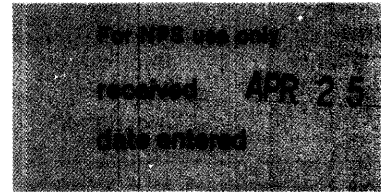


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**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**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 Benjamin Daniel House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Canaan Land Farm, NE of Harrodsburg off Highway 68 not for publication

city, town Harrodsburg vicinity of ~~Congressional District~~

state Kentucky code 021 county Mercer code 167

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<i>NA</i> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<i>NA</i> 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 Mr. & Mrs. Fred Bee

street & number Canaan Land Farm, off Highway 68

city, town Harrodsburg vicinity of state Kentucky 40330

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Mercer County Courthouse

street & number Main Street

city, town Harrodsburg state Kentucky

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Kentucky Historic Resources Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date June, 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records Kentucky Heritage Council

city, town Frankfort state Kentucky

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Benjamin Daniel House is situated in a rather remote area of eastern Mercer County in a bend of the Kentucky River near the junction of Mercer, Woodford, and Jessamine Counties. Mercer lies in the southwest section of the central Bluegrass region. The house, approximately 1 3/4 miles due north of Shakertown at Pleasant Hill (a National Historic Landmark), sits about 3/4 of a mile northwest of U.S. 68 at the end of a dirt and gravel road.

Facing southward, the Daniel House is a 1½ story, three-bay, hall-parlor plan with a one-room unit on the west. The north and south walls are laid in Flemish bond. Originally, the house may have faced northward towards the river; however, early twentieth century additions on the north elevation complicate any substantiation of this theory. The original window frames on the south remain intact indicating that the windows were 9/6, double-hung sash; these have recently been rebuilt. Also on the south facade, the west window in the hall-parlor section, which had been converted into a door, has been replaced matching the east window. Interior brick chimneys rise from the east and west gable ends, and an interesting early, if not original, stone cellar entrance is located on the east gable end. Early nineteenth century framing timbers in the west gable indicate that this framing, although unusual, is original.

During the first quarter of the twentieth century, several frame additions were made on the rear (north) providing a bathroom and kitchen (this replaced an earlier, nineteenth-century ell). The present owners are completing the renovation and enlargement of this frame section. Portions of the original cornice on the brick section are concealed by the frame addition and can be duplicated for the south elevation. Under the present asphalt shingle roof, the original wood shingles, sheathing, and supports remain intact.

Typically, the interior plan consists of two rooms, the large hall on the east and the smaller parlor to the west. All rooms contain the original ash floors, simple beaded baseboards, door and window trim, portions of chairrail, and Federal mantels. Enclosed stairs are located in the southeast corner of the parlor. The original door and window frames on the north remain intact but contained within the rear addition.

The nomination of approximately 1/3 acre consists of the Daniel House, a smokehouse, and two small sheds. While the outbuildings are not original dependencies to the house, they are physically contiguous to it and should be incorporated into the boundaries of the nomination. None of the outbuildings are physically or historically intrusive. The smokehouse is a simple frame structure, 9' X 12', with vented gable ends and 3" clapboard siding. Underneath the clapboard is evidence of what appears to be the original random vertical board wall treatment. Approximately 7' northwest of the house is a small frame shed, 9' X 15', with ribbed metal roof. The largest outbuilding is the main storage shed, a vertical board port and lintel structure that measures 15' X 24'. The circular sawn framing would suggest a late nineteenth century construction date.

8. 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"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1800 **Builder/Architect** —

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Located in eastern Mercer County approximately one-half mile from the Kentucky River, the Benjamin Daniel House is a well-preserved example of a late eighteenth century house form and is one of the earliest known brick buildings in Mercer County. As it would appear that few major changes were made to the structure until the early twentieth century and that these were in the form of additions to rather than alterations of the original structure, the house remains as an especially clear illustration of the late eighteenth century hall-parlor plan containing, in addition, much of the original woodwork.

Mercer County was created in 1785, seven years before Kentucky became a state. The oldest permanent settlement in Kentucky was established at Fort Harrod in 1774 and subsequently became the county seat of Harrodsburg. The Daniel House is approximately twelve miles northeast of Harrodsburg and is located on what was originally a 500-acre tract of land sold by Robert Pogue to Benjamin Daniel in 1808. Based upon the plan and method of construction, there is a strong likelihood that the house predates the 1808 transaction by eight or ten years. However, a no more specific construction date than ca. 1800 can be determined based on deed research and examination of the structure. Therefore, the present historic name is derived from the building's long association with the Daniel family, from the 1808 purchase until the sale in 1890 to John H. Champion. Most of the alterations to the house were made during the first quarter of the twentieth century while the Champions were owners.

More recently, the house had been occupied by tenant farmers and had fallen into disrepair. The present owners acquired the property in 1978 and have spent the last two years restoring and making additions to the house.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Collins, Richard and Lewis. A History of Kentucky. Reprinted, Berea, Kentucky: Kentucky Imprints, 1974.

Mercer County Deed Books.
Additional information provided by the owners.

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property approx. 1/3 acre

Quadrangle name Wilmore

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

1	6	6	9	8	9	1	0	4	1	9	0	8	4	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet

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

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Kentucky Heritage Council

date August, 1980/Revised: July 1982

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state Kentucky 40601

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 Emma Appel

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date April 11, 1983

For NPS use only
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.
Patrick Andrus
Keeper of the National Register
Patrick Andrus
Chief of Registration

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Continuation sheet Mercer County, Kentucky

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Since the significance of this nomination is predicated on the architectural merits of the house, there is no justification for expanding the boundaries into that of the farm complex. Consequently, the nominated area consists of the house and those structures contained in the immediate yard area. The barns, spring, and cemetery were not included because they do not contribute to the architectural significance of the property and also because their integrity has been altered. Furthermore, the spring and cemetery are visually detached from the house and yard area.

Verbal Boundary Description:

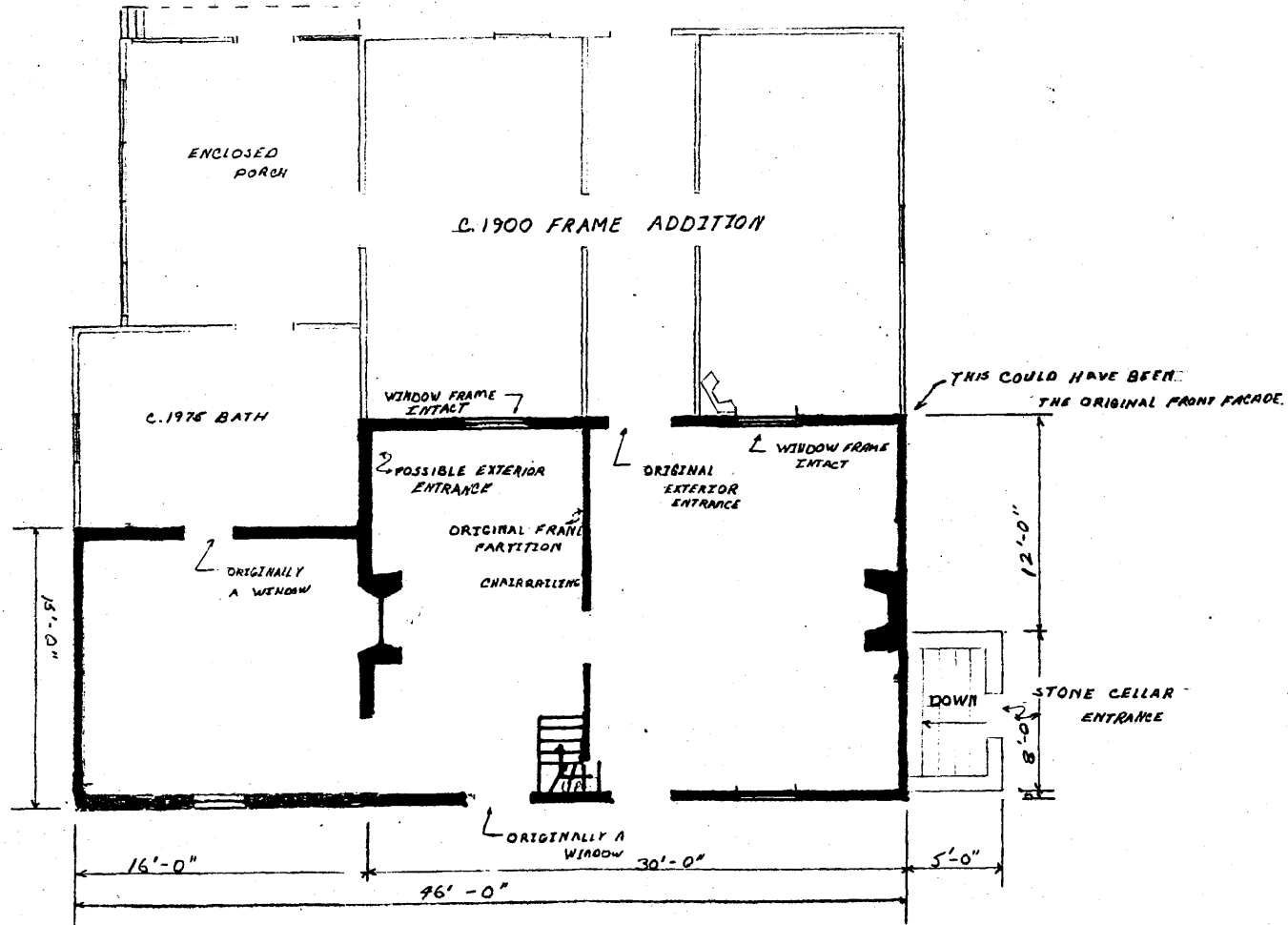
Beginning at point A, which is approximately 50' northeast of the northeast corner of the Daniel House, proceed south 150' along the historic fence-row to point B. Then proceed west 100' along the front of the domestic yard to point C, then proceed north 150' to point D. Then proceed east 100' along the rear yard to point A or the point of origin.

Benjamin Daniel House
Mercer County, Kentucky

Floor plan (before restoration)
Mary C. Oppel

Frame addition has been extended
approximately 10' northward.
Enclosed porch has been removed.
Bath has been removed and rebuilt
to approx. same dimensions.

No structural changes to brk
section.



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

The Fred Bee Property		
C.1800 Brick House		
Mercer County, Ky.		
6/22/79	1/8" = 1'-6"	MCO

Benjamin Daniel House
Mercer County, Kentucky
Site location map
Charlotte Schneider
Not to scale.
August, 1980

MAP # 2

SPRING HOUSE

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STOCK BARN



TOBACCO BARN



SHED



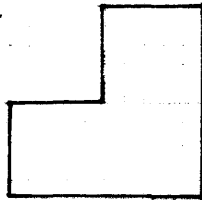
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HEN HOUSE

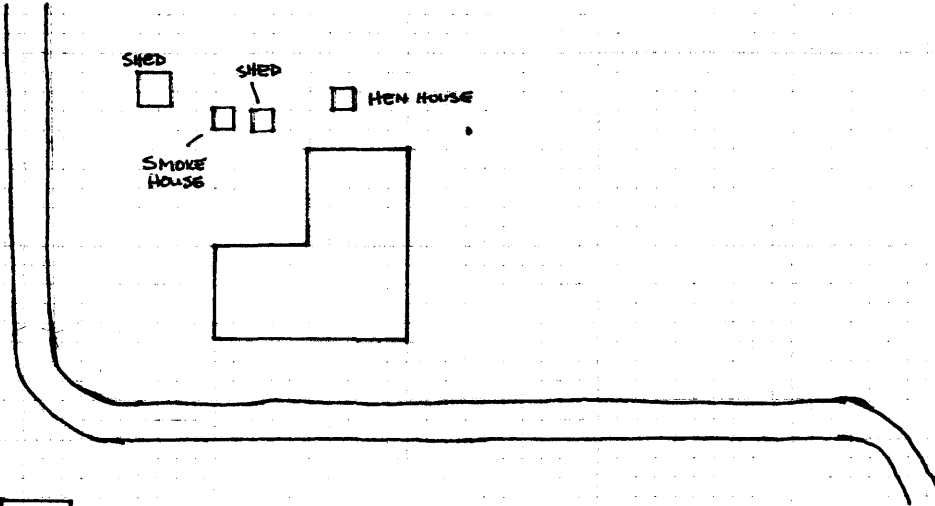


SMOKE HOUSE



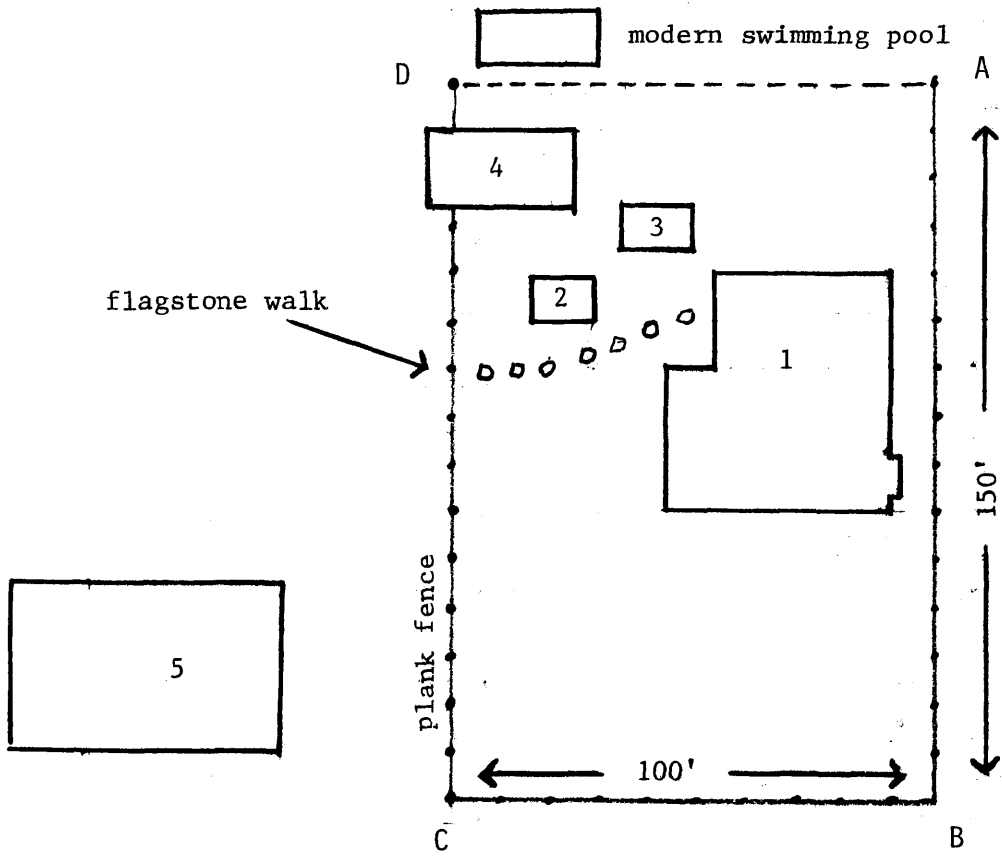
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BENJAMIN DANIEL HOUSE
MERCER COUNTY, KENTUCKY
SITE LOCATION MAP
JULY, 1982
MAP # 3



- LEGEND -

- existing fencerow
- 1 main house
- 2 frame smokehouse 9' x 12'
- 3 frame shed 9' x 15'
- 4 frame shed 15' x 24'
- 5 livestock barn (not included in nomination)