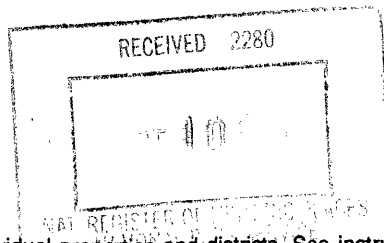


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Salt River Road

other names/site number Salt River Road (BO-427)

2. Location

street & number Salt River Road not for publication

city or town Danville vicinity

state Kentucky code KY county Boyle code 021 zip code 40422

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 nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

David L. Morgan, SHPO and
Executive Director

10-1-97

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

Kentucky Heritage Council/State Historic Preservation Office

State of Federal agency and bureau

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

Signature of commenting official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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 the Keeper

Date of Action

Patrick Andrews

11/19/97

Salt River Road
Name of Property

Boyle County, Kentucky
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
0	0	buildings
1	0	sites
3	0	structures
0	0	objects
4	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Historic & Architectural Resources of Boyle Co., KY. 0

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION / road

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION / road

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

no style

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE
walls STONE / limestone
roof n/a
other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

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.)

Property is:

- 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 of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(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 #

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION

Period of Significance

ca. 1774 - 1895

Significant Dates

n/a

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

n/a

Cultural Affiliation

n/a

Architect/Builder

n/a

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of repository:

Salt River Road

Boyle County, KY

Name of Property

County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property approx. 90 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

Danville, KY Quadrant

(A) 1 16 68 18 00 10 41 71 12 40
Zone Easting Northing
(B) 2 16 68 18 16 10 41 71 13 20

(C) 3 16 68 18 50 10 41 70 86 10
Zone Easting Northing
(D) 4 16 68 18 69 10 41 70 15 10

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

E. (5) 16 E 6/8/8/7/2/0
N 4/1/6/8/9/2/0
F. (6) 16 E 6/8/8/5/8/0
N 4/1/6/8/9/7/0
G. (7) 16 E 6/8/8/5/0/0

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

N 4/1/7/0/2/9/0

name/title Christine Amos, Historian

organization Burry & Amos, Inc. (Heart of Danville) date March 30, 1997

street & number 926 Main Street telephone (502) 633-5530

city or town Shelbyville state KY zip code 40065

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name See Continuation Sheet

street & number telephone

city or town state zip code

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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Multiple Property Listing
Salt River Road (BO-427)**7. Narrative Description**

The Salt River Road is an approximately one-and-one-half mile road corridor running roughly north-south along the upper reaches of Salt River, distinguished by paired lengths of dry-laid rock fence, crossings of the tributary streams, adjacent earthworks and fords across the river, an abandoned rock quarry, and a narrow, paved alignment that follows the meanders of the Salt River, all surrounded by the historic, agricultural landscape of rural north central Boyle County. The nominated property contains three contributing structures (the road alignment; adjacent lengths of rock fencing, and a rock underpass), and one contributing site, an abandoned rock quarry. The west boundary edge extends to the east bank of the Salt River, as the relationship between the river and the road is an important one to the historical setting. The east boundary extends only to include rock fences and the quarry site adjacent to the road, features that have historic associations with the resource.

The present road is built upon the historic road alignment with asphalt covering a rock base approximately 11 to 12 feet wide without paved or graveled shoulders. The nominated section of the road begins at its south junction with the Perryville Road (US 150 / KY 52) and slopes down from the grade of that recently elevated highway. Near this junction, two, frame single family dwellings are located on the east side of the right-of-way, while dense shrub vegetation and the raised embankment of Salt River edge the road to the west. Approximately 1/5 of a mile north of the intersection, a dry-laid rock fence begins to align the east side of the road. The area is characterized by trees, the broad meanders of the river, and adjacent pastures and fields. The absence of overhead wires and visible power lines lends integrity to the rural setting. Three slightly different types of dry-laid rock fence standing along the route suggest the possibility of different periods of construction and illustrate different masonry techniques and include: dry laid with vertically placed coping stones; dry-laid with a projecting horizontal rock plate beneath the vertical coping stones; and dry-laid without coping (Figure 1). The rock fence has only occasional breaks, is not excessively battered, follows the alignment of the road closely with few feet between edge of pavement and rock edge. About 1/2 mile north of the road's beginning, an unnamed tributary crosses beneath the road through two rock-faced culverts. In this location, overgrown earthworks; stone water gaps marking the intersection of rock cross-fencing and river; and irregular-shaped pasture lots between the river, tributary and road suggest an historic mill or other possible manufacture from an early era was once located here (although no documentary evidence has been discovered to substantiate this type of activity) (Figure 2). An early twentieth century bungalow residence of a diversified farm is located near a jog in the road where rock fencing on both sides of the road is intersected by rock cross fence that encloses more small lots in the flood plain between the river and the road (Figure 3). The site of an abandoned rock quarry is visible in a field on the east edge of the road (Figure 4). The present end of Salt-River Road circles around the base of a large Sycamore tree with drives leading west to the site of Harlan's Station (Bo-294) and east to the Harlan Residence (Bo-293).

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Figure 1.



Figure 2.

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Figure 3.



Figure 4.

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8. Statement of Significance

The Salt River Road is an historically significant area, eligible to the National Register under Criterion A, representing the theme of Transportation from settlement through the late nineteenth century. Because of the continued use of the road, relatively modest modification and high degree of integrity, the Salt River Road contributes to our understanding of the siting of settlement roads, the physical attributes of historic road corridors, and the changing patterns of transportation networks over time.

Location, setting, feeling and association are the primary qualities of integrity that must be evident along historically significant road corridors established during the settlement period and utilized during later historic periods. If the road were to be relocated, the changes incurred would be very significant and might well compromise the property's overall integrity. The feeling along the Salt River Road is gained through an accumulation of small, contributing elements, all enhanced by the rural, agricultural environment. If the surrounding environment were to change drastically (ie; be subdivided and developed into small lots for single family dwelling) the feeling of the area would change. The association of the Salt River Road to the Salt River is an important one that is not likely to change. Secondary qualities of integrity include design and materials, characterized by the depth and width of the road itself, as well as character defining elements within and adjacent to the nominated property including rock embankments, rock and other historic fencing, culverts, quarries, historic archaeological sites, and vegetation. The loss of single elements will not compromise the integrity of the road, but the removal of a majority of design and material qualities will result in a changed setting, thus potentially making the property no longer eligible.

The Salt River Road, in location, setting, feeling and association recalls the settlement period in Boyle County, when pioneers established stations and forts on land secured through warrant and preemption. Primitive roads, often not more than a simple trail, frequently followed water courses while linking early outposts and small settlements such as those identified by Chinn (1985) in **Figure 5**. The legal establishment of roads and arrangement for their maintenance were among the first actions of the County Courts. Appointed surveyors identified a road's alignment and overseers managed its construction and maintenance for the county, actions that eventually brought many early settlement "trails" under county government jurisdiction. The Salt River Road is one such road. In 1787, the first year of documented Mercer County Court actions concerning roads, the September Mercer County Court appointed area settler, George Caldwell (of Caldwell's Station on the Chinn map) to survey the road from Danville to the Salt River (leading towards the salt works) as it led towards Bardstown. Neighbor, John Irvine (of Irvin's Station on the Chinn map) was ordered to lay off the road in fifths to keep it in repair. Isham Prewitt was to survey the portion of the road from Salt River to Chaplin's Fork and John Irvine was to see that the road was kept in repair (Mercer Court Order Book 1:154, 9-25-1787).

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Because the settlers mentioned above resided in this rural area, some route already existed along the Salt River. Its condition was probably very poor with limited seasonal passage. The court's action officially determined where the road was actually located and how it would be maintained.

This information suggests that settlement roads linked forts, stations, and other settlements, manufacturing sites such as salt works, and transportation sites such as ferry crossings and river landings. The legal adoption of these routes into the county road system followed through a process of survey, construction, maintenance and possible property owner restitution.

The 1876 D.G. Beers map of Boyle County shows the Salt River Road almost one hundred years after initial settlement. The alignment crossed the river eight times between its beginning at the Danville-Perryville Turnpike to the Nevada community near the north county line. The route had probably changed little over the years (Figure 6). The Nevada & Quirk's Run Turnpike, about one mile to the west, also connected the Perryville Pike to the Nevada community, but accomplished this with a more direct alignment that crossed flowing water only once. Tolls provided funding for road maintenance (toll houses were located at north and south points on Quirk's Run Pike) suggesting the route was probably more dependable than the Salt River Road, especially in times of high water. An undated, early twentieth century (ca. 1915) geologic map of Boyle and Mercer Counties shows the Salt River Road still continuing through to the county line (Figure 7). After World War II, the county discontinued maintenance of the road north of Harlan's Station. This portion of the "road" still exists on private property and can be negotiated through a series of fords and fence crossings. Since abandonment of the north Salt River Road as a public thoroughfare, Quirk's Run to the west and Bluegrass Pike to the east connect the north and south areas on either side of the Salt River. This eventual abandonment of the more circuitous, northern portion of the old road provides information concerning change in transportation networks over time. The initial trail blazed by area settlers connected strategic points and was adopted into the county road system by the late eighteenth century. Over time, the importance of the linked sites to the overall area economy (including salt works and settlement stations) declined. More efficient travel routes nearby eventually led to the abandonment of the old transportation route.

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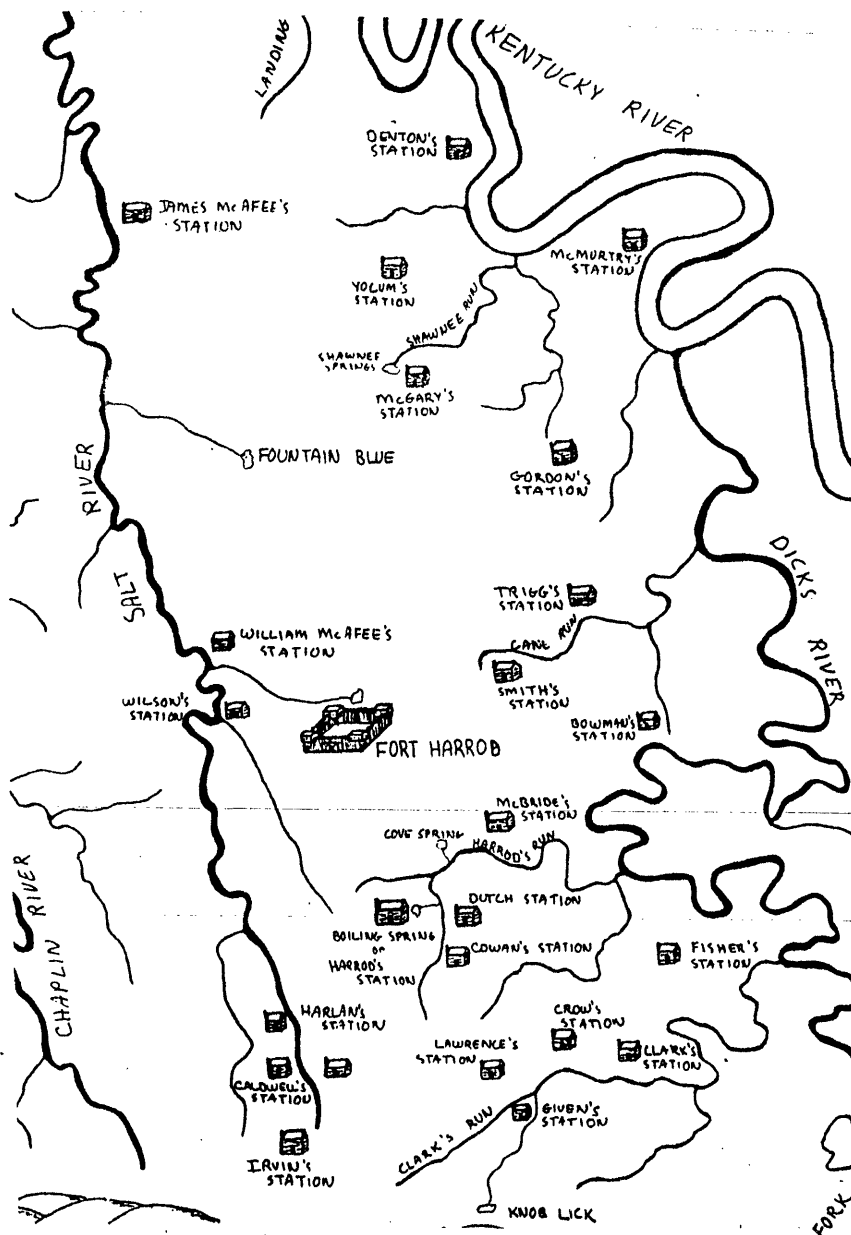


Figure 5. George M. Chinn's map showing early forts in the area. Stations near the headwaters of Salt River infer the location of a road corridor in this area at a very early date, linking these early settlements.

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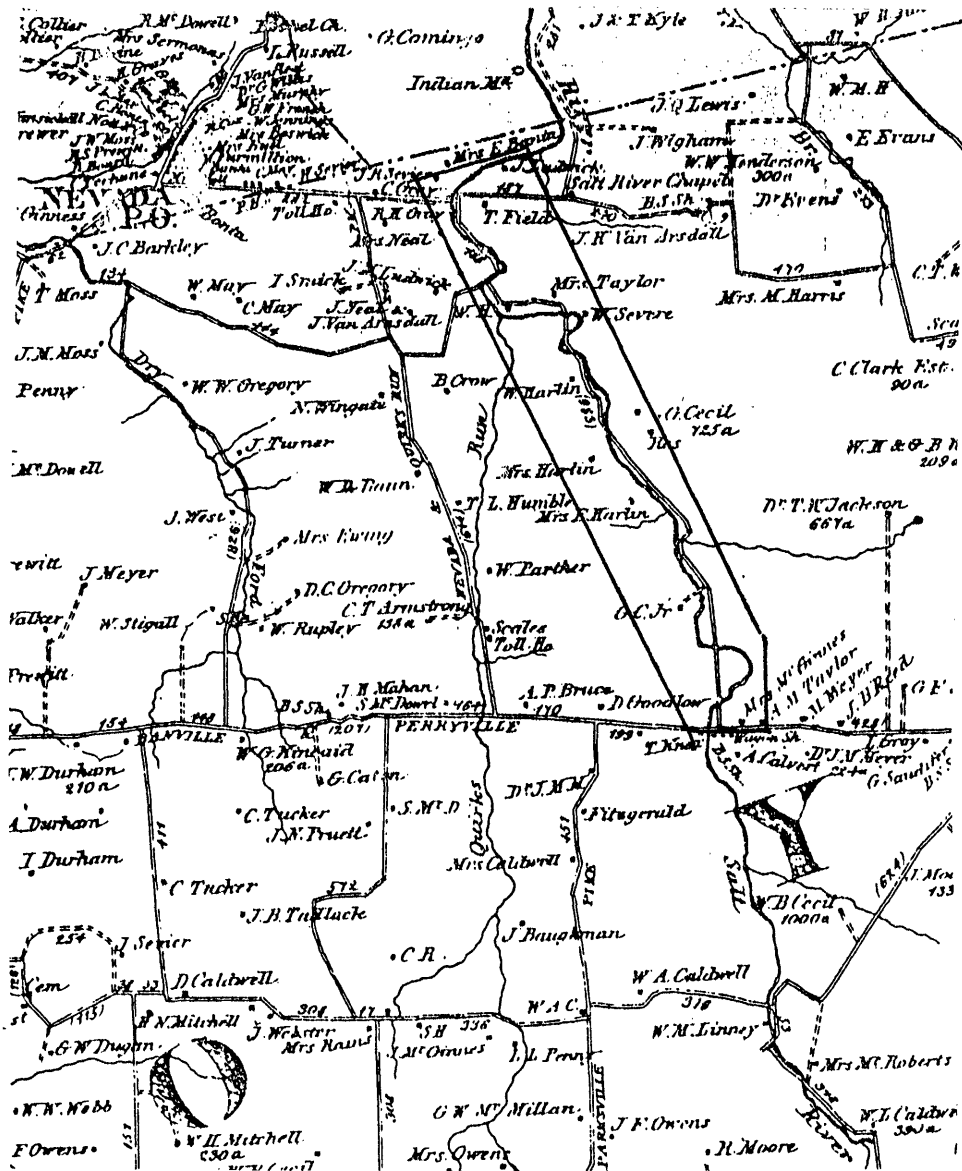


Figure 6. From the 1876 D.G. Beers map of Boyle County, showing the Salt River Road almost one hundred years after initial settlement. The alignment crossed the river eight times between the Danville-Perryville Turnpike and the Nevada community near the north county line.

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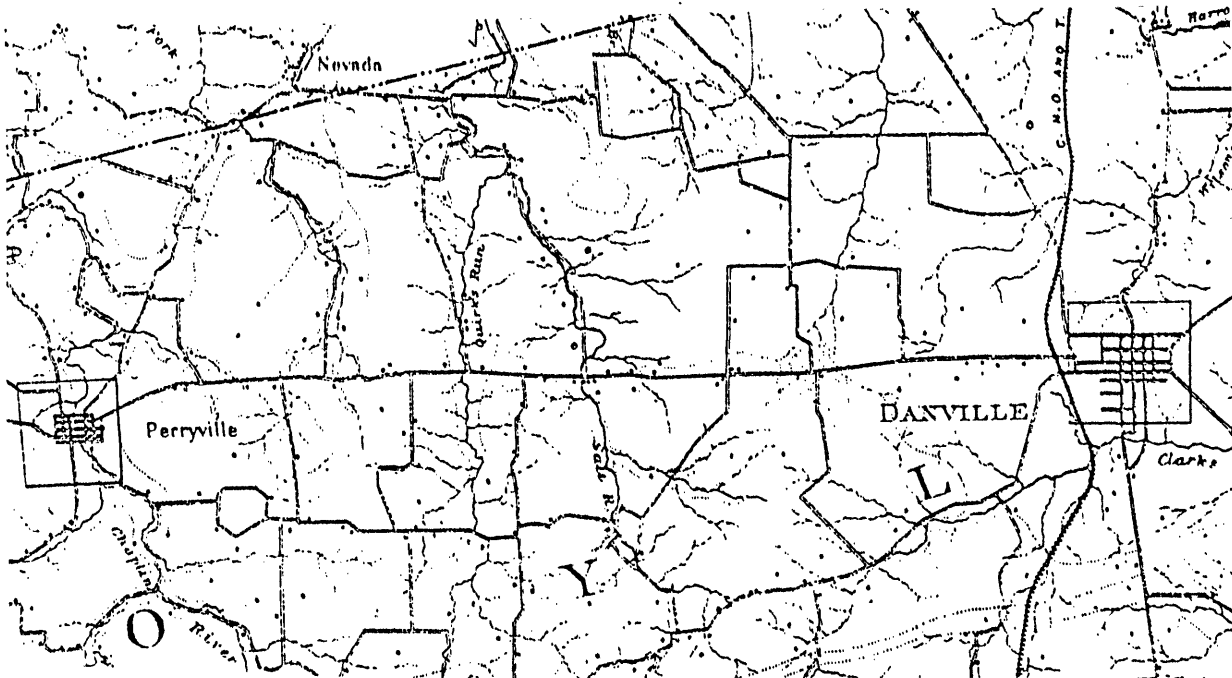


Figure 7. The Salt River Road still connected through to Nevada in the early 20th century.

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10. Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description

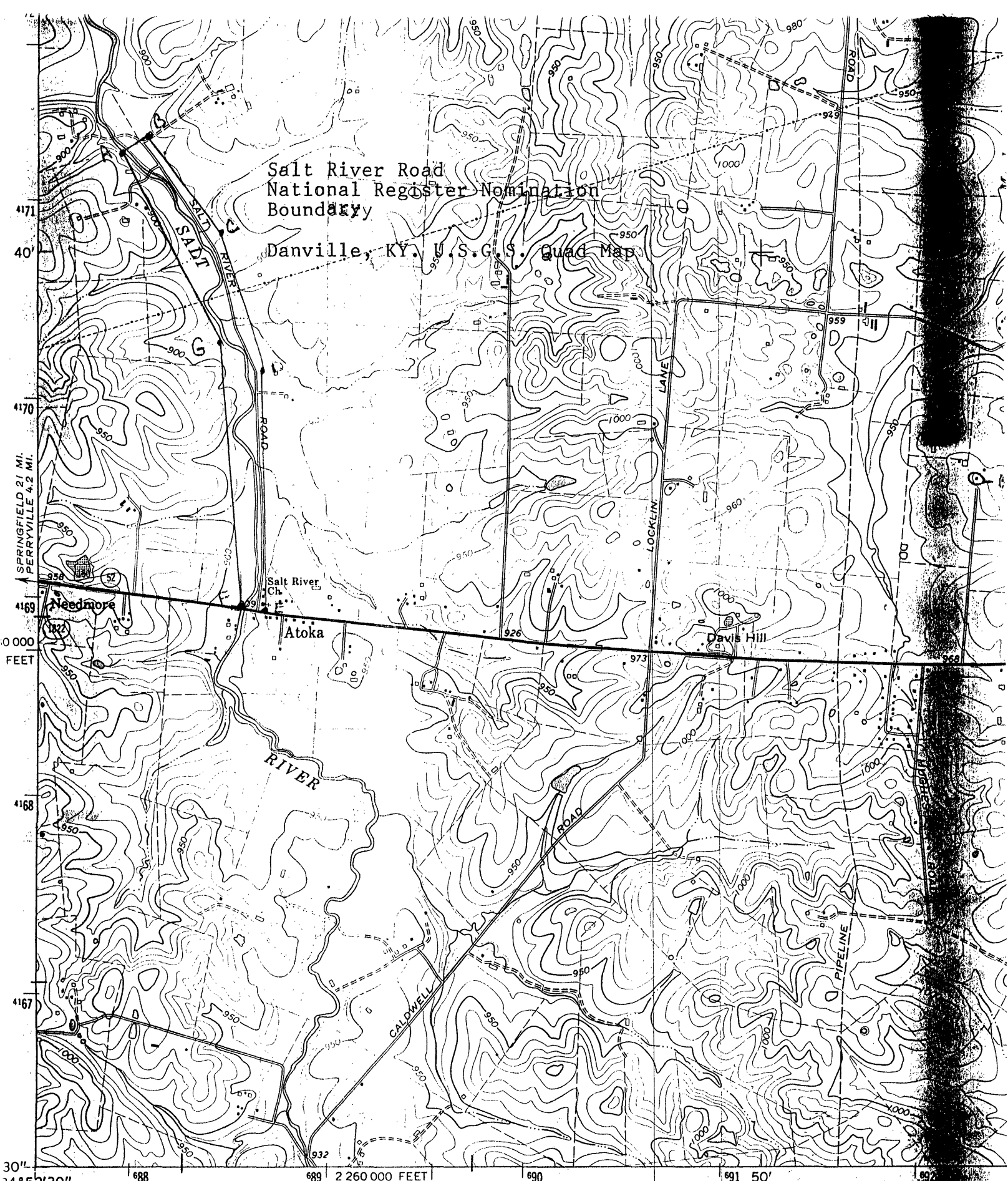
The boundary for the Salt River Road nomination corresponds to the area included within the lines marked on the accompanying USGS Topographic Danville, KY. Quad map.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The boundary of the Salt River Road includes a limited amount of land adjacent to the road pavement that includes structures and sites identified in the property description that contribute to the historic nature of the road and reveal important material and cultural information concerning the establishment and evolution of the Salt River Road and its immediate environs. The west boundary edge incorporates the Salt River into the property boundary, as the relationship between the river and the road is an important one to the historical setting. The east boundary extends only to include rock fences and the quarry site adjacent to the road, features that have historic associations with the resource.

Property Owners

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Horn, 2367 Gentry Lane, Danville, KY. 40422
Margaret Cotton, 5285 Perryville Road, Danville, KY. 40422
Nelson Rodes, P.O. Box 566, Danville, KY. 40422
Thomas L. & Jerry Rankin, 4873 Perryville Road, Danville, KY. 40422
William E. Anderson, 2704 Quirks Run Road, Danville, KY. 40422-8810
Newland & Cecelia Fowler, 744 Salt River Road, Danville, KY. 40422



Salt River Road
National Register Nomination
Boundary

Danville, KY, U.S.G.S. Quad Map

SPRINGFIELD 2.1 MI.
PERRYVILLE 4.2 MI.

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FEET

34° 52' 30" 688 689 2 260 000 FEET 690 691 50'

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