant issued in 1780 to John Crow, a member of James Harrod’s company that came to the area in 1774 (Fackler, 1941). Crow’s allotment included the original “Lottery Cabin” he built at the town spring, the property where the Willis Russell Memorial House would be built, and the land Crow sold to Walker Daniel which became the original platted townsite of Danville. In 1785, Walker Daniel purchased the townsite from Crow, surveyed it, and began selling lots. The Willis Russell Memorial House is located less than 300 feet east of lot Number 39 in Walker Daniel’s original plat of Danville from 1785.

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Original plat map of Danville, 1785 (Fackler, 1941).

Log house construction represents a crucial architectural period in the settlement of America. As settlement pushed westward from the original colonial forts and towns nearer to the Atlantic Coast, pioneers that moved into the interior first built forts and stockades for protection. As the frontier became safer for families to settle, the log house became the predominant architectural style for many permanent buildings in the Kentucky region. It was once the consensus that the log house style of building derived from traditional methods of construction in southern Central Europe and was adapted to local needs and materials by immigrants (Jordan, 1980), however more recent research points to a Scandinavian origin brought to the Delaware Valley by Finnish and Swedish immigrants (Jordan and Kaups, 1992). Log house construction was the main type of buildings as East Tennessee was settled in the 1760s (Crutchfield, 1976), and likely influenced the use of this style in the earliest days of Kentucky's settlement (Morgan, 1990).

The first log cabins built during the initial settlement of an area were often intended to be only temporary and lacked improvements such as windows, with the logs usually sitting directly on the ground (Hustlar, 1986). By contrast, the logs of the Willis Russell Memorial House sit on a stone foundation, indicating its builders' intention for it to last as a permanent house. Two-story log houses were not uncommon at that time in the towns of Harrodsburg and Danville (Davies, 1924), and is and the Willis Russell Memorial House follows the typical pattern of this type of square log house construction during the settlement of frontier towns near the end of the eighteenth century. The irregular face of the interior of the logs clearly bear the ax score marks

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and shows the distinctive hewn-log construction method of the “secondary settlers” that replaced the pioneers as the frontier receded (Jordan and Kaups, 1989).

Chinking between the logs on log houses in Kentucky was made from a wide variety of materials, often according to the minerals or materials available locally, and may have been finished smoothly or left rough if the logs were meant to be concealed behind siding or interior walls (Macintire, 1998). Limestone is readily available around Danville, which afforded builders the opportunity to construct large fireplaces and a stone chimney. Over time, many log houses in Kentucky were sheathed in weatherboard, sometimes to give a more modern appearance to the house, which protected the logs from the elements and allowed the building to survive.

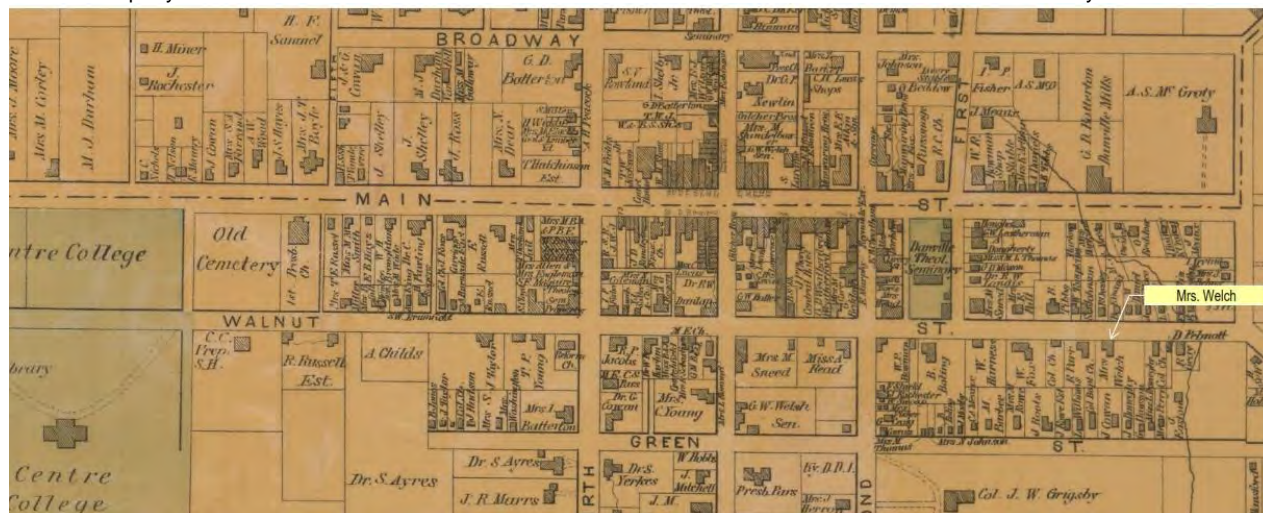
History of the Thomas Barbee House

John Crow sold the property that includes the Willis Russell Memorial House to Thomas Barbee in 1793. The house was likely built by Thomas Barbee in the 1790s, though precisely dating log houses constructed around the 1790s is difficult (Hutslar, 1986). Thomas Barbee was born in Virginia in 1752, rose to the rank of General in the Revolutionary War, and moved to the Danville area following the War. In 1792, Thomas Barbee became the first Post Master west of the Alleghenies when Danville became the site of the first Post Office in the west. After Thomas died in 1797, his will conveyed his land and several instructions (including that his slaves be freed and provided education) to his brother Joshua. Joshua Barbee later served in the state legislature, was a founding trustee of Centre College, and was a founding member of the “Political Club” that preceded the Constitutional Conventions in Danville and included many of the same members (Speed, 1894). It is interesting to note that during the period the Willis Russell Memorial House was built and the Barbees owned the property, Thomas and then Joshua was also building the large stone house that is called the Crow-Barbee Mansion or Old Crow Inn nearby (Fackler, 1941).

In 1817, Joshua Barbee conveyed the property to William Miller. In 1840, the same year that Willis Russell arrived in Danville, William Miller conveyed the property to William Hughes. Ten years later, William Hughes conveyed the property to Alexander Sneed for \$1,100. From Mr. Sneed, Mrs. Sara A. Welsh began her extended and somewhat unusual history with the property. Mrs. Welsh bought the property from Mr. Sneed for \$650 in 1855. In 1870, Mrs. Welsh conveyed it to Shelby and Green, who then conveyed it to Henry Wilkin in 1873. Then, in 1877, Henry Wilkin conveyed the property back to Sarah Welsh for \$100. An 1876 map of Danville appears to show the property occupied by “Mrs. Welsh,” and when considered with the listed price of \$100 seems to indicate that Sarah Welsh may have occupied the property for all or part of the period of years succeeding her initial purchase of it in 1855.

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Detail of “Map of Boyle & Mercer Counties, Kentucky.” 1876. D.G.Beers & Co.

In 1882, Sallie Welsh, presumably an heir, sold the property to James B. Welsh for \$500. James B. Welsh sold the property to Pauline Davis in 1883 for \$200. Pauline Lankford (formerly Pauline Davis) sold the property to George A. Richardson for \$737.50 in 1901. The property passed to E.O. Richardson and then was sold by E.O. Richardson’s heirs to “Sure Investment” company in 1978 for \$4,000, who sold the property to Joe Morley and Sandy Morley. In 1985, the Morleys sold the property to Boyle Landmark Trust.

The building is known as the Willis Russell Memorial House in honor of Willis Russell who started a school for African American children at or near the site around 1840. The school started by Willis Russell was one of the first schools for African American children west of the Alleghany Mountains. Oral tradition in Danville long held that Willis Russell taught his school in this log house, but the deed research reflected above reveals that Willis Russell never owned the property, which casts doubt upon whether he taught school there. In the end, despite a lack of concrete evidence proving Willis Russell taught his school in this house, the Boyle Landmark Trust named the building the Willis Russell Memorial House in honor of this unique and important historical figure and groundbreaking school, and to honor the local oral tradition.

Evaluation of the Architectural Significance of the Thomas Barbee House within the context of Log Construction in Danville area, 1780-1860

The largely original architecture of the Willis Russell Memorial House provides a significant historically-accurate log house hearkening back to the decades when Kentucky became the first state in the American West. Log houses have a prominent place in the American iconography and became the “seedbed of the American dream” (Montell and Morse, 1976), and the Willis Russell Memorial House provides a representative example of that distinctive form of folk architecture.

Many surviving log houses in America are found in out of the way places and away from modern roadways where they avoided the march of progress and being replaced by newer buildings (Weslager, 1969), but the Willis Russell Memorial House survived in its original location with

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intact historic architecture along a major downtown road. The log house fronts Walnut Street, which was Second Street when the house was constructed and comprised the main route into Danville from the road to Stanford. Early on, following the founding of Danville, “for many years the spread of the town was eastward” (Davie 1924), placing the Willis Russell Memorial House in a very prominent location as Danville grew around it.

Many log structures in the oldest portions of Danville have been lost: some burned in the town’s great fires, many deteriorated over time and were lost, and some have been removed to other locations. A large log house was deconstructed and removed from a lot on 3rd Street within the past decade but has not been rebuilt. Several reconstructed log structures are known to have been built in Danville or on farms in Boyle County, such as the small log house which is purported to be from the 1790s and rebuilt at the Forkland Community Center. This smaller log house shows fine workmanship and was restored with care when it was moved to its present location 1974. It features logs that were also notched with a steeple notching technique and feature wide spaces to be chinked between the logs.



Restored log house in Forkland, Boyle County.



Corner notching on restored log house in Forkland.

There are other locations where larger houses grew around what was reported to be an original log house, but the evidence of the log construction has been lost or thoroughly concealed. For example, the log elements of the Purdom-Lewis-Hutchison House (BO-400) in Gravel Switch have been concealed behind years of repairs and additions. Another single pen log house is located in western Boyle County but is also concealed by many years of repairs and additions with little evidence of the log structure still apparent. Many original log houses in the downtown area of Danville were likely lost in the “disastrous fire of 1860” (Fackler, 1959), making the location of this original log residence near downtown more unique to the area.

Today, the original log house of the Willis Russell Memorial House complements the log structures in the Constitution Square Historic Site and reveals a residence from the same period as the public buildings that are displayed in the Square. The log Post Office at Constitution Square is the original log structure that served as the first post office west of the Allegheny

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Mountains, though it was originally about two blocks from its current location and was moved to the site and reconstructed in 1950. The Post Office building, originally constructed prior to 1790, has steeple notched corners that are similar to the corner notches on the Willis Russell Memorial House. The Jail, Meeting House, and Courthouse at Constitution Square are recreations built in the 1940s, but their more modern construction also utilized the steeple notch style. However, the recreations used uniformly sized logs with small and uniform gaps between logs for chinking.



First Post Office west of the Allegheny Mountains, built before 1792 on Walnut Street and relocated to Constitution Square.



The recreated buildings at the Constitution Square Historic Site, such as the Courthouse pictured here, were built in the 1940s but mimic some of the techniques used in original log structures such as the Willis Russell Memorial House.

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The two-story three bay log construction technique used for the Willis Russell Memorial House was once found in all parts of Kentucky and is one of the Commonwealth's "oldest dwelling types" (Montell and Morse, 1976). For example, it closely resembles the Francis Berry House in the Lincoln Homestead State Park, which is reportedly where Abraham Lincoln's parents got engaged. The Francis Berry House was also originally constructed prior to 1800 but has slightly larger dimensions than the Willis Russell Memorial House, and includes later additions built to the rear. It was moved from its original location on Berry Creek about a mile away to the Lincoln Homestead State Park but reveals a restored and maintained example of this similar construction style that was at one time prevalent among the more prominent settler families of the region.



Francis Berry House, Lincoln Homestead State Park, in Springfield Ky.



Willis Russell Memorial House in Danville.

The Willis Russell Memorial House has survived many years of changes and remains on the site where it was constructed in the last decade of the eighteenth century. The environs around it have changed in many ways over the ensuing two hundred years as Danville grew into a modern town, and the building itself has been altered a few times as it was lived in and used by many families over the years. Nevertheless, the authentic log house architecture remains intact and provides a unique in-situ example of the type of log construction that helped enable settlement of the woodland areas of central Kentucky. The unaltered v-notches on the corners, along with the large open spaces between the logs, are indicative of how many log houses were being constructed in this "Great Settlement Area" that was being carved out of the wilderness at the time of its construction.

In nearby Harrodsburg, the recreated buildings at Old Fort Harrod State Park show a more rough style of unhewn round log construction, common for the very first buildings constructed in the earliest days of these settlements. By contrast, the hewn logs and v-notches of the Willis Russell Memorial House and the neighboring Post Office (at Constitution Square) reveal intact examples of the 'secondary' construction that would have been the norm as the need for defensive

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structures gave way to residential buildings worthy of a growing town. While the old-growth white oak trees whose logs were used to build the Willis Russell Memorial House can no longer be found in the region, they were once plentiful. The limestone foundation also utilizes an abundant local natural resource which was used to lasting effect by the skilled workers who would have been kept very busy with the growing town's construction needs.

The large irregular gaps between logs at the Willis Russell Memorial House stand in contrast to the uniform gaps of the reconstructed Post Office at Constitution Square and the reconstructed log house at the Forkland Community Center. The unpeeled bark on the logs at the Willis Russell House, in the walls and in the floor joists, also lend a certain authenticity to the construction. The intact corner notching that is similar at all three 1790s log structures reveals that the technique was well-used in this area during that period. These similarities make the contrast between the three buildings: a post office, a small house far from town, and a two-story house near downtown, all the more instructive in how the log building architectural style served the many needs of the growing population in this area in the late 1700s.



Interior corner of Willis Russell Memorial House. Note the large and irregular shaped gaps between logs.

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Restored log house in Forkland, with uniform gaps between logs.



Restored original Post Office from Constitution Square, with uniform gaps between logs.

Integrity Considerations

The significance of the Willis Russell Memorial House is interpreted according to the terms of Criterion C, and the site demonstrates a high level of integrity related to feeling, association, design, location, material, and workmanship.

To walk into the Willis Russell Memorial House today is to walk into an unfinished building, but much of what remains in place was built by people who were using similar techniques in Danville and Harrodsburg and other nearby locations to make these settlements permanent and more modern. The evidence of the ax marks to score the logs conveys a strong sense of integrity of **feeling** and invites the viewer to imagine these logs shaped in the yard outside while just up the road the leading lights of the frontier met to sign a constitution and “chart the course of the empire,” lending the site an important **association** to historically momentous events in the “City of Firsts” around the time the state of Kentucky was born. The integrity of the **design** of this house is important to the history of the region because in the 1790s many other newcomers were building other 2-story log houses to serve as residences around Danville and Harrodsburg. While many of those other log structures around Danville were lost, relocated, or forgotten, the Willis Russell Memorial House survived in its original busy **location** with its characteristic log construction techniques and style to demonstrate that seminal architectural style that characterized the transition of the “old west” from frontier to a settled region. The original unpeeled old growth white oak logs of the house show some of the **material** integrity of the site, as these construction materials would have been abundant around that time but later in shorter supply. The V-notched corners of the Willis Russell Memorial House show integrity of the **workmanship** used to build these secondary log houses from this time period.

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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 # _____
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other
- Name of repository: _____

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): BOD – 141 _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property .245 _____

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates (decimal degrees)

Datum if other than WGS84: _____

1. Latitude: 37.644282 Longitude: 84.768229

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The area proposed for listing is comprised of the two tracts (Tract 1 & Tract 2) of the property described as Deed Book 252-554 and forms a rectangle with the south side of Walnut Street as the northern boundary of the property for 64 feet. The east and west boundary lines of the property measure approximately 166 feet, and the south boundary is also approximately 64 feet.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The nominated boundary encompasses the entirety of the two building lots that have been owned and managed as a single parcel for many years, and encompass the historic setting of the Willis Russell Memorial House.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

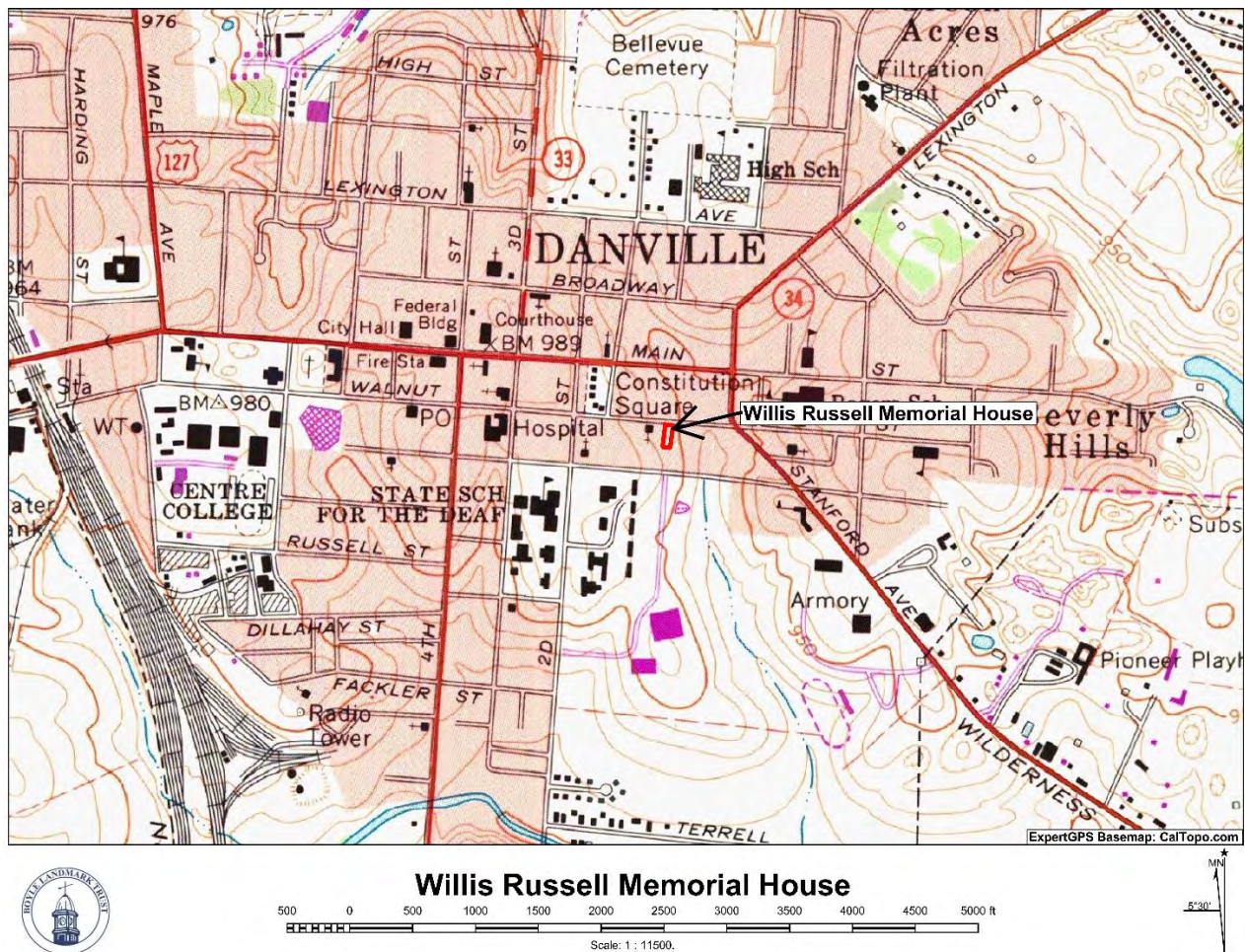


Figure 1. Topographic map showing location of Willis Russell Memorial House.

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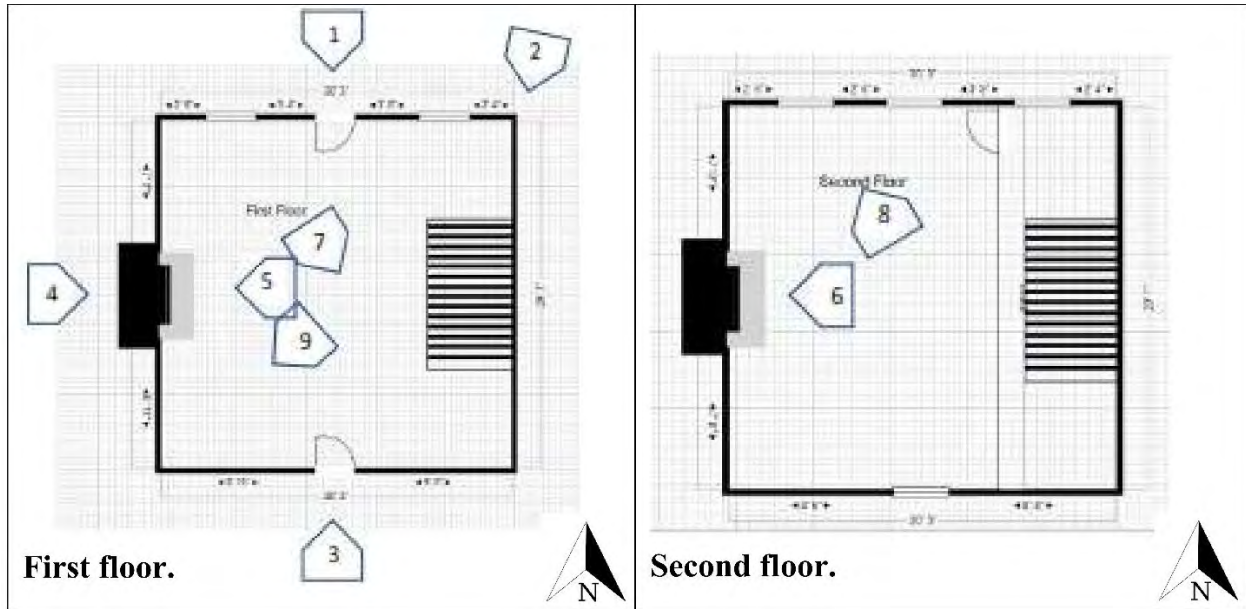


Figure 2. Sketch map showing locations of photographs.

Photographs

Photo Log

Name of Property: Willis Russell Memorial House

City or Vicinity: Danville

County: Boyle

State: Kentucky

Photographer: Ben Miles

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Date Photographed: 12/11/18

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Facing front (north side) of Willis Russell Memorial House (camera facing south).



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Facing northeast corner of Willis Russell Memorial House (camera facing south-southwest).



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Facing rear (south side) of Willis Russell Memorial House (camera facing north).



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Facing west side of Willis Russell Memorial House (camera facing east).



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Facing first floor fireplace in Willis Russell Memorial House (camera facing west).



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Facing second floor fireplace in Willis Russell Memorial House (camera facing west).



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Facing stairs at left and back door at right, first floor in Willis Russell Memorial House (camera facing southeast).



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Facing northwest corner of the second floor of Willis Russell Memorial House (camera facing north - northwest).



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Facing southwest corner of first floor of Willis Russell Memorial House (camera facing north - northwest); note large and irregular gaps between logs.





CRADDOCK AND TARDIFREAU
Built was relocated at the home
of Robert Craddock by French Rev.
War soldier Peter Tardifreau, who
spoke several languages & interpreted
political matters for Gen. George
Rogers Clark. Both Craddock and
Tardifreau were members of the
Political Club that petitioned for
Kentucky statehood. Over

















UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action: Nomination

Property Name: Barbee, Thomas, House

Multiple Name: _____

State & County: KENTUCKY, Boyle

Date Received: 5/23/2019 Date of Pending List: 6/11/2019 Date of 16th Day: 6/26/2019 Date of 45th Day: 7/8/2019 Date of Weekly List: _____

Reference number: SG100004121

Nominator: Other Agency, SHPO

Reason For Review:

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal | <input type="checkbox"/> PDIL | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Text/Data Issue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SHPO Request | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Photo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waiver | <input type="checkbox"/> National | <input type="checkbox"/> Map/Boundary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resubmission | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Resource | <input type="checkbox"/> Period |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> TCP | <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 50 years |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLG | |

Accept Return Reject 6/26/2019 Date

Abstract/Summary Comments: Excellent example of first generation log construction in the area. The house is an example of a stacked single pen, with saddle nothing and a stone chimney

Recommendation/ Criteria: Accept / C

Reviewer Jim Gabbert Discipline Historian

Telephone (202)354-2275 Date _____

DOCUMENTATION: see attached comments : No see attached SLR : No

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.

Kentucky Certified Local Government Report Form
Review of National Register Nomination by Local Authority

(Type and print your responses, then sign and return to the Kentucky Heritage Council, which is the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The document has been set up as an electronic form for convenience.)

Name of Certified Local Government (CLG): Danville

Name of Property under Review: Willis Russell Memorial Cabin

Initiation: *(Check one response. Enter this date, and all others, using the m/d/yy format).*

The nomination was submitted by the CLG to the Kentucky Heritage Council with this form and requests that the nomination be reviewed by KHC as soon as possible. Date submitted to KHC:

KHC submitted nomination to the CLG for review. The CLG has 60 days to review the nomination and return this report form to KHC. Date nomination was received by CLG: **1/31/19**

Date of Public Meeting in which Nomination was reviewed by the CLG: **2/20/19**

No. of public attendees in addition to commission members and staff: **10**

Review Basis: *(Check at least one box of Resource Type/Criterion).*

Resource Type

- Historical
 Architectural
 Archaeological

Criterion Selected on Nomination Form

- National Register Criterion A or B
 National Register Criterion C
 National Register Criterion D

Name of Commission Member(s) with Expertise in Area of Significance *(Fill in if applicable to your commission).*

Historian (when property meets Criterion A or B):

Architectural Historian/Architect (for Criterion C):

Archaeologist (when property meets Criterion D):

Recommendation: *(Please check the box that is appropriate to the nomination. Attach any relevant documentation, such as commission reports, staff reports/recommendations, public comments, and/or meeting minutes).*

The Commission recommends that the property or properties should be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Commission recommends that the property or properties should **not** be listed in the National Register of Historic Places for the following reasons:

Commission Chair or Representative: Approved Not Approved

Print Name:

Signature: _____

Date: 2/20/2019

Chief Elected Official: Approved Not Approved

Print Name/Title:

Signature: _____

Date: 2/25/19



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May 21, 2019

Ms. Joy Beasley
Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places
National Register Program
DOI-National Park Service
1849 C St., NW - Mail Stop 7228
Washington, DC 20240

RE: National Register Nomination

Dear Ms. Beasley:

I am pleased to submit a National Register nomination to be considered for listing by the Keeper of the National Register for:

Thomas Barbee House, Boyle County, Kentucky

The nomination was approved by the Kentucky Historic Preservation Review Board on April 9, 2019. The enclosed disk (1 of 2) contains the true and correct copy of the nomination for the Thomas Barbee House to the National Register of Historic Places.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lisa Mullins Thompson
National Register Coordinator

Enclosures: As stated