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Warren County Multiple Resources Nomination Warren County, Kentucky

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Smiths Grove District: Wa-34-37

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.

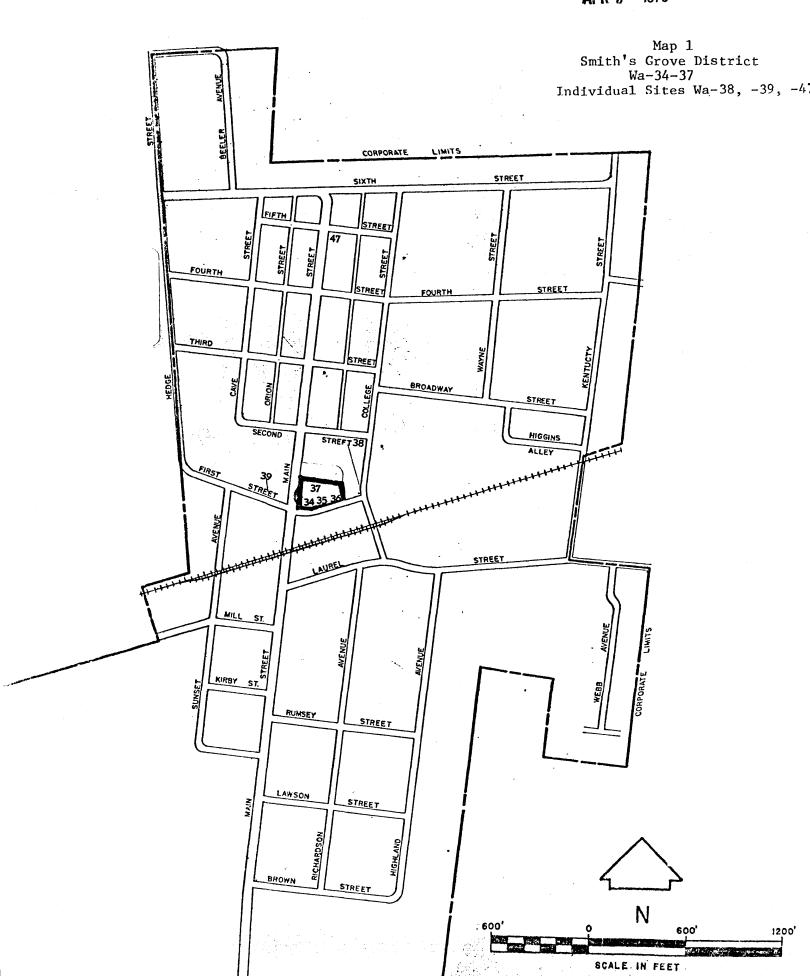
Number of buildings: 4

Number of contributing buildings:

Number of intrusions: 0

SMITHS GROVE

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KENTUCKY	HISTORIC RESOURCES IN	NVENTORY	Wa-34
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Octobral Owner		BARIV	Z M/A
Original Owner Present Name		23. Zoning Classification Magisterial District	#7
		24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/7	75')
3. Owner's Name		Smiths Gr	ove
James Gilley		25, UTM Reference	1 1
4. Owner's Address Smith's Grove		7 1 6 5 7 0 4 0 Zone Easting	
5. Location NE cor Main and First	- Stront a in	26. Prehistoric Site	Object
		Historic Site	Structure
6. Open to Public 7. Visible from road Yes No	8. Ownership Private	Building 27. District (Yes)	No
9. Local Contact/Organization	Local		
	State	Name: Smiths G	Trove
	Federal	28. Significance Evaluation	~
10. Site Pian with North Arrow	11. Architect	By Ky. Sur)ey
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	12. Builder	National Landmark National Register	
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RIMH!	drugstore 16. Present Use	Secondary	VCIAL
-1 st 35 36	none	Other	
st St 34 35 30	17. Condition	31. Endangered	Yes
	Interior		No
18. Description 1 Story Commercia	Exterior 9000	JAK SMILTY PILM SOGT	3
	. 1st St.; frame		
19. History		49	× 18
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20. Significance Structure with close	proximity to other	33. Tape No.	Negative No.
20. Significance Structure with close Similar interrelated historic contributes to town form.	structures; strongly	34. Prepared by:	
contributes to town form.	, 1	KTG-JCH	
		35. Organization	
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		36. Date Spring?	18
21. Source of Information		37. Revision Dates	38. Staff Review
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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INV	VENTORY Wa-35
1. Historic Name (s) Farmers Bank)	Byrren River Warren
Original Owner	23. Zoning Classification
Present Name	Magisterial District
Farmers Bank*	24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75')
3. Owner's Name	Smiths Grove
Maxey Harlin	25, UTM Reference
4. Owner's Address Smiths Grove	
5. Location , 3	26. Prehistoric Site Object
Thomas Smiths Grove: E. First St	Historic Site Structure
6. Open to Public 7. Visible from road 8. Ownership	Building
Yes No Private	27. District (Yes) No
9. Local Contact/Organization Local	Name: Smiths Grove
State	Sm.745 Grove
Federal	28. Significance Evaluation
10. Site Plan with North Arrow 11. Architect	NR
,	29. Status Date
12. Builder	National Landmark
	National Register
13. Date C. 1890s	Landmark Certificate
C. 18105	Kentucky Survey
14. Style	Local Landmark
8	HABS/HAER
	Primary COMMeycod
Commercial bank 16. Present Use	
1st St. 34'35 36 Commercial	Other
17. Condition	31. Endangered Yes
Interior	No ★
Exterior excellent	32m 5063
18. Description One Story Cut Stone Commercial	
7 - 018.1 00-1 010.10	
milding; stepped parapet end wall; corner	
turrets; bank front intact,	
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19. History + In the 18003 Cutstone was a flourishing usiness in warren Co. He oil residue in the stone rade it of finer quality	
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20 significance One of the sew Stone buildings in Co. out-	33. Tape No. Negative No. 34. Prepared by:
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of similar interrelated historic structures	KTG-JCH
local variant of a national style; strongly	35. Organization
20. significance One of the sew Stone buildings in Co. out- side of Bowling Green; close proximity to other similar interrelated historic structures; local variant of a national style; strongly contributes to town form.	KHC
	36. Date Soving 1978
21. Source of Information Stone plaque *	37. Revision Dates 38. Staff Review
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KENTUCKY HISTORI	C RESOURCES INVENTORY Wa- 36
1. Historic Name (s)	Barren River, Wa
Original Owner	23. Zoning Classification
Present Name	Magisterial District
3. Owner's Name	24. U.S.G. S. Quahrant (15'/75')
Carrie Lee Jordan	25, UTM, Reference
4. Owner's Address	116 51710141410 411101018101
Smiths, Grove	Zone Easting Northing
5. Location	26. Prehistoric Site Object
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6. Open to Public 7. Visible from road 8. Owr	
9. Local Contact/Organization Local	
State	Name: Smiths Grove
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10. Site Plan with North Arrow 11. Architect	Ky. Survey
√	29. Status Date
12. Builder	National Landmark
13. Date ,	National Register
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	Local Landmark
7	HABS/HAER
14. Style	
Colume	
1st St 134 35 30 16. Present Us	
17. Condition	<u> </u>
Interior	₩ (No)
Exterior 9 00	od altered SAFETY FILM 5063
18. Description 2 - story brick and stou	e wooden
cornice; altered Storefront,	
	To the same of the
19. History	
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	Roll No.
	Direction
20. Significance close proximity to other si	milar inter- 33. Tape No. Negative No.
20. significance close proximity to other six related structures; strongly contribuous form,	butes to 34. Prepared by:
town form,	KTG-JCH
	35. Organization
	KHC
	36 Date 50ring 1978
21. Source of Information	37. Revision Dates 38. Staff Review

RENTUCKT HISTORIC RESOURCES IN	Wa- 37
1. Historic Name (s) William Cooke House	22. ADD/County BARIV/WA
Original Owner William H Cooke Present Name	23. Zoning Classification Magisterial District 24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75')
3. Owner's Name Max Harlin	5muths Crosc 25, UTM, Reference
4. Owner's Address Smiths Grave	116 5/10/4/20 4/10/08/21
5. Location	Zone Easting Northing 26. Prehistoric Site Object
6. Open to Public 7. Visible from road 8. Ownership	Historic Site Structure Building
Yes (No) (Yes) No Private 9. Local Contact/Organization State	Name: Smiths Grove
10. Site Plan with North Arrow 11. Architect	28. Significance Evaluation Survey
12. Builder	29. Status 1 Date
137 M 13. Date 1885 *	Landmark Certificate Kentucky Survey
14. Style	Local Landmark HABS/HÄER
15. Original Use dwelling	30. Theme Primary architecture
16. Present Use	Other 31. Endangered Yes
Main St 17. Condition Interior Exterior excellent	No No
18. Description Modified Pyramidal roofed Tplan- Stone lintels and sitts - recessed door - semi- octagonal projecting boy on gable end - probably	ATTACH PHOTO
original porch	OVET
19 History & B It h. It I lilliam H Cooke In 1885 - he	
was a great-nepter of Peyton Cooke (Wats) of	
by the Richard Beard's who used it for an antique	
19. History & Built by William H Cooke in 1885-he was a great-nephew of Peyton Cooke (Walts) of Forest Home " after the Cookes - the home was owned by the Richard Beards who used it for an antique 5hop - hater owned by Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Helm-and how by Max Harlin	Roli No. Picture No.
1877 Beers Atlas - W. H. Cooke	Direction
1877 Beers Atlas - W. H. Cooke 20. Significance close proximity with other similar and interrelated structures; strongly contributes to town form.	33. Tape No. Negative No. 34. Prepared by: CTG -JCH
	35. Organization
21. Source of Information *Sumpters Book	36. Date Spring 18 37. Revision Dates 38. Staff Review
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