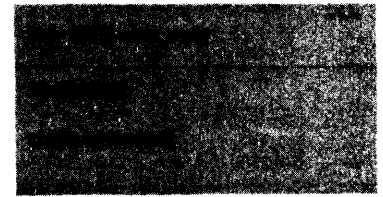


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Name: Buck-Mercer House (PU-30)

Location: Waynesburg Road,  
*Somerset, KY*

Owner: Mrs. Verdie Bloomer  
Route #1  
Somerset, KY 42501

Classification: Building

Description: The Buck-Mercer House is a one-story double pen log dogtrot cabin constructed in two phases. The south pen was built ca. 1810 and displayed half dovetail notching and a limestone chimney. The north pen and connecting breezeway or "dogtrot" was built ca. 1860 and was also of half dovetail construction. During the mid-1880s the entire structure was sheathed in weatherboard. The house still exhibits the original limestone chimneys and six-over-six sash windows. The house has a standing seam metal roof and a one-story frame addition on the east facade. At the rear of the house are associated log and frame outbuildings.

Significance: The Buck-Mercer House is the only intact example of the double pen dogtrot cabin remaining in Pulaski County. John Buck settled in this area after 1806 and constructed a single pen log cabin with an exterior stone chimney. Buck farmed the surrounding land for much of the early 19th century. In 1858 Buck bequeathed his house and property to Ephriam Mercer who, in return, was to care for Buck until his death. Mercer constructed a second log pen adjacent to the original section and connected the two by means of an open breezeway or dogtrot. The Mercer family later added the frame addition on the east side of the house and weatherboarded the structure. The Buck-Mercer House is the only intact example of its type in the county and is an architecturally significant structure.

Acreage: Approximately 1.2 acres.

Verbal Boundary Description: The nominated area of the Buck-Mercer House is rectangular in shape and measures 200' along Waynesburg Road and extends to the east 275'. This area includes the house and associated outbuildings.

UTM References: (Bobtown Quadrangle) 16/714280/4123360