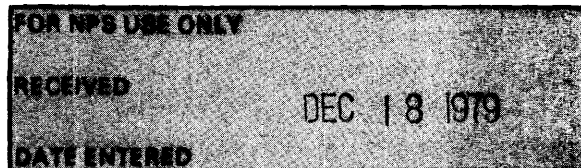


UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

Warren County Multiple Resources Nomination
Warren County, Kentucky

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Smiths Grove District: Wa-34-37

Smiths Grove

Description

Located in the midst of one of the richest agricultural sections of the county, Smiths Grove is presently the county's second largest town. It is 14 miles northeast of Bowling Green on the Nashville line of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. The town's period of greatest growth was between 1859, the year the railroad was completed, and about 1920. The Smiths Grove District (Wa-34-37) consists of four buildings located at the town's main intersection of streets, First and Main Streets. The three adjoining commercial buildings in the district (Wa-34-36) are located on the north side of First Street and face both the L & N Railroad tracks and the informally-planned town square. They illustrate three different building materials (frame, brick and stone) and three different approaches to style in late nineteenth and early twentieth century commercial buildings. The most significant of the three is the former Farmers Bank, a small stone structure with considerable architectural pretensions and one of the few stone structures in the county outside the county seat. The fourth structure in the district is the William H. Cooke House (Wa-37), located on the east side of Main Street behind the three commercial structures. The brick house was based on the popular T-plan form, and its exterior detailing is largely intact. Built in 1885, the Cooke House is perhaps the earliest of the four structures in the district. The central location and generous siting of the house give it a manorial character in terms of its relationship with the surrounding town.

Significance

These four structures form the largest group of contiguous nineteenth and early twentieth century structures in the town. Their location in the historic center of the town and their key visual relationship with the railroad tracks (the reason for the town's existence) gives them a significance beyond their individual architectural or historical significance. Their visual relationship with one another illustrates the sometimes dramatic juxtaposition of commercial and residential structures in small Kentucky towns.

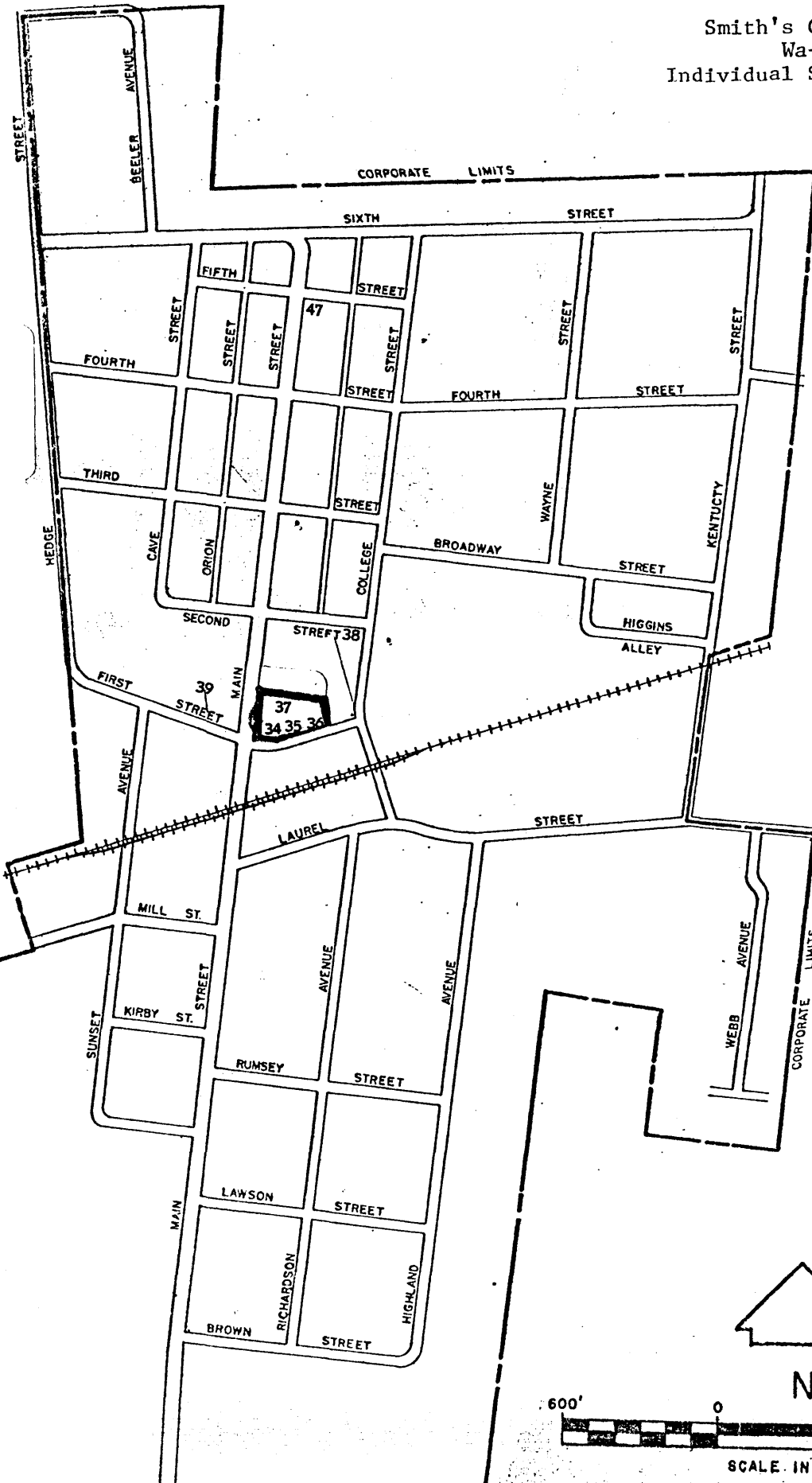
The justification for the boundaries of the Smiths Grove District is that other nineteenth and early twentieth century structures in the town are scattered around this historic center, separated from it by more recent buildings.

Number of buildings: 4
Number of contributing buildings: 4
Number of intrusions: 0

SMITHS GROVE

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Map 1
Smith's Grove District
Wa-34-37
Individual Sites Wa-38, -39, -40



KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Wa-34

1. Historic Name (s)
Original Owner
Present Name

22. ADD/County
BARI V/ WVA
23. Zoning Classification
Magisterial District

3. Owner's Name
James Gulley
4. Owner's Address
Smith's Grove

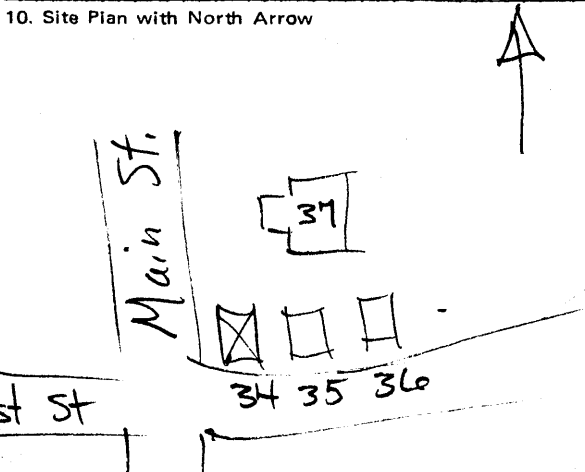
24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75')
Smiths Grove
25. UTM Reference
Zone 116 Easting 572041010 Northing 411007810

5. Location
NE cor Main and First Streets-21 1st St

26. Prehistoric Site
Historic Site Building
Object Structure

6. Open to Public Yes No
7. Visible from road Yes No
8. Ownership Private
Local State Federal

27. District Yes No
Name: Smiths Grove



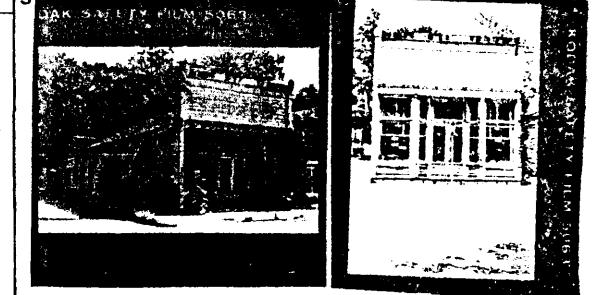
11. Architect
12. Builder
13. Date last 1/4 19th C.
14. Style
15. Original Use drugstore
16. Present Use none
17. Condition Interior Exterior good

28. Significance Evaluation
Ky. Survey
29. Status National Landmark National Register Landmark Certificate Kentucky Survey Local Landmark HABS/HAER

18. Description 1 story commercial - original metal facade (1 story front); faces E. 1st St.; frame construction

30. Theme Primary Commercial
Secondary
Other
31. Endangered Yes No

19. History



Roll No. 18 + 49
Picture No.
Direction

20. Significance Structure with close proximity to other similar interrelated historic structures; strongly contributes to town form.

33. Tape No. Negative No.
34. Prepared by: KTG-JCH

21. Source of Information

35. Organization KHC
36. Date Spring 78
37. Revision Dates 38. Staff Review

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

wa-35

1. Historic Name (s) Farmers Bank **DO NOT**

Original Owner _____

Present Name Farmers Bank*

3. Owner's Name Maxey Harlin

4. Owner's Address Smiths Grove

5. Location 31 ~~Main St.~~ Smiths Grove; E. First St

6. Open to Public Yes No

7. Visible from road Yes No

8. Ownership Private
 Local
 State
 Federal

9. Local Contact/Organization _____

22. ADP/County Barren River/Warren

23. Zoning Classification Magisterial District

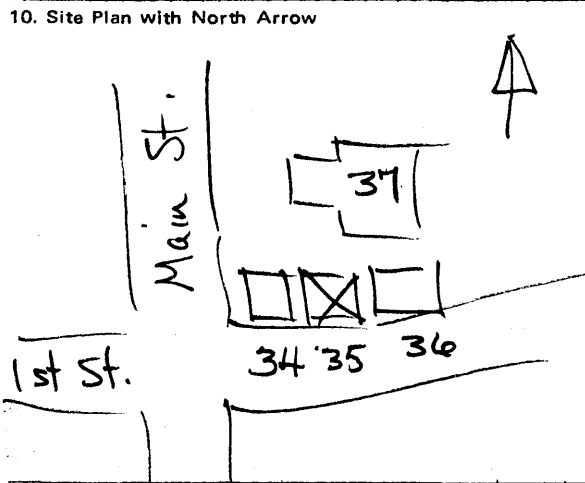
24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75') Smiths Grove

25. UTM Reference 116 570420 41100780

26. Prehistoric Site Historic Site Object Structure Building

27. District Yes No
 Name: Smiths Grove

28. Significance Evaluation NR



11. Architect _____

12. Builder _____

13. Date c. 1890s

14. Style

15. Original Use Commercial/bank

16. Present Use Commercial

17. Condition
 Interior _____
 Exterior excellent

29. Status National Landmark National Register Landmark Certificate Kentucky Survey Local Landmark HABS/HAER

30. Theme Primary Commercial Secondary stone architecture Other _____

31. Endangered Yes No

18. Description One story cut stone commercial building; stepped parapet end wall; corner turrets; bank front intact.



19. History + In the 1800s cut stone was a flourishing business in Warren Co. The oil residue in the stone made it of finer quality.

20. Significance One of the few stone buildings in Co. outside of Bowling Green; close proximity to other similar interrelated historic structures; local variant of a national style; strongly contributes to town form.

Roll No. 18+19

Picture No. _____

Direction _____

33. Tape No. _____ Negative No. _____

34. Prepared by: KTG-JCH

35. Organization KHC

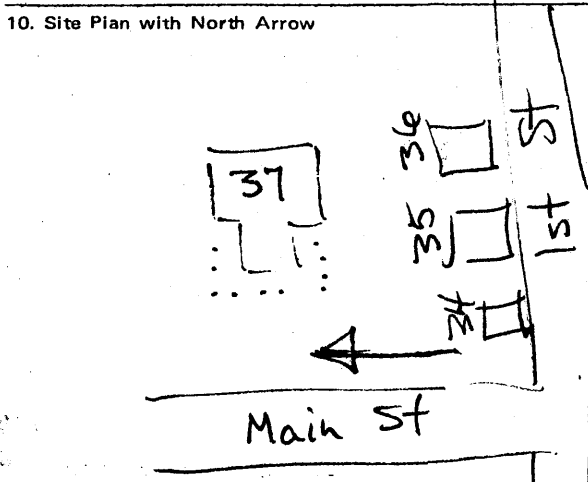
36. Date Spring 1978

37. Revision Dates _____ 38. Staff Review _____

21. Source of Information Stone plaque*
+ Do You Remember When - Citizens National Bank of Bowling Green

1. Historic Name (s) William Cooke House
 Original Owner William H Cooke
 Present Name _____
 3. Owner's Name Max Harlin
 4. Owner's Address Smiths Grove
 5. Location 130 Main St
 6. Open to Public Yes No
 7. Visible from road Yes No
 8. Ownership Private Local State Federal
 9. Local Contact/Organization _____

22. ADD/County BARI V / WA
 23. Zoning Classification Magisterial District
 24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75') Smiths Grove
 25. UTM Reference
 Zone 116 Easting 570420 Northing 4110082
 26. Prehistoric Site Object
 Historic Site Structure
 Building
 27. District Yes No
 Name: Smiths Grove
 28. Significance Evaluation Ky Survey



11. Architect _____
 12. Builder _____
 13. Date 1885 *
 14. Style
 15. Original Use dwelling
 16. Present Use " "
 17. Condition Interior Exterior excellent

29. Status _____ Date _____
 National Landmark
 National Register
 Landmark Certificate
 Kentucky Survey
 Local Landmark
 HABS/HAER
 30. Theme Primary architecture
 Secondary _____
 Other _____
 31. Endangered Yes No

18. Description Modified Pyramidal roofed T plan - stone lintels and sills - recessed door - semi-octagonal projecting bay on gable end - probably original porch

32. ATTACH PHOTO over

19. History *Built by William H Cooke in 1885 - he was a great-nephew of Peyton Cooke (Wa 8) of "Forest Home" after the Cookes - the home was owned by the Richard Beards who used it for an antique shop - later owned by Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Helm - and now by Max Harlin
1877 Beers Atlas - W. H. Cooke

Roll No. 20
 Picture No. _____
 Direction _____

20. Significance close proximity with other similar and interrelated structures; strongly contributes to town form.

33. Tape No. _____ Negative No. _____
 34. Prepared by: KTG-JCH
 35. Organization KHC
 36. Date Spring 78

21. Source of Information *Summers Book

37. Revision Dates _____ 38. Staff Review _____