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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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1 NAME

HISTORIC

Thomas Kennedy House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

SE of Paris on

STREET & NUMBER

Paris-Winchester Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN

Paris me

VICINITY OF

6

STATE

Kentucky

CODE

021

COUNTY

Bourbon

CODE

017

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

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- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
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QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

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STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Lavinia DeNood

GM

ORGANIZATION

Historic Interiors

DATE

April 1980

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

TELEPHONE

(413) 268-7230

CITY OR TOWN

Haydenville

STATE

Massachusetts 01039

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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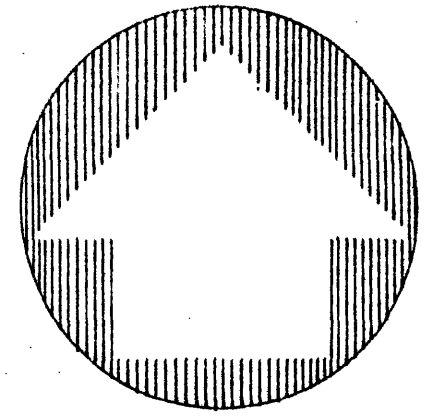
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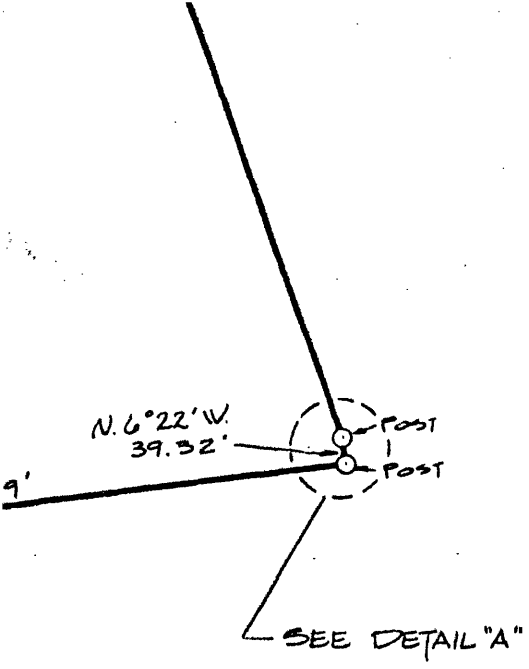
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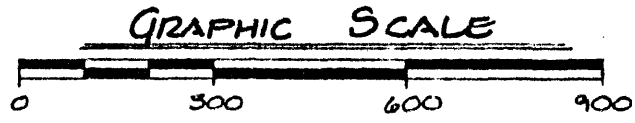
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Kentucky MAP #2
Nominated site shown in red



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Survey of the
Landon T. & Harris Clay
Farm
Reynolds Engineering Inc.
1440 Forbes Road, Lexington, Kentucky



DRAWN BY: T.O.B. DATE: MARCH '80
CHECKED BY: J.D.S. SCALE: 1"=300'

PROPERTY LINE

FENCE POST
(IRON PIPE REFERENCED
IN DEED BUT NOT FOUND)

SPIKE & IRON PIN (FOUND
BUT NOT REFERENCED
IN DEED: THEREFORE
NOT USED)

DETAIL "A"

1" = 10'

N. 82° 02' E. 1320.51'

FENCE POSTS

N. 20° 02' E. 247.45'

N. 6° 22' W. 39.32'

ROD

PARIS - WINCHESTER ROAD

S. 35° 38' E. 457.26'

ENTRANCE

S. 34° 54' E. 441.88'

STONE RESIDENCE

AREA CEMENTARY
P.D. 9.040 ACRES.

WINE SPIKE (SET)

N. 82° 28' E. 575.89'

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RUDOLPH BURLEY CLAY
(FORMERLY CASSIUS M. CLAY EST.)

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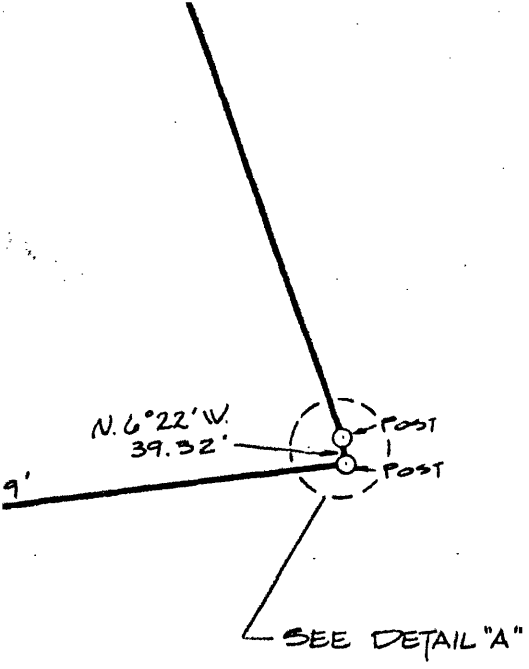
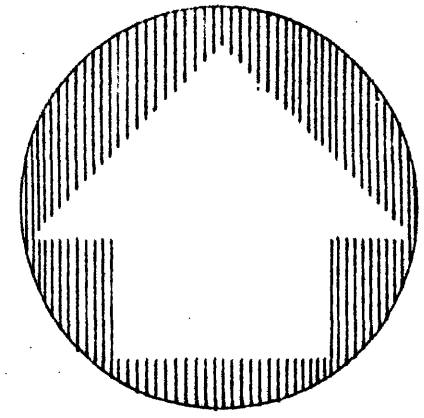
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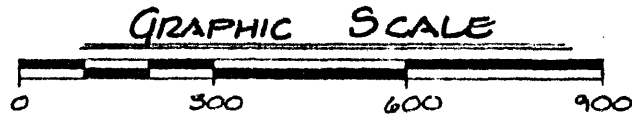
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running along the E side of U.S. 627 to the point of beginning.

Thomas Kennedy House
Bourbon County
Kentucky MAP #2
Nominated site shown in red



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CHECKED BY: J.D.S. SCALE: 1"=300'

PROPERTY LINE

FENCE POST
(IRON PIPE REFERENCED
IN DEED BUT NOT FOUND)

SPIKE & IRON PIN (FOUND
BUT NOT REFERENCED
IN DEED: THEREFORE
NOT USED)

DETAIL "A"

1" = 10'

N. 82° 02' E. 1320.57'

FENCE POSTS

N. 20° 02' E. 247.45'

FENCE POST

N. 6° 22' E. 39.32'

PARIS - WINCHESTER ROAD

S. 35° 38' E. 457.26'

PARIS - WINCHESTER ROAD

S. 34° 54' E. 441.88'

AREA CEMENTARY
P.D. 9.040 ACRES.

STONE RESIDENCE

WINE SPIKE (SET)

N. 82° 28' E. 575.89'

N. 82° 02' E. 1320.57'

RUDOLPH BURLEY CLAY
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