



NED BUNTLINE

Pen name of Edward Z. C. Judson, father of the dime novel, came to Smithland to publish his works; lived here in 1845. He brought fame to "Buffalo Bill" (William Cody) thru stories and promotion of his renowned wild west show. He wrote of the marshals of the frontier west. In 1876, gave to Wyatt Earp, Bat Masterson, others, Colt "Buntline Special" revolvers.

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COUNTY Livingston	
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ENTRY NUMBER MAY 24 1973	DATE

1. NAME

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AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

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CITY OR TOWN:

Smithland

STATE:

Kentucky

CODE

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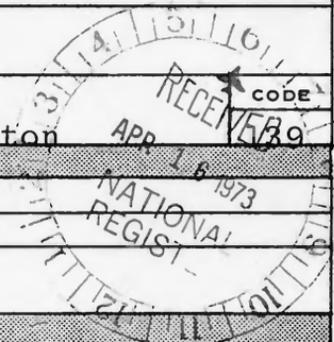
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Reverse side of the bronze marker placed in front of the Gower House by the Kentucky Historical Society in 1966.



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GOWER HOUSE

Erected about 1780: one of the luxury inns built to accommodate the travelers on the Ohio River. Host to many celebrities of that era, including Presidents James K. Polk, Zachary Taylor; founder American Red Cross, Clara Barton; authors Charles Dickens and Lew Wallace; and Henry Clay. Lafayette was a guest here in May of 1825 while on his triumphal US tour.

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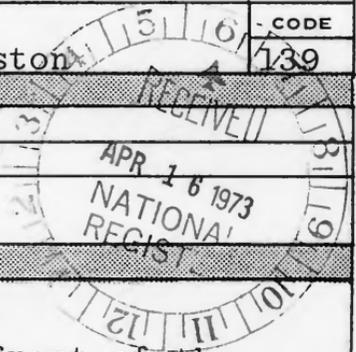
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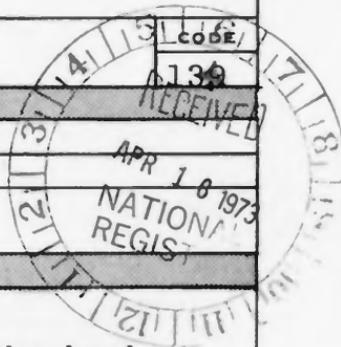
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The view of the front of the Gower House from the bank of the Cumberland River looking past "The Judge Elm" toward the South.

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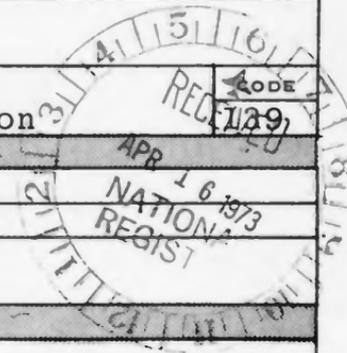
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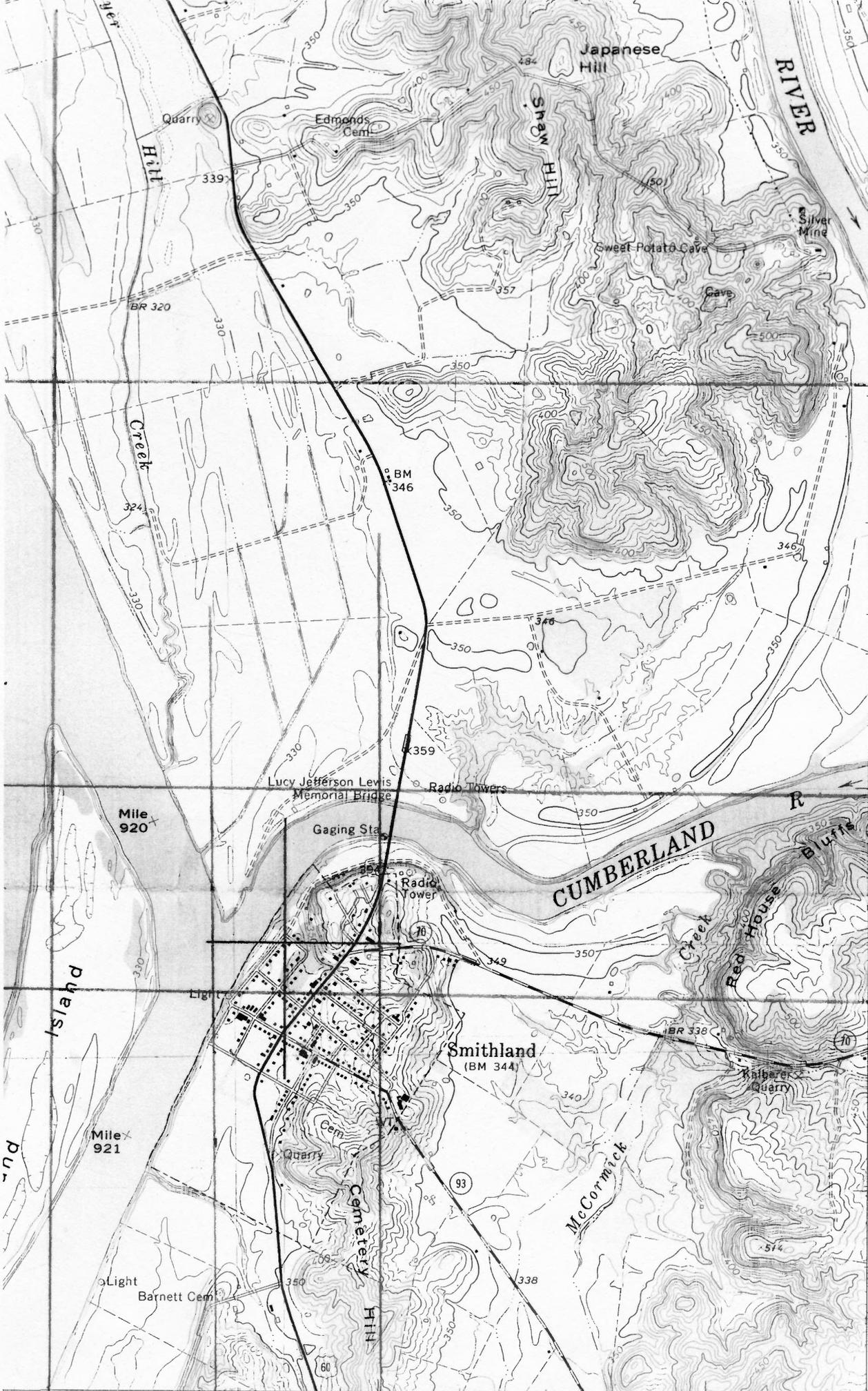
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The left, front corner of the Gower House in this photo lies at the West corner of the property. This photograph is a view of the back of the house; the South wing, looking North.



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