

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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Ch-112

1. Historic Name (s) Simon French House		22. ADD/County Pennyrile/Christian <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Original Owner Simon French		23. Zoning Classification Magisterial District	
2. Present Name The Brick House		24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75') Hammacksville	
3. Owner's Name Mr. & Mrs. Kit H. Haynes		25. UTM Reference Zone Easting Northing 1 6 4 6 7 9 2 0 4 0 5 6 2 0 0	
4. Owner's Address Logan Mill Road, Oak Grove, Ky. 42262		26. Prehistoric Site Object Historic Site Structure Building	
5. Location E. side Carter Rd., 1 1/2 m. S. of Barker Mill		27. District Name: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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	
9. Local Contact/Organization		29. Status Date National Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> National Register <input type="checkbox"/> Landmark Certificate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2-16-78 Kentucky Survey <input type="checkbox"/> Local Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> HABS/HAER <input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Site Plan with North Arrow		30. Theme Primary Architecture Secondary Early settlement Other	
11. Architect		31. Endangered Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
12. Builder		32. ATTACH PHOTO	
13. Date 1796-8 owner 1810-15 visual		Roll No. 23 - 26	
14. Style Federal <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		Picture No. _____	
15. Original Use dwelling		Direction _____	
16. Present Use dwelling		33. Tape No. _____ Negative No. _____	
17. Condition <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Interior excellent Exterior excellent		34. Prepared by: KTG-CMT	
18. Description 2-story, 3-bay brick; Flemish bond with closers; jack arches; 2 ext. brick chimneys w/stepped shoulders; window over N. door added in restoration to light stairway; 6/6 windows up, 9/6 down. 3 light transoms; S. facade prior to addition shown in old photo; hall-parlor plan on back; unusually fine interior moldings, mantels, reeding.		35. Organization KHC	
19. History Simon French was from Maryland; a friend of Dr. Rumsey (see Ch-113). Received grant of 200 acres. 1800 tax records "July 29, Simon French, 125 a. Big Barrents, 1 white male." 1808 tax "2 slaves, 6 horses" 1870 "E.W.B." atlas. Restored 1950, Mrs. Askew.		36. Date Spring 1977	
20. Significance Simon French claimed his deed on this land in 1798 and is recorded in 1800 as owning 125 acres. A native of South Carolina, French prospered like his neighbor, Chiles T. Barker, but not quite so lavishly. By 1808 he owned 2 slaves. In the mid 19th century the Barkers added this house to the family holdings and it is owned by the descendants (cont.)		37. Revision Dates _____ 38. Staff Review _____	
21. Source of Information William Turner. Survey, Dec. 3, 1970 Courier Journal March 29, 1964 Tax Assessment Records, State Archives 1798, 1808.			

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Significance (cont.)

today. The French house is the oldest of the five brick houses in the Montgomery Creek area (see Ch-110, 113, 68, 69), and was recently restored. Despite the tradition that the house was constructed immediately upon French's arrival in Christian County, the richness of the interior moldings would suggest a slightly later date, between about 1810 and 1815. The house is two-stories high, and the brickwork is in Flemish bond with jack arches. The hall and parlor plan with a single run staircase between the rooms is clearly revealed on the exterior by the asymmetrical disposition of openings on each facade. The upper windows consist of six over six panes, the lower windows nine over six, and the doors are topped with three light transoms. The interior moldings are of a high caliber. They include chair rails, a china closet, reeded door reveals and reeded mantels.