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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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 Blanton-Crutcher Farm

AND/OR COMMON Maryland Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER SE of
Five miles from Frankfort off US 60

CITY, TOWN Jett Frankfort vic. VICINITY OF 6th

STATE Kentucky CODE 021 COUNTY Franklin CODE 073

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. & Mrs. Harry Grey Davis

STREET & NUMBER Route # 3
 CITY, TOWN Frankfort VICINITY OF Kentucky STATE Kentucky

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Franklin County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER St. Clair Street
 CITY, TOWN Frankfort STATE Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky (Supplement)

DATE 1974 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Kentucky Heritage Commission
 CITY, TOWN Frankfort STATE Kentucky

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Maryland Farm is located only a few miles southwest of Frankfort, Kentucky, along the old road that leads off the Georgetown and Versailles turnpikes from the capital city through the Millville Valley back to the Kentucky River. The rolling farmland at the heart of the Bluegrass has long sustained profitable cultivation. The property--still actively farmed--boasts magnificent old trees, a pond, white-painted fences, and other attractive features that warranted the 19th-century designation of "Fairview Farm."

Little remains visible of the original house built by Carter Blanton in 1796, now incorporated into the body of the 1880s additions. It would appear that the present front parlor and entrance hall may have been the original two-room brick structure with their ash floors; the detached kitchen may have been to the left of the present entrance, with an open corridor between. This room is slightly recessed behind the other two early rooms and retains a mantel that may date from the early 1800s, as well as an old closet door. This mantel and two smaller, simpler ones now upstairs have a distinctive pattern of vertical grooves (like extremely stylized triglyphs) with four-petaled cutouts between; those on the larger mantel seem suspended on equally stylized swags (see photo 7). Otherwise these mantels are very plain but with fine moldings. The cellar under this portion of the house is of stone with hand-hewn beams and a large hearth opening at one end.

In the 1880s the house was drastically enlarged and Victorianized. There is no known view of the original building, but a rather primitive painting of the house and outbuildings from across the fields of sheep and cattle, which probably dates from the turn of the century, shows the farm at its height. The large brick structure, whose asymmetry may reflect the incorporation of the earlier rooms, has elaborate porches across two-thirds of the front. During this century all but one of the early outbuildings shown in the painting have been replaced by a single large barn. The front porches of the house have been removed and the brick surface painted white; otherwise, the place looks today much as it did almost a century ago (compare photos 1 and 2). A photograph taken about 1950 shows the porch to have been a handsome latticework affair with somewhat Gothic flavor. The remainder of the trim and the overall composition of the enlarged house, with its low hipped roof, bracketted cornice, and castiron hoodmolds over the segmental window openings, is Italianate. A large first-story bay window off the front parlor further breaks the blocklike mass of the two-story building; a single-story wing at the other end of the front contributes to an impression of asymmetry suited to the country setting in Victorian eyes. Although there may have been a service yard behind the original (supposed) kitchen wing, which has been left open, an ell-shaped gallery with chamfered late Victorian posts (now boxed in) was placed over it.

The right block as one faces the house is a full two rooms deep, allowing for a double parlor on the right linked by wide sliding doors; the rear parlor has pine floors. The large square entrance hall has a generous staircase with curved corners (photo 6); the room behind it has oak floors. The one-story wing to the far left also is two rooms deep (now housing the dining room and kitchen). There are four large bedrooms and an ample hall sitting space on the second story.

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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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	1796	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Carter Blanton
	1880		Washington Crutcher

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The original house was built in 1796 by Carter Blanton, a prominent member of the farming community that was to become known as Jett, Kentucky. The house and farm were purchased by Blanton's nephew, Richard Crutcher, in 1831. The Crutchers were excellent farmers. Three generations of the family farmed the land and made improvements on the house until 1919 when the property was sold. It has remained a working farm with a large farmhouse, at its center, that has evolved over 180 years of active occupation.

Carter Blanton was born in Caroline County, Virginia, in 1765. In 1787 he married Sarah Sneed of the same county. The first record of Blanton in Kentucky is in 1792 when he was appointed to appraise the estate of Hosea Cook, who was killed by Indians at Quimm's Bottom, Elkhorn Creek. In 1794 Blanton bought 116 acres from John Craig and added to it from time to time until he had a large land holding. His farm was located a few miles east of Frankfort in what is now called Jett. (Jett is named for heirs of George Hiram Jett, Sr., who in 1882 gave the Louisville and Nashville Railroad the lot on which the station is built. It was not until 1902 that Jett became the official name of the community.) In 1803 Blanton was appointed Captain of the Patrollers. He was a deacon in the Old Forks of Elkhorn Creek and his name was listed on many of the committees in the area.

In 1831 Blanton sold his house and farm, 382 acres, to his nephew, Richard Crutcher. (Crutcher was the son of the Reverend Isaac Crutcher and Blanton's sister, Nancy Blanton Crutcher.) Crutcher lived on the farm and operated it for a number of years. It seems that the Crutcher family appropriately called the farm "Fairview." (James W. Crutcher mentions the name of the farm in a letter to his brother on May 14, 1925.) Sometime after his marriage to Pamela Berry, Richard Blanton rented out his farm and moved to Frankfort. At this time Crutcher opened a hotel. At one time he served as Sheriff of Franklin County.

The Crutchers had ten children; the last were twins, Washington and Lafayette, born in 1839. Their mother died soon after their birth, so the twins were raised by their grandfather, Samuel Berry.

According to Perrin's Kentucky, A History of the State (1887), "Washington Crutcher was educated at select schools, finished at Kentucky University in Harrodsburg. He lived at his father's home which he remodeled about 1880. He was always engaged in farming and stock raising" (p. 780). A rather primitive painting of the Crutcher House done at the turn of the century shows the remodeled house and outbuildings from across a field of sheep and cattle. It shows the

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 110 acres

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f) 16/690890/4225600

UTM REFERENCES

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B	1,6	6,9,1,0,8,0	4,22,5,7,2,0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D	1,6	6,9,0,4,1,0	4,22,5,3,6,0

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

Walter E. Langsam and Mary Cronan

ORGANIZATION

Kentucky Heritage Commission

STREET & NUMBER

401 Wapping Street

CITY OR TOWN

Frankfort

DATE

March, 1975

TELEPHONE

564-4476

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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Eldred W. Milton

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer 6/13/75

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

10/29/75

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

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The double parlors and hall have "eared" and "ankled" door-and-window frames of a belated Grecian flavor. The parlors have handsome castiron round-arched mantels and Renaissance or Rococo Revival chandelier medallions. In one second-story room there is an unusually handsome and well-preserved marbled iron mantel with bold proportions contrasting to its delicate "Neo Grecian" details.

Shortly after they purchased the house in 1948 the present owners removed the deteriorating porches and made some other alterations. The present library behind the entrance hall, the dining room and kitchen, and portions of the second-story have been modernized.

A number of anomalies remain in the exterior brickwork, treatment of the openings, flooring, and so forth (particularly the curious inset corner under the gallery, with a twisted, sunken stairway leading to the cellar). These are to be expected in a large structure that has grown in an agglomerative fashion through the years.

An old brick smokehouse to the rear of the kitchen courtyard has been extended and converted into a garage. There is a small family cemetery at one corner of the lawn at the rear of the house. The entire property, including fields and fences to a considerable distance from the residence, is very well maintained and likely to remain so in the foreseeable future.

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house and farm at its height of their owners' prosperity (see Photo 1).

Crutcher's second wife was Mary Cardwell who operated a private school in Jett called the Mary Cardwell Crutcher School.

After completing the extensive remodeling of his father's house, Washington (known as "Wash") was heavily indebted to his sons, Olynthus and Redd, who took possession of the property from their father after several years of litigation. Their possession was recorded in June, 1899. The Crutcher sons continued to reside in the residence and farmed the land until 1919, when they sold it to E.R. Little of Lexington.

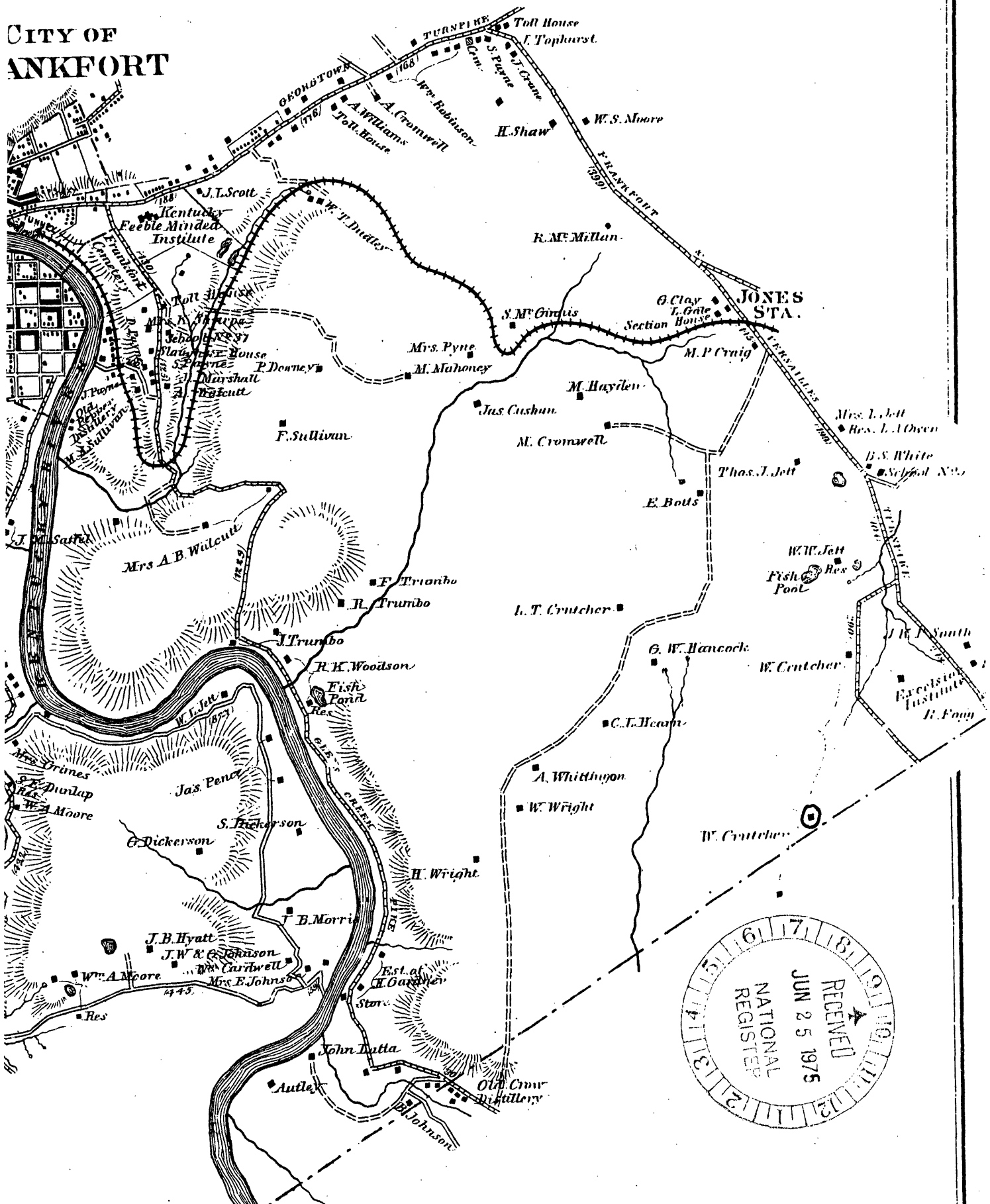
After 1919, the farm and house changed hands several times. In 1948, Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Davis purchased it and have made improvements with a minimum of structural changes. It was at this time that the farm was named Maryland Farm in honor of Mrs. Davis. Mr. Davis served four years as Executive Secretary to Governor A. B. Chandler (1955-1959).

The soil of Franklin County, located in the bluegrass section of the State, is extremely fertile because of the underlying limestone rock which replenishes the soil. Most county farmers continue to grow tobacco, hemp, wheat, or oats. The land also lends itself to stock raising, producing fine cows, horses, and sheep.

The Blanton-Crutcher Farm and dwelling are good examples of the evolution of the farm and farmhouse in Franklin County. From the time Blanton settled the land to the present time, the farm has been continuously worked. The latest methods were used as they were developed, making a productive and efficient farming operation. The evolution of the house from a simple, early two-story structure to an elaborate Victorian mansion, now somewhat modernized, reflects the continuing prosperity of the farm.

Inches to the Mile

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- ENCLOSE WITH MAP

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Blanton-Crutcher Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Maryland Farm

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN

Jett

— VICINITY OF

Franklin

COUNTY

Kentucky

STATE

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE Atlas of Frankfort & Franklin County 1870-1880 - Philadelphia: D.J. Lake Co., 1882.

SCALE 2" to the mile

DATE 1882

4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES

"W. Crutcher" on southeast edge of Woodford County