

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Joseph Hale Rogers House

AND/OR COMMON

Bryan's Station

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER Bryan Station Pike

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN	Lexington	VICINITY OF	CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
STATE	Kentucky	CODE	5
	021	COUNTY	Fayette
		CODE	067

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME William J. Wood, M.D.

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Bryan Station Pike

CITY, TOWN

Lexington

STATE

Kentucky

VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Fayette County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Lexington

STATE

Kentucky

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Survey of Historic Places in Kentucky

DATE

February 1979

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

## 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
		<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Joseph Hale Rogers House is situated on a slight rise off of the Bryan Station Pike on land which was originally a French and Indian War bounty warrant surveyed in 1774 (photo 1). Begun in 1794, the story-and-three-quarter brick house stands within feet from the site of the historic fort that gave Bryan Station its name (photo 2).

In 1794 Joseph Hale Rogers, after having lived temporarily within the deserted fort and later in a two-story log house (which was located at the rear of the present house) built the brick cabin (photo 3) that now is the kitchen of Bryan's Station. In those days, the full basement beneath the cabin served as the kitchen, the present kitchen and the small attic above it as living quarters (photo 4). It is assumed by examination of the brickwork and the woodwork that the major or front portion of the house was added in the early 19th century. A later one-room brick wing added in the mid to late 19th century balances the kitchen wing. Between the back wing and the early kitchen was built a room in 1907.

According to Bettye Lee Mastin's article in the Lexington Herald-Leader, Jan. 15, 1956; "Large oak joists in floor and attic of the house are believed timbers from the fort's blockhouses. Obviously not cut for use in the present house, they are several feet longer than the load-bearing walls on which they rest."

In 1820 a tornado destroyed the upper story of the house. It was not properly repaired by Rogers, who by then was using the house only in the summer. The present owner's great-grandfather raised the roof to its present one-and-three-fourths story level in 1899 (photo 5).

The woodwork is hand-carved of cherry and poplar. The large front hall, which is in form an English living room, is the handsomest room in the house. Its beautifully carved mantel (photos 6 and 7) is flanked by a double press and a recessed door (photo 8). In one corner is a curving stair unusual in the original story-and-half house (photos 9 and 10). Original doors all are low--a little over six feet (photo 11)--and contrast sharply with the 14-foot height of the ceilings. Opposite the front door in this great hall is a matching door which originally exited outside but now opens into the room added in 1907 (photo 12).

The dining room has the original carved mantel (photos 13 and 14). The door jambs are paneled and the angled jambs in the original front windows are reeded. The bedroom on the opposite side of the hall has had the chairrailing removed and a later side-by-side double sash window added on the east wall. The room added in the mid-19th century retains its Greek Revival style mantel (photo 15).

The second story, having been raised, has four rooms and a bath. There have been few changes made to this area since those in 1899.

Boundaries of the Joseph Hale Rogers House includes the 11.95 acres which are the total acreage owned by the present owners. The longest boundary is along the Bryan Station Pike, including Bryan's Station Spring and the monument commemorating the women of Bryan Station given by the DAR in the 1890's. This acreage not only protects the visual qualities of the house but includes the above-mentioned important sites.

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW					
PERIOD	ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Joseph Hale Rogers House is significant not only for its age and location but historically the builder was a prominent and wealthy Virginian, one of those settlers who first brought that early culture to Central Kentucky. The site, overlooking the Elkhorn Creek, was once part of a vast estate of over 4,600 acres acquired by Rogers through service and warrent issues all before 1790. The Federal-style brick house has an early wing built in 1794 and evidence indicates the floor joists in the original brick cabin wing to be timbers from the blockhouse of Bryan Station which was located only several yards from this house.<sup>1</sup> The major portion of the house was built by Rogers in the early 19th century and the fine craftsmanship of this period is reflected in the mantels, doors and other woodwork. This house remained in the Rogers family until purchased by the present owners' family in 1879. Rogers lived until 92 and the aged pioneer was buried in a small graveyard, a short distance from the house. In spite of several inevitable changes and additions, the patina of age and history permeates the surroundings and one feels the house and its land are the direct outcropping of one of Kentucky's earliest settlements.

Although Joseph Hale Rogers was assigned the land in 1774, he did not come to Kentucky until 1780. In the meantime, four Bryan brothers (one of whom was married to Daniel Boone's sister) had cleared the land, built cabins and the fort, assuming that it was their property. When Rogers arrived to rightfully claim his land, he gave permission to the Bryan brothers to remain until they could make other plans. The fort, which retained the Bryan name, was deserted by 1784 due to subsiding dangers from Indians. Rogers first built a log house and then, in 1794 started his brick cabin, now a part of the house known as Bryan's Station.

The short history of Bryan's frontier fort is an integral part of the great history of Kentucky. Ranck's History of Lexington, Kentucky indicates that it was typically built with vacancies between the cabins filled with strong pickets. The fort had one great weakness and that was no water supply within its walls. In 1782 the fort endured a two-day Indian siege resulting in the heroic action of the women of Bryan Station, who during this siege left the fort to go to the spring for water in order for the attackers to reveal their position. This heroic act is memorialized by a monument at the spring. Both the spring and the monument are included in the 11.95 acres being nominated for National Register status.

<sup>1</sup> Bryan Station fort site is not included in the nomination.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Bettye Lee Mastin, "Construction of House at Historic Bryan Station Spring Was Begun in 1794," Lexington Herald-Leader, Jan. 25, 1956.
- Clay Lancaster. Ante Bellum Houses of the Bluegrass, Lexington, 1961., p. 43.
- Mrs. Fannie Rogers Gratz (unpublished notes of Mrs. Gratz, great-great-great-granddaughter of Joseph Hale Rogers).
- George W. Ranck. History of Lexington, Kentucky. Cincinnati, 1872 .

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 11.95 acres

UTM REFERENCES

see continuation sheet for additional UTM References.

A	116	7216	81010	42117	4210
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING			
C	116	7216	71810	412117	21010

B	116	7216	91110	42117	21010
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING			
D	116	7216	61915	412117	11610

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

An irregular rectangular-shaped section comprising 11.95 acres. The southeast boundary runs along Bryan Station Pike. (See attached survey of land.)

### LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Richard S. DeCamp

ORGANIZATION

Lexington-Fayette County Historic Commission

DATE

April, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

253 Market Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Lexington

255-8312

STATE

Kentucky

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

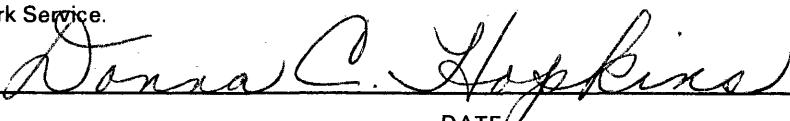
NATIONAL       

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



TITLE Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

July 5, 1979

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

  
ATTEST:   
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 11-15-79  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER  
DATE 11/14/79

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Additional UTM Reference:

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Fayette County, Kentucky

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ADDENDUM

#8--Eliminate agriculture from area of significance.

End of #7--The 11.95 acres nominated includes land under present ownership.

The house sits well back from the main road, (Bryan Station Pike), with most of the nominated area consisting of frontage or what is regarded as the "yard" of the property and is important to the visual aspects of the house.

W.C.H. WOOD

V. L. H. WOOD

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1195 ACRES -

Right wing  
40' drop off front

BRYAN'S STATION SPRING

ERUAN STATION HISTORIC  
MARKER

## Survey of

SURVEY OF  
Dr. William T. Wood

**FAKETTE COUNTY, KENTUCKY**

SCALE 1"=100' 1/4 MILE

Joseph Hale Rogers House  
Bryan's Station

Lexington  
Bryan Station Pike  
Fayette  
Kentucky

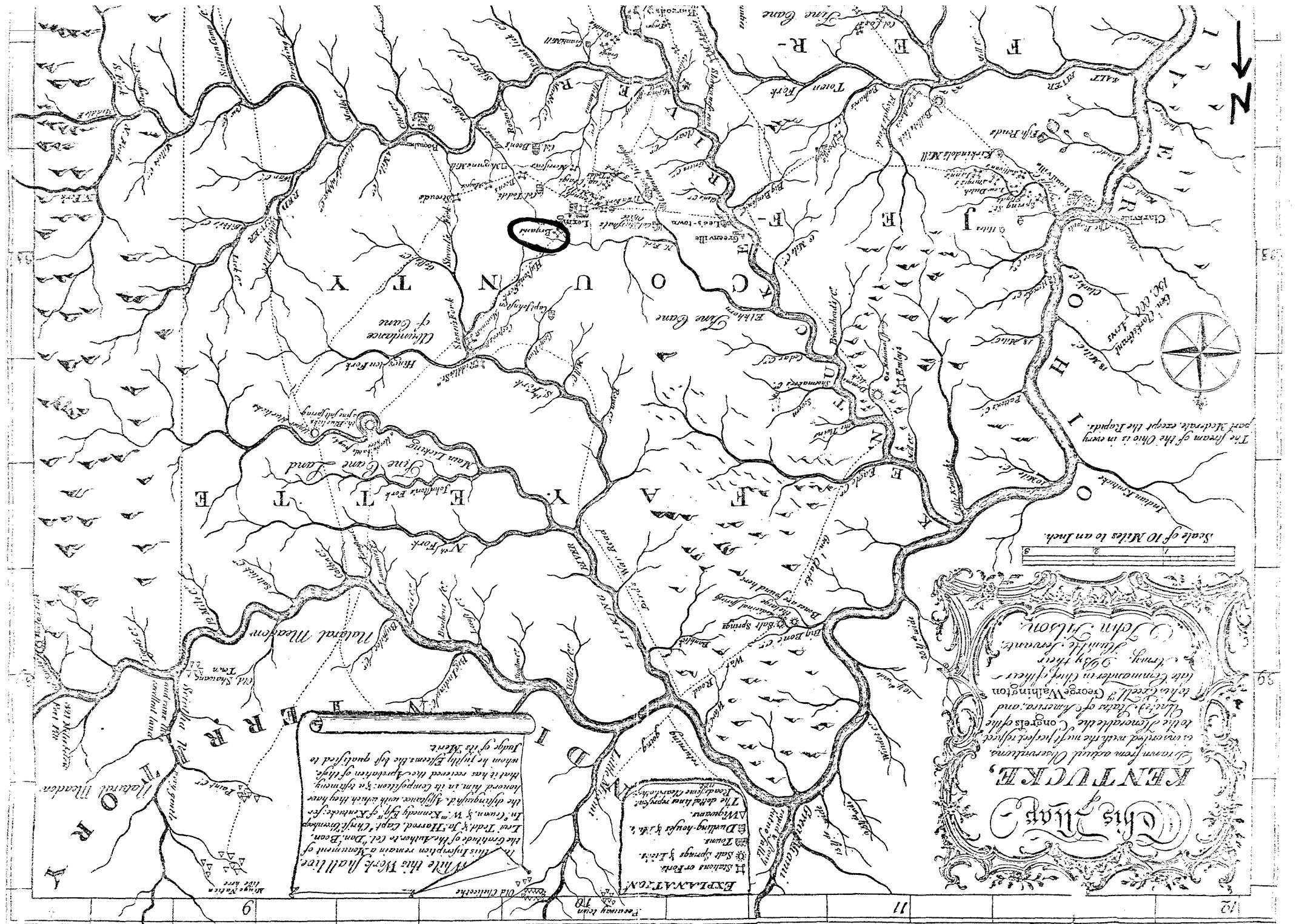
Engineering Survey of Dr. William J. Wood's property

Scale - 1" = 100'  
Date - May 3, 1976

Map, 2

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Joseph Hale Rogers House  
Bryan's Station

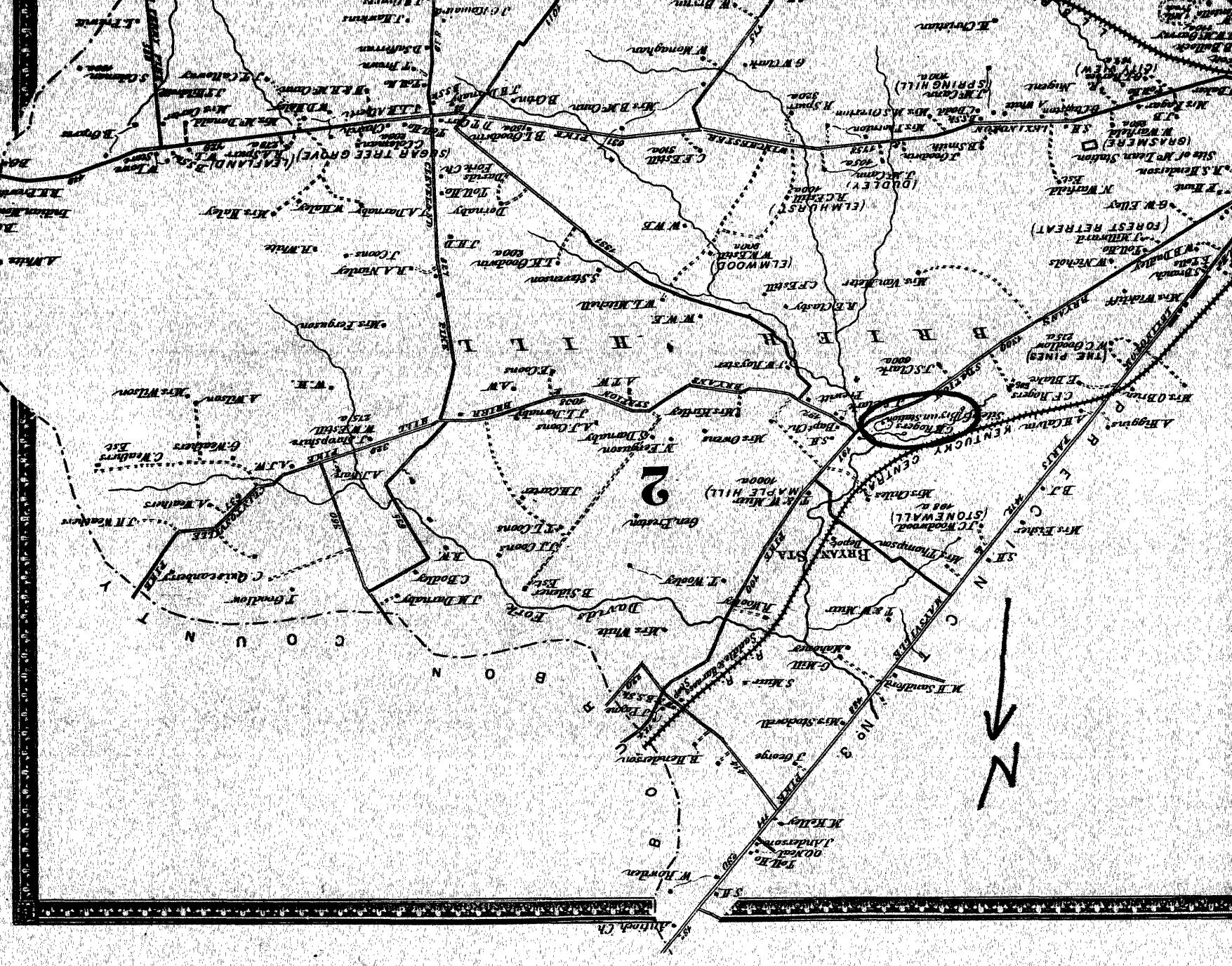
Lexington  
Bryan Station Pike  
Fayette  
Kentucky

John Filson's map

Scale - 1" = 10 mi.  
Date - 1794  
Map, 3

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Bryan's Station

Lexington  
Bryan Station Pike  
Fayette  
Kentucky

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Atlas of Bourbon, Clark, Fayette, Jessamine and  
Woodford Counties, Ky.

Scale - 1" = 1 mile  
Date - 1877  
Map, 4

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