

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Site No. Wd-136

1. Historic Name(s) <u>Benjamin Wilson House</u>		22. ADD/County <u>Blount / Woodford</u>	
Original Owner <u>Benjamin Wilson</u>		23. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75') <u>Versailles</u> G.I.S. Mod. <input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Present Name		24. UTM Reference Zone <u>16</u> Easting <u>71021100</u> Northing <u>4220540</u>	
3. Location <u>on E side Lees Branch ca 1/2 mi E of 62 on lane commencing 1/2 mi S of O Frankfort Pike</u>		25. Coordinate Accuracy <input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Owner's Name <u>J. Steele Davis 873-4897</u>		26. Prehistoric Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Owner's Address <u>Midway Pike, Versailles, Ky. 40383</u>		27. National Register District Name: <input type="checkbox"/>	
6. Open to Public Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. Visible from road Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	28. Significance Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Local Contact/Organization		29. Status <input type="checkbox"/> Date <input type="checkbox"/> National Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> National Register <input type="checkbox"/> Landmark Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky Survey <input type="checkbox"/> Local Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> HABS/HAER <input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Site Plan with North Arrow <u>see attached boundary form</u>		30. Historic Theme Primary <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Architect		31. Endangered Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
12. Builder		32. Preservation Project Status <input type="checkbox"/>	
13. Date <u>ca 1810/20</u> A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Actual Cost in \$1,000s <input type="checkbox"/>	
14. Style A. <u>Federal</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>		33. ATTACH PHOTO <u>in attached envelope</u>	
15. Original Use <u>residence</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Roll No. _____	
16. Present use <u>vacant</u>		Picture No. _____	
17. Condition <u>good</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Direction _____	
18. Description <u>1 story 4 bay, double cell dry stone house on high basement, with detached 2 story 2 bay stone ell; fine ashlar masonry on front facade, well bonded; voussiers with key stones over</u> (Continue on Back) <u>(over)</u>		34. Prepared by: <u>C.M. Woolley</u>	
No. Stories <u>one / two</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		35. Organization _____	
Single Pile <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA _____		36. Date <u>1982</u>	
Double Pile _____		37. Revision Dates _____	
Floor Plan <u>double cell</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		38. Staff Review _____	
Structural Fabric <u>stone</u> A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Decorative Fabric <u>ashlar masonry</u> A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>voussiers</u> <u>square pointing</u> B. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Roof Form <u>gable</u>			
19. History <u>House built about 1810 by Benjamin Wilson, Sr., a Revolutionary soldier who came to Ky before 1790; married Barbara Bullock. owned 20 slaves by 1810. (over)</u>			
20. Significance <u>good quality early 1 story stone house having had pedimented portico and half round steps; not altered.</u>			
21. Source of Information <u>18. 1980 inventory form, inspection</u> <u>19. Railey, Hist. Woodford Co. p. 125.6.</u>			

18 cont.:

front windows and cellar.

Square mortar joints  
on front, steeple on east  
and rear, "Blue" lime-  
stone.

(photo 5) Lack of voussiers above front doors  
and patlogs in front wall indicate that  
(photo 1) there was a pedimented porch; sections  
of compass steps are scattered around the  
site; shed porch formerly along E end.

Sides, rear, and all common masonry work.

(photo 5) Rear bays match front; all doorways have  
(photo 1) raised panelled double doors, no transoms.

Windows were 12/12 panes (one remains),  
cellar windows had horizontal bars with  
mullion in center; beaded tapering barge boards.

Stone partition wall divides house. Cellar  
has one finished room with fireplace, whitewashed  
walls and plastered ceiling, board split lath;  
one room unfinished; straight sawn joists;  
originally entered from E end, now from rear  
of E room.

Main floor has early woodwork: panelled  
reveals, ovolo trim, board wainscoting that  
breaks forward under windows, half round  
chair railing, ash flooring; Doric mantels  
added, no stairway, 12' ceilings.

Detached ell built slightly later than main (photos 3, 4)  
house; interior chimneys each gable end; pegged  
frames, no trim; 2 bays each floor on W side,  
one door only, on East; corner stair originally  
on dividing wall, now in enclosed passage;  
plain Federal mantle in S room; no fireplace  
2nd floor - chair railing around chimneys; cyma  
curve woodwork. Original red paint on exterior trim  
of ell.

House is located about 1/8 mi from Lee's Branch  
and faces S, not toward present road; spring 20 yds  
away; Wilton graveyard 200 yds N of house.

19 cont.: Land later owned by Lister Witherspoon family.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION & JUSTIFICATION

Beginning at A, S of the front of the house, thence parallel to the front of the house WNW 200 ft to B, thence at right angles NNE 250 ft to C, ESE 200 ft to D, and SSW 200 ft to the beginning, containing the stone house in the center; about 1 1/6 acre. No other buildings near site.

SKETCH MAP OF SITE SHOWING BOUNDARIES AND KEY BUILDINGS AND FEATURES WITH NORTH ARROW.

