

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Site No. Ja 290

Lewis

1. Historic Name(s) <u>1 O'Neal Tavern</u>		22. ADD/County <u>Bluegrass, Fayette</u>	
Original Owner <u>Lewis O'Neal</u>		23. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75') <u>Versailles v. 2</u> G.I.S. Mod. <input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Present Name <u>O'Neal Tavern - Versailles</u>		24. UTM Reference <u>116</u> <u>7108250</u> <u>4212820</u> Zone Easting Northing	
3. Location <u>Old Lexington Road, opposite intersection w Ft. Springs Road, at Ft. Springs</u>		25. Coordinate Accuracy <input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Owner's Name <u>Hamble A. August, Sr.</u>		26. Prehistoric Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Owner's Address <u>5023 Old Versailles Road, Lex., Ky.</u>		27. National Register District Name: <input type="checkbox"/>	
6. Open to Public Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. Visible from road Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	28. Significance Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Local Contact/Organization		29. Status <input type="checkbox"/> Date _____ National Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> National Register <input type="checkbox"/> Landmark Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky Survey <input type="checkbox"/> Local Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> HABS/HAER <input type="checkbox"/>	
8. Ownership Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/>		30. Historic Theme Primary <u>Architecture</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secondary <u>black history</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>road transportation</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
10. Site Plan with North Arrow <u>see attached boundary form</u>		31. Endangered Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
11. Architect		32. Preservation Project Status <input type="checkbox"/>	
12. Builder		Actual Cost in \$1,000s <input type="checkbox"/>	
13. Date <u>1826</u> A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>		33. ATTACH PHOTO <u>in attached envelope</u>	
14. Style A. <u>Federal</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>		Roll No. _____	
15. Original Use <u>tavern, inn</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Picture No. _____	
16. Present use <u>residence</u>		Direction _____	
17. Condition <u>fair</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		34. Prepared by: <u>C.M. Wooley</u>	
18. Description <u>2 story 4 bay hall-parlor dry stone house/tavern built into hillside - rear has only 1 exposed floor. Good masonry. Steeple painting, 9-10 stone voussiors w.o. keps; pegged frames w.o. trim, hooped w aluminum; 2 attic windows each end;</u> (Continue on Back) <u>(over)</u>		35. Organization _____	
No. Stories <u>2</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		36. Date <u>1982</u>	
Single Pile <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/>		37. Revision Dates _____	
Double Pile _____		38. Staff Review _____	
Floor Plan <u>hall-parlor</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Structural Fabric <u>stone</u> A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Decorative Fabric <u>voussiors</u> A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Roof Form <u>gable</u>			
19. History <u>Tavern built in 1826 by Lewis O'Neal on old stage route from Lexington - Louisville, before R.R. Spring ran beneath tavern. Later operated by Henry & Mc Girk, then Richard Lucas. Occupied by troops as a "fort" during (over)</u>			
20. Significance <u>Substantial dry stone tavern with interesting history; care of surrounding negro community.</u>			
21. Source of Information <u>18. inspection</u> <u>19. 1979 inventory form</u>			

18. cont.:

Chimneys each end, partially exterior.

(photo 5) Interior 2nd floor has 2 shelf mantels w ovals trim; window frames & trim and chair rail intact; corner stair arising from front of E room to attic, space taken from W. room. 1st floor now paved w concrete covering spring which runs out below front wall of house now in wet weather only (dried up when highway elevated nearby); walls dry walled; open Victorian stair built in middle of floor rising from front to rear, small top of stair have added. 1 story concrete block and frame additions on rear and E end. (photo 4)

Downhill side of house hits directly on old road at junction w Ft. Spring Road, above steep drop to S. Ekhorn Creek.

19. cont.:

Civil War, cemetery in back yard with numbered tombstones. Area around tavern became a community of freed slaves who were given land. Town named for "Fort Springs."

STONE HOUSE SURVEY
BOUNDARY INFORMATION FORM

SITE # June Fa 290
SITE NAME 1 O'Neal Tavern

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION & JUSTIFICATION

Beginning at A at a fence corner at the road, thence with fence around yard, NW 200 ft, NE 100 ft, SE 200 ft to the road, thence with road 100 ft SW to the beginning, containing the Stone Tavern and burial ground - about 1/2 acre. No other significant buildings nearby.

SKETCH MAP OF SITE SHOWING BOUNDARIES AND KEY BUILDINGS AND FEATURES WITH NORTH ARROW.

