

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Kentucky	
COUNTY: Mason	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70-116-020A	DATE 1/21/70

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
Washington, Kentucky Historic Distric

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Boundaries as shown on annexed map

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE: Kentucky

CODE: 16

COUNTY: Mason

CODE: 161

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Multiple public and private

STREET AND NUMBER:
City of Washington

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington, Kentucky

STATE: Kentucky

CODE: 16

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Mason County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Maysville

STATE: Kentucky

CODE: 16

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Bldg. Survey (short)

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Kentucky Heritage Commission files

STREET AND NUMBER:
401 Wapping Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Frankfort

STATE: Kentucky

CODE: 16

STATE: Kentucky

COUNTY: Mason

ENTRY NUMBER: 70-116-020A

DATE: 1/21/70

FOR NPS USE ONLY

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The buildings of Washington range in type from the simple log cabin all the way to the imposing late Georgian and and early Federal styles constructed of home burned brick laid in Flemish Bond.

There are also a number of early stone buildings constructed of native limestone. The majority of the brick houses follow a simplified version of Federal design and are nearly all built flush with the sidewalk which was laid out of flat creek-bed rock. This arrangement gives the feeling of a real town and obviously the builders felt that the town would grow to a much greater size than it ever did.

The town was laid out on a grid plan and many of the earliest buildings were built along the main street. U.S. Highway 68 used the main street for many years but has now been relocated to the west along Water Street. This frees the major area from through traffic.

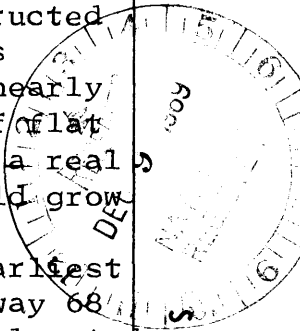
Early in the history of Washington system of fire-fighting was organized and wells were dug at intervals along the main street. These wells were provided with windlasses and well houses. They are intact today

Paxton's Inn was one of the first real public Inns in Kentucky. It was constructed of brick as the corner unit of a three-row house. It contained a large common room on the first floor which was used for eating and sitting and etc. and a large common room upstairs for sleeping. This building has been restored by the Limestone Heritage League. Several other houses in and near the village have been handsomely restored and several others are now in the process of restoration.

Many of the houses have double doors at the entrance and a reeded roll lengthwise under a four light transom which seems to be a unique feature used in many of these houses.

The original Courthouse burned several years ago but plans are being formulated to rebuild it. Albert Sidney Johnston house has been restored and opened to the public since 1955 by the local Limestone Chapter of the DAR.

The village of Washington also boast the first macadamized road in Kentucky. Shortly after the Civil War period new roads lead business and new developments away from the town of Washington and for many years it stood forgotten and has hence remained practically unchanged since this time. The rerouting of Highway 68 has helped to restore the old-time leisurely atmosphere of a historic village.



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

*

*

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric	Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Agriculture	Invention	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Art	Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Commerce	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Communications	Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Conservation	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>				
	Music	<input type="checkbox"/>				

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

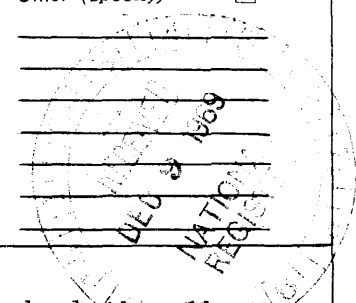
Washington, Kentucky is a town of firsts. It had the first post office and was a distribution point for seven states. The first organized fire-fighting system. The first hard surfaced (macadamized) road. And while other area lay claim the early churches, banks and courthouses Washington was the first incorporated town in Kentucky and no doubt was actually a leader in many public services and public sponsored institutions.

There were several early academies in Washington for both boys and girls. The first was the Franklin Academy whose site is not definitely known. This was followed by the Keat's School for girls conducted by a cousin of the great poet. The Pillsbury School built around 1820 primarily for boys had a noted teacher named Mann Butler who later wrote a history of Kentucky. Rev. Robt. McMurdy, an Episcopal minister from Louisiana established the most famous school in 1849. The McMurdy School was known throughout the entire country as a School of high quality and was attended by pupils from almost every state in the Union. Dr. McMurdy used the Old Stone Courthouse building (the Courthouse for Mason Co. had been moved to Maysville) and also a house built Basil Duke as the boarding department.

Albert Sidney Johnston was born here in 1803 son of a pioneer physician and one of the first trustees of the town. He attended Transylvania College and West Point serving in the U.S Army until 1861, when he resigned to join the Confederate forces. His birth place is owned by the Mason Fiscal Court but is operated as a historic shrine by the DAR.

Harriet Beecher, a teacher at the Western Female Ist. in Cinc., Ohio visited Miss Elizabeth Key in 1833 at her home in Washington, During this visit Miss Beecher witnessed a slave auction on the lawn of the old stone Courthouse. Later in 1851 after her marriage to Prof. Calvin E. Stowe, Mrs. Stowe drew upon this earlier experience and observation in Kentucky to write the famous anti-slavery novel, Uncle Tom's Cabin A short historical sketch of several houses is included.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Historic Past of Washington, Mason Co. Ky. by Edna H Best published in 1944
Historic Kentucky by Winston Coleman published in 1967
History of Kentucky by Collins
 County Court and Deed Book records in Maysville Courthouse
 Personal records of Humphreys Taylor authority on Washington

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	38° 37' 02"	83° 48' 40"		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	38° 37' 00"	83° 48' 15"				
SE	38° 36' 40"	83° 48' 15"				
SW	38° 36' 40"	83° 48' 43"				

NO ITEM
C/

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Kentucky	16	Mason	161
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Curtis Harrison Sec. to Nat'l Register Review Board for Ky.

ORGANIZATION: Commonwealth of Kentucky DATE: 7/ 22/69

STREET AND NUMBER:
 Capitol Building

CITY OR TOWN: Frankfort STATE: Kentucky CODE: 16

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: *[Signature]*

Title: State Liaison Officer for Historic Preservation

Date: DEC 8 1969

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

[Signature]
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: JAN 21 1970

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: JAN 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Continuation Sheet)

STATE Kentucky	
COUNTY Mason	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70-16-000	DATE 1/21/70

(Number all entries)

The following are buildings that are representative of the several types in current use in Washington, Ky.

- 1) 1874 Authur Fox Home - Two storied log cabin latter clapboarded over and enlarged. The house follows a simple plan with a ridge roof. It originally stood within the stockade of Fox's Station.
- 2) 1805 Murphy-Moose House - A five bayed Federal House with unusually nice details. A large fan-lighted doorway with side lights and a triple window above on the second floor- The house has a rather low pitched ridge roof with a very lovely denticulated cornice. The window lintels are all centered with a key stone which is nicely carved. The rear wing of the house dates back to 1790.
- 3) The Old Church Society Museum was built in 1848 as the Methodist Episcopal Church. This building was the second building used by the church. Washington was the cradle of methodism in Kentucky the first recorded services being held in 1786. The first Methodist College in the world was established in Augusta, near Washington. The building is a simple meeting house form with stark facade pierced with four openings. Two double doors with four light transoms over a reeded role - above each door is a large window the same size as the door below it. The windows are covered with heavy shutters. A limestone plaque identifies the building and its first minister. The facade rises in front of the roof edge and recedes from the sides to the center in three stages, in castilated or Tudor fashion.
- 4) 1805 The Doctors House - So called because it always housed the town physician. It is the end unit of a group of Federal row houses. Three bays with simplified trim the interior is spacious with very fine carved woodwork and mantels of the period.
- 5) 1810 Paxton-Evans House- The center member of a three unit row, the house follows the simple Federal lines used three houses. The very fine stairway and carved woodwork are in their original condition and are perhaps the best examples of the carpenter's skill in the village.
- 6) 1810 Paxton's Inn - The corner member of the three unit Federal row houses, The Inn has been restored to its original condition. It has a large common room on the first floor and a large common sleeping room on the upper floor. Doorways lead from this upper room into the upper floor of Paxton's own house no doubt for added and more private accommodations.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

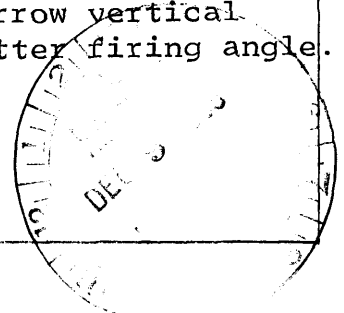
STATE	
Kentucky	
COUNTY	
Mason	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
70-1-16-000P	1/21/70

page 2

(Continuation Sheet)

(Number all entries)

- 7) 1829 Taylor's Corner This is a large five bayed Federal house with beautiful proportions and fine brick work. The double entrance doorway with raised panels is topped by a delicate fanlight. The house has been restored in 1969 by a descendant of the original owner. It has another two bayed structure connected with it of identical style and construction detail and this portion is soon to be restored. The roof is continuous as if the two were one house. The roof is broken lonly by a large chimney. Both sections have a portion that extends baek to form a U shape which incloses a small paved courtyard.
- 8) 1800 Beeler Malone House - Called Georgian Domestic in style the house is a small two storied brick with unusually nice detail and wood trim. The house is much over grown with vines and is in bad repair. A porch within the back wing wing of the house has nice details and the entance door is at the corner of the main facade. The house was long used as the boarding dept. of Pillsbury School.
- 9) 1785 - Albert Sidney Johnston Birthplace - A simple two storied clapboard house with a high porch on the end this little house has very nice walnut woodwork and mantels and beautiful ash floors, unusual in so simple a structure. The house has been restored and is open to the public as Historic house, by the DAR
- 10) 1820 Pillsbury School - A Large rectangular building of very simple Federal lines. The window arrangement is odd and there are doors at the ends of the building. It has a simple ridge roof with a large interior chimney at each end. Built a school, it has long been used as a home.
- 11) 1800 Marshall Key House - A delightful little Three bayed Federal town house with a very fine reeded doorway. The flush panelled double doors are topped with a delicate fanlight and both reeded roll and reeded columns on either side. The fan arch is dentuculated and with a carved key. The house has a beautiful spiral unsupported stairway. It was here that Harriet Beecher Stowe visited. In the back of the house is small brick building used as a smoke house on the lower floor and as indian fort on the upper floor. There are rifle slits on all sides- very narrow vertical openings splayed on the inside to give a better firing angle.



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

STATE	Kentucky	
COUNTY	Mason	
FOR NPS USE ONLY		
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE	
70-116-000	1/21/70	

page 3

(Continuation Sheet)

(Number all entries)

- 12) 1802 Bayless-Taylor House - This house is much like the Marshall Key House but is slightly larger and simpler in detail. In one room the mantel contains a unique feature. Slightly to the right of center the mantel has a little round drawer which pulls out. The back portion is made of tin and it is used to store paper fire-lighters so that they will always be kept dry and easy to light.
- 13) 1795 Arthur Fox Sr. House - A two storied limestone house with three bays. The windows have twenty-four panes in both the upper and lower front windows. The window sills are more than two feet deep. It has a simple ridge roof with the chimney built within the walls.
- 14) 1809 Bank - Built to house the first branch bank in northern Kentucky a branch of the first bank chartered in Frankfort, Ky. A three storied brick structure much like the early brick houses of the village, the building is now used as a home. The vault is still in place however.
- 15) 1844 Old Hotel - Built by a citizens Group the building has six bays across the front and a large wing that extends to the rear. The style follows closely the other brick buildings of the village. The hotel was built in an attempt to keep the county seat from being moved to Maysville. It had a grand ball room and several attractive drawing rooms. It is now used as the Town Hall.
- 16) 1800 George Wood House - Similar in design to the other three bayed houses with the doorway to the left of the front facade the house is considerable bigger in scale. The one stipulation given the builder was to make a room big enough to dance in. He got one hugh room on each floor.
- 17) 1800 - Cedar Hill - Built by Govenor Chambers of Maryland the large frame structure sits on a hill to the west overlooking the village. The house has been restored and is one of the show places of the village.
- 18) 1800 - Federal Hill - A very handsome big brick house with many Federal and late Georgian details. Beautiful woodwork and mantel grace the interior. The chimney arrangement is unusual with one large within the wall chimney on the right side and two very big exterior chimneys of the left end. This was the home of Captain Thomas Marshall the brother of Chief Justice John Marshall whose parents are buried in the family graveyard to the rear of the house. Seven generations of Marshalls have lived on this land grant to the Marshalls by Patrick Henry

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

STATE Kentucky	
COUNTY Mason	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
70-116-000	11/24/70

page 4

(Continuation Sheet)

(Number all entries)

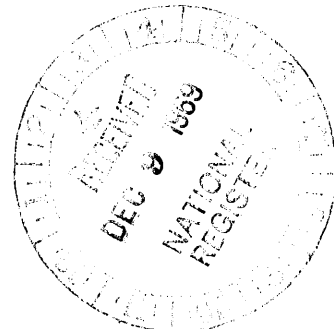
WASHINGTON, KENTUCKY HISTORICAL ZONING BOUNDARIES
COPIES FROM ORDINANCE

- (1) BOUNDARIES: The Old and historic Section of Washington IS DEEMED TO BE AS FOLLOWS:
- (a) Starting at the South end of the Hattie Taylor property and proceeding North on both sides of Main Street to and including the Agnes Bickley property.
 - (b) Starting at the South side of the Roy Barbee home and proceeding North on both sides of Green Street to the North rear side of the Agnes Bickley property.
 - (c) Starting at the South side of the T.T. Barnett home and proceeding North on both sides of Water Street (now new Highway 68) to the North side of the Richard Huber home.
 - (d) Starting at Main Street and proceeding East to Green Street on the unnamed Street (or alley) which includes the Kearn McHugh property, the Albert Sidney Johnston House and the Beeler Malone property.

The above are the Historical Zoning boundaries of the city of Washington, Kentucky as copies from the Ordinance which became effective on May 7th, 1969.

Sincerely,

James S. Allen
Chairman, Bd. of Trustees

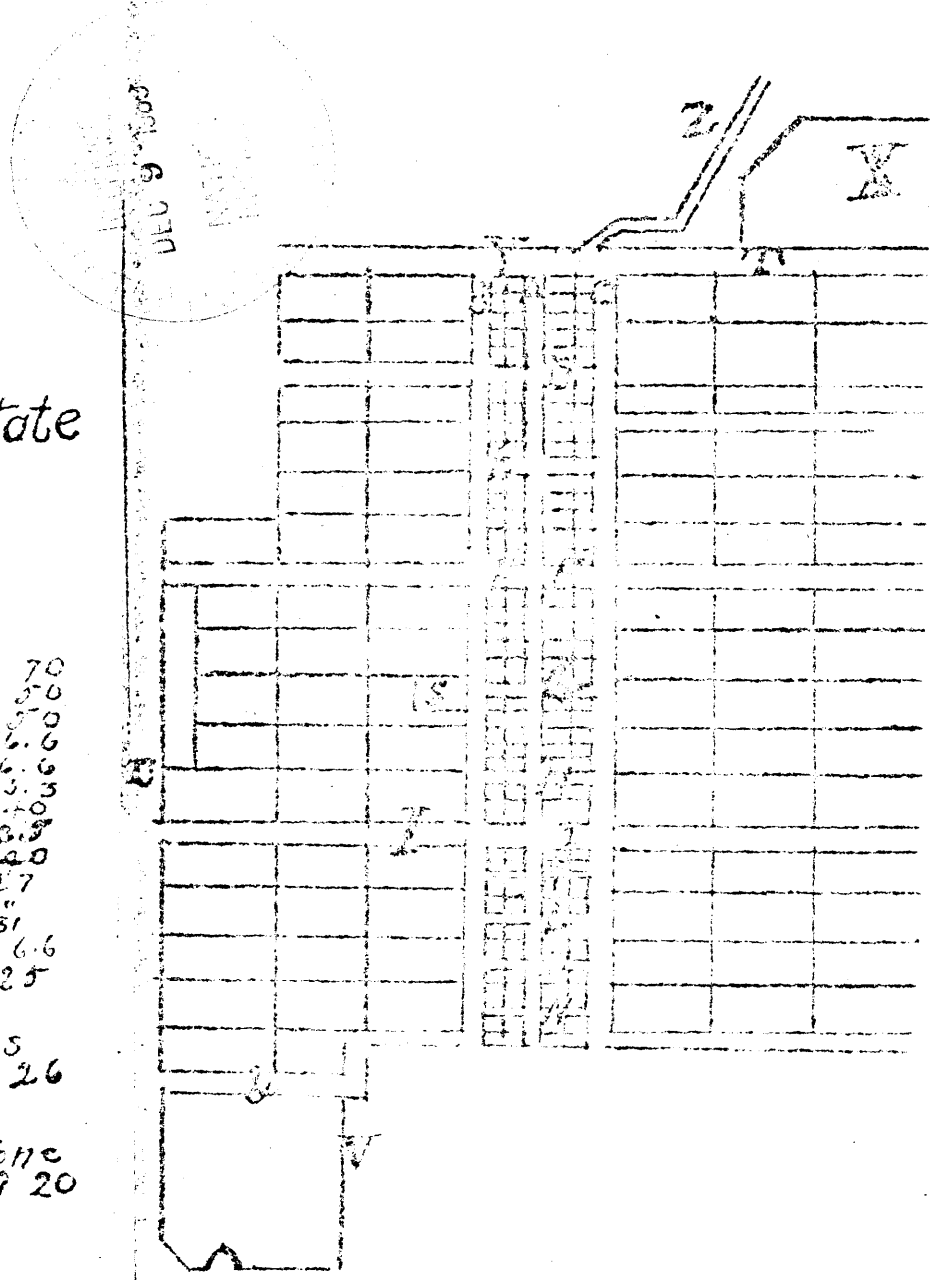


MAYSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

A PLAN of the town of WASHINGTON Mason County, in the State of KENTUCKY

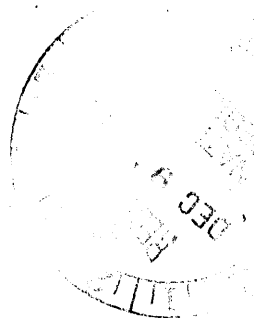
A	Main Street	width 70
B	Water Street	50
C	Green Street	50
D	An Alley	16.6
E	Diolo	16.6
F	Williams Street	13.3
G	An Alley	40
H	York Street	31.9
I	An Alley	20
J	"	27
K	"	31
L	"	16.6
M	"	25
N	"	
O	"	
P	Ditto Alley in on Lois	
Q	Meeting house 2d acres	
R	An Alley	26
S	William Ward's Line	
T	Simon Kenton Line	
U	The Route to Limestone	
V	A street by Thos Farman	20
W		
X		
Y		
Z		

By James Kenton -
And Michael Dougherty
Oct 10th 1794

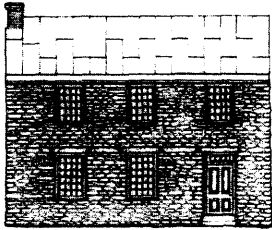


WASHINGTON

Washington Precinct
Scale 30 Rods to an Inch



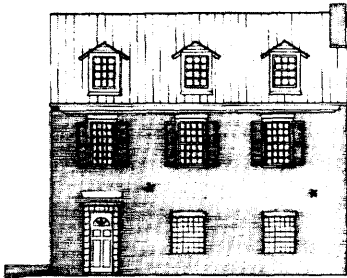
CLARKS RUN		RIKE	P	CATHOLIC CEMETERY
47	46	P. Brown 101 101	P. Johnson 77 72	3
48	45	M. Maguire 102 101 T. Mackey	P. Johnson 77 57	4
49	44	Col. Smith W. Hunter H. Warner 50 50	H. Warner T. Johnson 5 5	5
50	43	H. Warner 50 50	H. Warner 5 5	6
51	42	H. Warner 50 50 Cap. Wells	H. Simpson 5 5	7
52	41	Col. I. Goggins D. P. Goggins C. Collins	H. Simpson 5 5	8
WILLIAMS				
53	40	H. Warner 50 50	H. Simpson 5 5	9
54	39	Mrs. Goggins	H. Simpson 5 5	10
55	38	Bap. Ch.	H. Simpson 5 5	11
56	37	H. Warner 50 50	H. Simpson 5 5	12
57	36	M. Kearney	H. Simpson 5 5	13
YORK				
76	73	H. Warner 50 50	H. Simpson 5 5	14
73	74	CEM	H. Simpson 5 5	15
70	75	H. Warner 50 50	H. Simpson 5 5	16



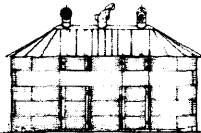
EARLY STONE HOUSE
CA 1800



EARLY ROW HOUSES
CA 1820



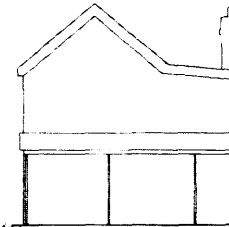
WASHINGTON BRANCH, BANK OF KENTUCKY
1809



CORN CRIB
CA. 1919



WASHINGTON HALL
1825-1845



COMBINATION RESIDENTIAL-COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS
1840-1900

THESE STRUCTURES REPRESENT A CENTURY OF BUILDING STYLES IN WASHINGTON, 1800-1900. THEY ARE PART OF THE WASHINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT, ESTABLISHED IN 1969 AND PLACED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES. THE BUILDINGS ARE LOCATED IN THE CENTER OF THE OLD VILLAGE.

EAST ELEVATION
 0 5 10 15
 FEET 1/8" = 1'-0"
 0 1 2 3 4
 METERS 1:96