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5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Lane's Run Historic District consists of approximately 859 acres of inner Bluegrass land of Maury-McAfee soils derivation which lie in the mid-southeastern section of Scott County, Kentucky, within one mile from the eastern corporate limits of Georgetown which were extended during the 1960s to include commercial developments near the Interstate Highway 75 interchange. Georgetown, the seat of Scott County, lies 12 miles northwest of Lexington and fourteen miles west of Paris. Highway 460 (Paris Pike) borders the district for about 1,000 feet on the south; Highway 62 (Cynthiana Pike) runs for about 3,000 feet on the east; and a county road, the Old Oxford Pike, cuts through the four farms of the district in a north-northeast direction. The land has an elevation of 850 to 900 feet and is watered by Lane's Run, one of three main tributaries entering North, Elkhorn, Creek near, Georgetown from the north. Lane's Run, with its numerous tiny branches emerging from the area's numerous springs, flows into North Elkhorn about 4, 500 feet south of the district's southern boundary. To the northeast and east is Miller's Run С Historic District, entered on the National Register on November 15, 1978 .

This rural area is characterized by a feeling of remoteness from the nearby urban situation. The four farms included contain both early "mansion houses" as well as a variety of early barns. The land lies flat to gently undulating and has been considered by the City of Georgetown in recent years as a site for a public airport. With the nearby Miller's Run Historic District it provides a much needed "green belt" of prime agricultural quality land within the Blue Grass Region of Central Kentucky.

Landmarks within the district include the small cast iron bridge spanning Lane's Run on the Old Oxford Pike with its wooden floor; the four manor houses of the four farms included; and a variety of barns including an early granary, an English-type barn with side entry; an early cattle barn; an early horse barn; a drive-in crib,; several small cribs; and several tobacco barns of 1920-1930 vintage. The most imposing structure is a huge ark-like tobacco barn of circa 1930 vintage. These structures are discussed within the context of the farms on which they stand.

I. Richard Herndon Waller Farm (245 acres) is bounded by Old Oxford Pike on the east and U.S. 62 on the west. It contains the home of Hugh Emison, who was the original owner of the land included in this nomination. Emison House is a four-bay two-story brick house with a two-story brick ell. It is set on a tall stone foundation basement, necessitating a series of six steps leading to the front porch with a shed roof which extends for three bays. The entrance is at the second bay. Windows were originally all nine-over-six pane sash set in pegged frames with flat brick arches. Later windows were of single pane double hung sash; these have been boarded over for security purposes. The door alone has a segmental arched opening, indicating that it probably had a classical porch at the time of its (1813) construction. The house has an overhanging roof. The only opening in either gable end is a door on the south end which has been covered with a shed type addition on a concrete block foundation. Chimneys are set inside the end walls, while the back chimney was constructed on the outside. The house is approached by a dirt road

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Lane's Run Historic District is a quiet agricultural area of 859 acres which lies less than one-mile from Georgetown's busy Interstate Highway 75 interchange and its tourism and commercial developments. The rich soils of the Maury-McAfee belt with their underlying limestone cavernous strata are watered by picturesque Lane's Run, one of four major tributaries entering North Elkhorn Creek from the north in the Georgetown area. The region conveys a unique sense of earlier days with its rich pasturelands, early manor houses, gently undulating topography dotted with agricultural buildings dating from the early 1800s era to 1932, and surprising quietude. Four early brick houses dating from 1813 to 1843 provide points of reference for the four farms included in the nomination, while the variety of barns ranging from corn cribs and granaries to cattle and tobacco barns tell the story of much of the region's agriculture. The area's aesthetics and historical associations mandate protection of the farms enumerated, especially in view of the fact that the City of Georgetown has listed this section of rural Scott County as choice land for a future airport.

The region was first surveyed in 1775 under the Ohio Land Company by adventurers who had moved to Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania during the years prior to the Revolutionary War, awaiting an opportunity to move west. Among these were three pioneers who gave their names to the North Elkhorn tributaries --John Andrew Miller (Miller's Run), Moses Cherry (Cherry Run), and William Lain or Lane (Lane's Run). In a deposition at McGowan's Tavern in Lexington on May 31, 1800, Acquilla Whitacre, one of the party, noted that to his knowledge William Lain did not return to live on his run. Lands watered by the southern portions of Lane's Run were acquired by Hugh Emison, Cave Johnson, and Audley Paul. Most of the land in the present Lane's Run Historic District lies within the boundaries of the 1,000 acres claimed by Emison, whose land was initially surveyed by his younger brother Ash, a member of the 1775 surveying party. The Emisons moved to Kentucky in 1780, taking up lodging at Harrodsburg until 1786 when they "moved out" to occupy their lands. Both participated in George Rogers Clark's Illinois expeditions.

Hugh Emison's first home was a log house adjacent to the site of his brick house (I) which he erected in 1813. In 1794 he had 12 horses and 36 cattle. By 1799 there were 24 horses and 12 cattle. As his children married, he provided each with a 200-acre farm stocked with horses and cattle.² Emison was father of 20 children, 10 each by his two marriages. His sons Thomas, James, Samuel, and John moved to Vincennes in 1804 where the family became prominent in milling and military life. Thomas had married Jane Holmes in 1802 and occupied the part of his father's lands which includes the present Elmwood(IV). In 1807, after

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Property # 1 R.H. Waller c/o First Security Bank and Trust Company Lexington, KY

Property # 2 Dr. and Mrs. W.N. Offutt, IV 336 East Main Street Georgetown, KY 40324

Mrs. Sam Halley 419 W. 6th Street Lexington, KY 40507

Mrs. Jack James Military Pike Lexington, KY

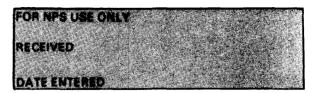
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Property # 3 Mr. and Mrs. T.K. Shuff, III 451 East Main Street Georgetown, KY 40324

Property # 4 Mr. and Mrs. Cecil D. Bell,Jr. Paris Pike Georgetown, KY 40324

Bridge over Lane's Run Charles M. Sutton, Judge Executive Scott County Courthouse Georgetown, KY 40324

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which crosses Lane's Run over a concrete culvert. About 250 feet southeast of the house is a wooden tobacco barn with ventilator doors on the sides and a tin roof. A second barn stood about 500 feet northeast of the house; a concrete silo stands near the site. (Photos 1 and 2)

The crowning feature of this farm is the huge ark-like tobacco barn located about 1,800 feet northeast of the Emison house. Occupying the highest elevation of the area, it can be seen for several miles. Built circa 1930, it measures 138 by 50 feet, and is 5 feet shorter than its original height which was diminished by a tornado. The barn is organized around a central space on the minor axis with three tracks on either side of a central unloading area extending a full half-length of five levels, amounting to a thirteen-tier height. The design was the concept of designer John Waller to "take the barn to the tobacco" through an intricate mechanized system. Tobacco stalks were loaded onto a specialized frame in the field, and once loaded, were locked into place untouched by adjacent stalks. The frame or rack then rode on a specialized low truck to the barn, where both were lifted to a crane on a particular tier. Then the crane moved horizontally to one of six storage tracks on each tier. where frame and truck remained until curing was complete. In this way, Waller envisioned, the customary six to twelve handlings were reduced to one or two. The arrangement has proved more imaginative than efficacious. (Photos 4 and 5.)

Exterior arrangement reveals two large doors on either end leading into the driveways. Midway on either side is a gabled projection. The roof is broken by the projections, with a hip roof leading to horizontal ventilator openings above which is a pair of second hip roofs leading to the ridge-line gabled ventilator. (Photo 3) A frame tenant house faces Old Oxford Pike. (Photo 6.)

II. The Thomas K. Shuff Farm (66 acres) includes the brick house of John Vivian Webb and Francis Webb which looks down on Lane's Run and the county-owned iron bridge (Photo 7) from an elevation of 860 feet. It appears to date from 1825 or at least the late federal period and reveals delicacy of taste in its fanlit door and interior detail. The porch is of neo-classical derivation and sits atop a foundation of early concrete blocks supporting a shed-type roof. Obscured by this porch is an in-antis Doric doorway supported by four small columns. The leaded fanlight is enframed with Greek key detail applied to the elliptical opening.A door with transom opened to a balcony over the entrance in earlier times. Several frame additions have added to the back. (Photos 8, 9.)

The interior of the house has a winding staircase in the entrance hall. Woodwork is carved with reeding and fluting. Standing in ruins at the northeast of the house are a smokehouse and chicken house. A tobacco barn with shed additions stands about 500 feet northwest of the house. A drive-in crib and small horse barn are positioned on the hill about 300 feet northeast of the dwelling, commanding a view of the rich pasturelands and tobacco fields to the north.(Photo 10.)

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III. Offutt Farm, recently divided in equal shares between Dr. and Mrs. W.N. Offutt, IV, and Mary Ford Offutt (Mrs. Sam) Halley and Elizabeth Offutt (Mrs. Jack) James, is a 420-acre farm, 54 acres of which lie between Shuff (II) and Waller (I), and 98.689 acres of which lie roughly across the Old Oxford Road from the 54-acre tract and south of the northerly major bulk of the farm. On the 54-acre tract are a frame tenant house of modified salt box arrangement with a smokehouse behind, an English style barn used for hay storage, and a small corn crib. (Photos 11 and 12.) The hay barn has a wide drive-in opening on the side and small square windows with wooden enclosures on the gable end. The south 98.689 acres are traversed by Lane's Run , and near the north end is a tobacco barn with hinged ventilator doors on the sides and stove-pipe type vents along the ridgeline. Barns on the Offutt farm date from about 1930. About 800 feet northeast from this barn is a horse barn with square windows on the sides. (Photo 13.) The other two barns are on the Halley-James section of the farm and resemble the Offutt barn. A cast metal granary, oval-shaped and with ventilator holes, stands south of one of the barns on a concrete foundation and was located there during government grain give-a-way programs of the 1940s. (Photos 14 and 15). Both of these barns show up in the far background of Photo 13.

The manor of this farm is a unique brick dwelling which has a distinct Mississippi River Southern plantation appearance. Extremely unique architecturally for the Central Kentucky region, the five-bay structure is known as the Reuben Flournoy Ford and Mary Webb Ford house. Built in 1842 or 1843 as a wedding gift to the couple, it is actually an enlargement of an older dwelling as revealed by an earlier roof retaining some of its shakes (Photos 16 and 17) and by federal framing and woodwork (Photos 18 and 19). The Greek Revival section of the house has pilasters between bays, a four paneled-piers-supported porch with deep entablature matching that of the entryway (Photos 20 and 21) cornices with fret work in stone over the front windows; and deep windows with sash extending to "doggie doors" are positioned on either side of the entrance (Photo 22). The roofline rises toward the rear to accomodate a second story in the rear, which is entered by means of an enclosed stairway in the frame section (Photo 23). On the second floor was a gallery extending across the back of the house, allowing Mrs. Ford to observe her field hands all over the farm. The older house seems to have been relieved of much of its upper story on the east side to accomodate the transition. In more recent times the gallery was altered and partially enclosed. There are two basements under parts of the house. A single-story slave house is attached to the dwelling on the southeast corner; it is composed of two separated sections (Photo 24).

Greek Revival detail on the interior includes two marble mantels on the north side, lavish ornamental plaster including a pair of portrait hooks (Photo 25) and floral and egg and dart cornices (Photo 26) and ceiling centerpieces (Photo 27). The dwelling, unoccupied for several years and in deteriorating condition, is to be thoroughly restored.

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Near the farm's southern boundary line with Elmwood (IV) is what appears to be the remnant of an old road bed (Photo 28).

IV. Elmwood, the manor house of which was listed on the National Register on November 19, 1974 , is a 128-acre farm with frontage on the Paris Pike (U.S. 460). The house is of the transitional period between federal and Greek Revival, older sections having been torn away when the present section was restored. This farm contains the oldest agricultural buildings of the district, and retains a stone fence along the Paris Pike as well as a stone fence marking the east (backyard) boundary(Photos 29, 30). Within the yard of Elmwood is an early servants' cottage with segmentally arched windows, foundations of a large spring house and smokehouse, and an elegant little outhouse with beaded poplar paneled walls. Near the main springhouse is a small stone-enclosed spring. Overflow from the spring is directed in a walled ditch to areas for livestock watering (Photo 31).

The barn on the east side of the stone yard-fence is set on a dry stone foundation as has wing-sheds.(Photo 32). A granary with weatherboarding, wing sheds on the sides, and a hipped-roof attachment at the back (Photo 33) is also set on a dry stone foundation. It has a wooden stairway leading to the loft, and a "hanging gable" sheltering the loading opening. Near the main barn are a silo and a metal granary similar to that on the Offutt farm but with different door positions and openings (Photos 34 and 35). An ll-bent tobacco barn and a shed-enclosed barn used for hay storage are located in a northerly direction from the house (Photo 36), these two structures dating from about 1932.

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moving permanently to Indiana, Thomas Emison sold his Scott County farm to Robert Holmes, his wife's cousin.³ Holmes was a spinning wheel and Windsor chair manufacturer. His descendants continued to own the house and farm until 1951. Mitchum Boswell Webb (1802-1855) married Susan Holmes (1804-1871) in 1826. In 1833, after the death of Robert Holmes, father of Susan, Webb purchased Elmwood, moved there, and erected the present main block of that dwelling. The Webbs' only child, Mary Boswell (1827-1916) married Reuben Flournoy Ford (1819-1856), and for their wedding present, Webb erected their house, the Greek Revival Ford House (II).

The Webb family had come very early to the Lane's Run - North Elkhorn neighborhood, and by the 1830s they owned practically all of it. Three of the sons of William Crittenden Webb (1732-1815) of Orange County, Virginia, came to Scott County before 1800. They were Thacker, Vivian, and John Vivian Webb. Their father had been a supplier for the Continental Army.⁴ Colonel John Vivian Webb's first land acquisitions were on the southwest corner of Hugh Emison's 1000-acre land grant and on the south side of the present Georgetown-Paris Pike One of the early residences acquired by him was the four-bay two-story brick house known in the Kentucky survey as Mosby-Tilford-Webb House; its separation from the district by commercial developments makes its nomination to the National Register a separate development. In 1811 Webb bought a tract from Emison on which, according to his will, he was living at the time of his death in 1839. He left this property to his offest son, Francis. On it stands the transitional house (III) built probably around 1825 and which Francis Webb sold to Garland Webb in 1844. Subsequent owners were John Hughs, Edward F. Cantrill, Joseph Cantrill, and L.L. Herndon. In 1911 T.K. Shuff bought a 66-acre tract of the farm which had grown to 442 acres.

Only one of the four children of Reuben Flournoy and Mary Boswell Webb Ford survived infancy. Susan, who married William Nelson Offutt in 1868, provided her illustrious farmer mother with three grandchildren: Reuben Ford Offutt (1868-1929) and Mitchum Webb Offutt, both of whom engaged in farming the various family plantations; and William Nelson Offutt,Jr. (1876-1935) who studied medicine at the University of Louisville, in London, and in Vienna? His son became a well known Central Kentuck y ophthamologist; and his son, Dr. W.N. Offutt,IV, is in that profession today. The Offutts retain title to the Ford farm and are preparing to restore the wedding present house.

Early agricultural crops of the inner Bluegrass region -- hemp, flax, corn, and grains -- yielded supremacy to hemp until the post-Civil War years when, with the discovery of Burley tobacco, tobacco became the chief cash crop. Grains and livestock were important to Kentucky agriculture in the early years as well as today. Surviving early barns within the district are of the livestock and grains types, while tobacco barns are of the twentieth century styles.

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then following Shuff S12W 1065', N12W 298', S29W 1229' to Honaker and Berry, then 71E 308.55', S75E 1553' to Knox, and W.N. Offutt, with Old Oxford Road S59W 445.83', then with Courtney and Price S26W 620', S64E 223.7', S24W 423.34', S61E1536'.7 to Bell; then following Bell's lines with Sue Rogers Johnson S73 1454.4', S13W 670', S12W 734', S7W182', S9E 202.5' to beginning.

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Justification of boundaries for Lane's Run Historic District:

Boundaries of the proposed district are essentially historic boundaries of the included farms. Naturally some major diminuition of the $a_{\mathbb{S}}^$ ricultural acreage has taken place on many farms, while others have been expanded. The boundaries of the Shuff farm have remained constant since 1911 at which time the L.L. Herndon estate was divided. Dwellings and barns on those tracts do not carry the same historic character as those on the Shuff farm, which was the core of the Webb farm on the Old "xford Road. In 1952 the larger Elmwood Stock Farm was divided, with the present Elmwood containing all the historic structures. The Offutt farm has passed through four generations of owners named W.N. Offutt. The Waller farm boundaries trace back to the core part of the Emison farm which was taken from the Emison land grant. Inclusion of other sections of Elmwood would bring into the district considerable land without older improvements. Including land southwest of the Shuff farm would draw in some subdivision and urban type developments. Including that northwest and north of the Waller farm would bring in intrusion-type additions. North and northeast of the Offutt farm is open land and the Miller's Rum Historic District.

All improvements within the proposed district are located on the inclosed map and keyed with picture numbers.