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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Rust House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 3, Box 263, halfway between Lewisburg & Wedonia

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Maysville

 VICINITY OF

8

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Kentucky

021

Mason

161

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

 DISTRICT
 BUILDING(S)
 STRUCTURE
 SITE
 OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

 PUBLIC
 PRIVATE
 BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
 IN PROCESS
 BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

 OCCUPIED
 UNOCCUPIED
 WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
 YES: RESTRICTED
 YES: UNRESTRICTED
 NO

PRESENT USE

 AGRICULTURE
 COMMERCIAL
 EDUCATIONAL
 ENTERTAINMENT
 GOVERNMENT
 INDUSTRIAL
 MILITARY
 MUSEUM
 PARK
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 RELIGIOUS
 SCIENTIFIC
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. Pattie G. Crain

STREET & NUMBER

Route 3, Box 263, halfway between Lewisburg & Wedonia

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Maysville

 VICINITY OF

Kentucky

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Mason County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

West Third Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Maysville

Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky

DATE

1976

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Frankfort

Kentucky

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located one-fourth mile east of Kentucky Highway 11 south of Lewisburg, the Rust House is a two-story, L-shaped residence having a width of five bays (see photos 1 and 2). Construction is of brick laid in common bond, resting on a limestone foundation. Two chimneys set flush with the gables straddle the ridge on the east and west, and a third chimney appears between the end of the ell and the original kitchen which projects from it (see photo 3). Windows on the first floor are sash with twelve-over-twelve panes; those on the second floor have twelve-over-eight.

The entrance hall is flanked by single rooms of equal size, each having a fireplace in its end wall. Skirting the mantles are floor-to-ceiling cupboards set into the walls. Within the entrance hall is an open staircase that has decoratively finished stringers, and newels that are squared and capped with wooden pyramidal pieces (see photo 4).

The second floor's arrangement is identical with the first, excepting there is no room above the kitchen whose recently unbricked fireplace revealed several interesting cast-iron pieces including a heavy crane with three hooks, and two andirons (see photo 8).

Flooring throughout is of golden pine and the mantles and cupboards of both floors are of walnut. These are in remarkably good condition and interestingly, no two are alike. Their careful execution is consistent and a hierarchy has been observed, i.e., the most elaborate are in the more formal rooms (see photos 5, 6, and 7). Chair-railing has survived in the entrance hall and east parlor, and outlines of chair-rails are visible in the kitchen. Plaster center-pieces appear to have been in the parlors, but no evidence of cornice moldings can be detected. Major doors of the first floor have five panels, while those of the second floor are treated with two panels. In addition, numerous box locks dating from the first half of the 19th century are found throughout the house.

The Rust House combines different stylistic features, and the date of its erection is ca. 1830-40. The overall form and proportions of the openings are Federal in effect, but the interior details tell of a somewhat Greek Revival character.

The structure has been altered by the enclosure of a porch beyond the entrance hall, and by the replacement of the original door of the main facade. A one-story porch was added to the front at an undetermined time, but this has been recently removed. The only surviving out-building contemporary with the erection of the house is a log barn with a stone foundation, located several yards to the northeast (see photo 1).

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
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<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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

c. 1830

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

About 20 miles south of the Ohio River in northcentral Kentucky in the hilly countryside of Mason County stands the Rust House, a remarkably well preserved representative of Greek Revival transitional architecture. The two-story brick house, which is believed to have been constructed around 1830, has virtually all its interior woodwork intact. It contains six mantels that vary in style from Federal to Georgian. But these and other details, such as the baseboards, have the characteristic Greek Revival hierarchical arrangement and the character of their treatment can be called powerful. The proportions of the windows, however, are somewhat Federal, and the presence of chair-railing in several rooms would seem to indicate an early date. Thus, the house is a transitional residence that was the product of a provincial builder--one who treated traditional forms with powerful "new" Greek details.

The residence derives historical significance from its association with John Rust, an early settler to the area and a veteran of the Revolutionary War. Rust fought in the Battle of Brandywine and was among George Washington's troops that wintered at Valley Forge. Rust's wife, Sarah (Sallie) was the sister of George Mason, statesman, constitutionist and signer of the Declaration of Independence from Virginia (DAB, p. 361). It was George Mason for whom Mason County, established in 1792, was named (Collins, Vol. II, p. 545).

From all available historical and architectural evidence, it would appear that the house was built by John Rust's son Mason, with whom John Rust was living at the time of his death in 1841. The structure is located on land previously occupied by John Rust and, it is conjectured by local historians, on the same site of the two-story log family homeplace owned by John Rust in the early 19th century. The log house burned in 1810. Born in Fauquier County, Virginia, John Rust first visited Mason County in the late 1770s when he came to survey and improve lands (Collins, p. 550). However, the Revolutionary War interrupted any plans Rust may have had to emigrate to Kentucky. In 1776 he enlisted in the army and by September 1777 had risen to the rank of ensign when he participated in the Battle of Brandywine, during which, he later wrote, "I received a wound through my left leg by a musket ball" (Rust, Deposition).¹

¹The battle was an attempt by Washington to prevent superior British forces under General William Howe from taking Philadelphia. However, Washington was forced to retreat to Chester, Pennsylvania, and on September 26, 1777, Howe occupied Philadelphia (Morrison p. 189). Rust then accompanied Washington's forces into their winter encampment 22 miles northwest of Philadelphia at Valley Forge (Hurwitz, p. 679). Rust continued in active duty from 1778 until the end of the war.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre Latitude: $38^{\circ} 32' 24''$ (A USGS map with UTM ticks is not available for the Mays Lick, Ky. quad.)
 UTM REFERENCES Longitude: $83^{\circ} 45' 10''$

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

Mollie Shanklin/Mrs. Andrew C. Duke/ Gloria Mills and Daniel Kidd

ORGANIZATION

/Kentucky Heritage Comm., Sept., 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Route 2, Box 496/ Jersey Ridge Road/ 104 Bridge Street

CITY OR TOWN

Mayslick / Maysville

/Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

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

Cedric W. Melton

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 10/31/77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

5 23 78

DIRECTOR OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

Charles A. Hunsley

DATE

2.23.78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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According to local history, Rust received the land on which the house sits as a result of a Revolutionary War land grant. Here was located the log house in which he, his wife and three children lived until a fire destroyed the house on April 9, 1810. It is not certain where Rust and his family moved during the intervening years. Tradition states that Rust was an improvident gambler who had gambled away all his land and possessions by the time of his death in 1841. He and his wife Sarah are buried in the family cemetery a few yards west of the house.

His son Mason apparently retained ownership of his father's property near Lewisburg which Mason sold in 1845 to Walter Chandler (Deed Book 53, p. 298). The house was resold again before the purchase of the 200-acre farm in 1860 by Dr. William Ross. The property changed hands several times before it was bought in 1950 by Floyd Crain, the present owner.

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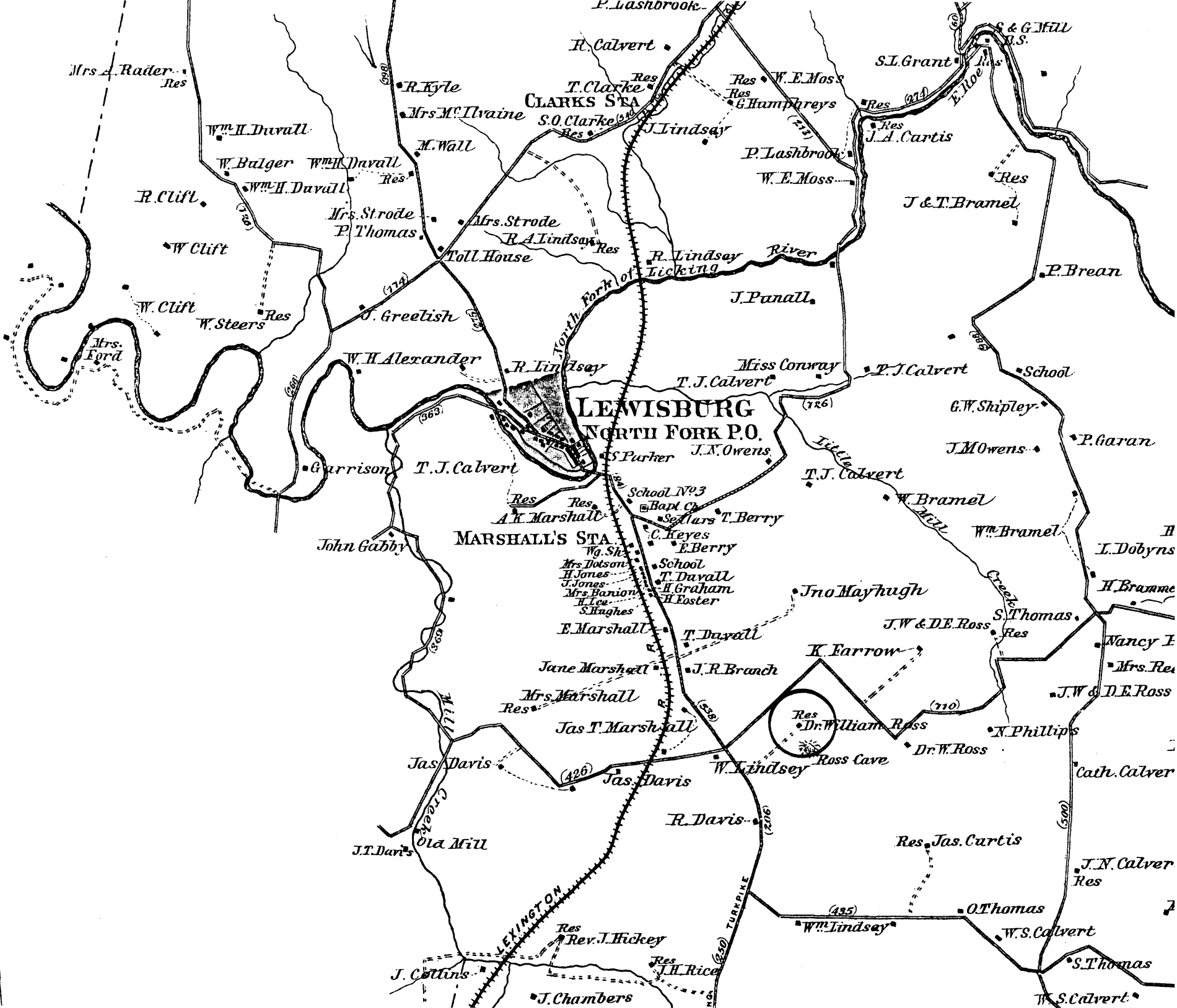
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Interview with Mrs. Frank Barclay, Maysville, March 30, 1977.



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near Maysville
Mason County
Kentucky

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An Illustrated Atlas of
Mason County, Ky.
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Philadelphia, 1876

Map 2. Rust House circled in red.

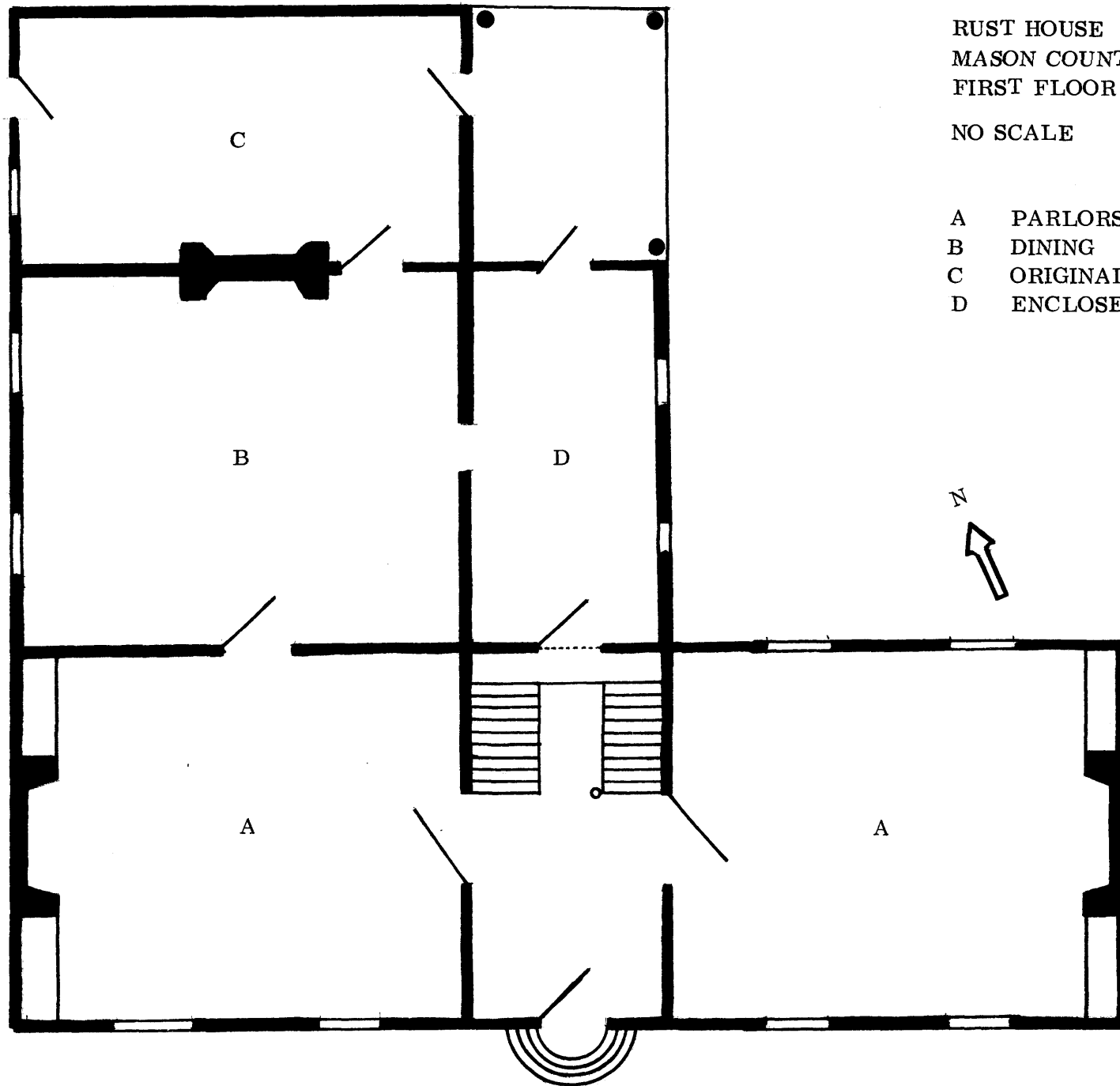
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RUST HOUSE
MASON COUNTY, KENTUCKY
FIRST FLOOR

NO SCALE

- A PARLORS
- B DINING
- C ORIGINAL KITCHEN
- D ENCLOSED PORCH



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Dan Kidd
Sketch plan.

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No scale, September 1977.

Map 3. First floor sketch plan.