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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

Walton Manor Cottage (John Pope Law Office)

AND/OR COMMON

Walton Manor Cottage (John Pope Law Office)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Two miles west on north side of State Highway 150

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Springfield

VICINITY OF

2

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Kentucky

021

Washington

229

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
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER: Vacant

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Hillary J. Boone

STREET & NUMBER

320 Holiday Road

CITY, TOWN

Lexington

VICINITY OF

STATE

Kentucky

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court Archives

STREET & NUMBER

Public Square

CITY, TOWN

Springfield

STATE

Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky

DATE

September 14, 1969

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

104 Bridge Street, Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located two miles west of Springfield on the north side of U.S. Highway 150, is the Walton Manor cottage. The small brick edifice is situated on a slope directly in front of the site of the manor house constructed by General Matthew Walton in 1791. (The manor house was raised in 1900.)

The office is a one-story four bay structure built on a stone foundation. Because the building is constructed on a slope, the foundation rises two feet above ground level on the facade and remains unexposed in the rear. The brick is laid in common bond on all four sides. Interior chimneys with corbelled tops are located at the gable ends. (see photo 1).

Two deeply set front entrances are located side by side in the center of the facade with small windows on the east and west side of the doors. The openings have pegged frames with jack arches above. Two similar windows are placed opposite the facade openings in the rear wall. Some of the windows have been boarded over. Small lookout windows are located on the north side of the chimneys in each gable end.

A wooden dentilated cornice extends across the facade, while a plain boxed cornice spans the rear. A shed porch, supported by three roughly cut poles, frames the front entrances. A standing seam metal roof presently covers the structure.

The floor plan of the cottage is based on the hall-and-parlor plan, consisting of one large room and an adjoining smaller chamber. The original mantels, doors, and chair-rail remain intact, although they are in poor condition.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES *circa 1784* BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The small brick cottage, situated on a hill near the site of Walton's Manor, is believed to date from 1784. It was built by General Matthew Walton, one of the earliest Kentucky settlers, who was also a prominent surveyor and politician. His land holdings were so vast that he was considered one of the wealthiest men in the state. The cottage later served as the law office of John Pope (1770-1845), a prominent and sometimes controversial politician and a respected lawyer, who served most of his life in state and national politics.

Matthew Walton, a native of Halifax County, Virginia, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, distinguishing himself at the Battle of Kings Mountain, which was considered the turning point of the American Revolution. After the war, Walton was in Kentucky surveying lands, permanently settling at the site of the cottage. Walton's fees were paid in land, thus he accumulated a vast amount of acreage.

In 1785 Walton was elected to represent Nelson County in the Virginia legislature. He was elected again from Nelson County to serve as a delegate to the 1792 State Constitutional Convention in Danville, which led to the adoption of a constitution and the formation of Kentucky as a State. During this time Walton was a member of the Danville Political Club, that met in Danville, and was influential in forming the political opinions of the Commonwealth. (See Constitution Square, Danville, Boyle County, listed on the National Register April 2, 1976.)

After the State was formed, Walton was elected to the Kentucky General Assembly. He wrote and introduced one of the first bills to the assembly which provided for the division of Nelson County into a new county, called Washington, named in honor of the first President. The bill was passed and Washington County was formed in 1792. Walton was appointed one of the eight justices of the peace for the county. At this time Walton's land holdings amounted to over 200,000 acres, 45,000 acres of which fell in the newly formed county.

From 1795 to 1799 Walton served in the lower house of the legislature and in the state senate from 1800-1803.

In 1784 Walton settled permanently on a 12,000 acre tract, several miles west of Springfield on Cartwright Creek. At this time he constructed the two room cottage. Seven years later he built a Georgian mansion on the hill behind the cottage. The large manor house was said to have been the first pretentious brick estate built in Kentucky. Unfortunately the mansion was razed in 1900, although the original stone kitchen survives.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 Acres Latitude $37^{\circ} 42' 19''$
 UTM REFERENCES Longitude $85^{\circ} 15' 14''$

Admitted 11-26-77

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	D	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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
Mrs. E. O. Kelly, Jr., Secretary-Director Mary Cronan Oppel, Historian
 ORGANIZATION
Washington County Historical Society
 STREET & NUMBER
May 10, 1975
 CITY OR TOWN
Springfield 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.

~~RECEIVED~~ SIGNATURE Cedric W. Melton

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer DATE 12/17/76

FOR NPS USE ONLY
 I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION DATE 8/24/77
 ATTEST: Charles A. ... KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER DATE 8-12-77

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Matthew Walton married Frances Watkins, a native of Prince Edward County, Virginia. At Walton's death in 1819, she was considered the wealthiest woman in the State. A year later she became the third wife of John Pope. Pope moved to Walton Manor and used the cottage as his law office.

John Pope, a native of Prince William County, Virginia, came to Kentucky with his family in 1779. After receiving an excellent education, Pope studied law and was admitted to the bar. From 1802 to 1804 Pope represented Shelby county in the State legislature, and Fayette County in 1806. A year later he was elected to the United States Senate and served a full six-year term, acting as president pro tem in 1810 and 1811. In 1816 he was appointed secretary of state of Kentucky by Governor Gabriel Slaughter, but resigned after a few years, perhaps because of public reaction to his espousal of Federalism, unpopular in Kentucky. From 1825 to 1829 he served in the State senate. He relinquished his position to serve as Governor of the Arkansas Territory, having been appointed by President Andrew Jackson, until he again played a controversial role in the conflict over the charter of the Bank of the United States. Between 1837 and 1843 he served as a member of Congress. In the Biographical Encyclopedia (Armstrong, 1878), John Pope is described as "undoubtedly one of the most distinguished men and able lawyers of his day" (p. 207). (For a more detailed account of Pope's career see the John Pope House, Springfield, Washington County, listed on the National Register May 13, 1976.)

In 1829 Pope sold the Walton Manor to his son-in-law, John Watkins Cocks. At the time of Cocks's wife's death, however, the property was sold back to Pope. Evidently the house held too many sad memories for Pope, for he sold it immediately to Dr. John Jackson, a staunch supporter of the Confederacy.

In 1900 the Walton-Pope Mansion was razed, although the stone kitchen was retained. At this time another house was built on the site, but is now in very poor condition.

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Please note that the new owner of the Walton Manor Cottage is James Hamilton, Kalarama, Grundy Avenue, Springfield, Kentucky 40069. The new owner intends to restore the cottage. The house located behind the nominated site was built in 1904 and is of no significance.