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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES  
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # Me-146  
Mercer County

1. Name of Resource: Adams House

2. Original Owner: Joseph Adams

3. Other Names: None

4. Prehistoric Site \_\_\_\_\_ Building  Object  
Historic Site \_\_\_\_\_ Structure \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

5. Location: Van Arsdell Pike

6. Owner's Name: Robert Christerson [ P ]

7. Owner's Address: Van Arsdell Pike  
Salvisa, Kentucky

8. Evaluation: [ N ]

9. Recognition & Date:  
Nat.Landmark \_\_\_\_\_ Local Landmark \_\_\_\_\_  
Nat.Register \_\_\_\_\_ HABS/HAER \_\_\_\_\_  
Highway Marker \_\_\_\_\_ KY Inventory 1982  
KY Landmark Certificate \_\_\_\_\_

10. N.R.Status & Date: \_\_\_\_\_

11. N.R.Group:  
District Name: [ ]  
Mult.Resource Area: Mercer Co. [ ]  
Thematic Name: [ ]

12. Historical Theme:  
Primary: Architecture [ 030 ]  
Secondary: Art [ 040 ]  
Other: [ ]

13. Statement of Significance:  
See Attached.

16. Date: Original Building <sup>ca.</sup> 1790-1810 [ 9 ]  
Addition [ ]

17. Style: Settlement Vernacular [ 2V ]  
[ ]

18. Architect/Builder: Unknown

19. No. of Stories: One and one-half [ 1.5 ]

20. Original Floor Plan: Dogtrot [ DT ]

21. Single Pile  Double Pile \_\_\_\_\_ N.A. \_\_\_\_\_

22. Roof Form & Material: Original \_\_\_\_\_  
Gable/asbestos \_\_\_\_\_ Not Original  \_\_\_\_\_

23. Structural Material: Log [ L ]

24. Exterior Material: Weatherboard [ W ]

25. Foundation Material: Stone [ S ]

26. Major Alterations: Moved/Rebuilt \_\_\_\_\_ None   
Additions \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

27. Special Features: Interior walls painted in watermelon pattern

28. Outbuildings: None [ ]

29. Original Function: Single family dwelling [ 01A ]

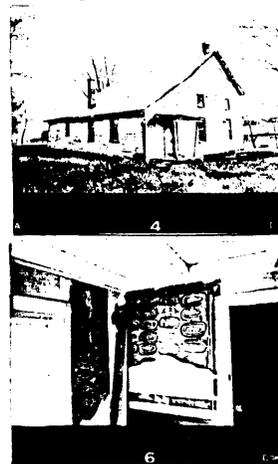
30. Present Use: Single family dwelling [ 01A ]

31. Condition: Fair [ F ]

32. Endangered: Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No

33. Attach Photos:  
Roll: Photo Nos: No. of Slides:

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14. History:



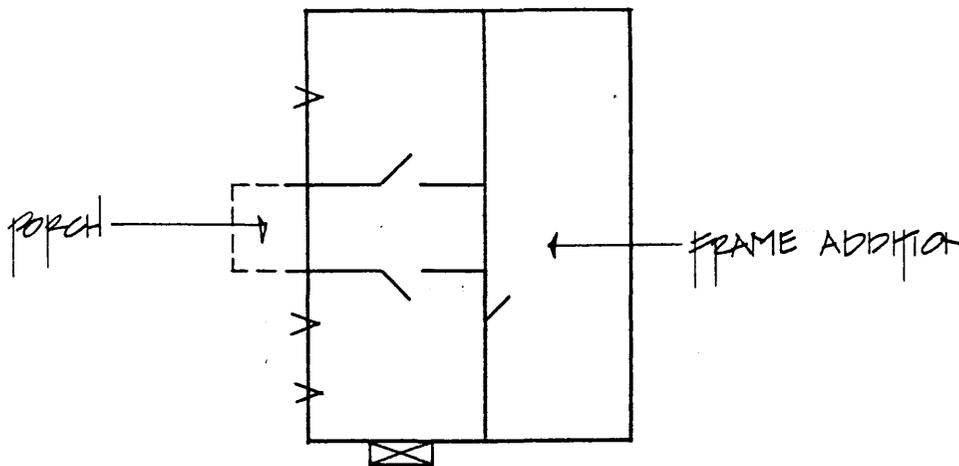
15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: KHC form: Clay Lancaster, 1982

34. Prepared by: H. Powell & F. Keightly  
35. Organization: Landmark Association  
36. Date: 1986  
37. New Survey \_\_\_\_\_ Resurvey

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building:	Zone	Easting	Northing	39. G.I.S. Mod.	[ ]
Quadrant: <u>McBrayer</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>602620</u>	<u>4194740</u>	40. Coordi.Accuracy	[ ]
41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):					
A.	---	---	---	D.	---
B.	---	---	---	E.	---
C.	---	---	---	F.	---
42. Total Acreage in Present Property:			43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary:		
44. Site Plan (and boundary description and justification for N.R. sites):					



45. Description and House Plan:

According to an analysis of the Adams House done by Clay Lancaster in 1982, the original portion of the dwelling consists of the eastern two bays which have the exterior stone chimney. It was a two-story hall with six over six windows. The interior of this section has beaded beams in the ceiling and an enclosed straight flight of stairs to the second story. The wooden vertical sheathing on the interior of the room has watermelon pattern painted on walls. One wall has building painted on it which resembles the early state capitol. There is a loft above. A similar room was added to the west across an eight foot hall. Hallway or dog-trot is open to the loft where the hewn logs can readily be seen.

14. History  
 Joseph McAfee sold Joseph Adams 239 acres for 60 pounds in 1792. Joseph Adams moved to Franklin County and sold the property to his son Martin Adams in 1799 Lancaster speculates that the son built the second section.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT  
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name Joseph Adams House Site # Me-146

Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title MERCER COUNTY MRA

U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTMs if property is ten or more acres.

A. \_\_\_\_\_ D. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_ E. \_\_\_\_\_

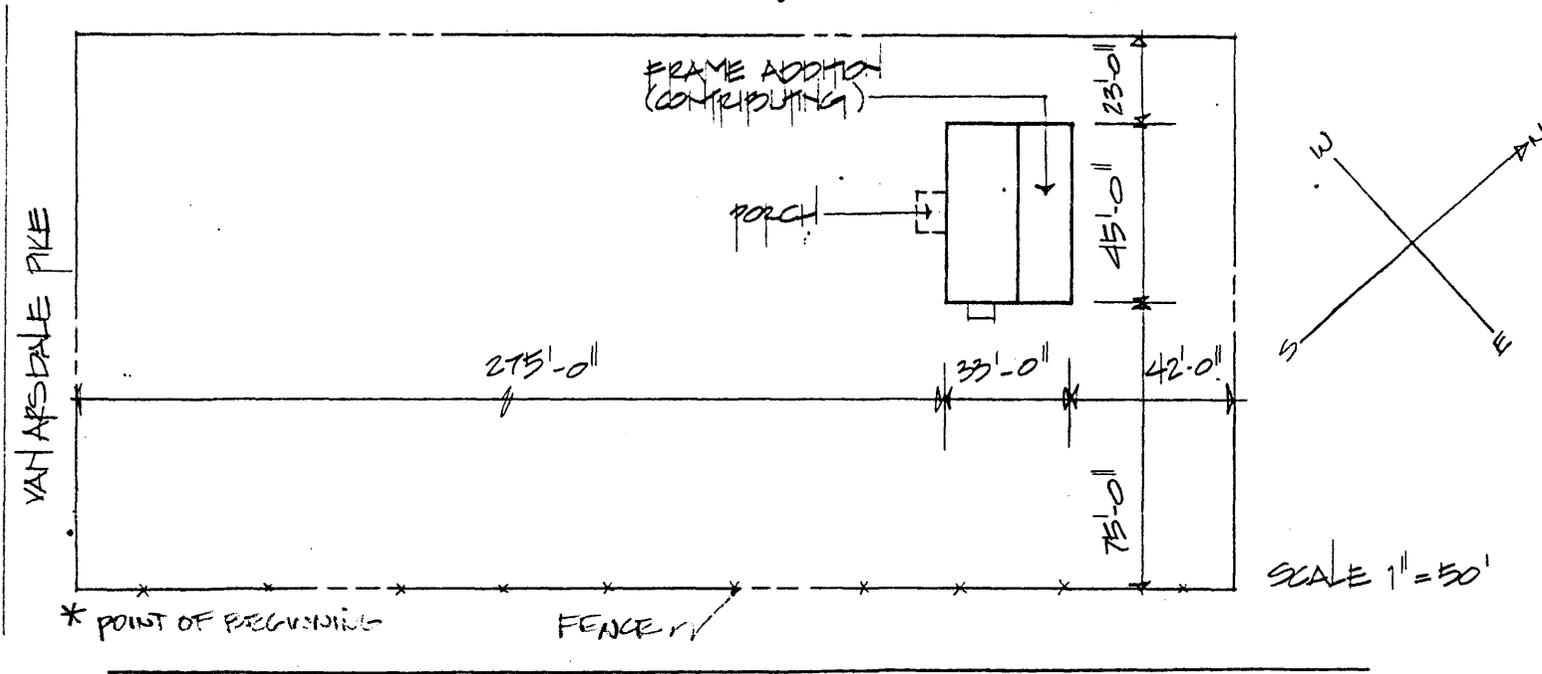
C. \_\_\_\_\_ F. \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal Boundary Description \_\_\_\_\_ Acreage 1.15

From a point in the north right of way of Van Arsdale Pike;  
then west 143 feet to a point; then north 350 feet to a point;  
then east 143 feet to a point; then south 350 feet to the  
point of beginning.

The point of beginning is 275 feet south and 75 feet east  
of the southeast corner of the building.

Sketch of Site Plan (Showing outbuildings, structures, landscape features  
and the site boundary as described above.)



Official Courthouse Property Reference:

Continuation Sheet: Me-146 Joseph Adams House

**Significance Statement**

The Adams House is significant under Criterion C for the early nineteenth century as an example of the dogtrot house form made of hewn logs. It is also significant for the interior ornamentation of hand painted watermelon pattern on the walls.

**Verbal Boundary Justification**

The boundary was chosen arbitrarily using Van Arsdale Pike as the southwestern boundary to preserve the setback from the road. The other boundary lines were chosen to provide a setting for the house.

The boundary contains one contributing building.