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Name of multiple property listing (if applicable)

SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 100002158


Date Listed: 3/5/2018

Property Name: Durrett, Richard, House

County: Mason

State: KY

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.



Signature of the Keeper
For

3-5-2018

Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Section 8: Significant Dates

1824 is hereby deleted as a significant date. The POS for the property is the date of construction of the house; there cannot be significant dates outside of the period of significance.

The Kentucky State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment.

DISTRIBUTION: National Register property file/Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form



1. Name of Property

historic name Durrett, Richard, House
other names/site number Kenton Ash Farm MS-403 (Redundant Site Number: MS-476)
Related Multiple Property NA

2. Location

street & number 804 Clarks Run Road
city or town Maysville
state Kentucky code KY county Mason code 161 zip code 41056

NA	not for publication
NA	vicinity

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,
I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:
 national statewide local
Applicable National Register Criteria:
 A B C D
Signature of certifying official Craig Potts Title Craig Potts/SHPO Date 1-17-18
Kentucky Heritage Council/State Historic Preservation Office
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.
Signature of commenting official _____ Date _____
Title _____ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register determined eligible for the National Register
 determined not eligible for the National Register removed from the National Register
other (explain): _____
Signature of the Keeper [Signature] Date of Action 3-5-2018

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property
 (Check as many boxes as apply.)

Category of Property
 (Check only **one** box.)

Number of Resources within Property
 (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	private
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - Local
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - State
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - Federal

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	building(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	district
<input type="checkbox"/>	site
<input type="checkbox"/>	structure
<input type="checkbox"/>	object

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	5	buildings
		district
1	1	site
	1	structure
		object
2	7	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
 (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
 (Enter categories from instructions.)

Domestic/Single Dwelling
 Funerary

Current Functions
 (Enter categories from instructions.)

Domestic/Single Dwelling
 Cemetery

7. Description

Architectural Classification
 (Enter categories from instructions.)

Early Republic/Federal

Materials
 (Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: Limestone
 walls: Brick
 roof: Metal, Standing Seam
 other:
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Narrative Description

Summary Paragraph

This Federal style house (MS-403), built for Richard Durrett (1751-1824) in about 1801, appears to have been designed to include both Durrett's office and the family living quarters within the body of the structure (Photos 1 & 2.) The two-and-a-half-story 6-bay double-pile house, with a Flemish bond front façade, has the unusual floor plan of two front doors leading directly into the two front rooms with no center hall. The setting is remarkably intact; the house sits on high ground in the middle of most of its original 410-acre tract, still surrounded by fields. The approach is back a half-mile long lane, which sweeps south around the high ground before turning back towards the presentation side of the house. The dwelling faces towards the town of Washington, less than a mile to the east, and was built without regard to the road system. The nominated resource is being interpreted for its architectural values. The area proposed for listing is 10.217 acres, in which there are two contributing and seven non-contributing resources.



Richard Durrett House location

Latitude: 38.622032° Longitude: -83.826161°

History of Property Ownership and Character of the Property

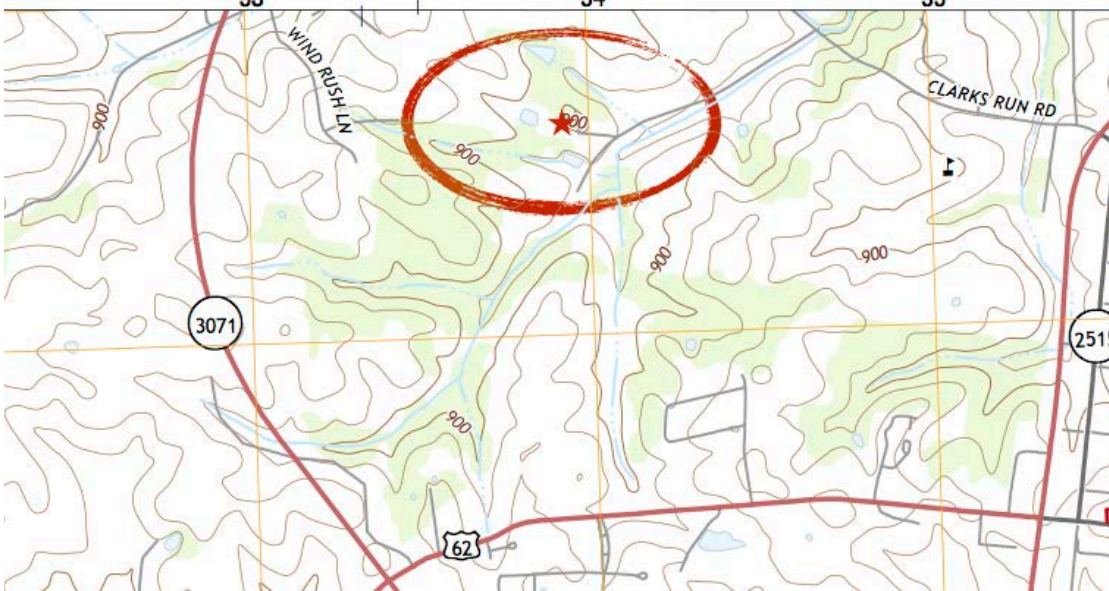
Durrett's descendants continued to run the family farm, also known as Kenton Ash Farm, with ever-increasing difficulty until the early 1960s when it was sold out of the family. Agricultural and domestic buildings dating to the late-19th and early-20th century survive but apart from the house itself no structures remain from Richard Durrett's occupation in the early-19th century. The Barn, Corn Crib, Stone Smokehouse and Stone Wash House/Shop, Cistern and Pond were all built during the Durrett Family's tenure; the Log Building was moved to the site in the late-1980s.

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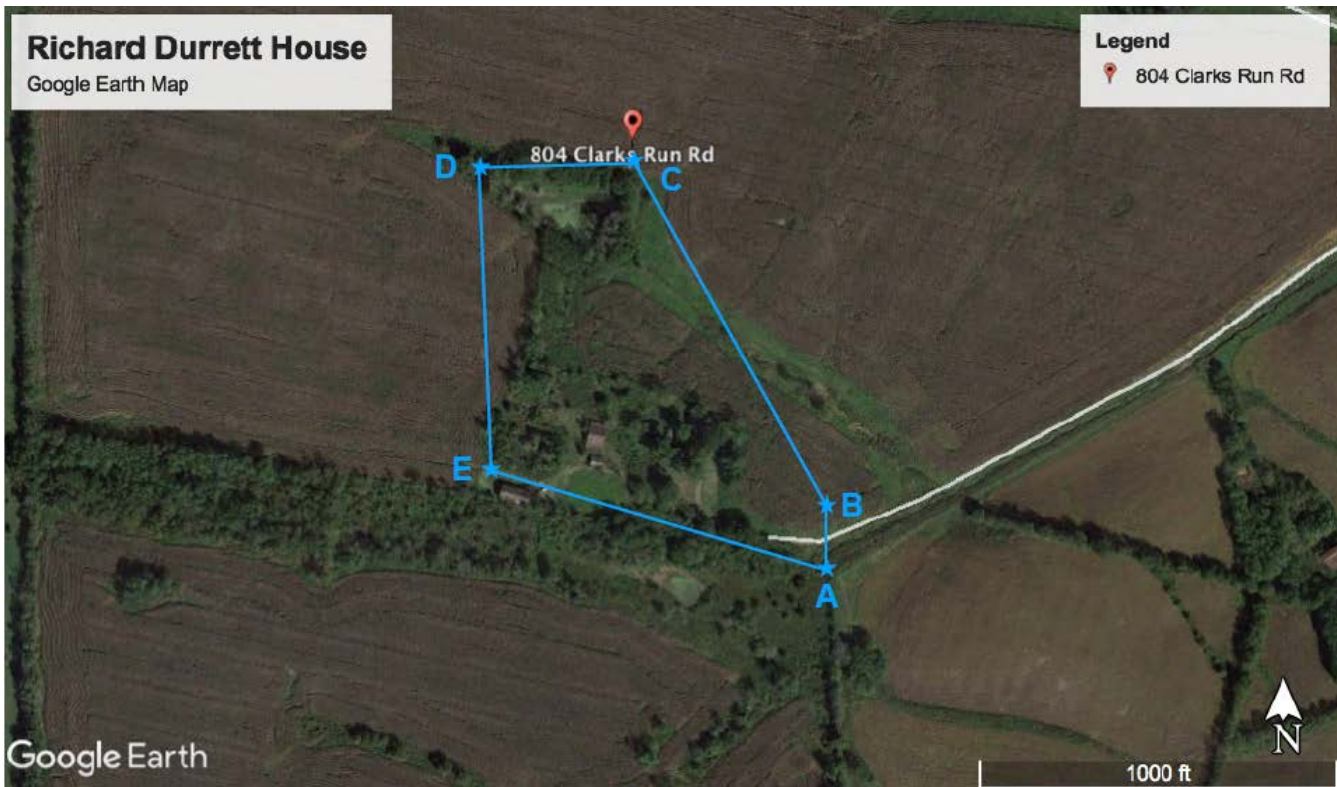
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Topographic quad map of site



Map enclosing site with Latitude/Longitude values for vertices. See page 21 for coordinate values.

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Description of Built Resources

Richard Durrett House, Contributing building

Exterior

Located on a gentle rise facing east, the two-story brick-bearing-wall double-pile house is distinguished by its symmetrical six-bay front elevation, paired front entrances, and massive double end chimneys. The house rests on a random ashlar limestone foundation and has a full basement with small rectangular openings. The front (east) and rear (west) elevations have raised quarter-round molded brick water tables and 4-course molded brick cornices. Flemish bond brickwork characterizes the front elevation while the side and rear elevations are laid in common bond (Photos 3, 4 & 5.) An unusual feature of the common bonding pattern is rather than employ the customary six or seven stretcher courses between the header courses, the builder of the Durrett House substituted four stretcher courses.



Photo 4: Corbelled cornice



Photo 5: Flemish Bond brickwork

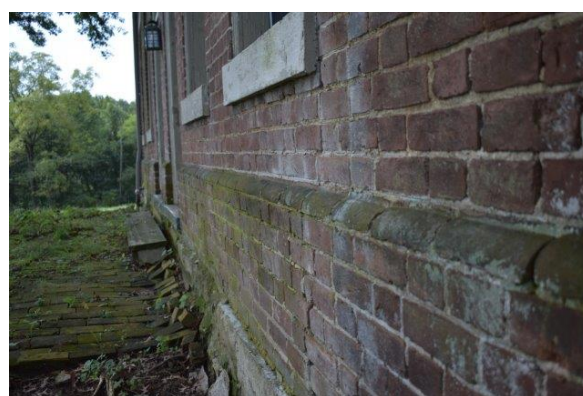
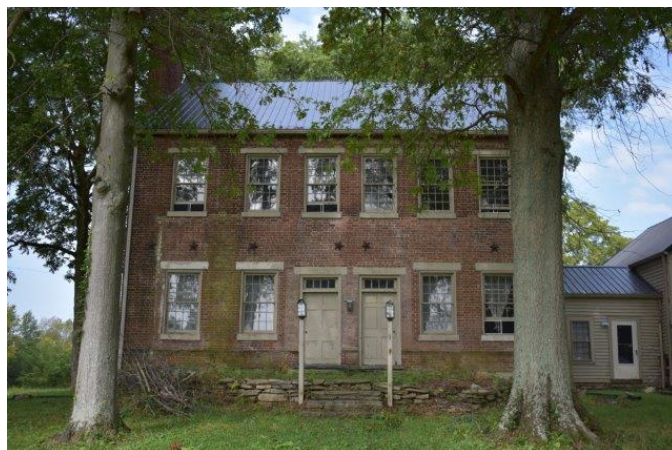


Photo 3: Watertable

A character-defining feature of the fenestration and floor plan is the front door arrangement of this Federal style house. Instead of a customary centrally-placed single entrance with decorative fanlight, the Durrett House exhibits two mirror-image doorways with original four-pane transom lights. The door openings are slightly lower than the plane of the adjacent window bays. Later star anchor irons reinforce the walls on the front and rear elevations (Photos 1 & 2).



Primary Façade, facing east

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Four massive exterior chimneys rise high above the roof's gable (Photo 6.) A small stone shelf projects from above the attic window in the north gable end; its use is a mystery (Photo 7.) The west placed chimney on the north elevation, which services the room behind the office, is distinguished by the unusual manner in which the breast is profiled to accommodate the room's window light. Where the chimney is indented there are molded quarter round bricks that form corbels (Photo 8.) A door to the outside from the room behind the office is located between these two chimney stacks on the north facade and there is quarter-round brick corbeling to support a stone shelf set into the west chimney stack, to the right of the door (Photo 9.) The shelf is the perfect place to set down whatever you were carrying to open the door, suggesting that the kitchen was located in the vicinity--either in the basement and/or in a separate building north or west of the house.



Photo 6



Photo 7



Photo 8



photo 9

Symmetrical fenestration marks the south gable elevation, with three evenly-spaced windows on the first floor separated by the massive exterior brick chimneys (Photo 6). The second floor has no windows on this elevation. The south and east elevations, the sides of the house first viewed by a visitor, have 12/12 windows; while the west and north facades have 9/9 windows (Photos 1, 6, 7 & 10.)

The rear, or west elevation, is characterized by a slightly asymmetrical three-bay fenestration pattern with slightly off-center door (Photo 10.) The screened porch with shed roof appears to be post-1967 vintage, although the porch foundation is coursed ashlar limestone. With the exception of a portion of the first floor on the north elevation, where vestiges of weathered white paint indicate there was once a shed roof addition, the exterior of the house appears to have never been painted (Photo 7.)



Photo 10: Back of House



Photo 13



Photo 11

Interior

The floor plan is essentially a four-over-four, double pile arrangement without a full center hall. First-floor

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rooms are spacious and well illuminated by virtue of the many large windows and doors. Rather than featuring a traditional central hall, the house instead has a full-length, transverse, load-bearing wall dividing the two sides of the house. As built, the two halves of the house communicated only on the first floor; the second floor and the basement remained separated until the late-1980s renovation.

A clear design hierarchy exists between the two halves of the house, indicating that the north front room was probably Durrett's office. The north half has simpler mantels and chair rails and was originally divided--upstairs and down--into two equal sized rooms, with an enclosed staircase rising from the back room to the second floor (Photos 11 & 13.) The south half of the house is fancier, and has herringbone-shaped gouge-work mantels in all four rooms (Photos 14 & 15.) The south front room, the parlor, takes up more than half of the southern portion of the house and has 4 large 12/12 double-hung windows, creating a bright and commodious space. A smaller room lies behind the front room, reached by a narrow back hall, which serves both back rooms. A steep straight stair rises to a second-floor hall from a door off of the front room (Photo 16.) Although both south rooms originally had chair rails, only the smaller rear room retains this feature. There are several discrete places where the chair rails have been repaired; the oldest millwork profiles are preserved in the northwest ground floor room, including a chair rail in the closet under the enclosed stair.



Photo 14



Photo 15



Photo 16

The four rooms on the first floor have access to the outside. Three original doors remain. The doors to the north front room (Durrett's office), the room behind the office and the small back hall all have six-panel fronts and beaded vertical board backs and are attached to the door frame with metal strap hinges (Photo 17.) The south front door to the parlor has been replaced by a door with six-panels on both sides and held in place with ball-tipped butt hinges (Photo 18.) The floors consist of 5-5.5in. wide boards and appear to be ash and original. The window sills are 10 inches deep.



Photo 17



Photo 18



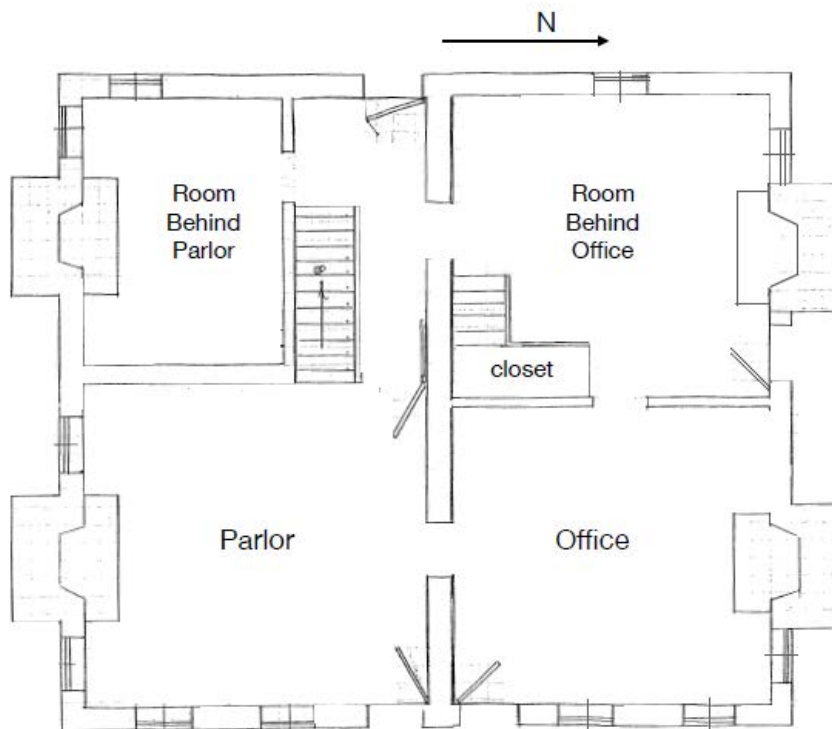
Photo 19

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Ground Floor Plan,
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First Floor Plan

Basement

The house has a full basement divided into two large spaces by a central load-bearing wall. The floors are supported by 3" x 11" joists with 18"- 22" centers. The joists are sawn and appear to be blue ash or white oak and measure 24ft. in length. At each terminus they are notched into sill mortises and pinned into a summer beam that measures 10" x 12" and is hewn.

Basement access to the north half is via limestone steps along the north gable elevation. There is an original batten door hung from two large wooden pintle hinge sockets at the base of the steps (Photo 19.) As built, the north and south halves of the basement were not connected.

Attic

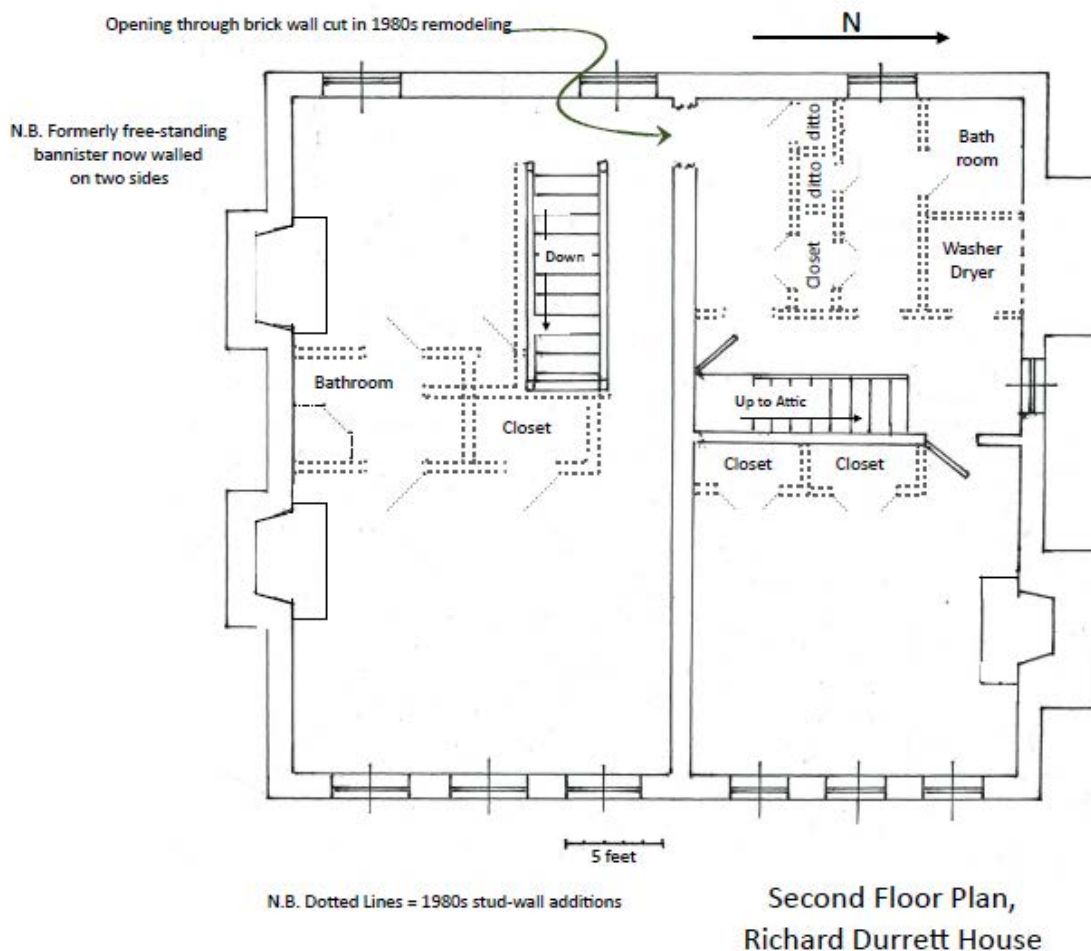
The house features a full attic which, unlike the rest of the house, was never divided. The joinery is predominantly hand-hewn with sash sawn scantlings. The principal purlins extend from gable end to gable end and measure 5" x 6" (Photo 20.) The purlins are supported by sawn 4" x 4" vertical posts that are braced at the purlin joints. The tie beams have 20" centers, rafters have 20" centers, and floor joists are 8" x 3.5" sash sawn. The tongue and groove floorboards are random dimension, with some measuring 17" in width.

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Second Floor Plan

Basement

The house has a full basement divided into two large spaces by a central load-bearing wall. The floors are supported by 3" x 11" joists with 18"-22" centers. The joists are sawn and appear to be blue ash or white oak and measure 24ft. in length. At each terminus they are notched into sill mortises and pinned into a summer beam that measures 10" x 12" and is hewn.

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Alterations

The original floor plan was altered at an early date with a doorway cut into the load-bearing wall separating the room behind the office from the small back hall; the floorboards of this wide threshold obviously patched (Photo 21.) The gable roof has recently been clad in metal. The original brick jack arch lintels and original wooden sills were replaced in the early 20th century with concrete (Photo 5.) The ghosts of two porches are visible on the front façade, the earlier is a classically proportioned gable front form sitting directly over the paired front doors. The second is a 20th-century nearly full-width shed roof porch, which appears to have been removed in the late 1980s renovation (Photo 1.) The basement and the second floor remained unconnected until the late 1980s renovation. Originally, the south side of the basement was reached by a bulkhead entrance located on the front facade, to the left of the paired doors and below the front windows of the parlor.



Photo 21



Graveyard--Photo 22



Barn--Photo 23

Durrett Family Graveyard, contributing site

The graveyard is located 400 feet west of the house and contains the graves of Richard and Elizabeth Durrett, as well as some of their children and their descendants (Photo 22.) There are also a few graves marked with field stones, perhaps of slaves. It is surrounded with an early 20th century fence made of metal palings. The only entrance gate is on the north side of the enclosure.

Barn c. 1880-1910, non-contributing building

The primary barn is a timber frame structure with sawn posts and girders (Photo 23.) Based on the construction technology and extensive use of wire nails, the barn was likely built ca. 1880-1910. The walls are sheathed in unpainted vertical board siding. The floor plan is divided into three bays with a dirt floor. Wood feed bunks extend the full length of the barn. Posts range around 6" x 8" in size. Tie beams in the center aisle are bolted and reinforced with iron rods. Bracing is all sawn and nailed. The haymow is supported by circular-sawn, 2" x 8" joists. Haymow floor boards appear to be tongue and groove. Cattle and bull pens have five board enclosures hung on wood posts.

Corn Crib c.1930, non-contributing building

The structure is comprised of two frame pens, separated by a central drive, beneath a gable roof and resting on tall clay drainage tile footers (Photo 24, next page.)

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Stone Smokehouse c.1915, non-contributing building

Small gable front stone structure with an asphalt shingle roof and a single front door in the gable end (Photo 25).

Stone Wash House/Shop c.1915, non-contributing building

Long and wide single-story gable-front stone building (Photo 26). Above the door in the gable end, incised into the concrete lintel, is the inscription “AD 1915, Durrett Bros”. The use of the concrete on this building and the stone smokehouse offer a date for the removal of the jack arch lintels and their replacement with concrete on the main house.



Corn Crib--Photo 24



Stone Smokehouse--Photo 25



Stone Washhouse--Photo 26

Log Building, moved to site in the 1980s, non-contributing building

A log structure was moved to the site in the late-1980s renovation to serve as a kitchen. It is connected to the north gable end of the house by a frame hyphen (Photo 28)

Poured Concrete Stock Cistern c.1930, non-contributing structure

Obscured by trees and undergrowth, the poured concrete cistern is a square or rectangle (Photo 29).

Pond mid-20th c., non-contributing site

Located north west of the house and north of the Durrett Family Graveyard (Photo 30).



Log Building--Photo 28



Poured Concrete Cistern--Photo 29



Pond--Photo 30

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded or is likely to yield, information in prehistory or history

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1801

Significant Dates

1801, 1824

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

NA

Cultural Affiliation

NA

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

Period of Significance

The Period of Significance is the single year of construction, 1801, which is a convention in the National Register process for Architecturally significant buildings.

Criteria Considerations NA

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Summary Paragraph

The Richard Durrett House (MS-403) meets National Register Criterion C. It is significant as a type of construction, a Federal-era house in Mason County, Kentucky. The house's significance is evaluated within the historic context, "Federal-era Construction in Mason County, Kentucky." The house is an intriguing blend of high style Federal brick masonry with a strongly practical use of space, presumably driven by the needs of an expansive plantation owner in the Early Republic period of Mason County's history. While exhibiting most of the fashionable attributes of Federal-period houses of nearby Washington, the actual plan of the house is locally rare, with only one known analog and a smattering of comparable structures surviving in the more densely settled Central Bluegrass. This house appears to have been designed to include both Durrett's office and the family living quarters within the body of the structure. The utility of combining these functions under one roof reveals a practical bent and a recognition of the power that the building itself would have on a visitor--whether guest or business associate. This was not just a dwelling, it served Durrett as the management center of his extensive holdings and activities: agricultural, commercial and manufacturing. There is no space wasted on the formality of a center or side hall and Durrett's office was accessible immediately from the outdoors.

Historic Context: Federal-era Construction in Mason County, Kentucky

Mason County's Settlement

Washington, Kentucky began as an eighteenth-century frontier settlement of the Trans-Allegheny West that quickly grew into a successful urban trade entrepot, county seat and production center in the early Federal period. Mason County was established in 1789, from a segment of Virginia's Bourbon County, and Washington was its first county seat.

The original Mason County comprised most of modern eastern Kentucky, and included all of modern Bracken, Campbell, Carter, Fleming, Greenup, Johnson, Lawrence and Lewis counties, and portions of modern Floyd, Morgan, Nicholas, Pendleton and Pike counties (Collins 1847:428). The settlement's success was due in part to its location, near the intersection of the Ohio River and the best north-south interstate overland route of the period, known early on as the Buffalo Trace, and later as the "Maysville Road." Recent scholarship emphasizes the role of the Maysville Road in American History (Friend 2005; Raitz & O'Malley 2012).

Mason County stood out in the Trans-Allegheny West of the Federal era as a desirable location with established transportation routes, rich agriculture and a salutary climate. In the late 1790s the Washington Emigrant Society published materials promoting Mason County as a prosperous and healthy place to settle with great potential for the future, noting that "[I]and near Washington, on account of the flattering prospects of its growing importance and local advantages, sells high" (Clift 1936:134.) Early-19th-century visitor to Mason County, François André Michaux, noted Washington's brisk trade in corn exported to New Orleans and also remarked on the "several fine plantations in its [Washington's] environs, the land of which is all well cultivated and the enclosures are well constructed, as at Virginia or Pennsylvania" (Clift 1936:144.)

Lewis Collins described the Washington of 1810s as "the principal place of trade for a very large scope of the country around... at one time it contained fifteen or twenty flourishing mercantile houses...Washington is beautifully situated in the heart of a rich and highly cultivated country..." (Collins 1847:429).

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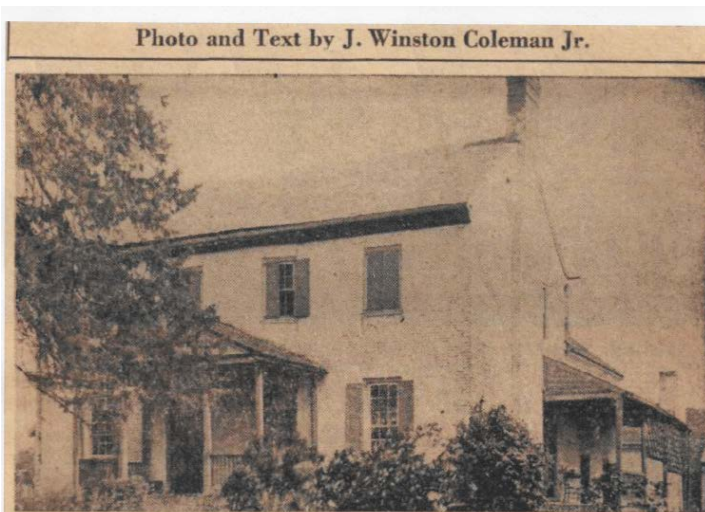
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Local Architectural Forms

There are a number of houses from the Federal period which have survived in Mason County but only one other known house of this period employed this twin front door design: the **Desha House** (MA-41, below) The Governor Joseph Desha House, now in ruins, was built about the same time as the Durrett House. It had similar elegant brick work, including a Flemish bond facade and an elaborate, multi-course corbelled cornice. It was two-and-a-half-stories tall and four-bays wide with two center front doors flanked by windows. The Desha House was a single pile deep with a rear two-story ell.

The following are Mason County Houses of a similar setting and age but with center or side hall plans:

- **Federal Hill** (MS-W-11), the Thomas Marshall House, is located on the opposite (east) side of Washington from the Durrett House. It is a two-and-a-half-story brick double-pile 5-bay house with a Flemish bond facade and a center hall, built in the early 1790s.



Joseph Desha House



Federal Hill—Thomas Marshall House

- **Cedar Hill** (MS-W-7), the John Chambers House, is a frame two-story 5-bay house with a center hall, built about 1807 between Washington and the Durrett House.



Cedar Hill—John Chambers House

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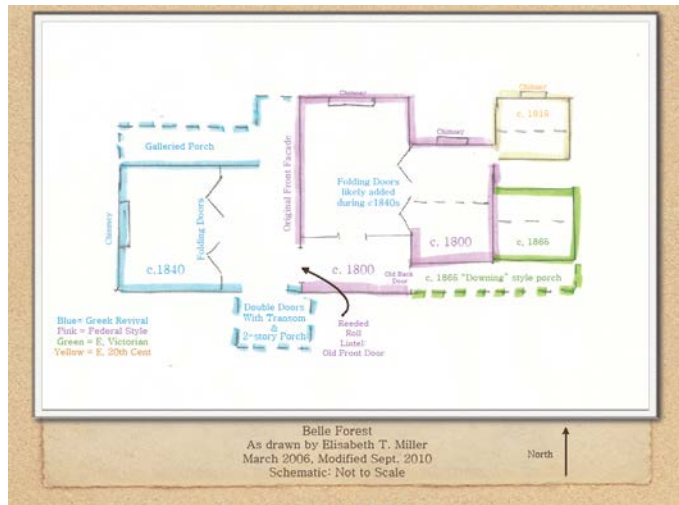
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- **Belle Forest** (MS-156), the Andrew Wood House, is a two-story single-pile 3-bay brick structure with a Flemish bond facade, elaborate jack arches and a side hall plan built about 1816. It is located about 1.5 miles southwest of Washington.



Belle Forest



Belle Forest Plan

- The **Henry Lee House** (MS-261) is a three-bay double-pile timber frame or log house (covered in siding), with a side hall plan built in the early 1790s, about two miles southeast of Washington.

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Henry Lee House front

Henry Lee House side

The twin front door design of the Durrett House seems to have more adherents in the central Bluegrass. Among them are:

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- The **Higbee Foley House** (FA-260) in Fayette County, a 4-bay two-and-a-half-story brick house with a Flemish bond facade and twin front doors, built in the late 1790s.

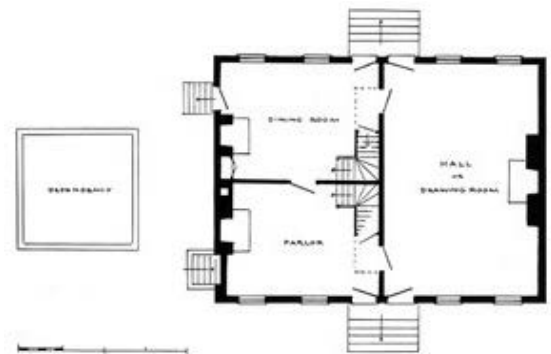


Higbee Foley House

- **Clermont (White Hall)**, the original Green Clay House in Madison County, was constructed in 1798 and has since been subsumed in the mid-19th century White Hall (MA-199.) Clermont was built with finer details, but it may be the house most like the Durrett House. Clay Lancaster's reconstruction of this early house in his *Antebellum Architecture of Kentucky* shows a 6-bay facade of Flemish bond, with center paired doors. The floor plan differs in that the right side had a single large room but the basic plan is very similar to the Durrett House. Lancaster based his ideas for a classical gable-front front porch on Cassius Clay's description of the exterior of his father's house; a ghost of such a porch shape is still visible above the paired doors of the Durrett House (Lancaster 1991:76).



Clermont (White Hall), front side



Clermont floor plan

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- **The Keene Place**, the Francis (or John) Keen House (FA-336), in Fayette County was built about 1805 with twin front doors, the right one leading into Keen's office and the left into a parlor.

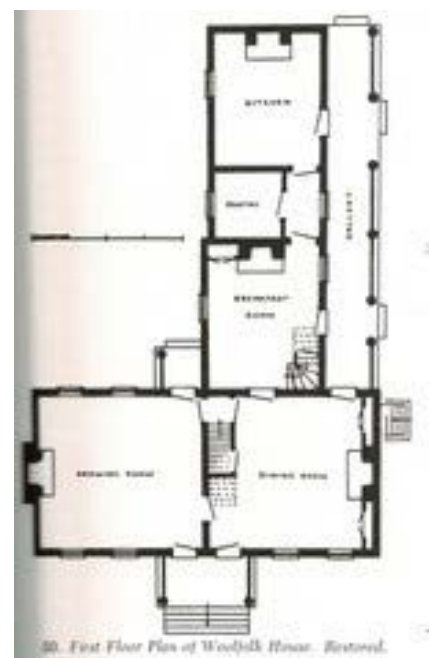


Keene Place

- **The Woolfolk House** (FA-305) in Fayette County, is a two-story 6-bay brick house with a Flemish bond facade, built in the late 1810s. As originally built it had twin front doors leading into equal sized rooms. A late-19th-century addition across the front of this house obscured the original facade and altered the interior floor plan.



Woolfolk House (double doors obscured by front entry addition)



Woolfolk House plan

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History of Richard Durrett

The 410-acre tract Durrett bought in 1801 encompasses a large contiguous expanse of the finest agricultural land in the vicinity of Washington and indicates Richard Durrett's intentional and knowledgeable choice for the location of his plantation, as he called it in his will (1903 Soil Map, WB F:147). Richard Durrett (1751-1824) bought this property from early Kentucky surveyor Simon Kenton in 1801 for the enormous sum of £ 1230 (DB G:293.) The setting is nearly unchanged; the house sits on a high ground in the middle of much of its original 410 acres, still surrounded by woods and fields. The dwelling faces towards the town of Washington, then the regional center of government and commerce as the county seat, as well as a regional cultural/social center and a major trade center in the Ohio River Valley.

Durrett operated a large scale and very successful hemp and horse farm, as well as a general farm with livestock and other field crops. Late-19th-century Mason County Librarian, William (Billy) Hixson, even offered that Durrett was the first to grow hemp in Mason County (*Evening Bulletin*, Maysville, KY, 6-6-1892:3). Durrett's house served as the headquarters of his extensive holdings and operations. He was also responsible for the manufacture of rope and hemp bagging at this farm. Richard Durrett was engaged in horse breeding; he owned 23 horses at the time of his death in 1824 (Will Book G:191). A number of his horses were registered and were the descendants of famous stallions, including Spredaeagle, Cocksure and Whip. To test and prove his own horse breeding success he built a racetrack to the west of the house (Calvert & Klee 1986:37). The exact location of the racetrack is no longer known.

To maintain his farm and all of its activities, Richard Durrett owned a large number of enslaved people. In 1810 he owned 26 people; the 1820 census gave the number as 27 slaves, 21 of them male, and noted that 22 members of the household were engaged in agriculture (Federal Census, Kentucky Mason County, 1810:227 and 1820:67.) At Durrett's death in 1824 he still owned 22 people valued at \$6525.00, a figure several times over the typical value of a house in Washington in the same period (WB G:192, Miller & Miller 2013).

Richard Durrett was also a Minister of the Gospel, and later chroniclers of Mason County history have wondered how a such a man could also operate a racetrack on his property (Calvert & Klee 1986:37). Contemporary evidence show that he was active in his community; among his local responsibilities was serving as a road overseer. Durrett appeared in the early County Court Order Books as being appointed as a road overseer for several early roads leading to/from the town of Washington (Order Books B:282, F:440, K:11).

Although the present setting of the Durrett House is peaceful and quiet, the situation was very different during Richard Durrett's tenure. His estate inventory, six pages long, indicated that this would have been a place throbbing with activity (WB G:191). It was a place filled with people and animals at work in the fields, at the house and its ancillary buildings and in the manufactories. Besides the Durrett House, there would have been many other structures to support the farm. Durrett's estate inventory made reference to a two-story Hemp House and hemp in the fields west of the house. The livestock had to be fenced into fields or pens. The large number of workers required housing. Agricultural tools, including all the specialized hemp processing tools, and equipment for the manufactories such as spinning wheels and looms, had to be kept safe from the weather in outbuildings including barns and sheds. The horses, especially the prize ones, needed a stable, and the main house likely had a separate summer kitchen. Durrett's inventory included ample glassware and ceramic tableware for large-scale entertaining, indicating that, like his neighbors at Belle Forest (MS-156), he may have had an Ice House, as well.

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Richard Durrett's focus was on Washington. He had voted there, in 1787, for the separation of Mason County from Bourbon County (Clift 1936:68). He was a trustee of the Franklin Academy when it was founded in Washington in 1795 (Calvert & Klee 1986:31). He chose to buy land and build his "mansion house and plantation" (as he called them in his will) just west of town in 1801 (WB F:147). He was a man of, but not in, the town of Washington.

Mason County's trading area included not only the Ohio River Valley but the Mississippi River Valley as well. As early as 1803, Durrett's oldest son Paul was the commander of the Flat Boat "Jane," carrying "Mason Produce" (presumably his father's) to New Orleans (Bill of Lading Doc. KGMC). Agriculture was an economic engine of Mason County and Durrett and his large, prosperous farm were important elements of the fuel that propelled it forward.

Evaluation of the Richard Durrett House within the context Federal-era Construction in Mason County, Kentucky

The Richard Durrett House and the other Federal-era Family Seats, referenced above, were all built and operated within the town of Washington's governmental, commercial and social orbit, and this orbit offered considerable prestige in the early-19th century. All but Cedar Hill (on the contiguous tract between the Durrett House and Washington) were built on large tracts of 400 acres or more. Each used the conventions of Federal-era architecture to create elegant and imposing dwellings intended to display and secure its family's status. The Durrett House does that with ease, but unlike the others it also reveals a willingness to elevate the daily management of the farm, in all its aspects, to a place within the house itself. The plantation office entrance is located on the front façade, not accessed by a side door or in a separate building. Durrett's choice to adapt the architectural language of this period to his own sense of a practical and powerful use of space sets it apart from the others.

Evaluation of the Integrity between the Significance of the Richard Durrett House and its Current Physical Condition

The Richard Durrett House derives its significance from its rare twin-front door floorplan which placed the farm office entrance on the primary façade of the house. The exterior of the house reveals a fluency in high style Federal-era architectural norms while the unusual interior room arrangement is governed by practicality rather than fashion.

The Durrett House remains largely unaltered after nearly 220 years, and discrete updates (heating, electricity and plumbing) have not compromised its ability to convey its significance. It is clear, as one approaches the house, that something different is going on, an impression confirmed upon opening either front door. One suspects that the visitors of 1810 experienced a similar reaction.

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Richard Durrett House
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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been requested)
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other
- Name of repository: _____

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): _____ MS-403 _____

10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property 10.217 acres
 (Do not include previously listed resource acreage.)

Latitude/Longitude Values for property

Coordinate	Latitude	Longitude
A	38.621142	-83.824604
B	38.621527	-83.824709
C	38.624300	-83.826552
D	38.624265	-83.828207
E	38.621951	-83.828167

UTM References

A	<u>17</u> Zone	<u>254091.4</u> Easting	<u>4278520.8</u> Northing	C	<u>17</u> Zone	<u>253932.6</u> Easting	<u>4278876.5</u> Northing
B	<u>17</u> Zone	<u>254083.6</u> Easting	<u>4278563.8</u> Northing	D	<u>17</u> Zone	<u>253788.4</u> Easting	<u>4278877.1</u> Northing
E	<u>17</u> Zone	<u>253783.9</u> Easting	<u>427862.1</u> Northing				

Verbal Boundary Description

Being a 10.217 acre tract of land located northwest of Washington and approximately 2200' west of Clark's Run Road in Maysville, Mason County, Kentucky and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a 5/8" iron pin and cap found (RDH 3264) corner to JDM Properties of Kentucky LLC DB 301 Pg 630, corner to Cedar Hill of Washington Inc DB 241 Pg 372, 107.207 acre tract and corner to Jane Wood Wise WB 4 Pg 583; Thence along the line and fence of Wise N 70-06-56 W 90.84' to a fence post and the True point of beginning; Thence continuing along the line and once of Wise N 77-34-52 W 563.84' to an iron pin & cap set new corner to JDM Properties of Kentucky LLC; Thence along the new division line of JDM Properties of Kentucky LLC N-37-44-16 E 103.32' to an iron pin & cap set; Thence continuing along the new line of JDM Properties of Kentucky LLC N 81-26-26 W 296.04' to an iron pin & cap set; Thence N 68-04-48 W 173.31' to an iron pin & cap set; Thence N 27-27-47 E 291.07' to an iron pin & cap set; Thence S 88-01-40 E 29.84' to an iron post corner to the cemetery; Thence along the line of the cemetery S 21-55-18 W 50.57' to an iron post corner to the cemetery; Thence S 67-17-20 E 50.97' to an iron post corner to the cemetery; Thence N 22-10-28 E 51.32' to an iron post corner of the cemetery; Thence N 68-07-38 W 51.19' to previously mentioned iron post corner to the cemetery; Thence N 88-01-40 W 29.84' to a previously mentioned iron pin & cap set new corner to JDM Properties of Kentucky LLC; Thence continuing along the new line of JDM Properties of Kentucky LLC N 10-40-41 E 353.14' to a fence post; Thence N 52-32-32 W 352.54' to an iron pin & cap set; thence N 35-23-46 E 81.20' to an iron pin & cap set; Thence S 14-33-31 W 562.79' to an iron pin & cap set; Thence S 69-49-24 E 396.08' to an iron pin & cap set; Thence S 06-16-25 W 198.93 to an iron pin & cap set; Thence S 14-45-09 W 89.13 to an iron pin & cap set on the north side of a gravel lane; Thence continuing along the new division line of JDM Properties of Kentucky LLC and along the north side of a gravel lane S 79-07-23 E 274.37' to an iron pin & cap set new corner to JDM Properties of Kentucky LLC and corner to a 40' wide Private Drive (2.112 acres); Thence crossing a gravel lane with the line of the 40' wide Private Drive S 06-31-31 E 40.00' to an iron pin & cap set corner to a 40' wide Private Drive; Thence S 47-49-53 W 48.06' to the True point of beginning containing 10.217 acres, according to the survey by Travis A. McGlone PLS 3919 of Buffalo Trace Surveying LLC 2/18/2013.

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Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundary includes the Durrett House and Durrett Family Graveyard within the recently established 10.217 acre tract, which set the house and some of its structures apart from the rest of the 20th-century farm. Various gifts and sales in the mid- and late-19th century had reduced the original 410 acre tract to about 160 acres.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Elisabeth Tuttle Miller, Orloff G. Miller and Stephen C. Gordon
organization _____ date September 30, 2017
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Photographs:

Same information for each photograph

Name of Property: Richard Durrett House
City or Vicinity: Maysville vicinity
County: Mason
State: Kentucky
Photographer: Orloff Miller
Date Photographed: September 4, 2017

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Mason County, Kentucky

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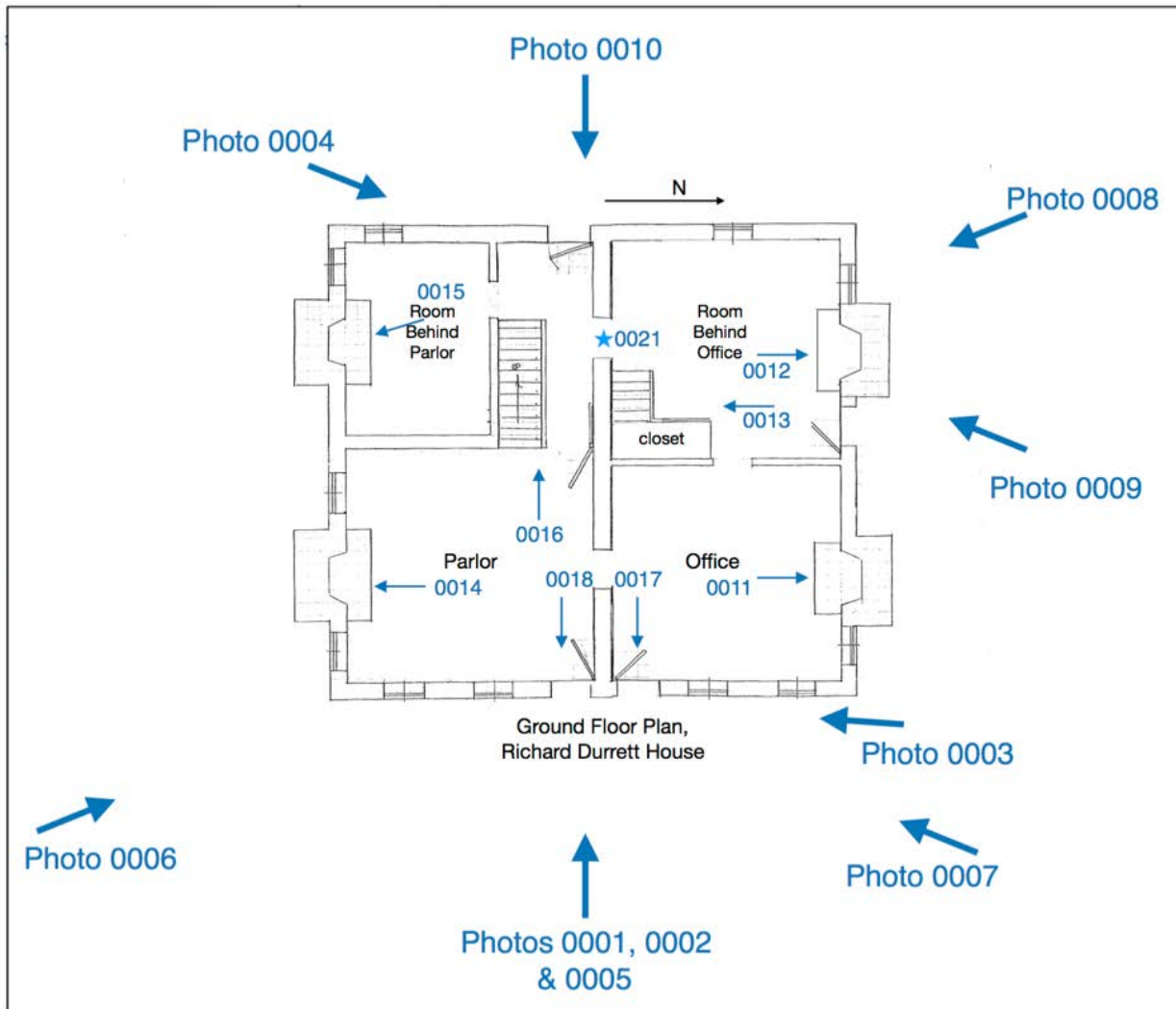


Photo 0019 in basement under North wall of Office, facing NNW
Photo 0020 in Attic facing SW

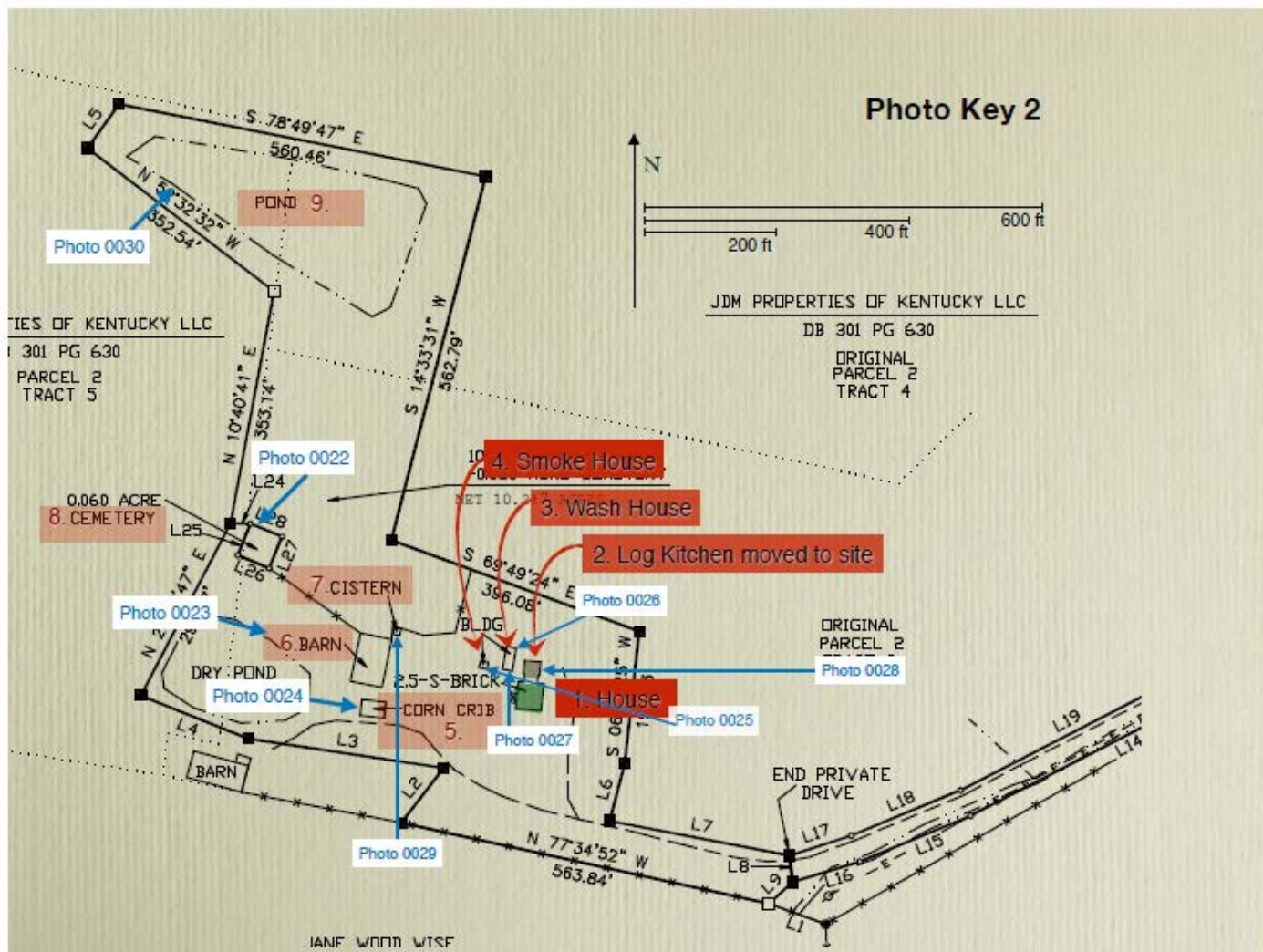
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Description of Photograph(s) and number:

- Photo 1. Primary Façade, facing East. 1 of 30.
- Photo 2. Primary Façade with ca. 1980s Hyphen and Log Addition, facing East 2 of 30.
- Photo 3. Brick Watertable, East Façade, facing SSE, 3 of 30.
- Photo 4. Four-Course Corbelled Cornice, Rear (West) Elevation, facing NE, 4 of 30.
- Photo 5. Close-up of Flemish Bond & Evidence for Replaced Jack Arches, West Façade, facing East. 5 of 30.
- Photo 6. South Elevation, facing Northwest. 6 of 30.
- Photo 7. North Elevation, facing Southwest. 7 of 30.
- Photo 8. Northwest Chimney breast corbelling around window. facing SSE. 8 of 30.
- Photo 9. Northwest chimney breast corbelling with Shelf at North Door, facing SSW. 9 of 30.
- Photo 10. Rear (West) Elevation, facing East. 10 of 30.
- Photo 11. Relatively Simple Office Mantelpiece, facing North. 11 of 30.
- Photo 12. Relatively Simple Mantelpiece in Room Behind Office, facing North. 12 of 30.
- Photo 13. Boxed Staircase in Room Behind the Office, facing South. 13 of 30.
- Photo 14. Herringbone Gouge-work Decorated Mantelpiece in Parlor. Facing South. 14 of 30.
- Photo 15. Herringbone Gouge-work Decorated Mantelpiece in Room behind the Parlor. facing Southeast. 15 of 30.
- Photo 16. Staircase off the Parlor. facing West. 16 of 30.
- Photo 17. Front (West) Door to Office. Note Strap Hinges. facing East. 17 of 30.
- Photo 18. Front (West) Door to Parlor. Facing East. 18 of 30.

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- Photo 19. Wood Pintle Hinge, Basement Door, facing NW. 19 of 30.
- Photo 20. Braced Principal Purlin Roof Framing, Attic, facing SW. 20 of 30.
- Photo 21. Patched Floor Creating Access Between Room Behind Office & Rear Hall. Facing North. 21 of 30.
- Photo 22. Durrett Family Graveyard. Facing SW. 22 of 30.
- Photo 23. The Barn, facing East. 23 of 30.
- Photo 24. The Corn Crib, facing East. 24 of 30.
- Photo 25. The Smoke House, facing West. 25 of 30.
- Photo 26. The Stone Washhouse/Shop, facing Southwest. 26 of 30.
- Photo 27. Date-Stone Lintel for Washhouse/Shop, facing North. 27 of 30.
- Photo 28. Hyphen and Log Building Serving as Kitchen, facing WNW. 28 of 30.
- Photo 29. Concrete Cattle Cistern, facing North. 29 of 30.
- Photo 30. The Pond, facing NE. 30 of 30.

Property Owner:

name Alan Perkins
street & number 804 Clarks Run Road telephone 356-658-7138
city or town Maysville state KY zip code 41056



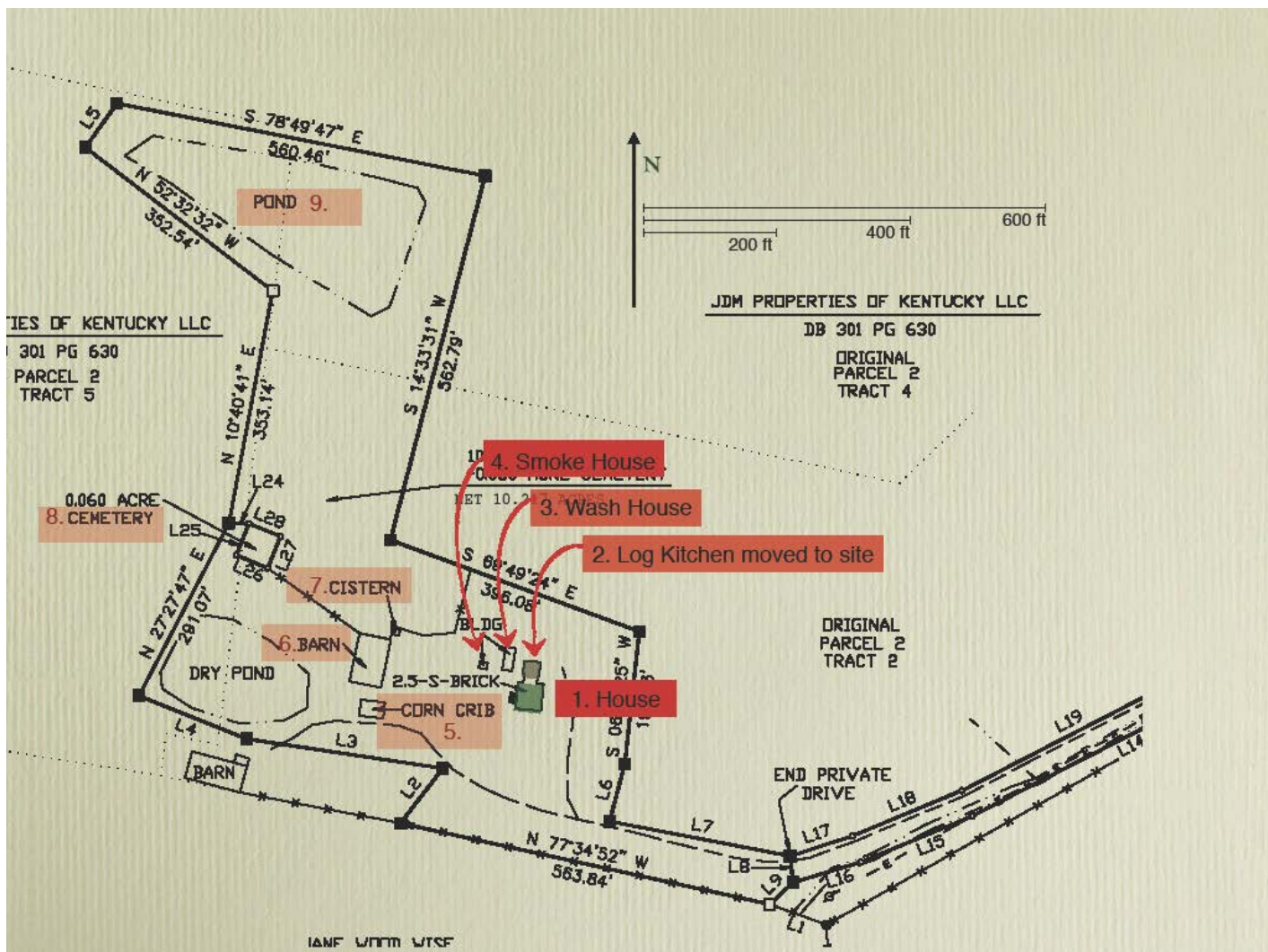
Mason County Property Valuation Office 2017

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Daughter of
L. E. DUNN
Born
Died

ELIZABETH M. OWENS
Daughter of
M. W. & Elizabeth Owens
was
Born June 4th 1838
died
Decr. 29th 1855
Aged 17 years 6
months & 25 days









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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action:

Property Name:

Multiple Name:

State & County:

Date Received: 1/19/2018 Date of Pending List: 2/21/2018 Date of 16th Day: 3/8/2018 Date of 45th Day: 3/5/2018 Date of Weekly List:

Reference number:

Nominator:

Reason For Review:

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Accept Return Reject 3/5/2018 Date

Abstract/Summary Comments:

Recommendation/ Criteria:

Reviewer Jim Gabbert Discipline Historian

Telephone (202)354-2275 Date _____

DOCUMENTATION: see attached comments : No see attached SLR : **Yes**

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.

Kentucky Certified Local Government Report Form
Review of National Register Nomination by Local Authority

(Type and print your responses, then sign and return to the Kentucky Heritage Council, which is the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The document has been set up as an electronic form for convenience.)

Name of Certified Local Government (CLG): Maysville

Name of Property under Review: Durratt House

Initiation: *(Check one response. Enter this date, and all others, using the m/d/yy format).*

The nomination was submitted by the CLG to the Kentucky Heritage Council with this form and requests that the nomination be reviewed by KHC as soon as possible. Date submitted to KHC:

KHC submitted nomination to the CLG for review. The CLG has 60 days to review the nomination and return this report form to KHC. Date nomination was received by CLG: Nov 1, 2017

Date of Public Meeting in which Nomination was reviewed by the CLG: Dec 13, 2017

No. of public attendees in addition to commission members and staff: 2

Review Basis: *(Check at least one box of Resource Type/Criterion).*

Resource Type	Criterion Selected on Nomination Form
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical	<input type="checkbox"/> National Register Criterion A or B
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Register Criterion C
<input type="checkbox"/> Archaeological	<input type="checkbox"/> National Register Criterion D

Name of Commission Member(s) with Expertise in Area of Significance *(Fill in if applicable to your commission).*

Historian (when property meets Criterion A or B):
Architectural Historian/Architect (for Criterion C): Dr. Jeff Miller (consulting)
Archaeologist (when property meets Criterion D):

Recommendation: *(Please check the box that is appropriate to the nomination. Attach any relevant documentation, such as commission reports, staff reports/recommendations, public comments, and/or meeting minutes).*

The Commission recommends that the property or properties should be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Commission recommends that the property or properties should *not* be listed in the National Register of Historic Places for the following reasons:

Commission Chair or Representative: Approved Not Approved

Print Name: George P. Weber, Sr.
Signature: [Signature] Date: 12/13/2017

Chief Elected Official: Approved Not Approved

Print Name/Title: David Cartmell Mayor
Signature: [Signature] Date: 12-14-17



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January 10, 2018

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Dear Mr. Loether:

We enclose the following nominations, approved by the Review Board at their December 19, 2017 meeting, and asking that these Kentucky properties be listed in the National Register:

- Dr. Francis Joseph (F.J.) Halcomb House, Allen County, Kentucky**
- Bonnie Leslie Historic District, Campbell County, Kentucky**
- Chalybeate Springs Hotel Springhouse, Edmonson County, Kentucky**
- LeCompte Saloon, Jefferson County, Kentucky**
- Queen Products Company, Inc. Complex, Jefferson County, Kentucky**
- May's Lick Negro School, Mason County, Kentucky**
- Richard Durrett House, Mason County, Kentucky**
- GAR Union Monument, Mason County, Kentucky**

We enclose the **Kentucky State Parks MPS**. The Review Board approved nomination of a related property: **Lake Cumberland State Resort Park, Russell County, Kentucky**. I have forwarded the nomination form for that property to its owners, the Army Corps of Engineers, for their consideration and submission for listing.

Finally, we submit a property for a Determination of Eligibility, due to owner objection: the **Louisville Railway Company High Street Power Station, Jefferson County, Kentucky**.

We thank you for your assistance in listing these properties.

Sincerely,

Craig A. Potts
Executive Director and
State Historic Preservation Officer

