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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Stoney Castle

AND/OR COMMON

Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

W of Berry
Lafferty Pike (Ky 1054)

__ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Berry

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Kentucky

CODE

021

COUNTY

Harrison

CODE

097 ✓

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

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

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

John Caldwell ✓

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 55

CITY, TOWN

Berry

VICINITY OF

STATE

Kentucky

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harrison County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

100 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Cynthiana

STATE

Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky

DATE

1971

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Stoney Castle rests on a low rise above Lafferty Pike (KY 1054) in northern Harrison County, one mile west of the town of Berry. Facing westward, the two and one-half story stone structure overlooks the gently rolling farmland which characterizes the area.

Constructed in 1807, this block-like dwelling is five bays wide with a one-story wing on the rear. The facade is arranged asymmetrically with the door being situated to the right of center, thereby causing the windows to be unevenly spaced (see photo 1). This scheme affected the interior space by facilitating the creation of two rooms of generally equal size.

Original six-over-six pane windows remain visible on the rear but have been altered to two-over-two on the front. The cellar and first floor bays are capped by flat arches, and the keystone above the front door reveals the builder's initials and date of construction. The deep door jamb is paneled and the door itself is surmounted by a transom in which the original panes have been replaced with stained glass dating from ca. 1900, when it would appear alterations were made inside. Construction on the rear wing was also completed at this time.

The gabled roof is adorned with a simple cornice. The corbeled chimneys are set flush with the outside wall and are flanked by small, square gable windows.

The two-room ell, extending from the east side of the main house, was constructed in 1902 for use as a kitchen and service area. This date and the builder's initials, TWS, are inscribed in the keystone above the east gable end window. A small, brick chimney rises from the center of this addition. Running along the north side of the wing is a porch with shed roof supported by four turned posts (see photo 2). A similar shed-roofed porch has been added to the rear of the main house and abuts the ell.

The interior appears to have been based originally on the hall and parlor plan with the south room being slightly larger and containing the entrance. Enclosed stairs with winders in the southeast corner of each room led to the corresponding second floor rooms which do not connect with each other (see photo 3). The difference in the thickness of the interior walls would seem to indicate that the partition just to the right of the front entrance was added to create the narrow central hall from the larger parlor. In addition, a second narrow hall, running north-south behind this south room, was formed and this hall now contains the corner stairs (see plan).

Woodwork varies, thereby reflecting the evolution of styles and tastes. The south parlor retains a Greek Revival mantel (see photo 4) while the treatment of the doorway with the stained glass transom reveals the turn-of-the-century alterations. Door frames in the north room have simple, rounded moldings, yet a Victorian mantle adorns the fireplace. In the rear wing, narrow molding around doors and windows embodying concentric circle corner blocks as well as the stained glass transoms are indicative of the 1902 construction date of this section. The upstairs rooms display a similar variety of styles.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
___PREHISTORIC	___ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	___COMMUNITY PLANNING	___LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	___RELIGION
___1400-1499	___ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	___CONSERVATION	___LAW	___SCIENCE
___1500-1599	___AGRICULTURE	___ECONOMICS	___LITERATURE	___SCULPTURE
___1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	___EDUCATION	___MILITARY	___SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
___1700-1799	___ART	___ENGINEERING	___MUSIC	___THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	___COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	___PHILOSOPHY	___TRANSPORTATION
___1900-	___COMMUNICATIONS	___INDUSTRY	___POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	___OTHER (SPECIFY)
		___INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1807

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

John Smith

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Situated on a rise overlooking the rolling farmland of rural Harrison County stands Stoney Castle, constructed by John Smith, one of the earliest settlers in the county, in 1807. Stoney Castle is one of six extant stone houses documented in Harrison County. Overall, the dwelling appears to be one of the best preserved of these half dozen known remaining structures. As such, the simple two and one-half story, block-like residence with its one-story addition effectively represents the tradition of stone building brought to Kentucky in the 1780s by Scotch-Irish immigrants from Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia.

At the early age of sixteen John Smith came with his father Charles to what was then Fincastle County, Virginia, in 1775 from Orange County, Virginia, and built a log house on the South Licking at the mouth of Raven Creek (Perrin, History of Bourbon, Scott, Harrison, and Nicholas Counties, Kentucky, p. 317).

In 1784 Charles Smith was given a 500 acre land grant for his services to the Revolutionary Army. During the war Smith had provided 1325 pounds of beef to the army (Wilson, "This Old House," p. 3).

In 1785 Charles Smith purchased 1,500 additional acres which adjoined his property with payment being made in maple sugar. It was on this adjoining land that John Smith built Stoney Castle in 1807. The house was located on the road used as the stage coach route from Cincinnati to Lexington (Ibid., p. 3).

By the time Smith built his house, his land had been a part of Fincastle, Kentucky, Fayette, Bourbon, and Harrison Counties.

In 1829 John Smith was appointed Postmaster of the Mouth of Raven Creek Post Office, the first post office between Lexington and Covington. The post office was located in a front room of Smith's house. Smith served in this capacity for two years, and in 1831 was succeeded by his son Nathan who also served for two years (Ibid., p. 3).

During the Civil War General John Hunt Morgan and his men camped on the grounds of Stoney Castle for several days following the second Battle of Cynthiana (Ibid., p. 3). According to family tradition Morgan and his officers dined in the Smith House while the troops were fed on the grounds.

Stoney Castle remained in the possession of the Smith family for approximately 150 years. The house is presently owned by John Milton Caldwell of Berry, Kentucky and continues its original function as a residence.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approximately 50 acres

UTM REFERENCES - See Lat. + Long.

(See Continuation Sheet)

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated area includes approximately 50 acres bounded on the west by KY 1054, on the south by Raven Creek, and on the east by the tributary of Raven Creek. The boundary line starts at point E (on U.S.G.S. map) on the east side of Ky 1054 where the tributary of Raven Creek crosses Ky 1054, approximately 375 feet south of Ky 1032. The line proceeds south along the east side of Ky. 1054 for approximately 2500 feet to point C where Raven Creek intersects Ky 1054. From this point, the

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Gus Johnson, Historian; Charlotte Schneider, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Kentucky Heritage Commission

DATE

April, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

104 Bridge Street

TELEPHONE

(502) 564-3741

CITY OR TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Cedric W. Yelton

TITLE

DATE

5/19/78

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

[Signature]

DATE

12/12/78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

AGENT IN CHARGE

NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST Bill Lebowich
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

Nov 28, 1978

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The nominated acreage was determined on the basis of its historical and visual qualities. Although none of the original outbuildings remain, there are several such structures of more recent construction which have been erected to the northeast side of the house. These new buildings represent the continuing growth and progress of the property which has always served as a working farm. Overall, the surrounding area would appear to have lost little of its original agrarian character. Raven Creek and its tributary form natural boundaries, encircling the house on three sides. Within this given area the land rises gently to the knoll upon which Stoney Castle rests, commanding a view of the surrounding countryside for some distance. KY 1054, the western boundary, closely follows the path of the old stage route from Cincinnati to Lexington for which Stoney Castle served as a post stop.

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Additional information provided by Anna Myers Ross McKee. Route 1, Cynthiana, Kentucky. Mrs. McKee is a descendant of Charles Smith, and possesses the original land grant and letters of appointment as postmaster of Mouth of Raven Creek Post Office.

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line turns northeast following the north bank of Raven Creek for approximately 800 feet to point B where it turns north following the west bank of the tributary of Raven Creek for approximately 1400 feet to point A. The line then turns northwest, continuing along the west bank of the tributary for approximately 1000 feet and returns to point E where the tributary intersects with Ky. 1054.

A) $84^{\circ} 24' 0''$
 $38^{\circ} 31' 8''$

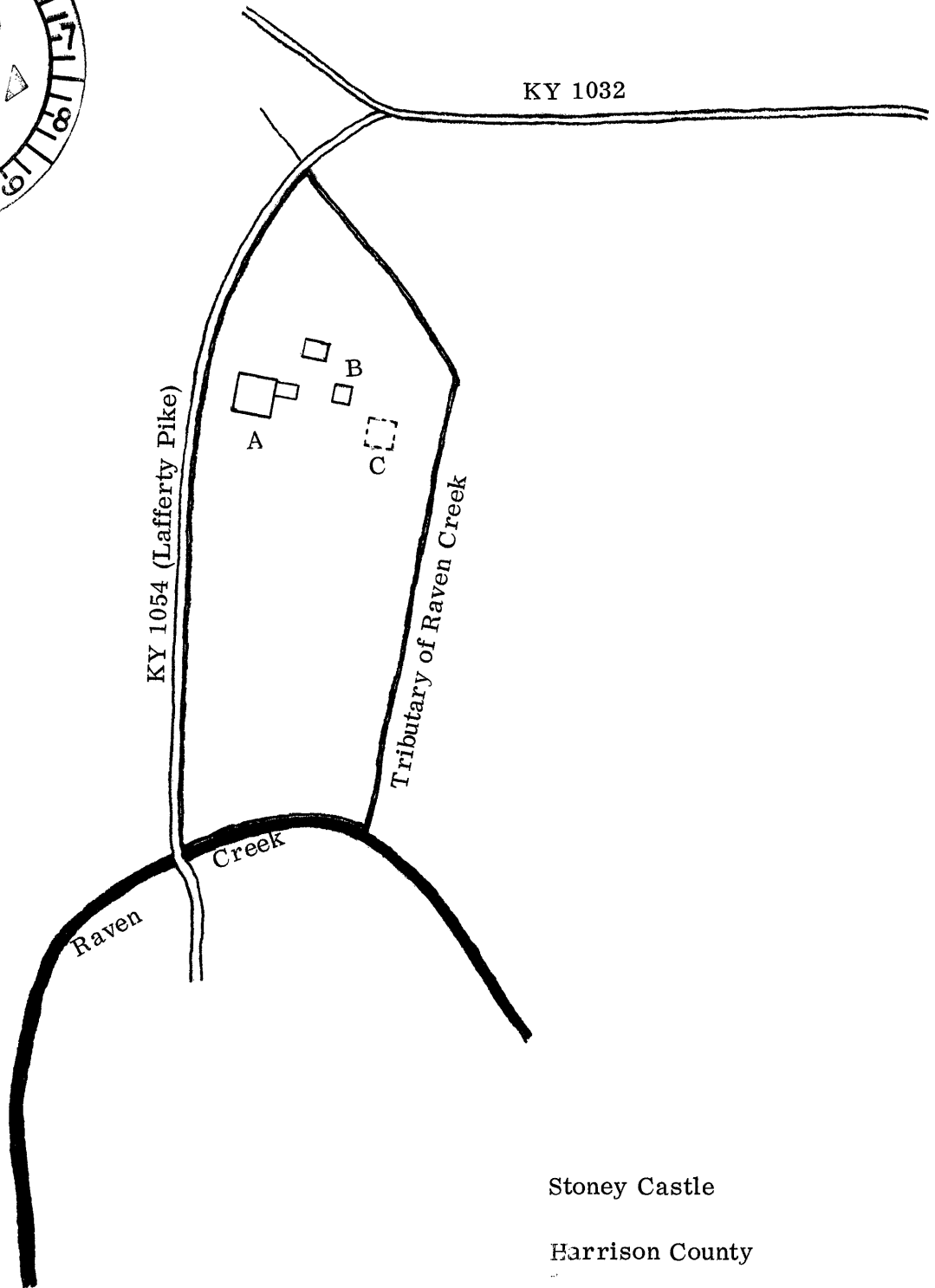
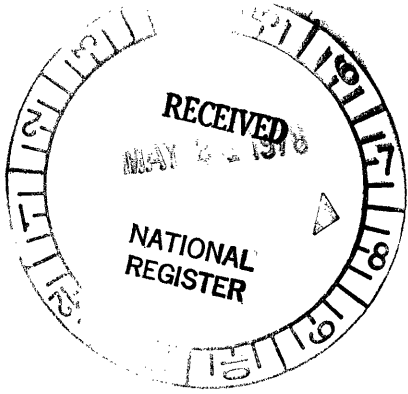
E) $84^{\circ} 24' 10''$
 $38^{\circ} 31' 16''$

✓ B) $84^{\circ} 24' 56.06''$
 $38^{\circ} 30' 54.38''$

C) $84^{\circ} 24' 15.5''$
 $38^{\circ} 30' 51.25''$

D) $84^{\circ} 24' 13.9''$
 $38^{\circ} 31' 11.25''$

(No U.S.G.S. Map with UTM ticks is available for Berry Quadrangle.)



Stoney Castle

Harrison County

A - Residence

B - Outbuildings

C - Graveyard

No scale

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Harrison County
Kentucky

Charlotte Schneider
Kentucky Heritage Commission
Frankfort, Kentucky
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Site location map **2**
Nominated area outlined in red
No Scale

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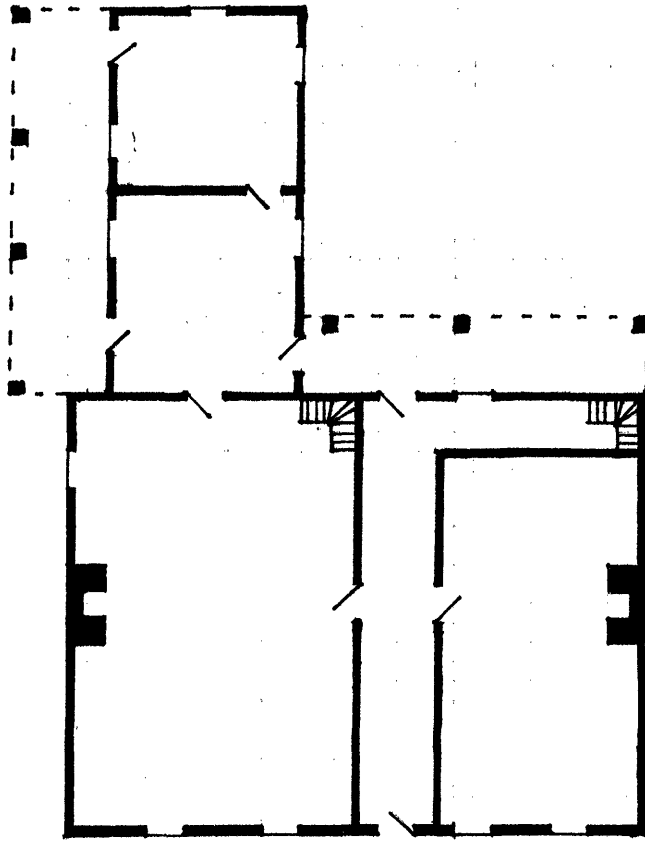
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Map 3.

House plan
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Not to scale.