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Colonial Home Farm, designed and executed by noted Kentucky architect-builder John McMurtry (1812-1890), was constructed on land originally acquired and settled by Jonathan (also spelled Johnathan) Robinson (1727-1814). Robinson was the son of an Irish father and Scottish mother who immigrated to the United States in the late 18th century and settled in Scott County in 1796. The family prospered, particularly Jonathan Robinson's son James (1800-1892), who became a state senator (elected 1851-1861), Speaker of the Senate, and, in 1862, Governor of Kentucky upon the resignation of Governor Beriah Magoffin.

In 1838 the farm was acquired by Levi Prewitt, a deputy county clerk, speculator in real estate and prominent in business, civic and political circles. He was one of eight sons of Robert Prewitt, builder of the first brick house between Lexington and Winchester. Levi Prewitt chose the Robinson property, just above a large cave spring to build his Greek Revival mansion Cave Hill, later known as Colonial Home Farm. The architect engaged for the project was John McMurtry, one-time student of Gideon Shryock, who originally introduced Greek Revival architecture to the region west of the Alleghenies.

The house, most notable as a McMurtry product, was to remain in the Prewitt family until 1918 when the farm was sold to Leroy Buckles.

The pre-1800 house located behind Colonial Home Farm was constructed by George Robinson, father of Jonathan Robinson. Upon the death of Jonathan Robinson, the property washing inherited by his son-in-law, Francis Palmer, an outstanding MATIONAL REGU

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The Christian Church and the Great Revival form an important episode in the history of the community of Bethel in which Colonial Home Farm and the Robinson House are located. The Reverend Robert Marshall (1760-1832) of Virginia, ordained as pastor of the near-by Bethel Presbyterian Church in 1793, was a prominent participant in the Great Revival in Kentucky. In 1803, he along with Barton W. Stone and several other ministers, left the Presbyterian Church to lead a movement which resulted in the organization of a new denomination, known today as the Christian Church, its followers more commonly known as "Marshallites," "Stoneites," or "New Lights." Marshall returned to the Presbyterian Church in 1811, however, after eight years of estrangement and was reinstated in his pastoral charge at Bethel Church.

The community was also served by Pleasant Hill Academy, a pioneer school founded in 1793 by Robert Marshall and located at Marshall's residence.



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