

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Site No. 24 308

1. Historic Name(s) <u>Jacob Spears Distillery</u>		22. ADD/County <u>Bluegrass / Bourbon</u>	
Original Owner <u>Jacob Spears</u>		23. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75') <u>Shawhen vic</u>	
2. Present Name <u>Jacob Spears Distillery</u>		24. UTM Reference Zone <u>16</u> Easting <u>735480</u> Northing <u>4238760</u>	
3. Location <u>Entire 1876. just S of the Mass Pike</u>		25. Coordinate Accuracy <input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Owner's Name <u>Douglas Parrish</u>		26. Prehistoric Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object Historic Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Owner's Address <u>Spears Mill Rd., Paris, Ky. 40361</u>		27. National Register District Name: <input type="checkbox"/>	
6. Open to Public Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. Visible from road Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	8. Ownership Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Local Contact/Organization		28. Significance Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Site Plan with North Arrow <u>See attached boundary form</u>		29. Status National Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> Date _____ National Register <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Landmark Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Kentucky Survey <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Local Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> _____ HABS/HAER <input type="checkbox"/> _____	
11. Architect		30. Historic Theme Primary <u>distilling</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>M</u> Secondary <u>architecture</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>C</u> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
12. Builder		31. Endangered Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
13. Date <u>Early 19th C</u> A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>		32. Preservation Project Status <input type="checkbox"/>	
14. Style A. <u>Federal period</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>		Actual Cost in \$1,000s <input type="checkbox"/>	
15. Original Use <u>distilling</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		33. ATTACH PHOTO <u>attached</u>	
16. Present use <u>bar</u>		Roll No. _____ Picture No. _____ Direction _____	
17. Condition <u>excellent</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		34. Prepared by: <u>C.M. Wooley</u>	
18. Description <u>2 story 3 bay dry stone distilling. Very good masonry, quarried stone, large blocks at corners. Timber lintels. Large center double doorway, windows now covered. One window in N end of attic, no chimneys. Distillery built (over)</u>		35. Organization _____	
No. Stories <u>2</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>C</u>		36. Date <u>1982</u>	
Single Pile _____ NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		37. Revision Dates _____	
Double Pile _____		38. Staff Review _____	
Floor Plan <u>rectangular cell</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>B</u>			
Structural Fabric <u>stone</u> A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Decorative Fabric _____ A. <input type="checkbox"/>			
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Roof Form <u>gable</u>			
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20. Significance <u>Oldest known surviving building related to early distilling in Ky. Good example early stone non-residential construction.</u>			
21. Source of Information <u>18. inspection</u> <u>19. 1979 inventory form</u>			

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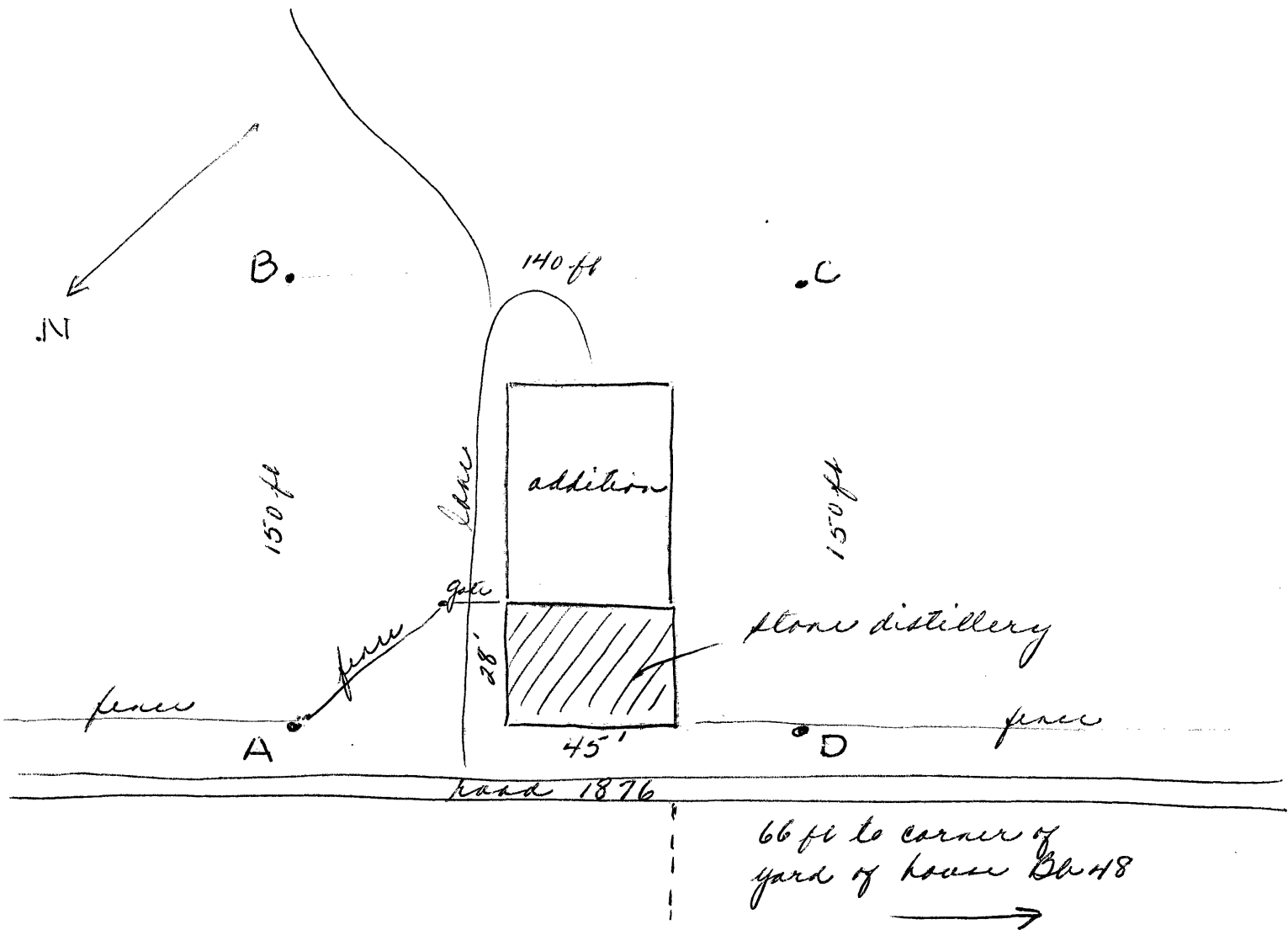
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barrels. In 1881, 900 barrels of whiskey  
produced; warehouse had storage  
capacity of 2500 barrels.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION & JUSTIFICATION

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SKETCH MAP OF SITE SHOWING BOUNDARIES AND KEY BUILDINGS AND FEATURES WITH NORTH ARROW.



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