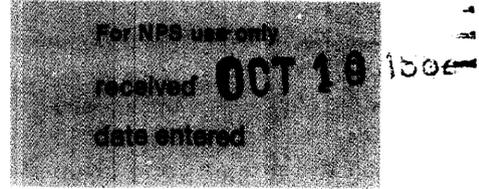


United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form



See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

## 1. Name

historic (The) Hermitage

and/or common

## 2. Location OFF U.S. 42

street & number 9513 U.S. Highway 42 not for publication

city, town Goshen, *vic.*  vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state Kentucky code 021 county Oldham code

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>N/A</u> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<u>N/A</u> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property

name Warner and Harriet Jones

street & number 9513 U.S. Highway 42

city, town Goshen  vicinity of state Kentucky

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Oldham County Courthouse

street & number Courthouse Square

city, town LaGrange state Kentucky

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Kentucky Survey of Historic Sites has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1982  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Kentucky Heritage Division

city, town Frankfort state Kentucky

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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

"The Hermitage" is located on Hermitage Farm about 1.8 miles northeast of Goshen, Kentucky on U.S. Highway 42. The house is situated about .4 miles southeast of U.S. 42 at the headwaters of the Sinking Fork of Harrods Creek. Hermitage Farm is a 484 acre Thoroughbred horse-breeding farm. "The Hermitage" is a brick, two-story, double-pile house on a raised basement. The facade is laid in Flemish bond pattern. It has a two-tier, pedimented portico with a lunette window. There are four bays on the ground story, three bays on the second, and four exterior end chimneys. Windows have 9/6 pane sash. The corners of the house are ordinated to the cardinal points of the compass with the front facing directly northwest. Photos 1 and 2

One of the unique features of the house is the entry which has two doors opening into the two front rooms. Two entry doors are not unusual on vernacular houses but are not typical of the more elaborate homes in Oldham County. A large surround encloses the double entry and extends to the ceiling under the balcony. The entry is framed by pilasters with a matching pilaster between the doors which are also flanked by pilasters. There are two side lights of four panes with panels below and elliptical-arch fan lights with elaborate surrounds. A dentilated cornice crowns the entry at the ceiling line. These motifs are repeated on the second-story entry. Photo 3

Completed ca. 1836, "The Hermitage" is said to be a replica of "Mt. Henshaw" in Virginia, the family home of the original owner Philip Henshaw. The raised-basement, double-pile plan of the house is quite unusual, particularly for a full two-story house. The original plan of the house drawn by Burket Carder shows the raised basement level in full use as the dining room (as is its present use), cellar, dairy, and entry. The cellar and dairy spaces are presently the kitchen and bathroom. Drawing 1

The plan of Burket Carder lists the materials used in addition to floor plans of the three levels. Carder was a Brownsboro carpenter responsible for the house's elaborate woodwork and much of the original furniture. The high level of Carder's craftsmanship is reflected in the fine mantles. The drawing room mantle has a sunburst design while the mantles in the other entry level rooms have fanciful heart and crescent motifs. The interior surrounds of the entry doors differ in relation to the formality of the rooms into which they open. The surround of the drawing room door matches the exterior while the surround of the company room is unembellished. The corner staircase has plain square posts topped with round knobs and decorated stringers. Photo 7

Behind the house is a large brick smokehouse with a brick cornice. The kitchen, which was part of the smokehouse, burned. The house retains most of the original fabric and the only addition is the rear porch and bathrooms and closets placed within existing rooms. Photos 4, 5, and 6

# 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1832-36

**Builder/Architect** Burket Carder

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

"The Hermitage" is Oldham County's most significant nineteenth-century house in terms of architecture, detail, and craftsmanship. The raised-basement, double-pile plan is unusual, particularly since the house is a full two-story structure. The two front doors opening into the two front rooms are found in vernacular houses in Oldham County but are rare on more elaborate houses in the county. The fine woodwork and mantels reflect the excellent craftsmanship of the local builder, Burket Carder, who drew the plan for the house and also designed much of the original furniture. "The Hermitage," built for Philip Telfair Henshaw between 1832 and 1836, is said to be a copy of the Henshaw family home, Mt. Henshaw, in Orange County, Virginia. "The Hermitage" was owned by the Henshaw-Waters family until 1936.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

- 1) Carder, Burket. Plan of "The Hermitage" copy of original in the family collection.
- 2) Franke, Wilhelmine. "Domestic Pageant in Old Kentucky, The Hermitage near Goshen." Courier Journal, August 1935

# 10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property one acre

Quadrangle name Owen, Ind.-Ky.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

**UMT References**

A 

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**Verbal boundary description and justification**

Beginning at the house's front gate which is 1650' southeast of U.S. 42, in the line of the fence ca. 104' northeast: 208; southeast: 208' southwest: 208' northwest: 104', northeast to point of beginning. The area described encompasses ca. one acre which includes the house and the smokehouse. See attached aerial view.

**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries**

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Carol B. Tobe  
Jefferson County Office of Historic  
 organization Preservation and Archives date 7-22-82

street & number Route 3, Box 193 telephone (812) 945-5106

city or town Floyd Knobs, state Indiana

# 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 Mary Cassan Oyer

title State Historic Preservation Officer date October 11, 1982

**For NPS use only**

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Tommy Lee Oyer  
 Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Patrick W. Andrews  
 Chief of Registration

date 11/29/82

INDIANA  
KENTUCKY

RIVER

Mile +  
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Halls  
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Water  
Tank

Light

Skylight

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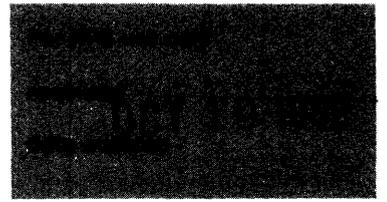
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4. Jones, Mrs. Warner. Interview. Oldham County Deed Books, Oldham County Courthouse, LaGrange, Kentucky.
5. Radcliffe, Jean Kay R., "Early Oldham County Settlers-Descendents of the Waters Family Now Living in Oldham County (1755-1976)" Unpublished manuscript compiled from letters and papers of the Waters Family.