

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # Be-274
Boone County

<p>1. Name of Resource: <u>Lassing, Morris, House</u></p> <p>2. Original Owner: <u>Morris Lassing</u></p> <p>3. Other Names: <u>Elm Tree Place</u></p> <p>4. Prehistoric Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Site Structure Other</p> <p>5. Location: <u>10515 Hwy 42</u> <u>Union, KY</u></p> <p>6. Owner's Name: <u>Stuart & Sara Ferguson</u> []</p> <p>7. Owner's Address: <u>10515 Hwy 42</u> <u>Union, KY</u></p> <p>8. Evaluation: National Register []</p> <p>9. Recognition & Date: Nat.Landmark _____ Local Landmark _____ Nat.Register _____ HABS/HAER _____ Highway Marker _____ KY Inventory <u>1977</u> KY Landmark Certificate _____</p> <p>10. N.R.Status & Date:</p> <p>11. N.R.Group: District Name: [] Mult.Resource Area: <u>Boone County</u> [] Thematic Name: []</p> <p>12. Historical Theme: Primary: Architecture [] Secondary: Agriculture [] Other: []</p> <p>13. Statement of Significance: This property is significant under criterion C as a good example of the dogtrot form, significant to Boone County in the period 1800-1850. It is notable for its juxtaposition of mid-19th century taste (Federal and Greek Revival) and mid-20th century design (the two end wings), extending the period of significance []</p> <p>14. History: <u>to 1940. (Continued)</u></p> <p>From John Hamilton of Buckingham Co., VA, 110 a. passed to MORRIS LASSING (1800-1867), from Bavaria, and his wife, Martha Hamilton Lassing (married 1826). Martha Lassing is the owner shown in the 1883 atlas. The property was purchased (c. 1914) by Charles Philip Baker after Therese Lassing's death (granddaughter of Martha). Tenants lived in the house until Walter & Shirley (granddaughter of Charles Philip Baker) Ferguson moved into the house in 1928. The current owner is their grandson.</p> <p>15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: <u>Perrin, Biographical Sketches</u> research in possession of owner</p>	<p>16. Date: <u>Original Building 1820s</u> [] <u>Addition mid-19th c./mid-20th c.</u> []</p> <p>17. Style: <u>Federal</u> [] <u>Greek Revival</u> []</p> <p>18. Architect/Builder: <u>unknown</u></p> <p>19. No. of Stories: <u>two</u> []</p> <p>20. Original Floor Plan: <u>central passage (dogtrot log form)</u> []</p> <p>21. Single Pile <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Double Pile <u>N.A.</u></p> <p>22. Roof Form & Material: <u>Original</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>gable/asphalt shingle</u> Not Original</p> <p>23. Structural Material: <u>log/wood frame</u> []</p> <p>24. Exterior Material: <u>weatherboarding</u> []</p> <p>25. Foundation Material: []</p> <p>26. Major Alterations: <u>None</u> <u>Moved/Rebuilt</u> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Additions</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>27. Special Features: <u>none</u></p> <p>28. Outbuildings: <u>six</u> []</p> <p>29. Original Function: <u>farm dwelling</u> []</p> <p>30. Present Use: <u>farm dwelling</u> []</p> <p>31. Condition: <u>excellent</u> []</p> <p>32. Endangered: Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>33. Attach Photos: Roll: <u>10</u> Photo Nos:<u>16-32</u> No. of Slides:</p> <p>34. Prepared by: <u>Kenneth T. Gibbs</u></p> <p>35. Organization:<u>Boone Co. Hist. Pres. Rev. Brd.</u></p> <p>36. Date: <u>September 1986</u></p> <p>37. New Survey _____ Resurvey <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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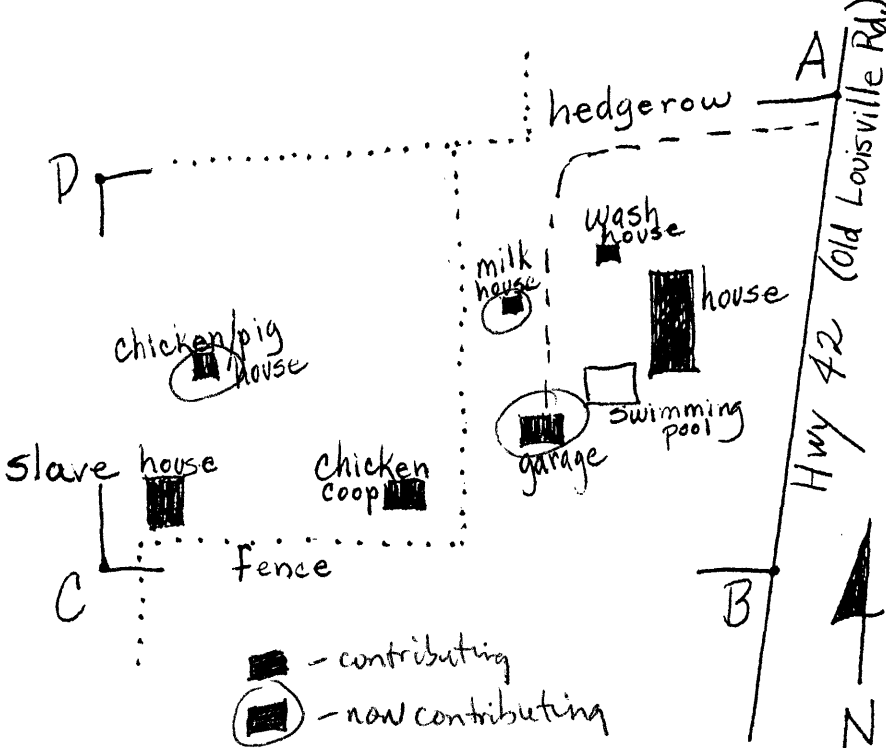
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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. []
 Quadrant: Union 16 701380 4311120 40. Coordi. Accuracy []

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

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

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 16.04 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: 2
 44. Site Plan (and boundary description and justification for N.R. sites):



Beginning at a point on the west side of Hwy 42 and 10' north of the driveway, proceed southwest along Hwy 42 (B). Then proceed 350' west (C), turning north for 200' (D). Then proceed east northeast 400' to the point of origin (A). The boundary includes the built environment and sufficient acreage to provide a setting.

Contributing: 7 buildings
 Noncontributing: 1 structure (swimming pool)

45. Description and House Plan:

The original house, which faces east, is a dogtrot form log structure, perhaps built in two stages. The north pen is finished inside with Federal woodwork, the south pen with Greek Revival woodwork, including hoods, or drip moldings, and the central passage is a mix of the two (the staircase is square, open-well of simple design). The walls enclosing the central passage are of log construction. During the 1840s or 1850s, the height of the house was raised from 1½ stories to a full two stories with frame construction, a frame ell was erected, and the Greek Revival detail was added, including the front entry, consisting of a 4-panel door flanked by detached Greek Doric fluted columns and sidelights and a transom divided into three parts by fluted blocks. The frame that surrounds the doorway, consisting of pilasters, fluted blocks and a cornice, was added when the one-story Greek Revival porch was removed c. 1950. The windows are 6/6 double-hung sash, and the cornice is ornamented with brackets across the front and gable-ends and with modillions across the back. Both brick chimneys are located in the interior of the end walls.

During a remodelling beginning in the late 1940s, the two one-story wings were added, giving the house a three-part form, and the 1½ story ell was replaced with a slightly taller ell. The key elements marking these mid-20th century additions, distinguishing them from the 19th century section of the house, are the change in window proportions, the flush gable-ends, the simple cornices, the de-emphasized foundations, the design of the open porch making up the south wing, and the design of the exterior chimney in the gable-end of the ell.

The main barn on the farm, built as a dairy barn, was located at the end of the entrance
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lane until it burned. The original frame smokehouse and an early 20th century privy have also burned, since the accompanying photographs were taken. The remaining outbuildings include a wash house, milk house, chicken coop, pig house, slave house and garage.

The contemporary wash house (brick common bond, 1-room plan, gabled with asphalt shingles, fieldstone foundation, decorative pierced bargeboards, 6/6 double-hung sash window on east, off-center door in south gable-end) was equipped with a root cellar under the floor.

The 2-car garage (frame, weatherboard, gabled with asphalt shingles, overhead doors) was built in the mid-20th century.

The milk house (concrete block, side-gabled with asphalt shingle roofing) was built c. 1943.

The chicken coop (board & batten, gabled roof, overhanging and sheltering the gable-end entry on the east) was built in the late 19th century.

The chicken house/pig house (concrete block, shed roof, asphalt shingles) has an open entry in the east wall and was built c. 1945.

The slave house, a rectangular, single-pen log house (exterior end chimney of stone and brick, door and window on the east, no openings on the west or south, collapsed wall on the north) was built at about the same time as the house and is in deteriorated condition.

All outbuildings contribute to the integrity of the property because they illustrate the specialized uses of outbuildings in Boone County in this period and the necessity of replacing outbuildings over time.

13. Statement of Significance

The property is also significant under criterion A as a good example of a large farm in Boone County, in the period 1820-1938.

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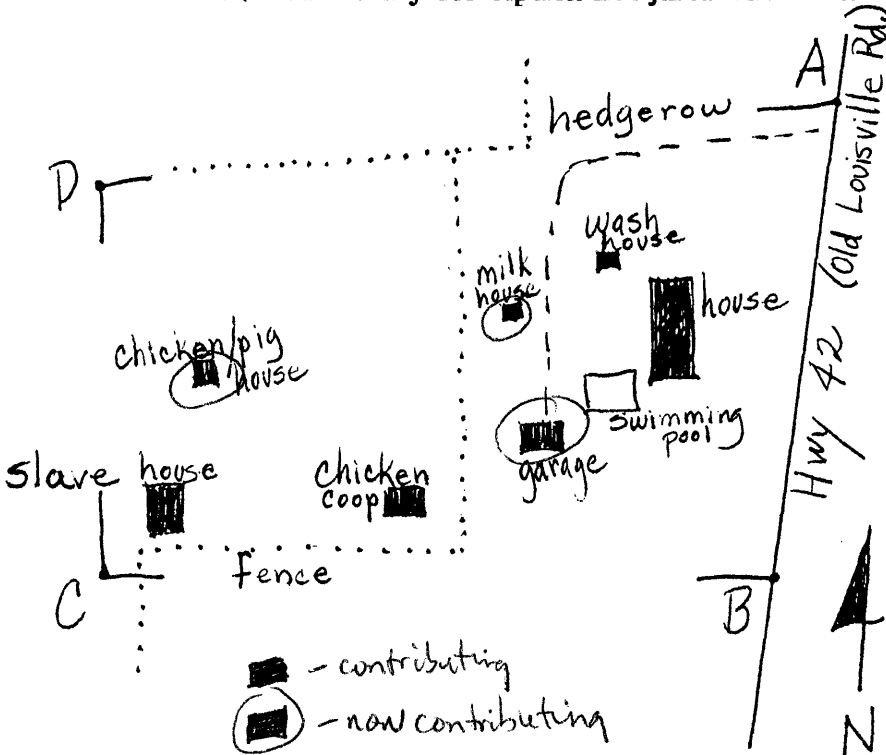
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