

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # 195
Madison County

1. Name of Resource: Blythewood			16. Date: Circa Original Building 1840 [7] Addition 1870 [5]		
2. Original Owner: Major & Mrs. James Blythe			17. Style: Federal/Greek [21] Italianate [42]		
3. Other Names: Harris House			18. Architect/Builder: Maj. James Blythe		
4. Prehistoric Site	Building X	Object	19. No. of Stories: [2.0]		
Historic Site	Structure	Other	20. Original Floor Plan: Central Hall [CP]		
5. Location: Intersection Peytontown Road and DuCannon Road			21. Single Pile X Double Pile N.A.		
6. Owner's Name: Mrs. Russell Coy [P]			22. Roof Form & Material: Original Asbestos Shingles Not Original X		
7. Owner's Address: Rt. 2, Richmond			23. Structural Material: Brick [B]		
8. Evaluation: [N]			24. Exterior Material: Brick [B]		
9. Recognition & Date: Nat.Landmark _____ Local Landmark _____ Nat.Register _____ HABS/HAER _____ Highway Marker _____ KY Inventory 1980, 1973 KY Landmark Certificate _____			25. Foundation Material: Stone [S]		
10. N.R.Status & Date:			26. Major Alterations: None Moved/Rebuilt Other elongated Additions Central Doorway, windows, porch.		
11. N.R.Group: District Name: [] Mult.Resource Area: Madison Co. [] Thematic Name: []			27. Special Features: Sunburst Medallions Interior Woodwork.		
12. Historical Theme: Primary: Architecture [030] Secondary: [] Other: []			28. Outbuildings: Two []		
13. Statement of Significance: See attached.			29. Original Function: Single Dwelling [O1A]		
			30. Present Use: Single Dwelling []		
			31. Condition: Good [G]		
			32. Endangered: Yes _____ No [X]		
			33. Attach Photos: Roll: Photo Nos: No. of Slides: 20 25-33 21 10,11,12		

14. History:
Blythewood was built in 1840 by Major and Mrs. James Blythe. Major John D. Harris bought Blythewood from Mrs. Joseph C. Anderson (Dovey Blythe). In the late 19th century, the Harrises made many changes in Blythewood including the wrought iron porch, the elongated first floor windows, and the entablature around the front door. One of Harris' daughters, Mary Blythe Harris, married Cassius M. Clay, Jr., while another married a Stone. After the death of Major Harris, the 3000 acre

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15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: Mrs. Russell Coy		34. Prepared by: S. Willis & H. Powell	
		35. Organization: Madison Co. Hist. Society	
		36. Date: 1985	
		37. New Survey _____ Resurvey [X]	

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. []
 Quadrant: Richmond South 16 736140 4172500 40. Coordi.Accuracy []

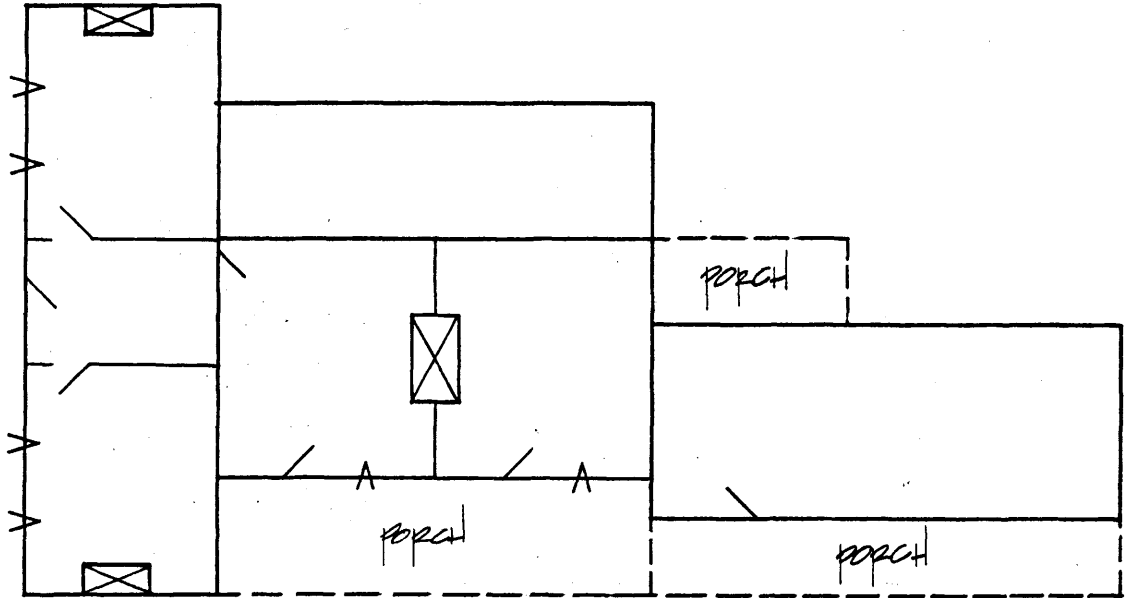
41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):

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):

See Attached.



45. Description and House Plan:

Blythewood is a two story, five bay brick residence with a low hip roof and interior end brick chimneys. The front facade is five bay with a flemish bond brick pattern. Five course common bond is found in all other facades. The windows are 6 over 6 with jack arches. The windows on the first floor were elongated in the late 19th century. They retain the reeded window surrounds and Bulls Eye motifs on the sides and top, but have modified wood-work for the extension. The second floor windows have all reeding intact. The central window on the second floor has sidelights. The three central bays are highlighted and separated from the rest of the facade by brick pilasters which form the base to a pedimented wall gable. The interior of the wall gable has an arched brick semi-circle containing a recessed fan-shaped wood medallion. The central doorway was originally arched, but was squared and widened in the late 19th century with the addition of a scroll bracketed entabature. A one story, wrought iron porch was added in the late 19th century. It has highly ornate Corinthian capitals on fluted columns. Garlands form the ornamentation along the edge of the roof. The double leaf front door has JDH etched in the glass.

A two story brick ell rows to the rear of the main house. The open Gallery on the west side was framed in during the early 20th century while the Gallery has been left open on the east side.

See attached for descriptions of outbuildings.

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estate was divided into tracts and sold at auction in 1904. The house was bought by C.C. Coy and has been in his family ever since.



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Outbuilding #1

The log ice house is one story with two rooms separated by a passageway. The hewn logs are joined at the corners by half-dovetail notches. The building has a gable roof which has a wide overhang whose eaves are supported by rough wood posts.

Outbuilding #2

Outbuilding #2 is square with vertical wood weatherboarding. The gable roof has wide overhangs.

Outbuilding #3

Outbuilding #3 is a rectangular wood storage shed with a gable roof which has been converted into a garage. Despite the change in use, it retains integrity through its materials and scale.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

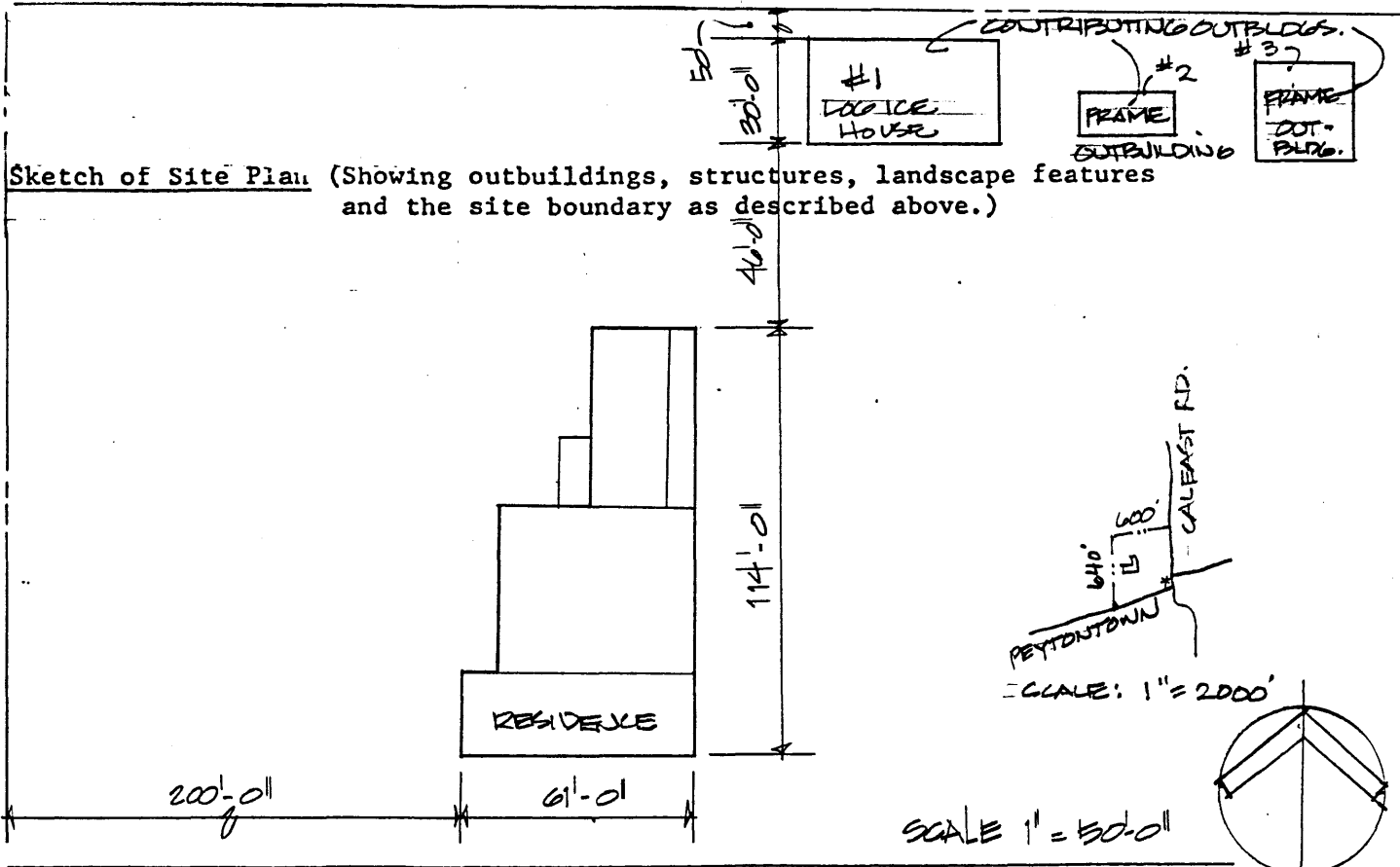
Historic Property Name Blythewood Site # Ma 195
Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title MULTIPLE RESOURCES OF MADISON COUNTY, KENTUCKY

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

A. _____ D. _____
B. _____ E. _____
C. _____ F. _____

Verbal Boundary Description _____ Acreage 8.6

From a point in the northwest corner of the intersection of Caleast and Peytontown Roads; then west with Peytontown Road 600 feet to a point; then north 640 feet to a point; then east 600 feet to a point in the west side of Caleast Road; then south with Caleast Road to its intersection with Peytontown Road and the point of beginning.



Official Courthouse Property Reference:

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Statement of Significance

Blythewood is significant under criterion C for the period 1840 as a single-pile central passage house which exhibits an element of the Federal style unusual in Madison County in the geometric style pediment with a wood fan medallion and elements from the Italianate style such as elongated windows and an ornate cast iron porch from a late-nineteenth century remodeling. The outbuildings date from the period of the original house.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The boundary was chosen arbitrarily to include all of the contributing domestic elements, to provide a minimal setting for the house, and to preserve its setback from the roads (Caleast and Peytontown).

The boundary contains four contributing buildings.