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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # Me-58
Mercer County

1. Name of Resource:
Williams House

2. Original Owner:
Polly Williams Foster

3. Other Names:
White House

4. Prehistoric Site Building X Object
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location:
West side of Warwick Road

6. Owner's Name:
Howard Gregory [p]

7. Owner's Address:
2259 Warwick Pike
Harrodsburg, Kentucky 40330

8. Evaluation: National Register [N]

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

10. N.R.Status & Date:

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

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

13. Statement of Significance:
See Attached.

16. Date:
Original Building 1806 [8]
Addition 1835 [8]

17. Style:
Settlement Vernacular [2V]

18. Architect/Builder:
Unknown

19. No. of Stories: 1½ [1.5]

20. Original Floor Plan:
Hall-parlor [HP]

21. Single Pile X Double Pile N.A.

22. Roof Form & Material: Original _____
Gable Not Original _____

23. Structural Material:
Timber framed(mud infill); [H]
(wood infill) [W]

24. Exterior Material:
weatherboard []

25. Foundation Material:
Stone [S]

26. Major Alterations: None _____
Moved/Rebuilt Other _____
Additions See floor plan

27. Special Features:
None

28. Outbuildings:
Log House moved and rebuilt []

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

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

31. Condition:
Good [G]

32. Endangered: Yes _____
No [X]

33. Attach Photos:
Roll: Photo Nos: No. of Slides:
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14. History: The house was built on land deeded to David Williams who came to Kentucky from Virginia with Peter Casey. Williams established a station several hundred yards east of the present house. In 1806, he had the house built for his daughter Polly who married Foster Thompson. The house at one time faced the Old Warwick Rd. which ran east past Williams Station to the riverport of Warwick. In 1835, two ells were added and the orientation changed because of a change in the location of Warwick Rd.

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: Howard Gregory

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

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. []
 Quadrant: Harrodsburg 16 691300 4189040 40. Coordi.Accuracy []

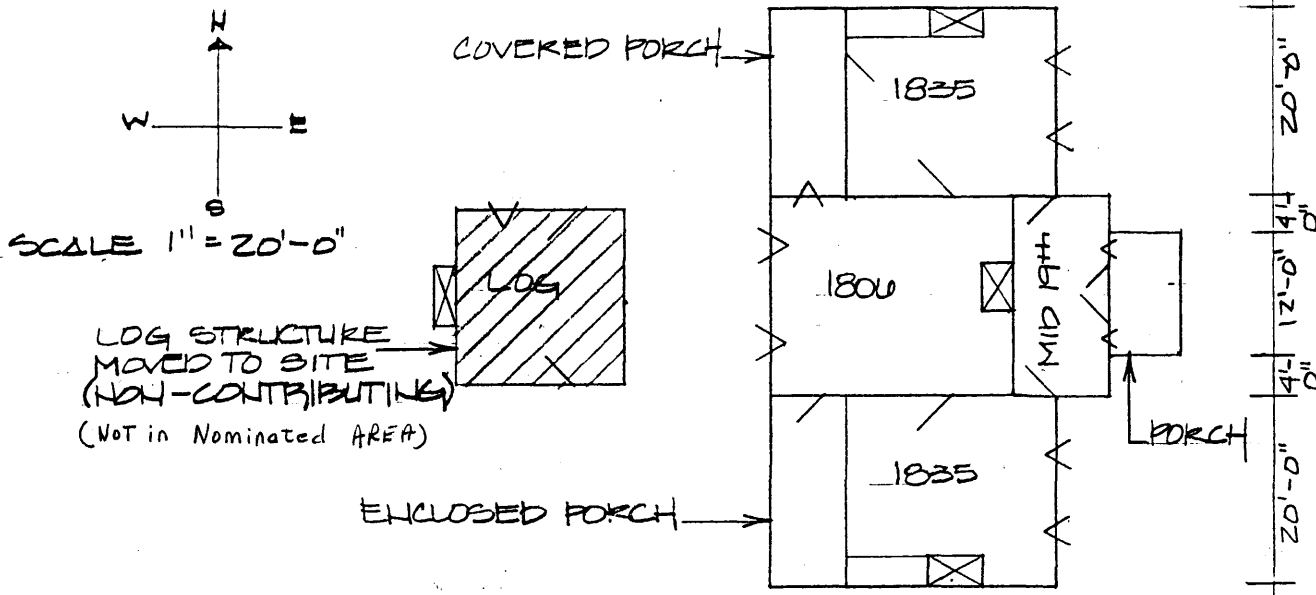
41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):

A. --- D. ---
 B. --- E. ---
 C. --- F. ---

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary:

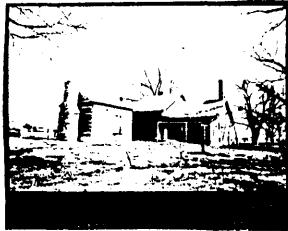
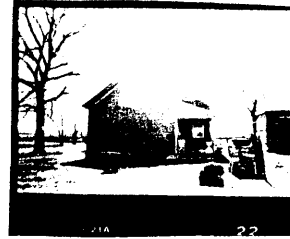
44. Site Plan (and boundary description and justification for N.R. sites):

See attached.



45. Description and House Plan:

The house, originally built for Polly Williams Foster, exhibits detailing from three periods of construction. The original hall-parlor portion of the house is upright timbers infilled with mud. Built in 1806, the original entrance faced south toward the Warwick Road which also ran past Williams Station east of the house. In 1835, two one-room wings were added on the north and south sides of the house and the entrance moved to the east side of the house. The added rooms were made of upright timbers with wood lath infill. The new entrance was recessed with side doors leading into each of the north and south rooms. In the mid-nineteenth century, a porch was added and a double-leaf door with sidelights and a transom moved up flush to the east exterior plane of the house. The present east, or front, side presents a five-bay facade clad in frame weatherboarding. The roofline varies in height because the rooms on the north and south sides are one story each and the center section is one-and-one-half stories. To the rear, or west, of the house a log cabin which was in danger of being destroyed on its original site has been reconstructed. It is a square hewn log pen with V-notching at the corners. It has an entrance and a single window on the north facade.



KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name Williams House Site # Me-58

Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title MERCER COUNTY MRA

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

A. _____ D. _____

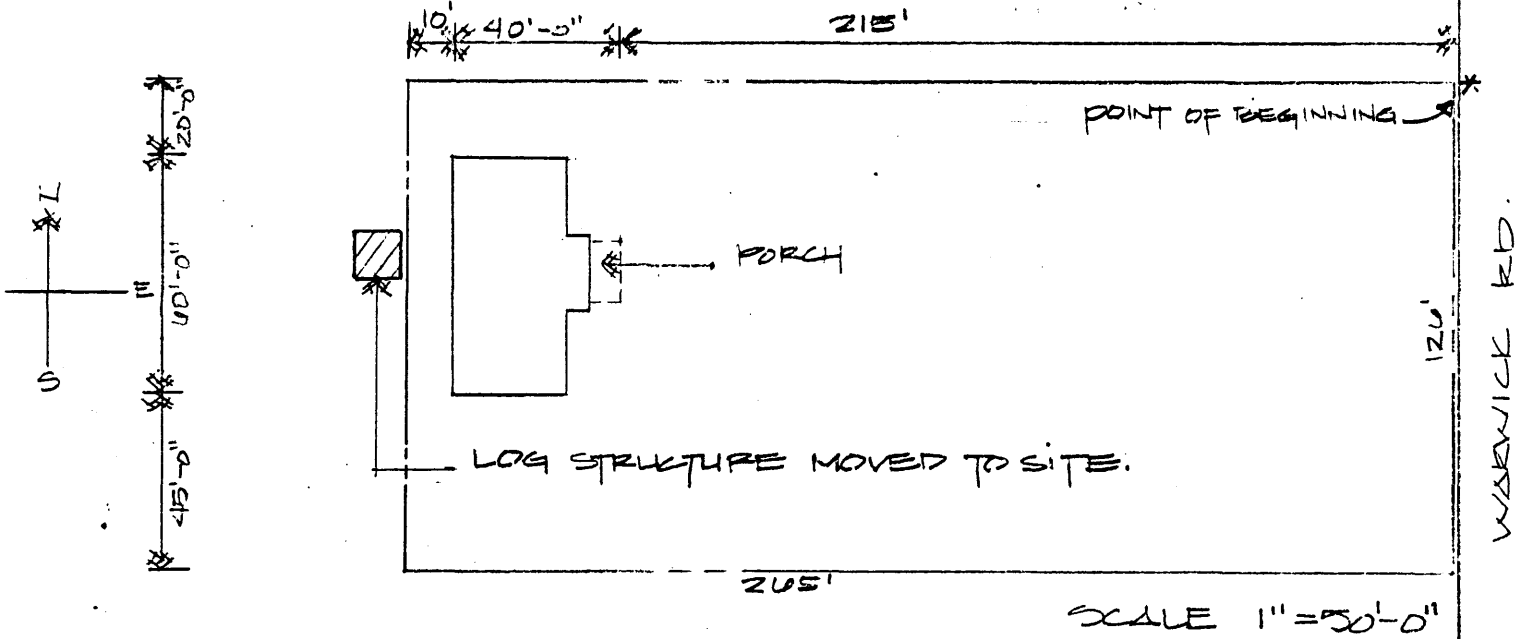
B. _____ E. _____

C. _____ F. _____

Verbal Boundary Description _____ Acreage .76

From a point in the west side of Warwick Road 20 feet north and 230 feet east of the northeast corner of the Williams House, then 126 feet south along the west side of Warwick Road to a point; then 265 feet west to a point; then 126 feet north to a point; then 265 feet east to the point of beginning.

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



Official Courthouse Property Reference:

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Continuation Sheet: Me-58 Williams House

Significance Statement

The Williams House is significant under Criterion C for the period from 1800 to 1830 as an example of a how houses in Mercer County changed form, orientation, and ornamentation in response to changes in the transportation and economic networks of the county. During the early years of the settlement period, defense against the Indians was a foremost concern and the core of the Williams house related to the family station or fort. In the 1820's however, stability created agricultural surpluses to be traded down river which led to road building activity in the vicinity of the Williams House. The house was subsequently remodeled to face the new road instead of the station and features from the Greek Revival style such as sidelights and transom were incorporated.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The boundary was chosen to preserve the setback of the house from Warwick Road, to include all of the contributing elements, and to provide minimal setting for the house. It excludes the log outbuilding because it was recently moved and reassembled on the site.

The boundary contains one contributing building.