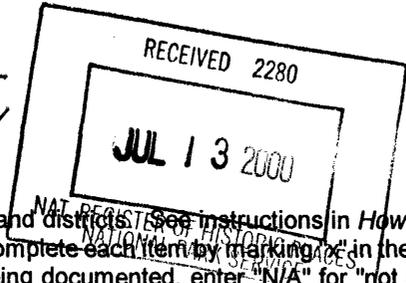


United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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1. Name of Property

historic name Stevenson, Dr. John E., House

other names/site number BE-295

2. Location

street & number 3422 Beaver Road not for publication N/A

city or town Union vicinity [check]

state Kentucky code KY county Boone code 015 zip code 41091

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this [X] 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 [X] meets [] does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant [] nationally [] statewide [X] locally. ([] See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title: David L. Morgan, SHPO and Executive Director, KHC Date: 6-5-2000

State Historic Preservation Office/Kentucky Heritage Council

State or Federal agency and bureau

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I hereby certify that this property is: [X] entered in the National Register [] See continuation sheet.

Signature of the Keeper

Edson H. Beall

Date of Action

8/24/00

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(Check as many boxes as apply)

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Historic Resources of Boone County, Kentucky

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

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Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

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NO STYLE

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roof ASPHALT

other _____

Narrative Description

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

Refer to continuation sheets

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(Enter categories from instructions)

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Period of Significance

c. 1870-1920

Significant Dates

c. 1870

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

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Architect/Builder

Unidentified

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Stevenson, Dr. John E., House
Name of Property

Boone County, KY
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 0.47 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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Description

The c. 1870 Dr. John E. Stevenson House (BE-295) is a two-story wood frame three-bay I-house. With reference to the Multiple Property Documentation Form, "Historic Resources of Boone County, Kentucky," the Dr. John E. Stevenson House is a representative example of Property Type ID, *domestic architecture/I-house*. The Stevenson House rests upon a continuous stone foundation and is capped with a lateral gable roof clad in asphalt shingles (Photo 1). A one-story ell extends from the rear of the main wing, giving the house an overall "T" plan (Photo 2). The exterior surfaces are of clapboard. A one-story open porch of wood extends across the facade and is supported by four smooth-shafted, modest Tuscan columns of wood (Photo 1). Fenestration on the Stevenson House is flat-topped, with two-over-two sash set on extended wood sills and finished without architectural ornamentation. Most windows retain their original exterior shutter hardware; the original shutters have been replaced with modern shutters, which, although not of historic materials, correspond to the dimension of the windows and do not seriously compromise the integrity of the property as a whole. One interior gable-end brick chimney punctuates the ridge line of the roof at the east end of the main wing.

The interior of the Stevenson House retains most of its original late nineteenth-century character, although the wall dividing the original hall from the west front room has been removed (Photo 3). An original central stair rises from the area of the original hall, and incorporates a hexagonal newel, turned balusters, and handrail, all of walnut (Photo 3). Original woodwork includes molded baseboards and door and window openings enframed with reeded trim and bull's-eye corner blocks of golden oak; some faux-finished graining exists. Mantles are of marbelized slate. The ell contains a diningroom and kitchen; its original ceiling has been removed to expose the rafters and to create the effect of a cathedral ceiling. The bedrooms on the second story retain their original location, spatial arrangement, and dimension (Photo 4).

The Stevenson House is located on a 0.47-acre parcel in the Hamilton Precinct, in rural southwestern Boone County. It is oriented to the south on a hillside overlooking Beaver Road (State Route 1292), adjacent to the entrance to Big Bone Lick State Park. A dry stone retaining wall provides a perimeter to the front of the nominated property; it is a small-scale landscape feature which contributes to the character of the property but is not included in the nomination's resource count. An unpaved driveway leads from Beaver Road to the house. The hillside property is maintained in a generally natural vegetative condition; immediately west of the house a modern sculptural garden has been constructed with a variety of small-scale masonry objects, a sundial, and several free-standing columns. These objects are small-scale landscape features and are not included in the resource count for the property.

A stone-lined root cellar (Photo 5) with a diameter of c. twelve feet is built into a hillside immediately behind the house (Photo 7, 8). It is considered to be a contributing feature within the context of the nominated property, and is a representative example of Property Type IIC (cellars).

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Stevenson, Dr. John E., House
(Historic Resources of Boone County, Kentucky)

Section Number 8 Page 1

Significance

The Dr. John E. Stevenson House (BE-295) is significant under National Register Criterion C, for its architectural design. It is described in the Kentucky Heritage Council Historic Resource Survey (No. BE-295) as, "one of the finest local examples of the three-bay I-house, a common house type of the nineteenth century." Despite some modification to the floor plan, the Stevenson House clearly reflects its historical appearance and retains integrity of materials, setting, association, workmanship, design, and feeling. The property meets the Registration Requirements for Property Type I resources (domestic architecture), as set forth in section F of the Boone County MPDF. It is significant within Historic Context V, *Domestic Architecture in Boone County, 1789-1950*.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Being a portion of that property described in Boone County, Kentucky Deed Book 347, Page 127, and Property Tax Parcel Map No. 31-23, measuring north 78', east 240', south 95', and west 242'; more particularly as depicted on the attached map prepared by the Boone County Planning Commission.

JUSTIFICATION

The boundary includes the Dr. Stevenson House, and its associated root cellar, both of which have been historically associated with the property and retain their architectural integrity and significance.

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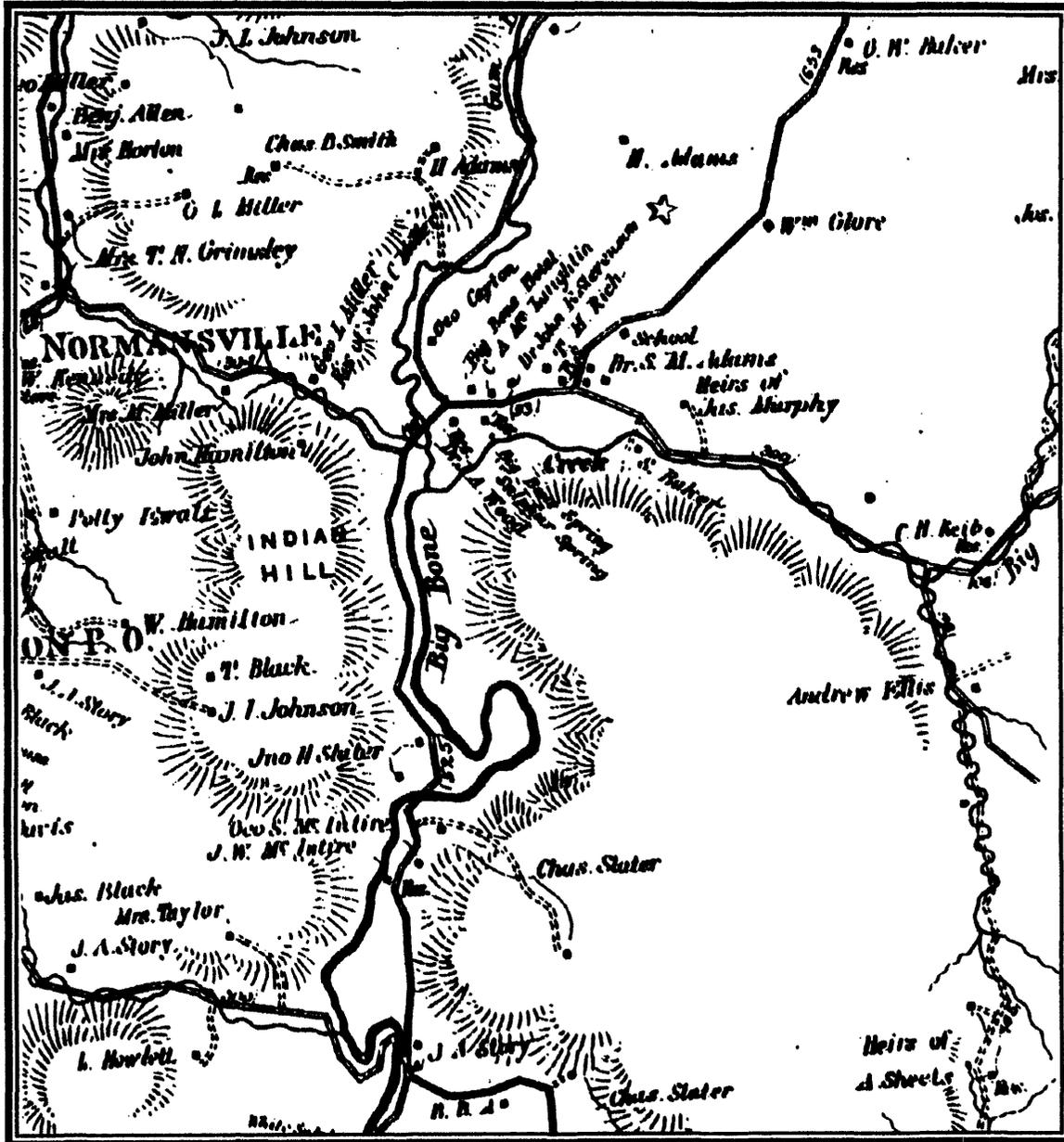
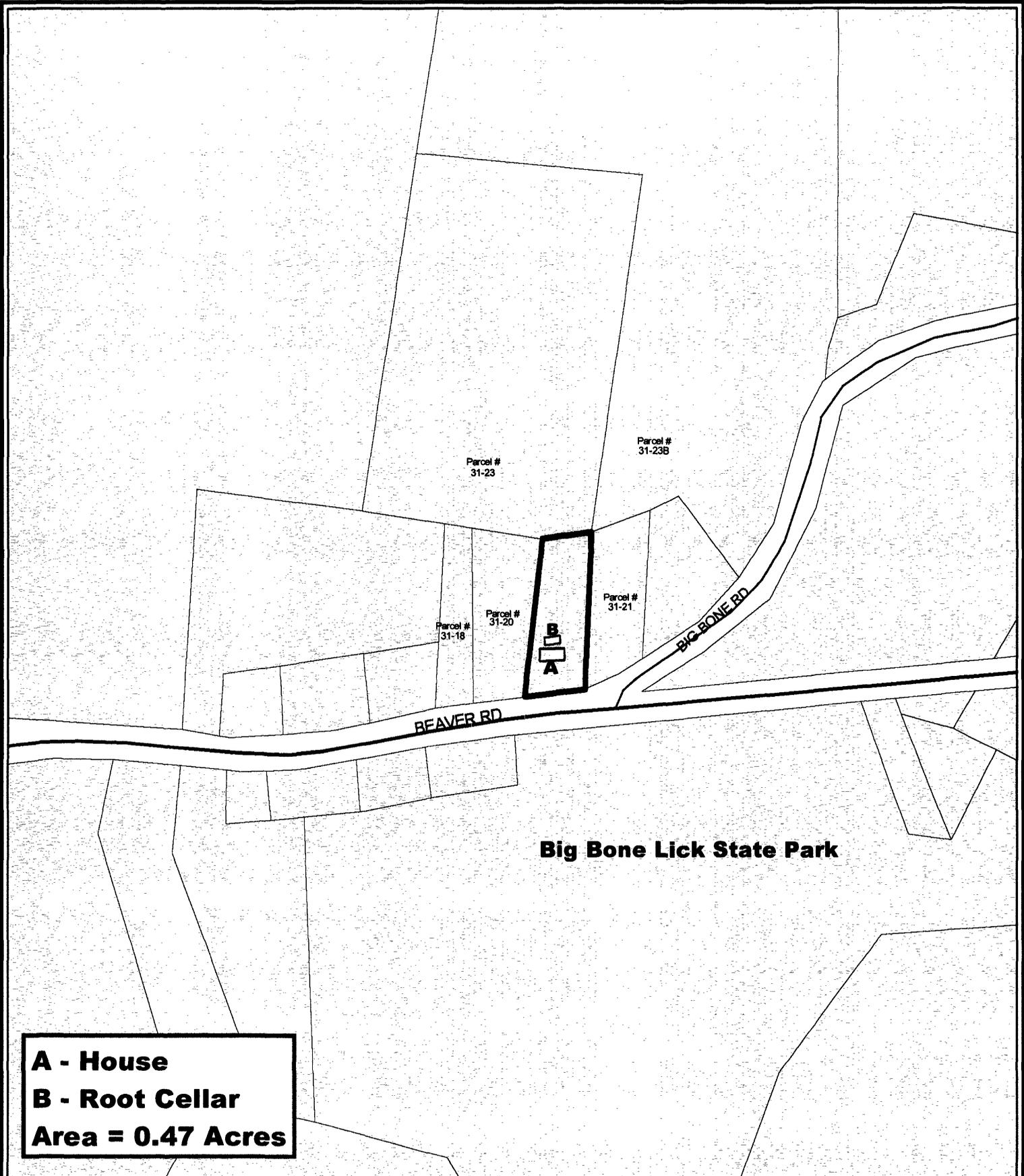
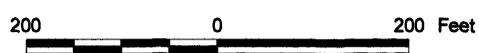


Figure 1 This excerpt from the 1883 D. J. Lake county atlas shows the Stevenson House (indicated with a ☆) across the road from the Big Bone Spring and the Sulphur Spring; Dr. John Stevenson's Big Bone Springs Hotel is shown near his house, to the west.



A - House
B - Root Cellar
Area = 0.47 Acres

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Dr. John E. Stevenson
BE - 295



1 inch equals 200 feet
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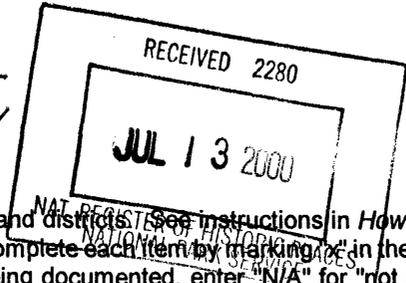


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historic name Stevenson, Dr. John E., House

other names/site number BE-295

2. Location

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city or town Union vicinity [check]

state Kentucky code KY county Boone code 015 zip code 41091

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Signature of commenting official/Title Date State or Federal agency and bureau

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[] other (explain):

Signature of the Keeper: [Signature] Date of Action: 8/24/00

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

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

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously-listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
2		buildings
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2		Total

Name of related multiple property listing

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Historic Resources of Boone County, Kentucky

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

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Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

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Materials

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

c. 1870-1920

Significant Dates

c. 1870

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unidentified

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Stevenson, Dr. John E., House
Name of Property

Boone County, KY
County and State

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Section Number 7 Page 1

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Stevenson, Dr. John E., House
(Historic Resources of Boone County, Kentucky)

Section Number 8 Page 1

Significance

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Being a portion of that property described in Boone County, Kentucky Deed Book 347, Page 127, and Property Tax Parcel Map No. 31-23, measuring north 78', east 240', south 95', and west 242'; more particularly as depicted on the attached map prepared by the Boone County Planning Commission.

JUSTIFICATION

The boundary includes the Dr. Stevenson House, and its associated root cellar, both of which have been historically associated with the property and retain their architectural integrity and significance.

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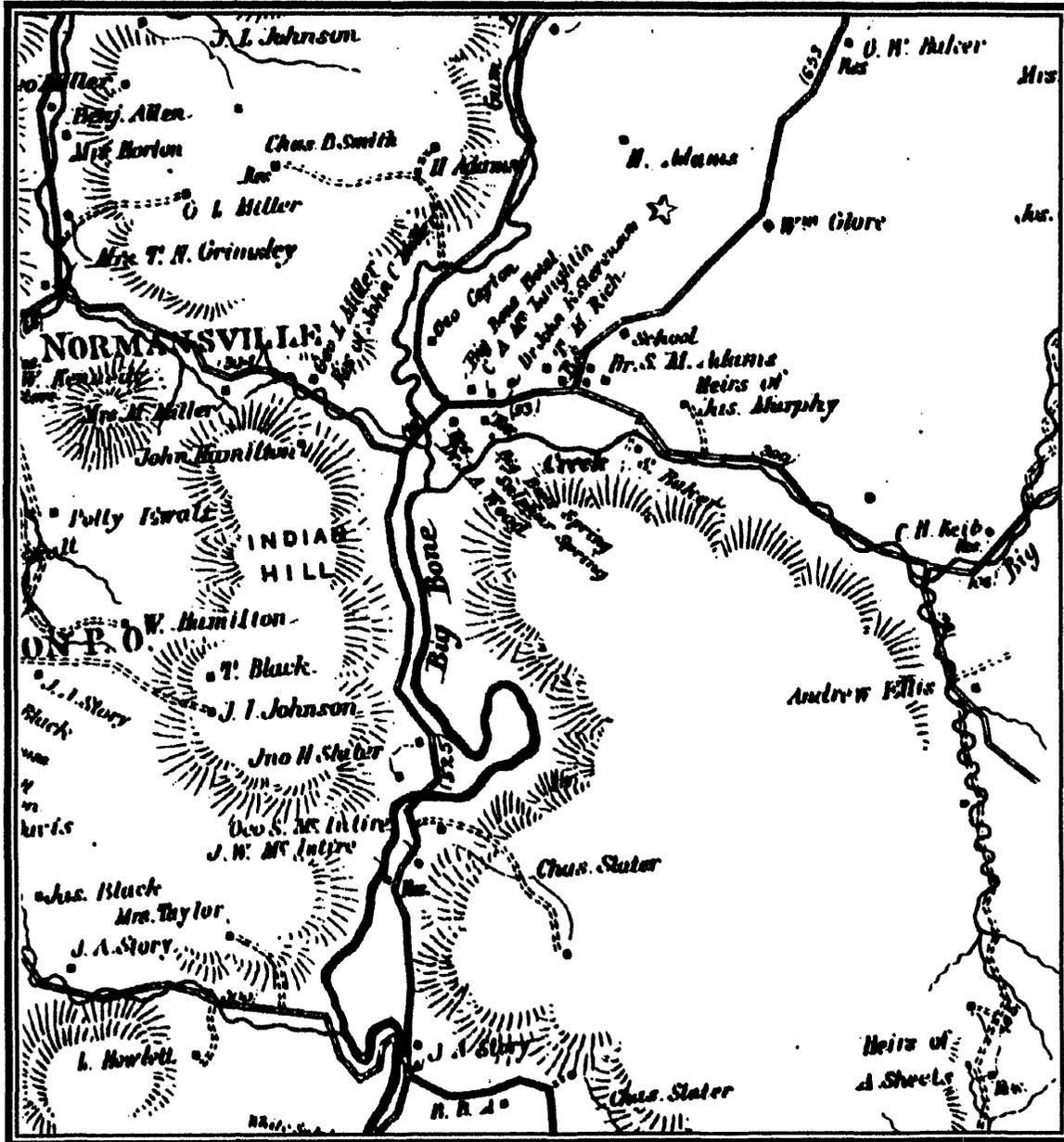
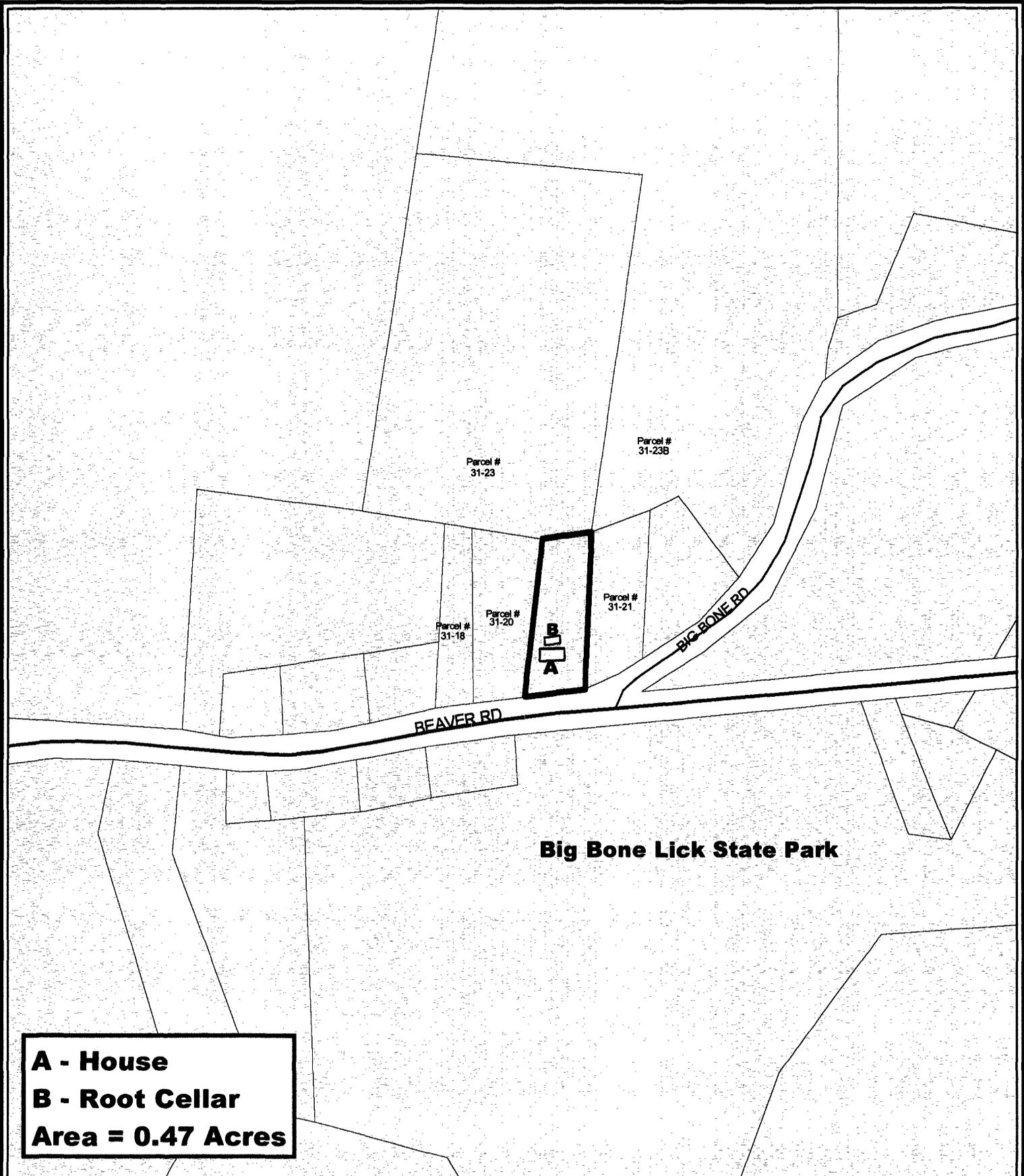
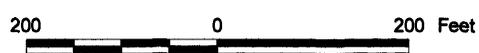


Figure 1 This excerpt from the 1883 D. J. Lake county atlas shows the Stevenson House (indicated with a ☆) across the road from the Big Bone Spring and the Sulphur Spring; Dr. John Stevenson’s Big Bone Springs Hotel is shown near his house, to the west.



A - House
B - Root Cellar
Area = 0.47 Acres

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1 inch equals 200 feet
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