KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Ck-102

1. Historic Name (s)

Original Owner Major Walter Preston

Present Name The Ryefield

3. Owner's Name Mrs. J. D. Gay Prewitt and Children

4. Owner's Address Taylor Manor Nursing Home, Drawer D, Versailles, KY 40383

5. Location Basin Springs Road

6. Open to Public Yes No X

7. Visible from road Yes No X

8. Ownership Private X; Local; State; Federal

9. Local Contact/Organization

10. Site Plan with North Arrow

11. Architect

12. Builder

13. Date (1810) ca. 1840

14. Style

15. Original Use dwelling

16. Present Use dwelling

17. Condition Interior; Exterior good

18. Description

Residence, brick. Flemish bond front facade - all others are five course American bond. Five-bay, I-house, gable roof, center passage plan. Gaged jackarches over bays. Rear one-story brick ell with molded brick cornice.

19. History

"J. L. Goodwin" 1877 Atlas

Graveyard:

Major Walter Preston, b. Dec. 25, 1755; d. Aug. 9, 1834

Nancy M. Preston, b. 1760 M. Walter 1786, d. 1808

Latitia R. Preston, b. Jan. 31, 1772 M. Walter, 1809, d. Dec. 5, 1858

W Price Rural Retreat or L. Goodwin 1860? atlas (over)

20. Significance

Major Walker Preston bought this part of the original Patrick Henry land grant from Patrick Watson in 1791 for 1212 pounds. In the early nineteenth century, he built this Federal house, similar to many such five-bay, I-houses. This well-preserved example has gaged jack arches and a rear one-story ell with a molded brick cornice.

21. Source of Information

Owen, Kathryn. Old Graveyards of Clark County, Kentucky. New Orleans: Polyanthos Press, 1975, p. 101.

22. ADD/County Bluegrass/Clark 049

23. Zoning Classification Magisterial District

24. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75') Ford

25. UTM Reference Zone 16; Easting 738150; Northing 4206780

26. Prehistoric Site; Historic Site; Building X; Object; Structure

27. District Yes No X

Name:

28. Significance Evaluation

29. Status

		Date
National Landmark		
National Register		
Landmark Certificate		
Kentucky Survey	X	11/29/73, 2/17/77
Local Landmark		
HABS/HAER		

30. Theme

Primary architecture

Secondary

Other

31. Endangered Yes No X

32. ATTACH PHOTO

Roll No. Roll 8 #23-24

Picture No.

Direction

33. Tape No. Negative No.

34. Prepared by: Ann Camille Wells, Carolyn M. Torma

35. Organization Kentucky Heritage Commission

36. Date Fall 1976

37. Revision Dates

38. Staff Review

Preston, Maja Walter, 1B. Clark Co. MRA

#19 History (continued)
James M. Preston b. Oct. 30, 1791; d. Ap. 11, 1879
Wm Preston, M.D. b. Sept. 1811; d. Ap. 9, 1846
Samuel Preston b. May 31, 1813; d. Aug. 29, 1840
Reynolds B. Preston b. Jan. 6, 1810; M. L + 1 Reynolds 1833; d. Mar. 19, 1840