

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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1. Historic Name (s) Van Meter Distillery		22. ADD/County Bluegrass/Clark	
Original Owner Ben Van Meter		23. Zoning Classification Magisterial District	
Present Name		24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75') Austerlitz	
3. Owner's Name George Van Meter		25. UTM Reference 1 6 7 4 4 5 8 0 4 2 1 3 4 6 0 Zone Easting Northing	
4. Owner's Address 811 Boonesboro Road, Winchester, Ky. 40391		26. Prehistoric Site Historic Site Bldg <input type="checkbox"/> Other Site Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
5. Location Van Meter Road		27. Listed Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
6. Open to Public Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. Visible from road Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	28. Significance Evaluation	
9. Local Contact/Organization		29. Status National Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> National Register <input type="checkbox"/> Landmark Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky Survey <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2/17/77 Local Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> HABS/HAER <input type="checkbox"/>	
8. Ownership Private <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/>		30. Theme Primary commercial/industry <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Site Plan with North Arrow		31. Endangered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
11. Architect		32.	
12. Builder		ATTACH PHOTO	
13. Date post 1865 and c. 1890			
14. Style <input type="checkbox"/>			
15. Original Use distillery and house			
16. Present Use barn/abandoned			
17. Condition <input type="checkbox"/>			
Interior <input type="checkbox"/>			
Exterior good			
18. Description Distillery has large hewn rafters and vertical members.			
19. History Ben Van Meter built the distillery right after the Civil War; he went broke around 1870 with shorthorn business. Herefords brought in around 1840. Moore-Van Meter Whiskey made here. Van Meters from Hardy County, Virginia. "BFV" 1877 Beers Atlas.			
20. Significance Built soon after the Civil War by Ben Van Meter, this log and frame distillery produced Moore-Van Meter whiskey. In the 1870s, Van Meter lost his fortune when the demand for short horn cattle subsided and the economic prosperity of this entire area declined. This structure was eventually converted to			
21. Source of Information George Van Meter.			
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Direction _____		Slide taken	
33. Tape No. _____		Negative No. _____	
34. Prepared by: ACW-AOJ-CMT			
35. Organization KHC			
36. Date Fall 1976			
37. Revision Dates		38. Staff Review	

20. a barn.

This site represents the pattern most common in 19th century Kentucky of decentralized, small scale local industries. There was at this time no major concentration of industrial or even commercial activity in the major towns. Instead, people with the wealth and means ran small industries on their own land, and the products they produced were generally marketed on a very local level. Large scale industry and marketing is really a post railroad development in Kentucky. Therefore, this site is a rare survivor from an earlier economic and social order.



*Springhouse and log and frame barn on the Wade-Hickey Place
Clark County, KY*

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