

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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1. Name

historic Carlton, Jonathan, House

and/or common Schramm's Tavern

2. Location

street & number Market Street _____ not for publication

city, town Petersburg _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district _____

state Kentucky code 021 county Boone code _____

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 type="checkbox"/> museum
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<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Robert A. and Patricia Berry

street & number P.O. Box 46

city, town Petersburg _____ vicinity of _____ state Kentucky 41080

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Boone County Courthouse Annex Building

street & number Route 18

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6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Kentucky Historic Resources Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date Fall, 1976 _____ federal state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records Kentucky Heritage Commission

city, town Frankfort _____ state Kentucky 40601

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
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unaltered
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original site
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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The wall treatment consists of uneven 4" pit sawn weatherboard siding dressed with beaded cornerboards. Two interior end chimneys on the main block and an off-center corbeled chimney on the ell protrude from the standing seam metal roof. Both gable ends exhibit exposed limestone chimney breasts, while the entire house rests on a whitewashed rubble limestone foundation.

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Specific dates	circa 1825	Builder/Architect	_____	

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Jonathan Carlton House is significant as a locally distinctive example of Federal vernacular architecture and for its historical context within the development of Petersburg, Kentucky. Built c. 1825, the Carlton House is the only building remaining in Petersburg which clearly reflects the influences of Federal architecture.¹ The reeded entrance and fanlight, uneven weatherboard siding, and original interior fittings make it an important if simple expression of the Federal style. Equally significant, the Carlton House is among the few historic resources still surviving from the fertile period when Petersburg was the county's most important commercial center. In 1850 Petersburg, with a population of 420, was ranked the largest community in Boone County.

Although generally acknowledged to be the oldest settlement in Boone County, Petersburg was not officially platted until 1817 when John J. Flournay surveyed the original 275 lots. The earliest known reference to the Carlton property appeared in 1835, when a deed conveyance described the property as "the same conveyed to John B. Shepherd by Jonathan Carlton and whereon said Carlton lived."² While little information is available on Carlton, he is known to have owned the property and improvements sometime before 1830. Carlton's house passed through a series of transferrals until 1860, when John Schramm (1809–1863) purchased the house and 3 lots from Robert Mosley for \$1,000.00. Schramm subsequently acquired a tavern license, and along with Lewis A. Loder, operated the only two taverns in Petersburg.³ During this period the tavern was an important social center and served as a focal point for travelers and traders journeying to and from Petersburg. The Schramm family continued to operate the tavern until it was sold to M.F. Wingate in 1906. The present owners, Robert and Patricia Berry, purchased the property in 1978 and have maintained the house in an excellent state of repair.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Acreeage of nominated property .25 acre

Quadrangle name Lawrenceburg

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Plat Book 10, Page 8. The nominated property is situated in Boone County, Kentucky, in the Town of Petersburg and bounded as follows: BEGINNING at the Northwest (see continuation sheet)

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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organization Kentucky Heritage Council

date August, 1982

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telephone 502/564-7005

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state Kentucky 40601

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Mary Ann Ogden

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date Sept. 20, 1982

For HCRS use only I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register <i>Dorcas Ann Dunge</i> Keeper of the National Register	date <u>11/10/82</u>
Attest: <i>Patricia Andrews</i> Chief of Registration	date <u>11/9/82</u>

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