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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
Crutcher House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Mulberry Pike
CITY, TOWN
Eminence
STATE
Kentucky

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
6

___ VICINITY OF

CODE
021

COUNTY
Henry

CODE
103

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Mr. & Mrs. David Mason

STREET & NUMBER
Route # 1, Mulberry Pike

CITY, TOWN
Eminence

STATE
Kentucky

___ VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Henry County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Eminence

STATE
Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky

DATE
1980

___ FEDERAL STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN
Frankfort

STATE
Kentucky

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Crutcher House is located on the southeast fringe of the small rural community of Eminence (1970 pop. 2,225) in northcentral Kentucky. Within the past fifteen years, a subdivision has been built between the house and Kentucky Highway 55 (the main north-south thoroughfare through Eminence), dramatically altering the surrounding landscape. However, the house retains a lot of sufficient size to interpret its former agricultural/rural setting. The L & N railroad tracks run just to the north of the house.

The dwelling is a two-story five-bay frame I-house with a two-story ell projecting from the middle of the rear of the main block. A one-story addition, constructed about 1968, is attached to the north end of the rear wall. The exterior of the building is attractive in its restrained detailing, which includes Italianate brackets under the eaves, cornice heads over the windows and pilasters at the four corners of the building. Pilasters accent the center bay containing the entrance and second floor window and also aid in breaking the large rectangular mass of the building. A one-story portico with delicate Victorian trim and chamfered posts shelters the entrance. (There is some indication from markings on the pilasters that at one time there may have been a one-story porch extending the full length of the facade.) The entrance is further embellished with three-pane sidelights; the window above, two-pane sidelights.

The south side of the ell contains a one-story porch running the length of the ell. A balcony on the second level displaying trim similar to that on the front porch shelters the second floor entrance.

The interior of the main block features a small central hall with a parlor to each side. Much of the original wood trim remains, including a spiral staircase with simple brackets, doorframes, a mantel in the north room of the main block and all upstairs mantels.

Located to the rear of the main house are two frame outbuildings--a shed and buggy house of possibly early 20th-century construction.

The nominated area encompasses the house, two outbuildings, and surrounding land under present ownership which gives some physical interpretation to the original rural/agricultural setting.

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"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Located on what was formerly a large farm just outside Eminence in northcentral, Kentucky, is the town's most significant remaining example of late 19th-century residential architecture.

Eminence, founded in 1854, was described in 1887 as being "the largest town in the county..., situated on the Frankfort division of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, forty miles east of Louisville.¹ It is an enterprising, pushing town of 1,043 inhabitants."² It was during the fourth quarter of the 19th-century that the town experienced its greatest growth and it is from this era that the majority of the existing historic buildings, both commercial and domestic, date. The downtown commercial district (listed on the National Register February 14, 1979) retains much of its original late 19th-century flavor. The structures are modest in scale and detailing as is characteristic of the older houses of this period. The residences are largely frame with a minimum of trim.

Built ca. 1870 and incorporating a simple I-house form, the Crutcher House is noteworthy in the attention to detail displayed in the exterior trim. These features include Italianate brackets, pilasters, and delicate trim in the front and side porticos.

It is not known when precisely the house was erected; however its styling indicates a ca. 1870 construction date. The property was owned for a time in the 1870s by Jennie and James Leslie Crutcher, who are the probable builders of the house. The property was sold in 1879 to William Crutcher and subsequently purchased in 1888 by John A. Wise from Virginia and S. W. Crutcher (who is shown on the 1882 map as the owner). The house has since changed ownership several times until it was bought in 1974 by David and Mary Lou Mason.³

¹The L & N railroad line through Eminence was laid in 1847.

²Perrin, p. 599.

³The property was purchased in 1904 by Lewis E. Straughn from W. S. Brown and R. B. Arnold, heirs.

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ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4.26 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Eminence

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 16 659870 4247220

B 16 659860 4247130

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C 16 659820 4247115

D 16 659805 4247040

E 16 659730 4247050

F 16 659760 4247260

G

H

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Nominated area includes the property under present ownership, as recorded in Henry County Deed Book No. 121, pp. 126-127.

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

Gloria Mills, National Register Program Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

Kentucky Heritage Commission

DATE

August 1980

STREET & NUMBER

104 Bridge Street

TELEPHONE

(502) 564-3741

CITY OR TOWN

Frankfort

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Donna C. Hopkins

TITLE

Acting State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

10/23/80

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

W. Ray Luce

DATE

12/8/80

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

Emma Jane Saxe

DATE

12-5-80

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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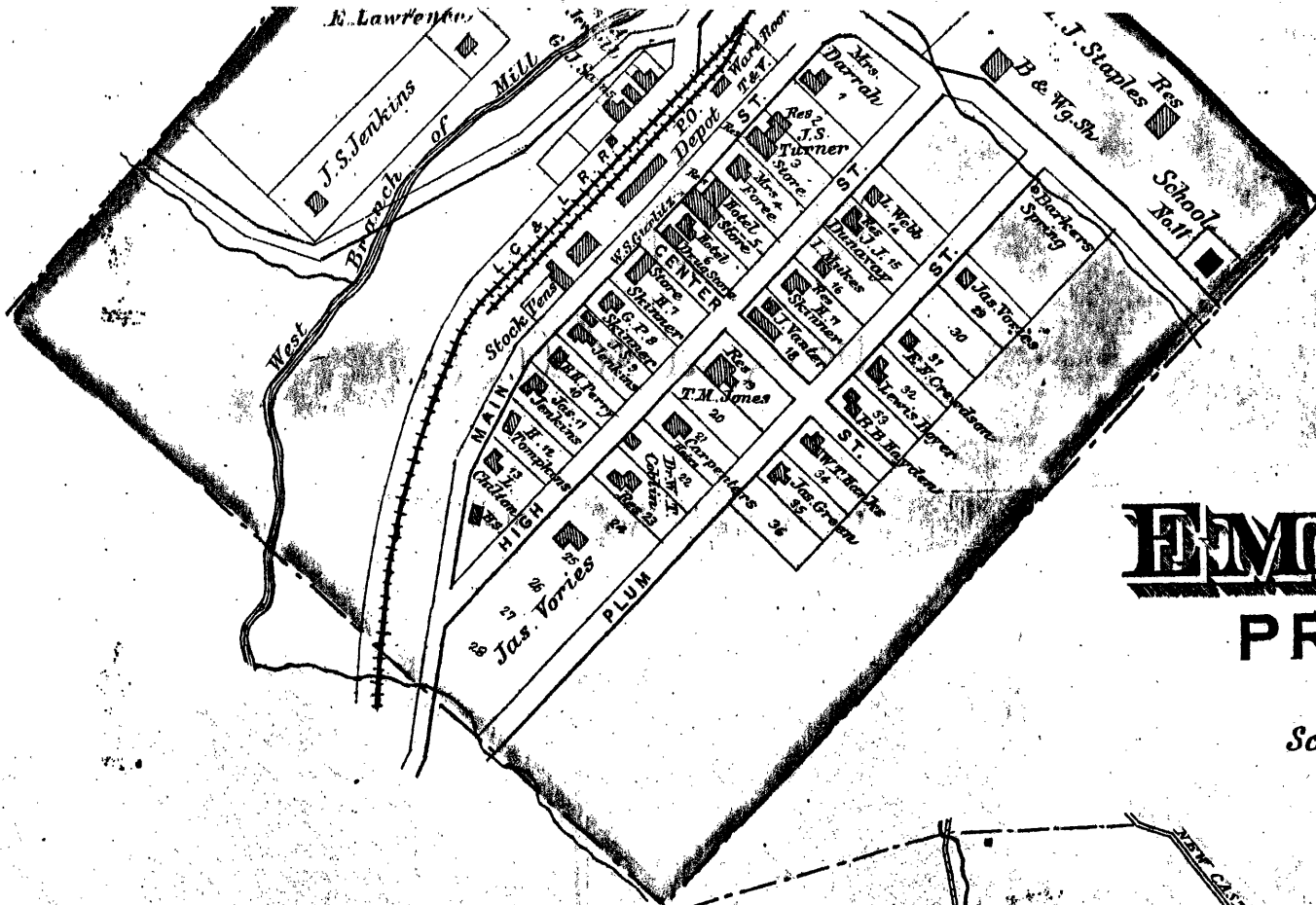
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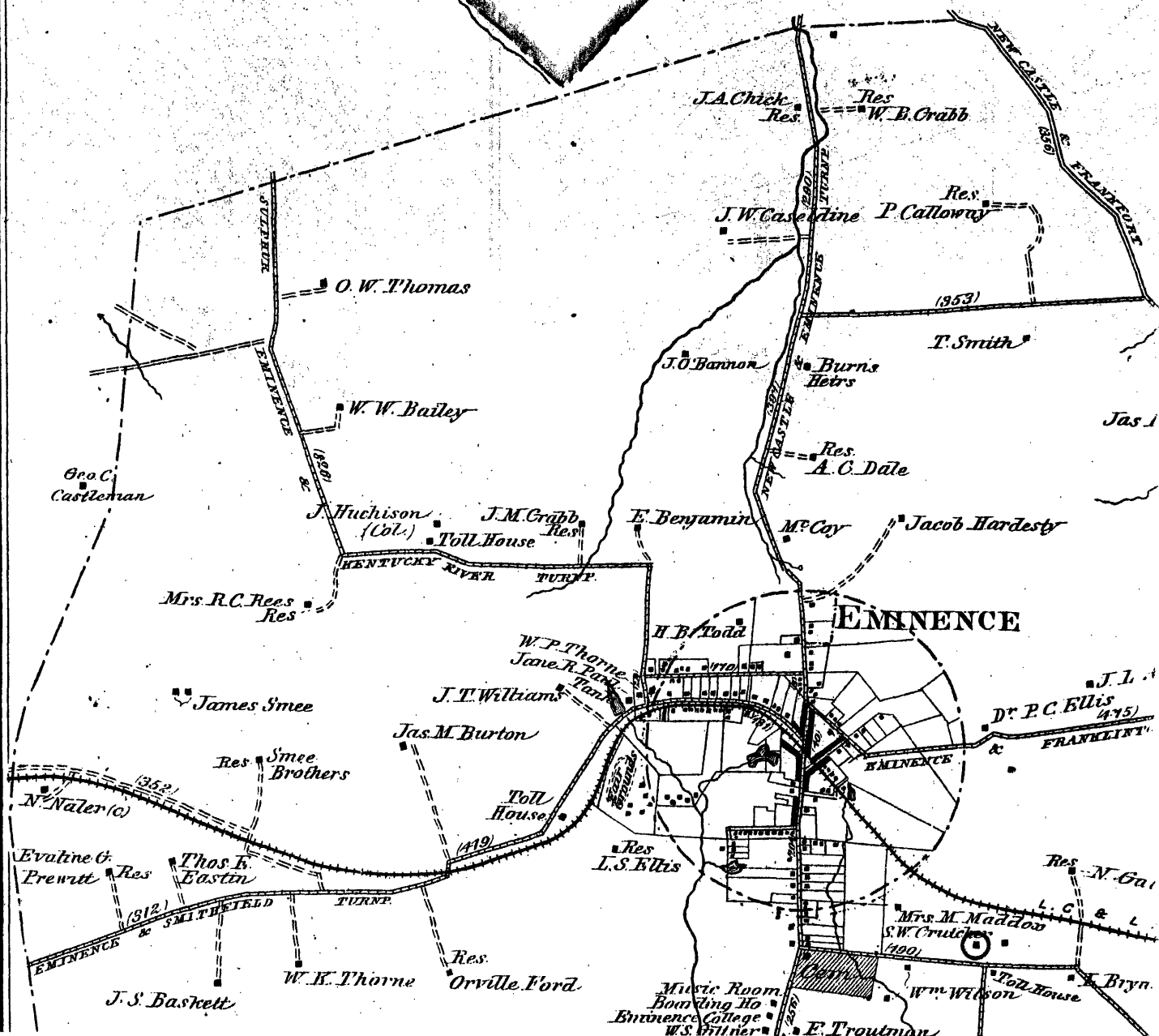
Information provided by Mrs. Sara LaRoche, Eminence, Kentucky; Mr. David Mason,
Eminence, Kentucky.



EMINENCE

PRE

Scale 1/2



Crutcher House
Henry County
Kentucky

MAP # 2

Scale 2" = 1 mile
Eminence Precinct
Atlas of Henry & Shelby Counties
Kentucky
D. J. Lake & Co., 1882

CRUTCHER HOUSE

Henry County, Kentucky

MAP #1

DEC 8 1980

Not to Scale
Red line indicates
property line and area
nominated

GM 9/10/80

