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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 of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Cox, John, House other names/site number Sarahlawn Farm (HK-9)

2. Location

street & number KY Rte # 502, 1/2 mile north of Nebo not for publication city, town Nebo vicinity state Kentucky code KY county Hopkins code 107 zip code 42441

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: private (checked), public-local, public-State, public-Federal. Category of Property: building(s) (checked), district, site, structure, object. Number of Resources within Property: Contributing (1), Noncontributing (1 buildings, 0 sites, 0 structures, 0 objects, 1 Total). Name of related multiple property listing: Hopkins County Multiple Properties Listing. Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0.

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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 (checked) does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet. Signature of certifying official: David L. Morgan, State Historic Preservation Officer, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Date: 10-26-88.

In my opinion, the property NA meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet. Signature of commenting or other official: NA. Date: NA. State or Federal agency and bureau: NA.

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is: entered in the National Register. (checked) determined eligible for the National Register. determined not eligible for the National Register. removed from the National Register. other, (explain:). Signature of the Keeper: Patrick Andrews. Date of Action: 12/13/88.

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Other: I-House  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick  
walls Brick  
\_\_\_\_\_  
roof Other: composition shingles  
other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The John Cox House is a two-story brick central passage plan I-House constructed in 1875. The house was built with a one-story brick ell at the rear. The original two-story porch on the main facade was two stories in height but has been removed in recent years. The house is sited on a slight rise north of Nebo and faces KY Route 502. To the south of the house are a series of 20th century outbuildings.

The main entrance has an original single light glass and wood door, three light sidelights and a four light transom. The surround with Doric pilasters was added ca. 1960. On the central bay of the second story is a similar door opening which was altered ca. 1940 into a multi-light sash window. Windows are original four-over-four sash with original shutters and single-course header lintels. The house has a gable roof of composition shingles, interior end brick chimneys and eave brackets on a plain frieze board. The rear one-story original ell has two-over-two sash windows and an added ca. 1920 shed roof porch. At the rear of the house is a brick smokehouse which was originally detached from the house and attached to it ca. 1940 with a small frame additon. At the northeast facade is a ca. 1900 one-story frame addition and shed roof porch.

The interior of the house retains original simple mantles and staircases. The staircase in the central hall has been enclosed but its square newel post and balusters are extant. At the rear of the house is a ca. 1920 non-contributing shed.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G    NA

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1875

Significant Dates

1875

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The John Cox House is a distinctive example of a central passage plan I-House of the late 19th century. The house is the only remaining example of a rural brick house of this period which has not been significantly altered. The house was built during a period of prosperity in this region of the county when tobacco was an important cash crop. Few major alterations have occurred to the house and it retains its original form and plan.

John Cox was born in Mecklenburgh County, Virginia in 1827 and came to Hopkins County in 1848. In 1852 he went to California to seek his fortune in the gold mines, and when he returned, he bought 330 acres of land near Nebo which eventually accrued to 1500 acres. He married Sarah Ramsey in 1856, and they raised six children. In addition to his farming Cox also owned a tobacco warehouse in Nebo. In 1875, Cox replaced his earlier residence with this two-story brick central passage plan I-House. Upon completion it was one of the few brick homes constructed in the rural areas of the county. The house was known as Sarahlawn in honor of his wife. The Cox family continued to own the house until 1916. It is the best remaining example of a rural brick house in the county from the 19th century and its brick smokehouse, now attached to the rear of the house, is the only historic brick outbuilding located in the county.

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Previous documentation on file (NPS): NA

- 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

- Primary location of additional data:
- State historic preservation office
  - Other State agency
  - Federal agency
  - Local government
  - University
  - Other
- Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acres of property Less than 1 acre

UTM References

A 

1	6	4	4	3	4	4	0	4	1	3	8	5	2	0
Zone				Easting				Northing						

B 

Zone				Easting				Northing						

D 

Zone				Easting				Northing						

Nebo Quad

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

See continuation sheet

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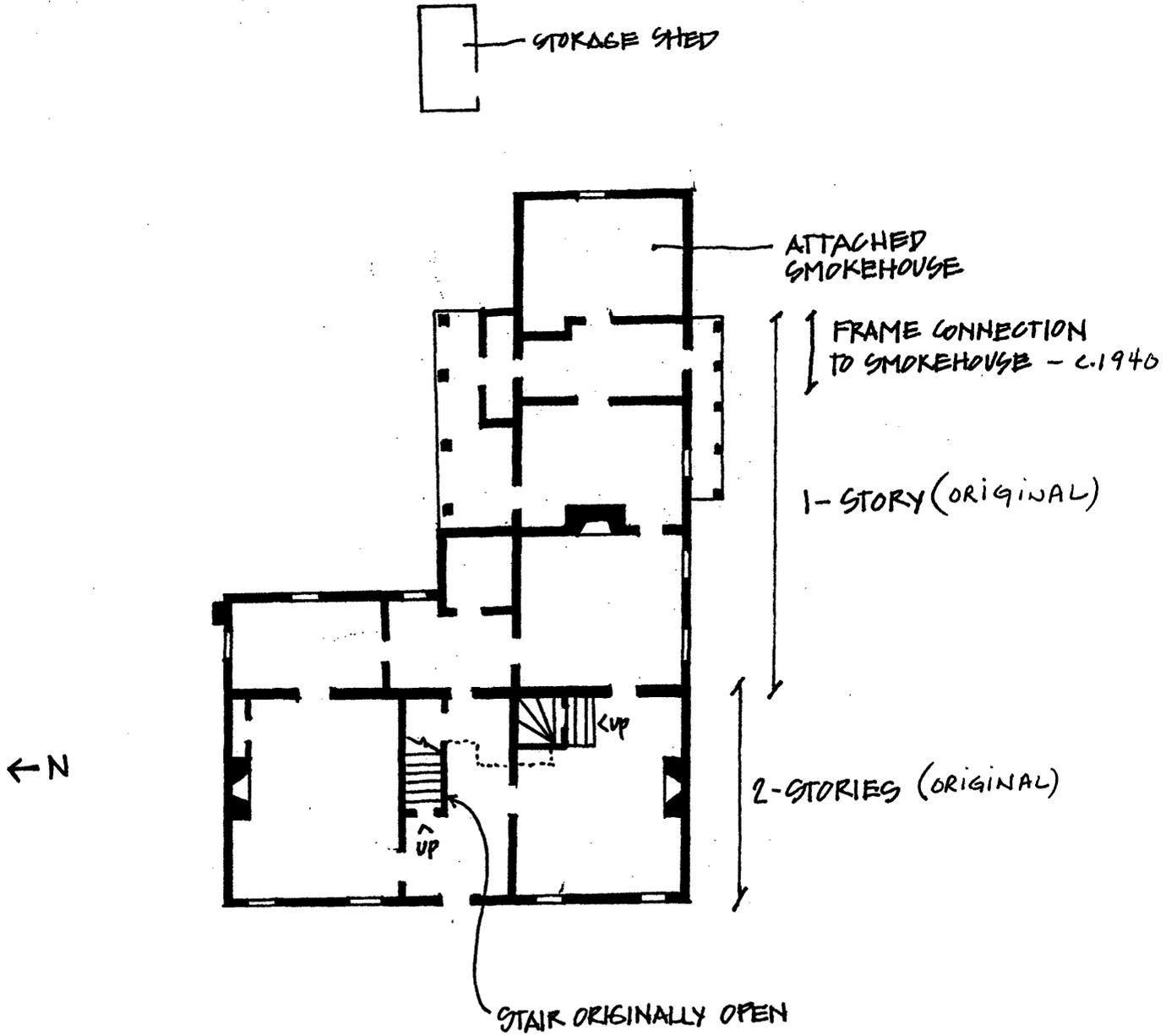
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Verbal Boundary Description: The location of the John Cox House is illustrated on accompanying Hopkins County tax map 39, lot 6 and an accompanying sketch map. The boundary is a rectangle measuring 100' by 100' with the house located in the center of the rectangle. The boundary is defined on the west by KY Route 502, on the north and east by a fence line and on the south by a driveway. Included in the boundary is the house, attached smokehouse and a small non-contributing ca. 1920 shed.

Verbal Boundary Justification: The boundary of the John Cox House includes the house and adjacent lot which has historically been associated with the property. The boundary excludes modern outbuildings to the south of the property.

HK-9 · JOHN COX HOUSE



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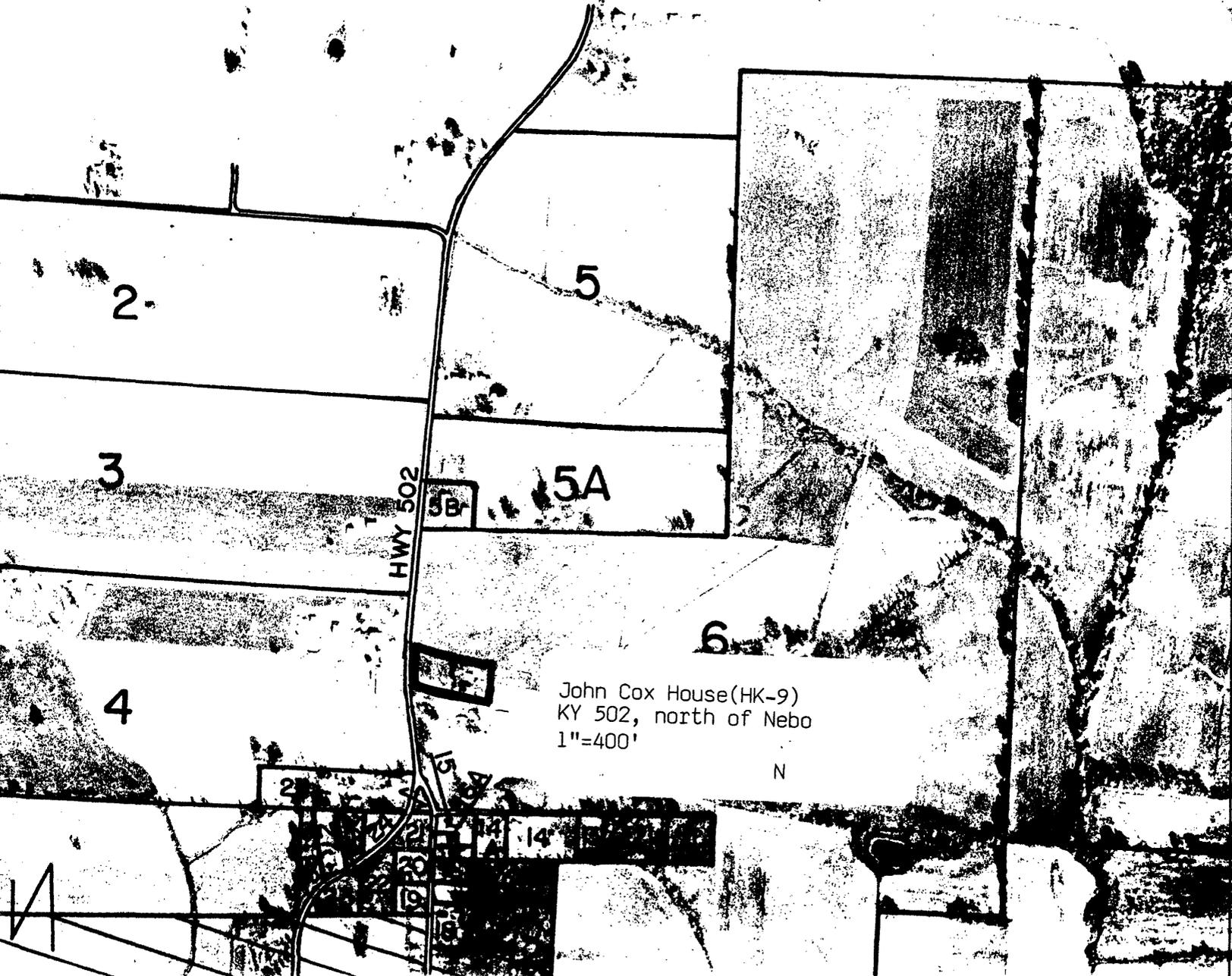
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**Photo Key**

1. Cox, John, House (HK-9)  
Location: KY 502, vicinity of Nebo.  
Photos: Thomason and Associates  
Neg: KY Heritage Council  
Date: February 1988  
View: East, of main(west) facade.  
Photo #: 1 of 4
  
2. Cox, John, House (HK-9)  
View: Northeast, of south facade.  
Photo #: 2 of 4
  
3. Cox, John, House (HK-9)  
View: Northwest, of south facade.  
Photo #: 3 of 4
  
4. Cox, John, House (HK-9)  
View: West, of east facade.  
Photo #: 4 of 4



John Cox House (HK-9)  
 KY 502, north of Nebo  
 1"=400'

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