

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # BK-29
Bracken County

Name of Resource:
Rock Spring Warehouse

Original Owner:
Rock Spring Distillery

3. Other Names:
The Grange

4. Prehistoric Site Building **Object**
Historic Site Structure **Other**

5. Location: north side of Kentucky 8,
6/10 mile east of 1159 at Wellsburg

6. Owner's Name:
Bill Hay [P]

7. Owner's Address:
103 East Fourth Street
Augusta, Kentucky 41002

8. Evaluation: [G]

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: []
 Thematic Name: Early Stone Building []

12. Historical Theme:
 Primary: Architecture [030]
 Secondary: Distilling [16D]
 Other: []

13. Statement of Significance:
 Good example of dry-stone masonry used in 19th century at location where building needs to withstand flooding. This is the largest and one of several remaining stone warehouses in Kentucky.
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14. History:
 Built as a warehouse for Rock Spring Distillery in mid-19th century, when distilling was an important industry in Bracken County.

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

16. Date:
 Original Building mid-19th Century [7]
 Addition []

17. Style:
 Industrial Vernacular [80]
 []

18. Architect/Builder:
 Not Known

19. No. of Stories: Three plus [3+]

20. Original Floor Plan:
 [NA]

21. Single Pile Double Pile **N.A.**

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

23. Structural Material:
 frame and Stone [S]

24. Exterior Material: weatherboard and Stone [S]
 [S]

25. Foundation Material: Stone [S]
 [S]

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

27. Special Features:
 Huge Framing System

28. Outbuildings: None [0]

29. Original Function: Warehouse [02H]

30. Present Use: Barn [09F]

31. Condition: Good [G]

32. Endangered: Yes _____
 No

33. Attach Photos:
 Roll: 26 Photo Nos:20-26 No. of Slides: X

34. Prepared by: Carolyn Murray-Wooley

35. Organization: Kentucky Heritage Council

36. Date: April 1984

37. New Survey **Resurvey** _____

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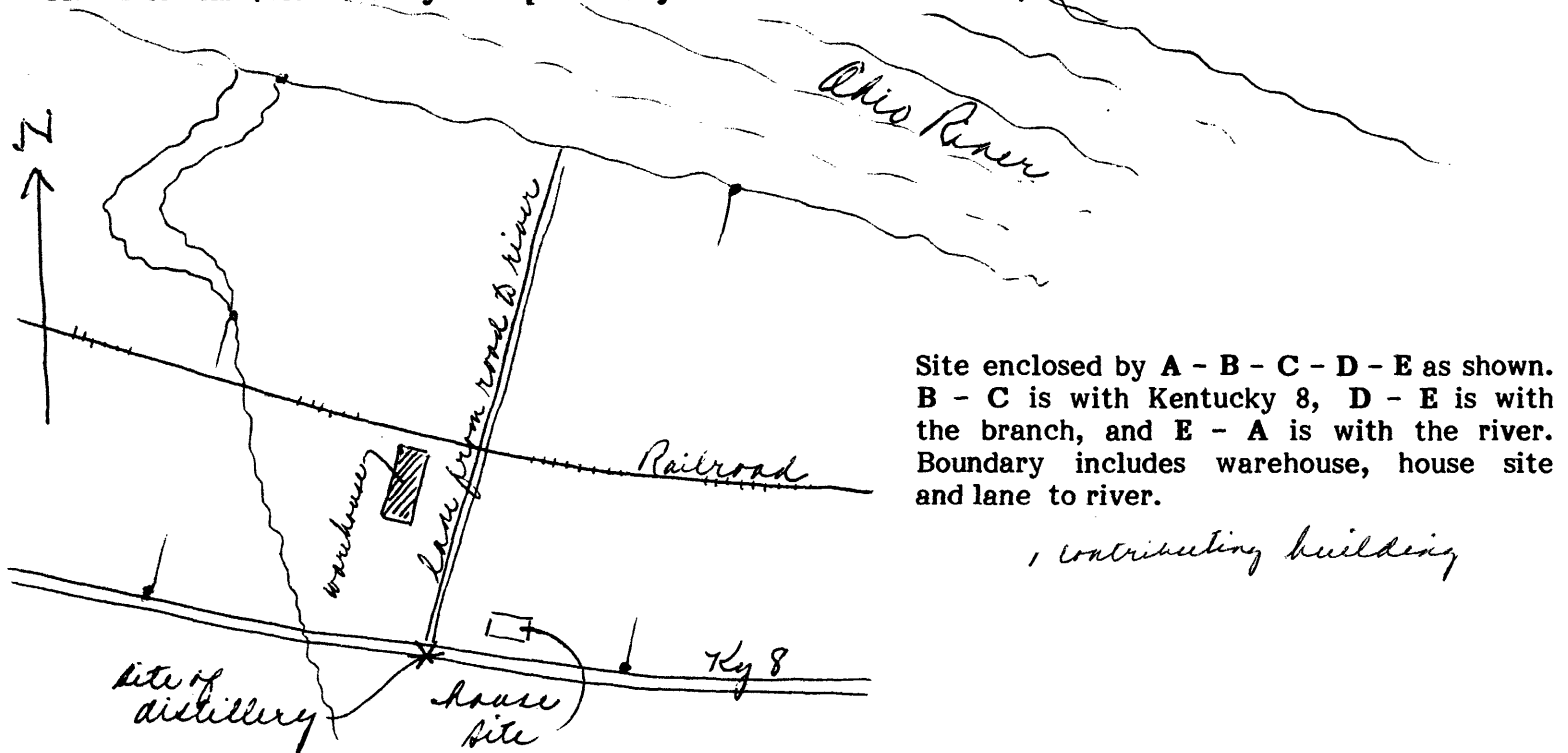
38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. []
 Quadrant: Felicity 16 752590 4294860 40. Coordi.Accuracy []

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

A.	<u>16</u>	<u>752730</u>	<u>4295100</u>	D.	<u>16</u>	<u>752500</u>	<u>4294950</u>
B.	<u>16</u>	<u>752680</u>	<u>4294820</u>	E.	<u>16</u>	<u>752480</u>	<u>4295180</u>
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42. Total Acreage in Present Property: ca. 87 acres 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: 19 acres

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



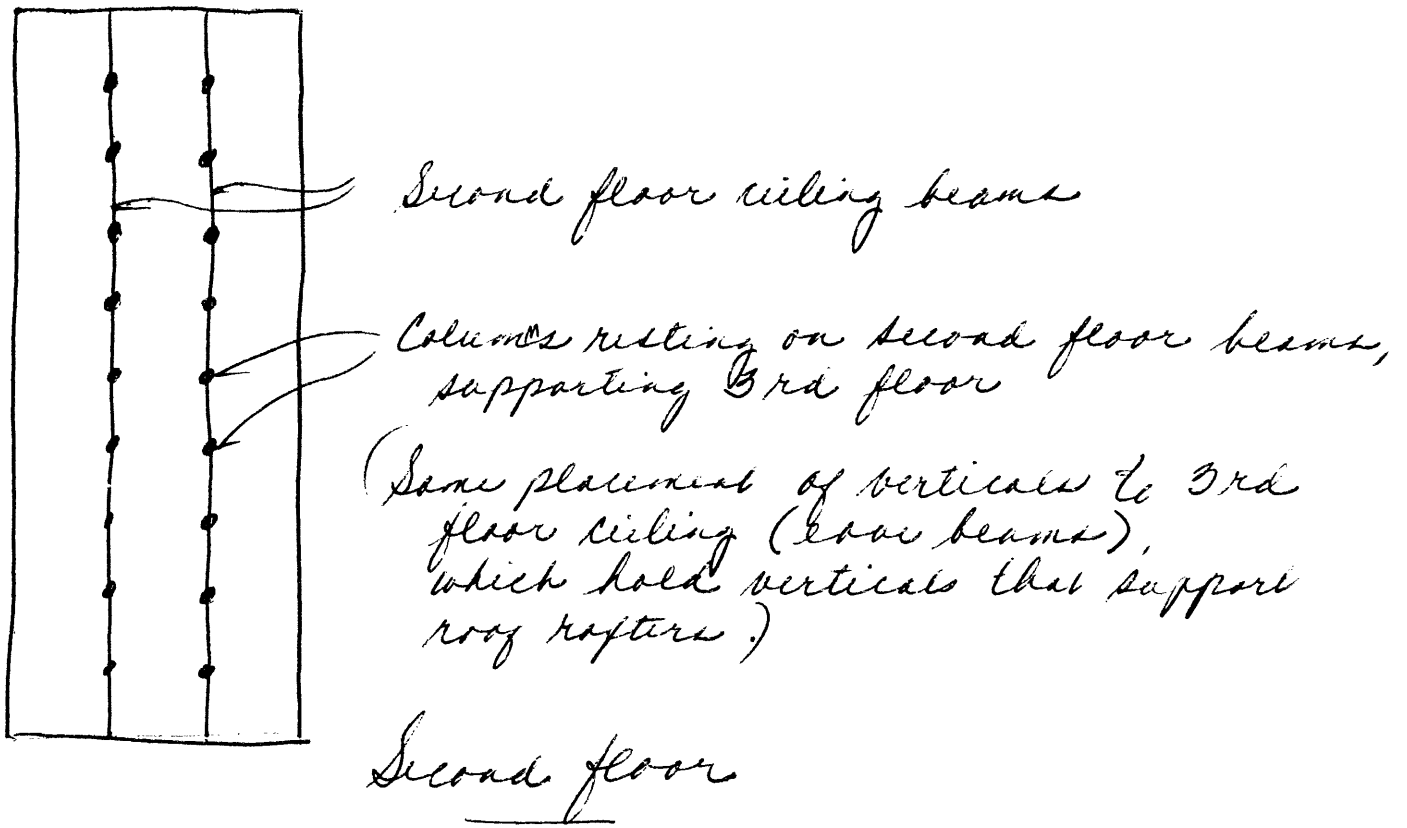
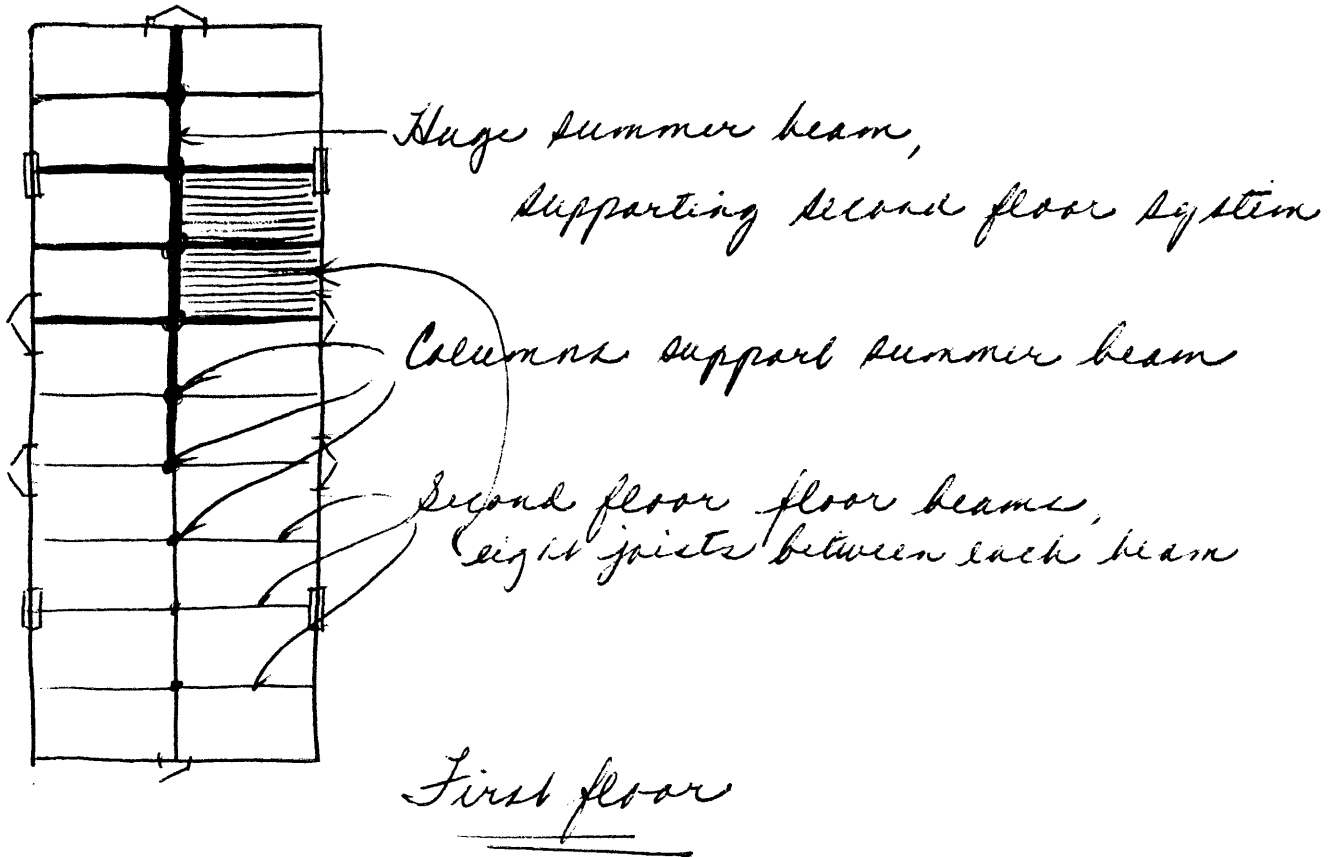
45. Description and House Plan:

Dry-stone and frame building, 38 x 112 feet, built as a whiskey warehouse. First floor is limestone, tooled, laid in broken courses. East side has two windows, two doors, south end one door, west side three windows, one door, north end one doorway; all doors except south end are double doors. Second and third floors are timber framed and sheathed in weatherboard (which has been covered with vertical barn siding on the west and south sides).

Massive framing system (see drawing) consists of single row of huge timber piers on first floor supporting summer beam. Second floor beams are fitted into the summer at each pier, every 12 feet, with second floor joists mortised into the summer between the beams. On the second floor there is a center aisle, and piers supporting the third floor rest on the second floor beams. These support cross beams at the eave line and the roof system.

Inside of building is whitewashed and now used as a tobacco barn. West side and south end weatherboards have been replaced with vertical sheathing boards.

The Rock Spring Distillery was located where the present road is now. The owners ca. 1825 house was northeast of the distillery. Warehouse had direct access to the Ohio River bank until railroad was built between it and the river, after which time the railroad was also used for hauling the whiskey. Railroad right-of-way stakes abutt the warehouse.



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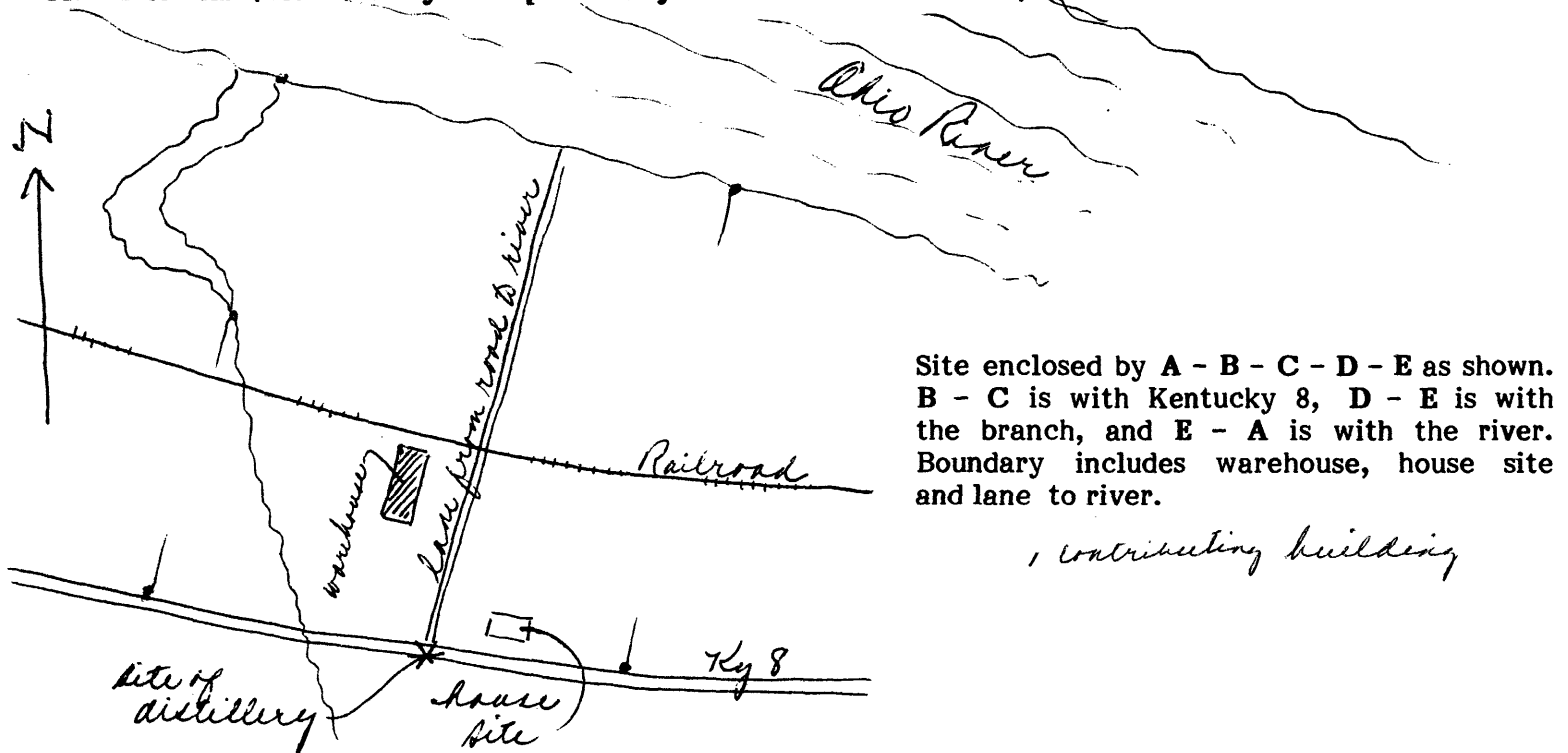
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