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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # Me-83
Mercer County

1. Name of Resource:
Col. John Bowman House

2. Original Owner:
Col. John Bowman

3. Other Names:
Bellevue

4. Prehistoric Site Building Object
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location:
Kennedy Bridge Road

6. Owner's Name:
John W. Landrum [P]

7. Owner's Address:
409 N. College Street
Harrodsburg, Kentucky 40330

8. Evaluation: [N]

9. Recognition & Date:
Nat.Landmark Local Landmark
Nat.Register HABS/HAER
Highway Marker KY Inventory 1970, 1982
KY Landmark Certificate

10. N.R.Status & Date:

11. N.R.Group:
District Name: []
Mult.Resource Area: Mercer Co. []
Thematic Name: []

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

13. Statement of Significance:
See Attached.

16. Date:
Original Building c. 1800 [8]
Addition 1820 [8]

17. Style:
Federal [21]

18. Architect/Builder:
Unknown

19. No. of Stories: [1.5]

20. Original Floor Plan:
Central Passage [CP]

21. Single Pile Double Pile N.A.

22. Roof Form & Material: Original
Gable/Asbestos Not Original

23. Structural Material:
Brick [B]

24. Exterior Material:
Brick : Flemish bond []

25. Foundation Material:
Stone [S]

26. Major Alterations: None
Moved/Rebuilt Other
Additions

27. Special Features:
Matthew Lowry woodwork (attributed)

28. Outbuildings:
Brick outhouse []

29. Original Function:
Single family dwelling [01A]

30. Present Use:
Vacant [99V]

31. Condition:
Good [G]

32. Endangered: Yes
No

33. Attach Photos:
Roll: 3 Photo Nos: 2-24 No. of Slides:

14. History: The original portion of the house was probably built by John Bowman. At his death in 1825, he left the house and the land bound by Dix River, Cane Run, and Kings Mill Turnpike to his cousin John Bowman, son of Abraham Bowman. At his death in 1873, the land was divided among his sons Dudley M., John B., and A. H. The two sections of the house seem to have been built during the tenures of the two John Bownmans.



15. Source of historical information and/or contact person:
KHC Inventory forms: 1970
Frances Keightly
KHC Inventory forms: 1982
Clay Lancaster

34. Prepared by: H. Powell & F. Keightly
35. Organization: Landmark Association
36. Date: 1986
37. New Survey Resurvey

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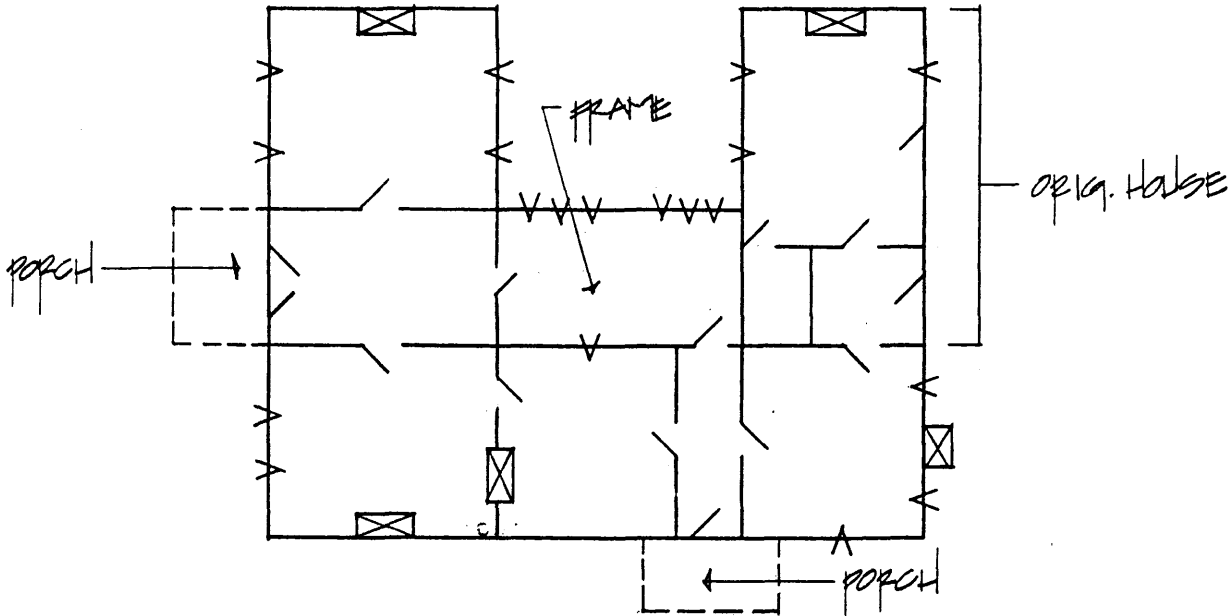
38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. []
 Quadrant: Bryantsville 16 700250 4179100 40. Coordi.Accuracy []

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

A. ----- D. -----
 B. ----- E. -----
 C. ----- F. -----

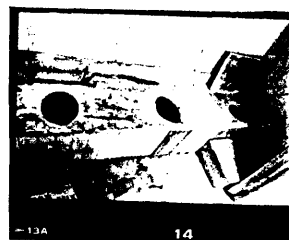
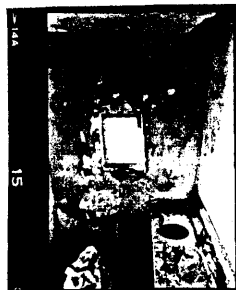
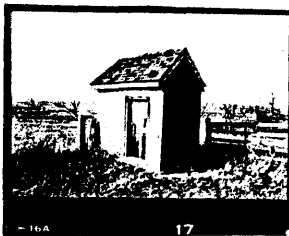
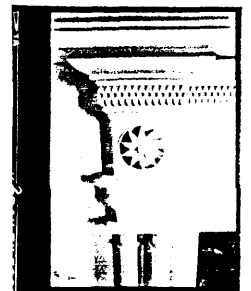
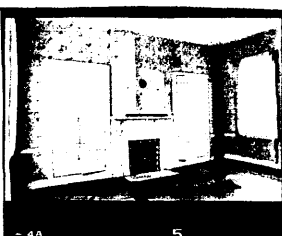
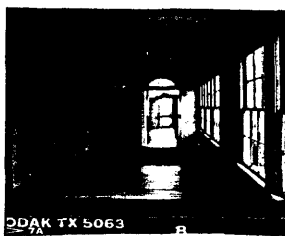
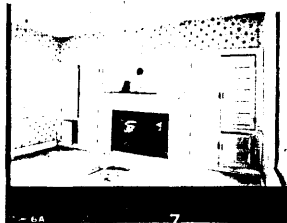
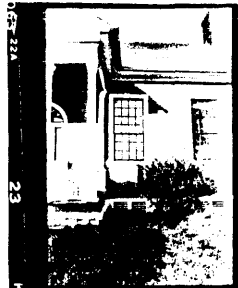
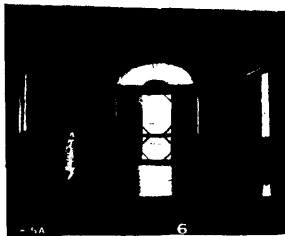
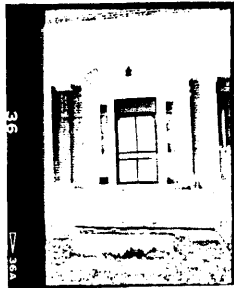
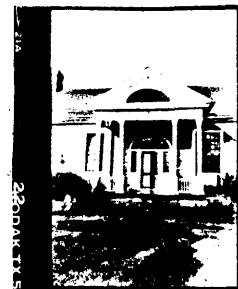
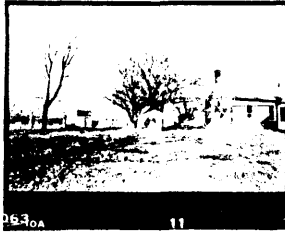
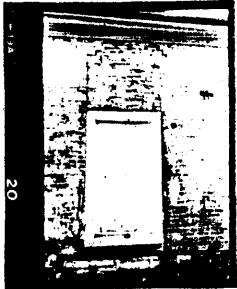
42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary:

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



45. Description and House Plan:

The Bowman House is a one and one half story brick residence built in the early nineteenth century. The portion of the house which faces Kennedy Road is perhaps the last section to be built. An earlier brick core forms the east and north facades. The present front or south facade is five bay with a central doorway. The windows are 16 over 12. The doorway is framed by a fanlight and sidelights. A one story, one bay pedimented portico frames the entrance. On the interior, the central hall is flanked on either side by a single room with interior end chimneys. There are enclosed stairs leading to the loft in the west end of the hall. The woodwork on the mantels and door surrounds is attributed to Matthew Lowry. There are two brick outbuildings adjacent to the house. One was used as an outhouse and the other as a carriage house.



KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
 BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name Bellevue Site # Me-83
 Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title MERCER COUNTY MRA

U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTMs if property is ten or more acres.

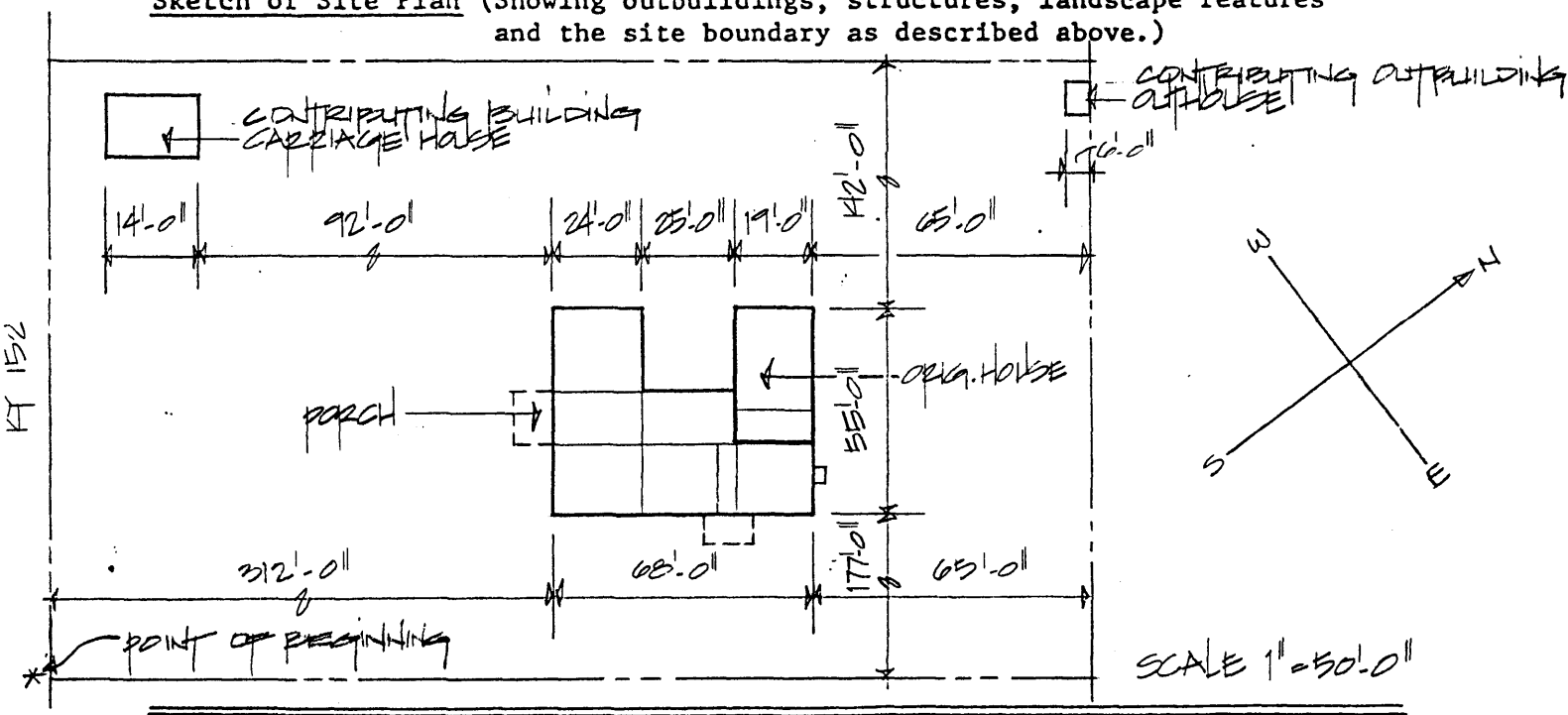
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Verbal Boundary Description _____ Acreage 3.8

From a point in the north right of way of KY 152; then west 374 feet to a point; then north 445 feet to a point; then east 374 feet to a point; then south 445 feet to the point of beginning.

The point of beginning is 312 feet south and 177 feet east of the southeast corner of the building.

Sketch of Site Plan (Showing outbuildings, structures, landscape features and the site boundary as described above.)



Official Courthouse Property Reference:

Continuation Sheet: Me-83 Colonel John Bowman House

Significance Statement

The Colonel John Bowman House is significant under Criterion C for the period from 1800 to 1820 as an example of how home owners updated their houses as conceptions of spatial organization changed and new types of ornamentation became accepted. As one of the earlier examples of this rebuilding phenomenon, the Bowan house demonstrates that homeowners were anxious to have stylish dwellings and adopted popular conceptions of spatial organization during the settlement period, as soon as their situation allowed. The outbuildings date to the same period as the rebuilding.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The boundary was chosen because it contains all of the domestic elements (residence, outhouse, carriage house) which contribute to the site and maintain integrity. The road is the boundary on the southwest side to provide a setting for the contributing elements and to preserve the setback. The other boundary lines were chosen to enclose the contributing domestic elements.

The boundary contains three contributing buildings.