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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

Dinsmore House

AND/OR COMMON

Same

2 LOCATION

W of Burlington on KY 18

STREET & NUMBER

State Highway 18

__ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Burlington

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

 VICINITY OF west of Burlington 04

STATE

Kentucky

CODE

021

COUNTY

Boone

CODE

015

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY** DISTRICT BUILDING(S) STRUCTURE SITE OBJECT**OWNERSHIP** PUBLIC PRIVATE BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION** IN PROCESS BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS** OCCUPIED UNOCCUPIED WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE** YES: RESTRICTED YES: UNRESTRICTED NO**PRESENT USE** AGRICULTURE COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENCE RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER: Unoccupied**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. Martha Breasted ✓

STREET & NUMBER

2149 East Adams

CITY, TOWN

Tuscon

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

Arizona

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Boone County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Burlington

STATE

Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky (Supplement)

DATE

1977

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT DETERIORATED
 GOOD RUINS
 FAIR UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Dinsmore House is located on the north side of Kentucky 18 approximately six miles west of Burlington in Boone County, Kentucky. Boone is a northern Kentucky county which borders the Ohio River and is slightly southwest of Cincinnati, Ohio. Burlington, with a population of approximately 33,000, is the county seat (Burlington Historic District nomination is pending). The Dinsmore House is situated on approximately 300 acres containing one of the finest stands of undisturbed natural woodlands in Kentucky.

Facing southeast, the structure is a 2 1/2 story, five-bay, weatherboarded dwelling erected between 1841-42(see photo 1). This modest, rectangular building reflects the transition from Federal to Greek Revival. The general massing, fenestration, and floor plan are characteristic of the Federal period, while the door treatments, front porch, and interior trim are indicative of the Greek Revival.

Six-over-six pane, sash windows pierce the rather plain, symmetrical facade. A one-story portico surmounted by a low, geometrical-patterned balustrade shelters the central entrance. The door is flanked by three-pane sidelights with panelled aprons beneath, and above is a multi-paned transom. A narrow, fluted surround with corner blocks completes the doorway. The rear door is treated in a similar manner(see photo 2), and a one-story porch extends across the rear. This is most likely a later addition as are the windows in the west gable end(see photo 3). Two, corbelled brick, interior end chimneys rise from the gable roof, and a more recent exterior chimney is on the east gable end. Improvements were made in 1916 when electricity was installed and the two-story wing was added to the east, thereby providing indoor kitchen facilities.

On the interior, the house is two rooms deep(see floor plan) with a central hall bisected by sliding doors. Woodwork throughout reflects the simplicity of the exterior as is evidenced by the chaste renderings of the mantles(see photos 4 and 5) and the plain baseboards and door and window trim(see photo 6). The original random-width floorboards are also intact.

In addition, a sizeable collection of outbuildings survive(see site location map). To the north of the house is an unusually long, single-pen, V-notched log structure which most likely served as the original residence for the Dinsmore family (see photos 7 and 9). A stone chimney is located on the west gable end of this building while the east gable end is pierced by a six-over-six pane, sash window. The north and south walls each contain a central door and a single window at the west end. North of the log house is a log smokehouse, and to the east of the main house is a frame, caretaker's cottage dating from the last quarter of the nineteenth century. West of the main house is a rectangular, board and batten structure that served as slave quarters(see photo 8), and beyond this is the family graveyard. Along with these structures, a small cluster of late nineteenth century outbuildings also remains(see photo 9).

The nominated acreage consists of approximately 22 acres on the north side of Kentucky 18 incorporating the house, outbuildings and graveyard.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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<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

1842

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Dinsmore House, located in the northwest section of Boone County, is an outstanding example of a transitional rural structure constructed in the Federal and Greek Revival styles which was typical of houses built in northern Kentucky between 1835-1850. It is virtually unaltered and is one of the last remaining residences of this type in Boone County. Furthermore, the site retains many of the original outbuildings including a single pen, V-notched log structure (which perhaps was the first residence of the Dinsmore family), a slave quarters, a log smokehouse and graveyard. *(which served as the first kitchen for the main house), a winery, a log smokehouse, and a graveyard **

The two-story frame structure was built for James Dinsmore, of Louisiana, who had purchased 264 acres from Israel Clore in 1839 (Boone County Deed Book M, p. 14). Construction of the house was begun in 1841 and completed in November 1842 by *John* George Brady, a local builder, under the supervision of John Dinsmore, the *brother ** father of James Dinsmore. It is said that the house was designed by the Dinsmore brothers.

Since the construction the house and acreage have remained in possession of the Dinsmore family. A later owner, Robert H. Ferguson, was a personal friend of President Theodore Roosevelt, and served as an officer in the Rough Riders. Later he was a partner with Roosevelt in the Elk Horn Ranch. According to family tradition Theodore Roosevelt was a visitor at the Dinsmore farm in Boone County. In addition, Ferguson's wife *Isabella ** Julia Dinsmore was acquainted with Eleanor Roosevelt and was a bridesmaid in Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt's wedding, and was godmother of their only daughter Anna Roosevelt.

The Dinsmore farm has remained in the family over the years, and is currently owned by a descendent of James Dinsmore, in partnership with two other individuals.

see letter dated 4/9/79 re connection

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Boone County Marriage Book G. Boone County Courthouse.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA 26

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. 22 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Rising Sun; Lawrenceburg

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary begins at a point on the north side of Ky 18 opposite Middle Creek Road and runs west along the fence line for approximately 1200 feet to point C (see U. S.G.S. map).

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES (cont.)

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Gus Johnson, Historian / Charlotte Schneider, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Kentucky Heritage Commission

STREET & NUMBER

104 Bridge Street

CITY OR TOWN

Frankfort

DATE

May 1978

TELEPHONE

502/ 564-3741

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

Edward W. Gullett

TITLE

DATE 1-23-79

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

ATTEST:

Charles A. ...
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 3-28-79

...
CLERK OF REGISTRATION

DATE 3/27/79

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Additional information obtained from Mrs. Martha Breasted, owner and descendant of James Dinsmore.

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The line then proceeds south for approximately 1300 feet to the north side of Ky 18 thereby incorporating sites to the west of the house, i.e. slave quarters and graveyard. From there, the boundary turns northeast, following the north side of Ky 18 for approximately 2200 feet to the point of origin.

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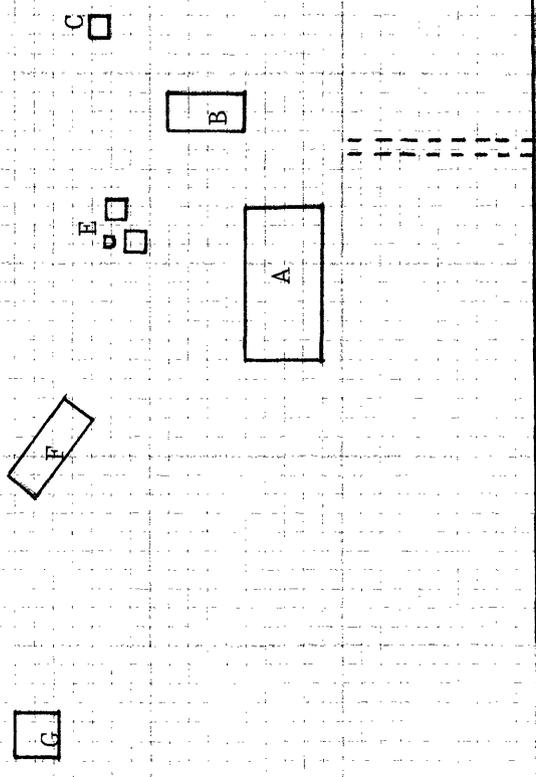
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Site location map

Not to scale.

Key:

- A - Main Residence
- B - Log House
- C - Smokehouse
- D - Frame Cottage
- E - Late nineteenth century sheds
- F - Slave Quarters
- G - Graveyard



KY 18

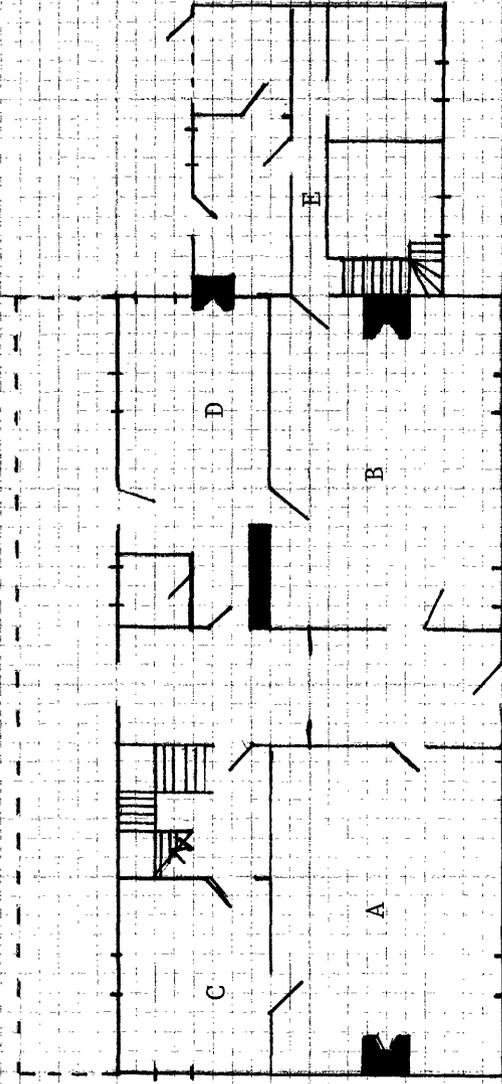
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Frankfort, Kentucky
October 1978

Site location map.

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Floor plan
Not to scale.



Key:
A - Parlor
B - Dining Room
C - Bedroom
D - Bedroom/Study
E - Kitchen Wing



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