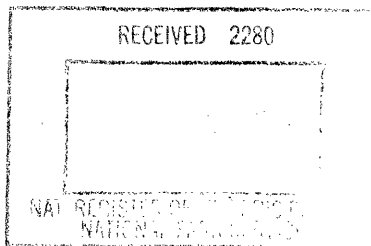


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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 Mitchell, James P., House and Farmstead

other names/site number BO-233

2. Location

street & number N. side S.R. 34, .4 mi. E. of S.R. 1856 not for publication

city or town Mitchellsburg vicinity

state Kentucky code KY county Boyle code 021 zip code 40452

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:)

Patrick Andrews
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

11/19/97

James P. Mitchell House (BO-233)
Name of Property

Boyle County, KY
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	
5	0	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
5	0	Total

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

Historic and Architectural Resources of

Boyle County, KY

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling
and secondary structure

AGRICULTURAL: processing

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling
and secondary structure

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

MID-19TH CENTURY:
OTHER: center-passage plan

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone
walls Weatherboard
roof Asphalt Shingles
other _____

Narrative Description

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

See Continuation Sheet

James P. Mitchell House (BO-233)
Name of Property

Boyle County, KY
County and State

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.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

AGRICULTURE

Period of Significance

c. 1855

Significant Dates

c. 1855

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

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

See Continuation Sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

See Continuation Sheet

(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 # _____

Primary location of additional data:

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

Name of repository:

James P. Mitchell House (BO-233)
Name of Property

Boyle County, KY
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Approx. two (2) acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

Parksville Quadrant

1	16	6811	4210	411	6334	10
Zone		Easting		Northing		
2						

3						
Zone		Easting		Northing		
4						

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

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

See Continuation Sheet

Boundary Justification

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

See Continuation Sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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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 Kenneth E. and H. Veida Blick

street & number 3001 Broken Bow Road telephone N/A

city or town Edmond state OK zip code 73034

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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
James P. Mitchell House and Farmstead (BO-233)

7. Description

The James P. Mitchell House and Farmstead (BO-233) is located on the north side of State Route 34, sited at the end of a long farm drive, atop a south facing hill facing the roadbed (historically the Danville and Lebanon Turnpike). Between the property and the roadbed is the remaining shadow of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad which paralleled the road. Included in this nomination are approximately one acre of land, historically documented as the domestic yard area. Within the domestic yard are five contributing buildings.

1.) Constructed c. 1855, the **main residence** (contributing building) offers a somewhat uncommon, austere design, being a two-story, frame, center passage plan in a double pile formation with original weatherboard siding, central interior brick chimneys, an asphalt shingle clad hipped roof and an unmortared continuous stone foundation. Gabled pediments are centered on each elevation of the roof with weatherboard siding and no windows. These pediments and a central front porch with turned posts, sawn brackets and spindle frieze provide the limited decorative design elements. Facing the Danville and Lebanon Road (S.R. 34), the front facade is divided into three bays, with a rather plain paneled central entry and simple architrave, fronted by the one-story hipped porch. Original windows have been replaced by 1/1 sash with metal sills, in the original wood surrounds. A one-story ell extends from the rear (north) wall with weatherboard siding and a central interior brick chimney. A porch extending along the east wall of the ell sits on stone pier foundations and was enclosed in the mid-to late twentieth century with weatherboard. The interior was not inspected.

2.) Northeast (beside and to the rear) of the main residence is a late-nineteenth century **gable-front shed** (contributing building), possibly constructed as a wood/coal storage house. Sided with vertical planks, the building is oriented north-south with a central entry on the front (south) facade and a continuous unmortared stone foundation.

3.) Beside the shed is a **board and batten meathouse** (contributing building) dating to c. 1855. Oriented north-south, the building sits on a continuous unmortared stone foundation with an asphalt shingle clad front gable roof. With prominent overhanging eaves, the meathouse features corner support brackets and a central entry on the front (south) facade.

4.) Beside (east of) the meathouse is a c. 1855 **board and batten chicken coop** (contributing building). The coop supports a central single bay with fully extended overhanging gable ends. The side gable roof is clad with standing seam metal. A centered entry door is found on the front (south) facade.

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5.) Along the eastern boundary of the domestic yard is a c. 1855 two-room frame **saddlebag plan slave house** (contributing building) with a board and batten siding, central interior stone chimney and a standing seam metal clad side gable roof. A pre-World War II one-bay porch extends from the front (west) facade. Original window fenestration has been covered. A vertical plank entry is found on the south side elevation.

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8. Statement of Significance

Located on the north side of the Danville and Lebanon Road (S.R. 34), the James P. Mitchell House and Farmstead (BO-233) are locally significant under Criterion A for their contribution to the understanding of mid-nineteenth century farmsteads in southern Boyle County.

The two-story, frame, center passage residence, constructed, c. 1855 along the Danville and Lebanon Road in the community of Mitchellsburg, is architecturally significant on a local level under Criterion C, as an example of a frame center-passage plan associated with a prosperous local citizen and farmer, having a somewhat uncommon design. The period of significance for the property is c. 1855, the approximate date of construction of the contributing buildings.

The Mitchells are a long-prominent family in southwestern Boyle County. Robert Mitchell entered the region in 1790 with a land grant for services rendered in the Revolutionary War (Correspondence with Kenneth Blick, 6 April, 1996). The area settled by the family encompassed portions of present-day Mitchellsburg, and the town was named in honor of their tenure. Robert Mitchell constructed the first referenced dwelling on the nominated property. Local tradition states that Abraham Lincoln's grandmother, Lucy Hanks, resided at the dwelling for a short time, the Hanks and Mitchells being close friends (ibid). Not much is known about the dealings of Robert Mitchell, however he is assumed to have been a farmer due to the large amount of acreage deeded to James Payne Mitchell (a relative of Robert) in the 1830s (Boyle County Will Book 2: 88).

The builder of the nominated dwelling, James P. Mitchell, is remembered as Judge of the first meeting of the Boyle County Court in 1842 at Nelson Shield's tavern in Danville (Brown, 1992:7). Mitchell was regarded as a prosperous farmer and businessman, holding such positions as Director of the Lebanon Tollpike Road Construction Company; owner and operator of a steam mill in Mitchellsburg; organizer of the Deposit Bank of Danville in 1854; and Postmaster in Mitchellsburg in the 1860s (ibid, and Blick, 1996).

Although Mitchell had numerous interests in the county, he resided on and operated the family farm in southwestern Boyle County. Perhaps the constant travel between the Mitchellsburg and Danville influenced Mitchell's role as Director of the Lebanon Tollpike Road Construction Company; responsible for the construction of a tollpike leading from Danville, southwest to Lebanon (in Marion County). The road (currently S.R. 34) fronts Mitchell's farmstead. The large scale residence he chose to build was a statement of his social and political position in the county.

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The first agricultural census taken in Boyle County (in 1850) shows Mitchell as owner of 600 acres of improved and 700 acres of unimproved land, valued at \$20,000.00 (1850 Agricultural Census of Boyle County). Livestock consisted of cattle, swine and sheep. In that same year, Mitchell owned twenty-two (22) slaves, sixteen (16) of whom were males (1850 Slave Census Schedule, Boyle County). Ten years later, Mitchell's farm and slave holdings increased to 700 improved acres and 3000 unimproved acres, twenty-five (25) slaves, and four slave houses, making him one of the largest slave holders in Boyle County (1860 Slave Census Schedule, Boyle County and 1860 Agricultural Census for Boyle County). This was the last census taken while James P. Mitchell owned the farm, and subsequent schedules (from 1870 and 1880) show Robert H.C. Mitchell as owner.

Mitchell died in the early 1870s, leaving the "Mill Spring" for use by all residents of Mitchellsburg with the understanding that a committee be appointed to direct the operations of the spring (Boyle County Will Book 2: 88). To his family, Mitchell bequeathed personal and land holdings, including his 350 acre farm along the Lebanon Pike to his wife Ann, containing "...a dwelling, colored schoolhouse and a burial ground...", to be owned by their only son, Robert H.C. Mitchell upon Ann's death (Will Book 2: 89).

The nominated dwelling house, mentioned in Mitchell's will, is the second known residence to be constructed on the site (Written correspondence with Kenneth Blick, 4 April 1996). The agricultural acreage historically associated with the residence is currently under separate ownership from the domestic parcel and is not included in the boundaries. The James P. Mitchell House and Farmstead retain their historic integrity through original materials, construction methods, design, function, setting and location.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

Mitchell House (BO-233)

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926 Main Street
Shelbyville, KY 40065

DATE: August, 1996

Overview of James P. Mitchell House and Farmstead, facing north.

1 of 7

Front (south) and east elevations of Main Residence, facing northwest.

2 of 7

Front (south) and west elevations of Main Residence, facing northeast.

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Rear (north) elevation one-bay addition, facing west

4 of 7

Possible coal shed (left) and board and batten meathouse (right), facing north

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Board and batten chicken coop, facing northeast.

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Board and batten tenant house in a saddlebag plan, facing east.

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10. Geographical Data:

Verbal Boundary Description

The Mitchell Farm is located on the north side of State Route 34, approximately 4/10 of a mile east of State Route 1856. The nominated property includes that dotted portion of Parcel 28 shown on the accompanying Boyle County Property Identification Map 17. Located in the Boyle County Property Valuation Administration Office, the tax map has a scale of 1" = 600.

Boundary Justification:

The boundaries include the main residence and outbuildings historically associated with the James P. Mitchell farm and maintaining good historic integrity. Only two of the 5.5 acres associated with Parcel 28 on the accompanying tax map are included in this nomination, bound on all sides by a wire fence.

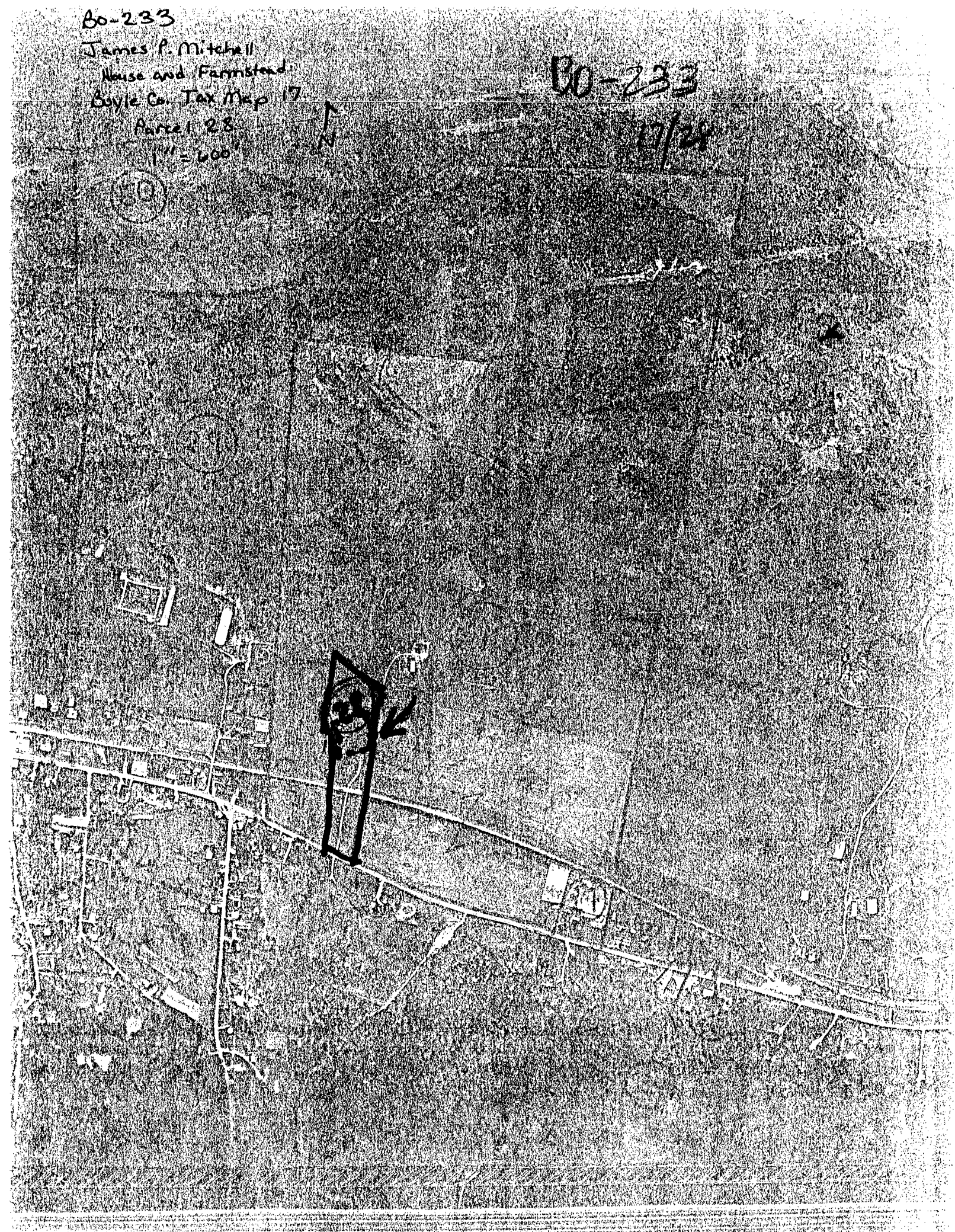
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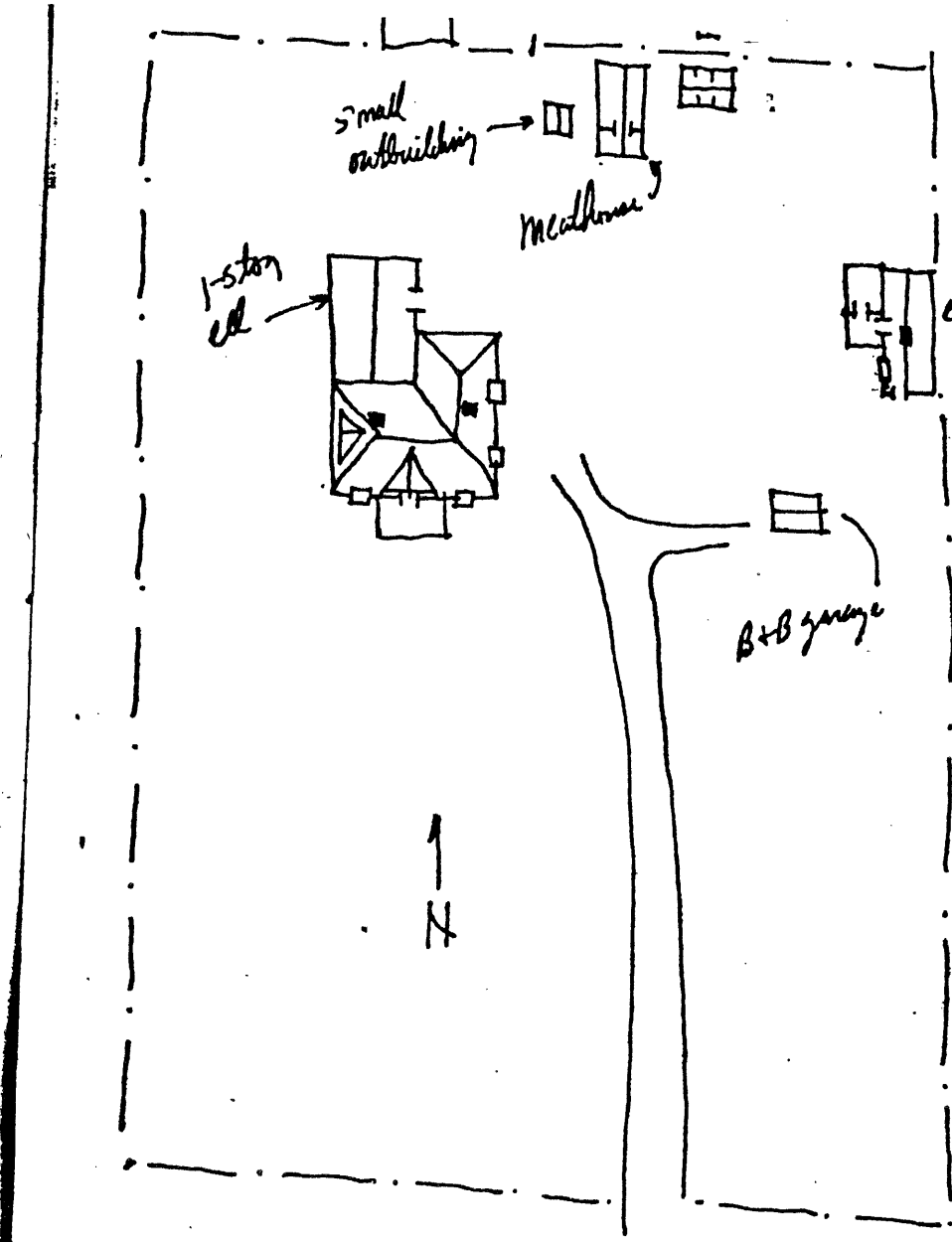
James P. Mitchell
House and Farmstead
Boyle Co. Tax Map 17
Parcel 28
1" = 600'

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B+B log 2-story
slave house

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James P. Mitchell
House and
Farmstead
Site Plan
by Gibson
Worsham
(1991)

Not To Scale

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