

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Wallace - Alford Farmstead

other names/site number WD 254

2. Location

street & number S.S. Weisenberger (Craig's) Mill Rd., first drive east not for publication N/A
of Lansing Lane

city or town Midway, vicinity

state Kentucky code KY county Woodford code 239 zip code 40383

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

David L. Meyer SHPO/Executive Dir./11/18/93
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State Historic Preservation Office/Kentucky Heritage Council
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 - See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.
 - See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): _____

for Signature of the Keeper

Raymond Lapsley

Entered in the National Register Date of Action

1/27/94

Name of Property

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property (Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

- private, public-local, public-State, public-Federal

- building(s), district, site, structure, object

Table with 2 columns: Contributing, Noncontributing. Rows for buildings, sites, structures, objects, Total.

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) Historic and Architectural Resources of North West Woodford Co., Kentucky

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC / single dwelling, DOMESTIC / secondary structure

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7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

EARLY REPUBLIC/ Federal, MID-19TH CENTURY / Greek Revival

foundation STONE / Limestone, walls BRICK, WOOD / weatherboard, roof ASPHALT, other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- Criteria A, B, C, D with checkboxes and descriptions.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- Criteria A through G with checkboxes and descriptions.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- Documentation checkboxes: preliminary determination, previously listed, National Historic Landmark, Historic American Buildings Survey, Historic American Engineering Record.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

AGRICULTURE

Period of Significance

C. 1800 - 1930

Significant Dates

C. 1800,

C. 1866

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Primary location of additional data:

- Location checkboxes: State Historic Preservation Office, Other State agency, Federal agency, Local government, University, Other.

Name of repository:

Kentucky Heritage Council

Wallace-Alford Farmstead
Name of Property

Woodford, Kentucky
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than 3 acres

UTM References Midway, KY. 7.5 min. quad 104
(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone	Easting		Northing				

3

Zone	Easting		Northing				

2

Zone	Easting		Northing				

4

Zone	Easting		Northing				

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description
(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification
(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Dr. and Mrs. Allen Dawson
street & number Route 1, 1375 Weisenberger Mill Rd. telephone (606) 846-4651
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7. Narrative Description

The Wallace-Alford Farmstead is located on a diversified, 100 acre, tobacco/beef cattle farm located on the south side of Craigs Mill (or Wisenberger Mill) Road, about one mile east of the town of Midway. The nominated property contains the buildings and structures in the vicinity of the residence that contribute to the understanding of the historic layout, and the types of buildings associated with agricultural properties of the early 19th through early 20th century in north Woodford County. The property contains seven contributing buildings, one contributing structure and one non-contributing structure on about three acres.

1. Main residence. An interesting example of the transformation of a one-and-one-half story, center-passage, brick masonry, settlement dwelling with impressive Federal design details and workmanship into a full, two-story antebellum dwelling with two-story ell. The original one-story or story-and-one-half residence is attributed to members of the Wallace family, original settlers of this tract of land. The majority of the front block's interior features represent fine Federal period woodworking skills with early Victorian details mainly represented in exterior design and material details. The house is a two-story, five bay, brick masonry, center passage residence with Flemish bond front and common bond side and rear walls; limestone ashlar foundation with water table; basement window openings fronted with square, horizontal wood bars, diagonally set; end chimneys; sash windows with gauged brick flat arch lintels; stone sills and finely detailed entry with double, four panel leaf doors topped with a half circle fanlight with handmade, irregularly divided panes and flanked by five light side lights with paneled bases. The entry architrave features reeded jambs and trim with bullseye corner blocks, all topped with a gauged brick head.

Sometime during the mid-19th century (c. 1866 according the present owners), the house was remodeled by owner, Smith Alford, and enlarged to a full two-story with common bond masonry above the Flemish bonding and gable roof with centered gable pediment with trefoil window in gable end. The house is reminiscent of the Redd House on Big Sink Road, about three miles directly south, a Federal period home remodeled and enlarged during the late antebellum/early Victorian era in a similar manner. The Redd House and farm are included in the Pisgah Rural Historic District (Amos:1988). A centered, one bay, two-story porch has chamfered posts and balustraded deck above. Bracketing - shadow lines visible on the south side porch - has been removed. Upper floor windows are 9 over 6 sash. A slightly offset, two-story

rear el of 8 course common bond brick has a central chimney, six light, flat arch sash windows and limestone foundation appears to date to the renovation. A full, two-story balcony porch along the north side of the el is supported with brick piers that have been infilled with frame. Attached perpendicularly to the rear of the el is a one-story, brick masonry kitchen wing with south gable end chimney, east facing shed porch, raised limestone foundation and a six light sash window centered on the west wall with entry on the east. A one story shed porch with chamfered, bracketed columns accesses the south side of the el and covers the exterior entry to the cellar beneath the main block of the house.

The basement of the original portion appears to have originally been living or working space, as three flues are built into the south side chimney which has a large, stone, arched opening in the basement (since infilled). The basement walls are plastered and a partial floor is of irregular brick (probably broken culls not used in building the walls). The floor joists, measuring approximately 2 1/2" by 10" are mortise and pegged. A masonry wall with passage supports the north side of the upper, center hall wall while brick piers support the south side of the center passage wall, creating two, irregularly sized rooms in the basement.

The domestic yard area contains a number of late 19th and early 20th century out buildings. Mature landscaping and details include a brick, herringbone walk that leads to the front door. The yard is enclosed with a board fence.

2. playhouse (storage building), contributing building, early 20th century, 8.5 by 9.5', storage building with asphalt shingled gable roof, box construction with vertical board exterior walls attached to a frame floor and joined mid wall and eave with horizontal bracing. Six light sliding windows in the north and west walls and vertical board door in the south gable end. Mr. Farmer referred to this building as the playhouse.

3. chicken coop, contributing building, early 20th century. Presently used for storage, 11" by 10", directly southeast of #2, with box frame of vertical board walls nailed to outside of wood foundation, boards joined mid-wall and at eave. One six light sliding window and a Z braced board door are in the South gable end.

4. coal house/workshop, contributing building, late 19th century. A long, rectangular building in two parts, the older to the west (c. 1870) with board and batten siding, asphalt shingled gable roof, east portion has vertical board walls, measures 12' by 37'.

5. **small barn, contributing building, early 20th century.** Rebuilt from old and new materials, measuring 35'7" by 27'6", a three bent barn with closed loft, center drive, south wall completely new construction with in-kind materials, hay racks on north side wall.

6. **garage, contributing building, early 20th century.** 18' by 19'8", board and batten siding, asphalt shingled gable roof, stone foundation with wood corner piers, sliding track door, six light sliding windows. The interior contains a dove nesting box accessed by a ladder. Wall boards are joined at sill, mid wall and eave.

7. **stable, contributing building, early-to-mid-19th century.** The oldest agricultural building on the property, the southwest section reported to have been the kitchen of the main house, possible as this portion is built into the hillside below the residence with a random ashlar foundation unto itself and better built than the remainder of the foundation. The stable has a center drive, 10' wide. oriented roughly N-S, 30' length, closed loft above, harness/tack room in the northwest bent with raised floor and wall ladder accessing smooth walled grain bin above in the loft. Four stalls align the east side with vertical board partitions, hay drops through the ceilings into troughs below.

8. **spring house, contributing structure, early 20th century.** The present spring house was reportedly built by Mr. Farmer prior to WWII, but undoubtedly this spring, located at the base of the hillside below the house, was improved when the farm was established. The property plan shows a curved, stone retaining wall, outflow from the east facing bank, stone walls and flat concrete roofed spring house with single entry, concrete perimeter trough with metal raising to the east with concrete and stone steps.

9. **swimming pool, non-contributing structure, c. 1950.** Built by Mr. Farmer in the 1950s, a spring filled, concrete lined swimming pool, located below the spring house and outflow area.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Wallace-Alford Farmstead is architecturally and historically significant on a local level under criteria A and C, within the historic themes of domestic architecture and domestic agricultural support buildings, contexts developed in the North West Woodford County Multiple Property Form. Architecturally, the Wallace-Alford Farmstead is a unique and well-preserved example of a settlement era dwelling with fine period detailing, enlarged and remodeled during the Civil War era on an established farm. This architecture is important because it speaks from two eras, perhaps more eloquently from the earlier date of **National**

construction, but nevertheless lends a view to the efforts of different individuals to build, enlarge and remodel living space to meet personal needs.

Historically, it is a good example of agricultural complex siteing and development from the early 19th through early 20th centuries. Together, the property's agricultural and domestic support buildings offer noteworthy material evidence about the forms, plans and locations of the buildings and structures that supported self-sufficient, diversified farm functions during the 19th through early 20th centuries.

The farm Wallace-Alford Farmstead is known to have been part of the Caleb Wallace holdings, dating from the late 18th century, when Wallace practiced law from his office to the south (located on the Lewis Payne farm, WD 255). The first residence was apparently a center passage, five bay, brick home, of one-and-one-half stories and may have been built by Christian or Henry Wallace, Caleb's sons. According to Woodford County historian, William Railey, Wallace sold the property in the 1840s to members of the Payne family and moved to Missouri. Historic atlases from 1861 and 1877 indicate J.H. Payne and S. Alford here, respectively. Earl Farmer, an owner since the 1920s maintained that Smith Alford was responsible for the additions and updating of the residence in 1866.

9. Bibliographic References

Interview with Mrs. Dawson, owner, 3-10-91.

Railey, William E. History of Woodford County. (Versailles, Ky., Woodford Improvement League), 1968

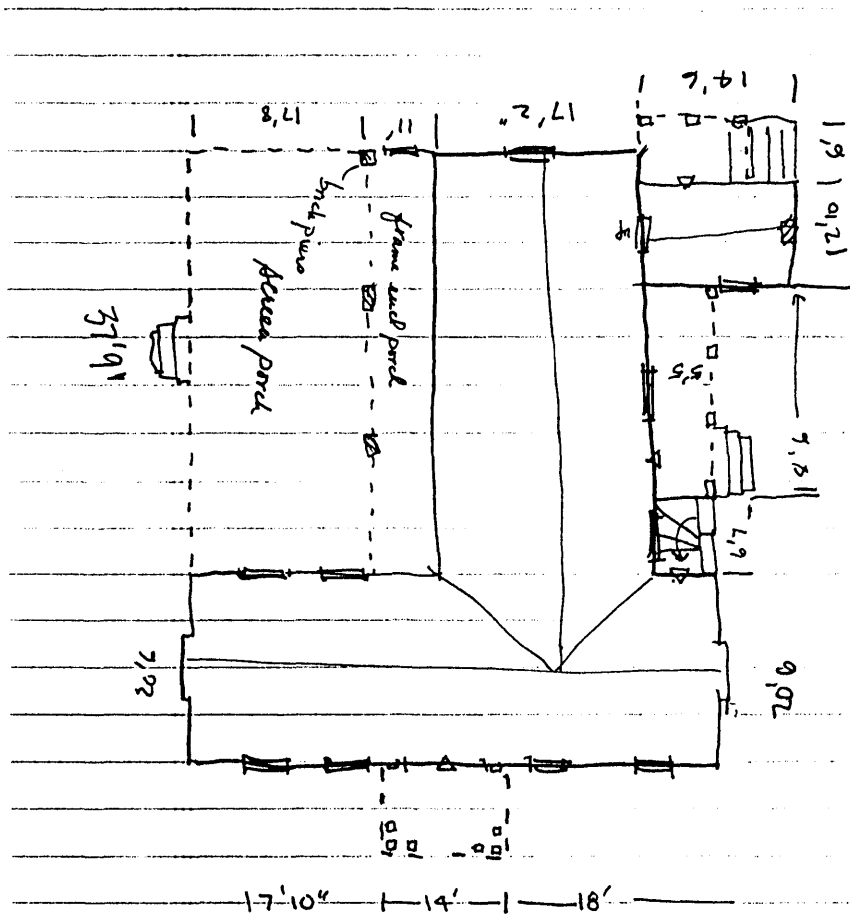
Woodford County Clerk and Recorder's Office

10. Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the property contains approximately 3 acres and is delineated by the rectangle defined on the accompanying property map and measuring 300' by 600' beginning at a point where the driveway meets the north yard boundary fence. The property is depicted as part of the Woodford County Property Valuation Assessor map 49, parcel #1.

Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes only those acres that encompass the domestic and agricultural buildings that contribute to the property's historical significance and maintain integrity to the period of significance.



WD 254
WALLACE-ALFORD
HOUSE
SKETCH MAP
PLAN

SKETCH MAP (NOT TO SCALE)

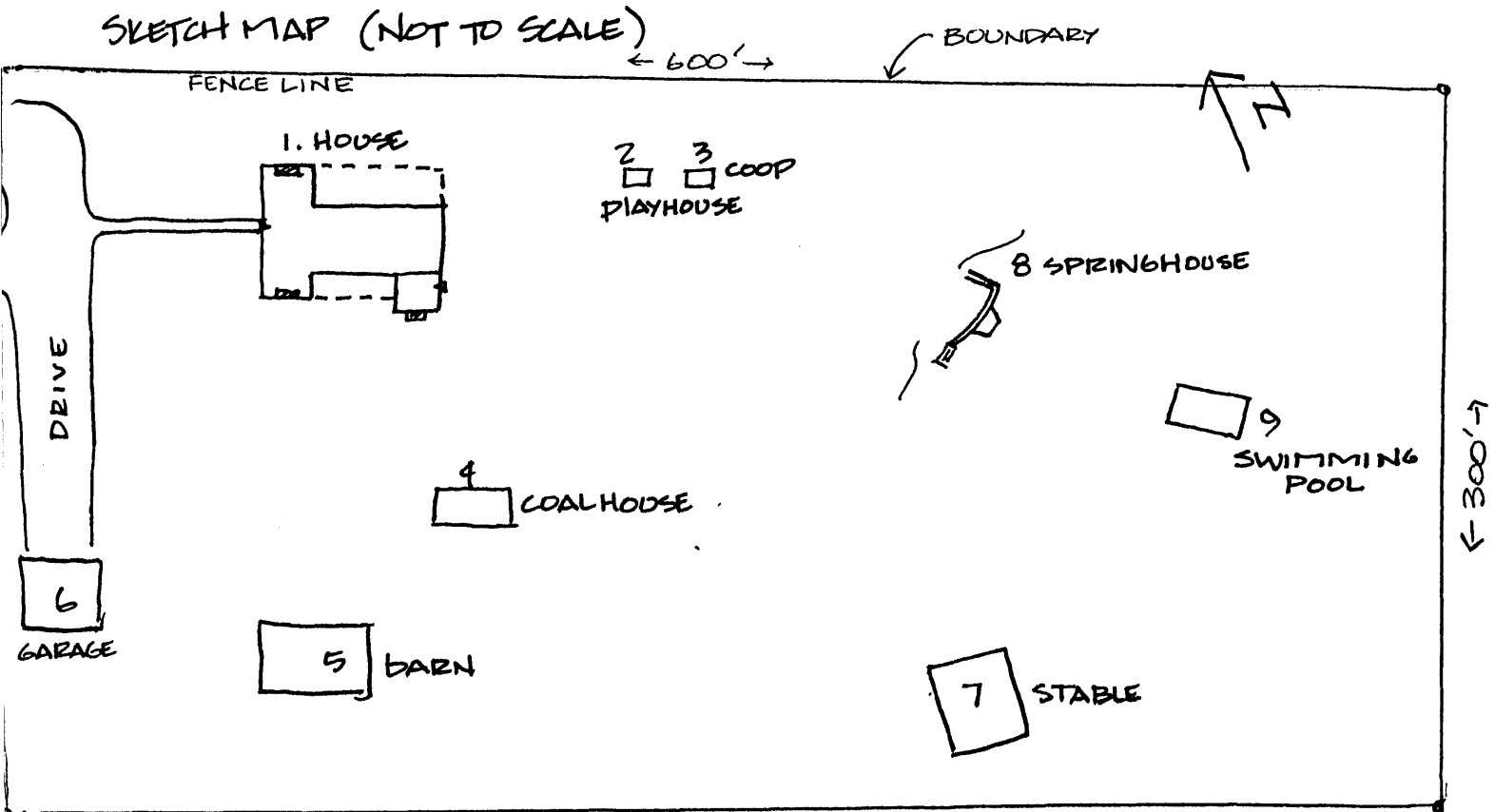


PHOTO LOG: Wallace-Alford Farmstead (WD 254)

Property location: Woodford County, Kentucky.

Photographer: Christine Amos

Date of photograph: 1992

Location of original negative: Kentucky Heritage Council,
Frankfort, Kentucky

1. Looking east-southeast to front of residence.
2. Interior detail of front entry door. Note height of original paneled door, original bullseye trim framing doorway, and large lintel placed above that trim during mid-19th century remodeling/enlarging of residence.
3. Exterior detail of front entry door. Note corner block and reeded trim duplicated on interior, delicate applied wood tracery in sidelights and fine, gaged brick work above fanlight.
4. Stable (#7), looking south to north gable end. Oldest portion rests on stone foundation.
5. Spring house and cattle watering area, looking west.