

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

DATA SHEET

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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

~~Garred-Burgess~~ House, ~~Garred~~ Chapel, and Burial Vault

AND/OR COMMON

Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

U.S. Route 23; 9 miles south of Louisa

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF Louisa

07

STATE

Kentucky

CODE

021

COUNTY

Lawrence

CODE

127

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED (house)	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED (chapel)	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<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 type="checkbox"/> 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

Owner of house - Mr. Tom Burgess and Dr. Francis Burgess. Owner of chapel and
burial vault - Mrs. Lonzo Arrington

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1; Route 1 Box 340

CITY, TOWN

Louisa

VICINITY OF

STATE

Kentucky

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Lawrence County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Louisa

STATE

Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky

DATE

1971

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR (house)

DETERIORATED (chapel)
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Garred-Burgess House is located on a farm on bottom land lying between the Levisa Fork which runs to the rear of the property and the hills to the north. Highway 25, which is 1,351 feet from the front of the house, divides the property.

The house is two-story, of sandstone. The individual stones are of irregular size and shape, with some being extraordinarily large for such use (photos 1 & 2). The front of the house has only five bays, but the openings are very widely spaced. Great masses of stone are left bare, both on either side of the central door on the front and at the ends of the main block, which have no windows at all. The low-sloped roof, lowering just over the second-story openings, is reinforced by the (later) broad one-story porch across the entire front. Low square chimneys with emphatic collars mark the endwalls, beyond which extend deep unbracketed eaves.

There is a modern enclosed porch attached to the left (northeast) side of the house (photo 3) and a kitchen ell to the rear. A gallery runs along the second story of the ell, which contains rooms formerly used as quarters for slaves (photos 5 & 6).

There is a large central hall with a large stone fireplace-mantel in the right (south) parlor and a stone fireplace with a wood mantel in the left room.

A garage lies to the right rear of the house, with a well-house in between. A smokehouse constructed of wide poplar boards put together with pegs is a few feet from the left side of the house (photo 7).

Approximately 400 feet northeast of the house is a barn of mid-19th-century construction (photo 8). The interior is distinguished by two large continuous "sleeper" beams approximately 70-75 feet in length running along either end. Exterior boards are 28" - 30" wide, of yellow poplar.

A stone burial vault is located on top of the hill across the highway from the house with the entrance, of Vermont marble, facing east. The vault has a monumental quality, surprising in such a simple structure. A very low gable facing forward over the slightly recessed inscribed plaque evokes both a primitive Doric temple-front and a barbaric sarcophagus. The façade consists of large, evenly laid stones. Pilasters and entablature are just hinted at by the minimal recession of the plane around the plaque. All this mass of stone seems almost to have become embedded of its own weight in the side of the hill, facing the house and the river as a kind of permanent "memento mori." (Photo 13)

The date of 1836 places it just in the ground-swell of the Greek Revival in Kentucky. Tradition calls it the first stone burial vault in Lawrence County and perhaps in eastern

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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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES (burial vault) c. 1836 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown
 (stone house) c. 1850 (chapel) c. 1870

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Garred-Burgess House, called by a local historian "the most commodious stone house in the Sandy Valley," was built by the prosperous Garred family, typical of those eastern Kentucky settlers fortunate enough to secure in this mountainous area rich bottomland on which to locate their farm. The Garreds also serve as an example of those few more wealthy farmers in the region who owned slaves. Although never large in number, this slave-owning element did serve to divide the community during the period of the Civil War.

"As early as 1789 emigrants began to come to Sandy, and settle in the valley from those [Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and the Carolinas] States. They knew that mountains and hills and streams would impede their progress; it dismayed them not, for most of them had, from near or far, looked upon the craggy peaks of the Alleghany [sic], Blue Ridge, or Cumberland Mountains" (Ely, pp. 5, 6).

There was a small community of approximately 200 persons in Louisa when David Garred and his wife Jennie first arrived in the area from Monroe County, Virginia, around 1820. The population was racially mixed, as was that of the county. In 1850, the period in which the Garred House was constructed, the number of slaves listed in Lawrence County was 137 compared with 6,142 whites (Collins, p. 261).

Garreds bought property on the banks of the Levisa Fork and there built a log house where they were to raise their family. Before his death David Garred carefully chose the spot where he wished to be buried--high on a ridge overlooking his farm. The vault containing his remains and those of his wife was perhaps more difficult to assemble than his log house. Four-foot-wide sections of native cut stone were transported across the creeks, hauled up the steep hillside, and put in place. The entrance, facing the east, is of Vermont marble which was shipped to Kentucky from New Orleans by boat up the Mississippi, by push boat up the Big Sandy, and ox team up the hill. It was the first stone vault in the Big Sandy Valley, and could be seen two miles up and down the river--steamboat captains used it as a landmark. It is also a monument of the Greek Revival.

The stone arrived with the family name misspelled (originally spelled Garrett). Correcting the spelling would have entailed too much time, money and effort, and so the inscription was left as it was. David Garred's son Ulysses adopted the new spelling and thereafter the family went by the name of Garred.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Big Sandy News, September 1, 1922, p. 1.

Collins, Lewis, and Richard Collins. Collins' Historical Sketches of Kentucky. Vol. II, Louisville: John P. Morton and Co., 1874, pp. 258, 261, 459.

Connelley, William Elsey, and E. M. Coulter. History of Kentucky. Vol. I, Chicago: America Historical Society, 1922, p. 1101.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 36.7 acres

UTM REFERENCES

E. 17/354460/4209020

A | 1,7 | 35,511,1,0 | 4,20,90,5,0 |

B | 1,7 | 35,43,2,0 | 4,20,83,6,0 |

C | 1,7 | 35,42,4,0 | 4,20,84,4,0 |

D | 1,7 | 35,45,4,0 | 4,20,82,0 |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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, Staff Historian

WEL

ORGANIZATION

Kentucky Heritage Commission

DATE

June 1975

STREET & NUMBER

401 Wapping Street

TELEPHONE

502 564-4476

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.

SIGNATURE

Eldred W. Mellon

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

Aug. 10, 1975

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

10/29/95

ATTEST:

DATE

OCT 24 1975

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Kentucky. It is also recorded that the main portion of the vault was built of native stone, quarried by slaves with stone masons named Christian and Travis as overseers.

To the south of the house, 2,150 feet away, is a small brick chapel with a family cemetery between it and the highway (photos 10-12). The north end of the building contains the entrance. The east and west sides are three-bayed with the brick arches over the windows serving as a form of hoodmold. No glass panes remain in the windows.

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After the death of David Garred about 1845 his sons, Ulysses and David W., lived on with their mother in the log house. In time they built the stone house on or near the site of the older dwelling. (According to family tradition the extant smokehouse dates to the period of the log residence.) The attractive structure, built by slave labor, was of native sandstone, brought by ox team from a quarry site one mile distant (photos 1 - 6). The two Garred brothers later divided the farm and property, with Ulysses getting the stone house and surrounding lands and David W. taking the adjacent property to the south.

Ulysses Garred, according to Ely, "has been ranked as one of the foremost citizens of his section" and a "model farmer and trader" (Ely, p. 134). He was elected to the State Legislature in 1848, again served from 1873 to 1875 and "filled many other offices of note in his county, always with satisfaction to the people" (Ely, p. 134).

The stone residence built by the Garreds was later to function as a hotel and maintained a reputation during the late nineteenth century "second to no other hostelry in the valley" (Ely, p. 134).

Before the outbreak of the Civil War, David W. Garred built himself a two-story frame house close to his brother's home. Some years later, c. 1870, he donated land nearby, materials, and labor for the construction of a Methodist church. The chapel very likely suited the small congregation well, unpretentious yet dignified as it is (photos 10-12).

Eastern Kentucky produced few stone houses. More modest dwellings of log or frame, many of which are visible today, were more common. The Garred-Burgess house is a rarity, therefore, as is the survival of the complex--barn, smokehouse, related chapel and burial vault.

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Ely, William. The Big Sandy Valley, Catlettsburg: 1887.

Population, Economic and Land Use Study, Louisa, Kentucky. Kentucky Program
Development Office. September, 1968, p. 3.

545

LT. STA 545+44 CONST.
END DUMP STONE (223 Y.)

EXIST-GUARD RAIL
275' L.F. 2 TERMINAL
SECTION TYPE 1-A
(REMOVE)

EXIST-GUARD RAIL
312.5' L.F. 2 TERMINAL
SECTION TYPE 1-A



BM 97
167.0
92.7

GUARD RAIL

T.G. 583.96
R. 578.00

T.G. 583.93
R. 575.72

GUARD RAIL

N 52°

100
50

Gravel Drive

EXIST. PERM.
DRAIN ESMT.

O.E. 561.99
O.E. 561.99

EXIST R/W

O.E. 567.00

Gravel Drive

RT-1

N 45° 04' 19" E
77.58'

RT-1



Temp. Esmt For
Bldg. Removal

N 52°

+49
130
+49
127
+49
147

105A

Perm. Drain
Esmt.

+15
133

+15
153

PT. 546+78.86

PT. 110+20
110

+20
160

+100
110
+100
160

RT. STA 545+53 CONST.
END DUMP STONE (22 S.Y.)

RT. STA 545+00 - 545+53
CONST. N. PVD. SURF. DT. TYPE 1
(45 S.Y. PVD. DT.)
(20 S.Y. SODDING)

RT. STA. 545+00 TO STA. 547+42 CONST.
252 L.F. STEEL BEAM GUARD RAIL TYPE 1
& 1 END TREATMENT TYPE 2

Barn

Shed

S

STA. 545+48.75
99-5 x 7 RC BOX
CULV. B. 2 HPLDS.
AT 2' 29.50' SK. LT.

LT. STA. 547+30 EXIST.
28'-15" RCP ENT. PIPE

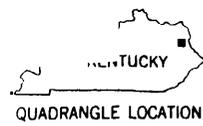
RT. STA. 547+45
EXIST. 28'-15" R.C.P.
ENT. PIPE (TO BE
REMOVED)



Burgess House, Garred Chapel & Burial

- References:
- 55110/4209050 B. 17/354320/4208360
 - 54240/4208440 D. 17/354540/4208820
 - 54460/4209020

STANDARDS
 WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242,
 KENTUCKY 40506,
 FORT, KENTUCKY 40601
 IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C.—1973
 356 357000m. E. 82° 37' 30"

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Primary highway, hard surface
- Secondary highway, hard surface
- Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
- Unimproved road
- Interstate Route
- U. S. Route
- State Route

ADAMS, KY.
 SW/4 LOUISA 15' QUADRANGLE
 N3800—W8237.5/7.5

1971