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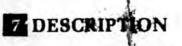
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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

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1842

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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 perhaps was the first butcher for the man house), a money, a log smokehouse and 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 George Brady, a local builder, under the supervision of John Dinsmore, the 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 Julia Dinsmore was acquainted with Eleanor Roosevelt and was a bridemaid 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.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES Atlas of Boone County, Kentucky. Boone County Deed Books K, M, O & P. Boone County Courthouse. Boone County Marriage Book G. Boone County Courthouse. (continued) 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA 20 ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. 22 acres QUADRANGLE NAME Rising Sun; Lawrenceburg QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000 UTM REFERENCES 413 119 11210 4,3 1,8 5,6,0 B 116 A 116 6 8 19 7 11 10 6 8 9 1 11 10 4 13 1 19 0 19 10 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.) CODE STATE CODE COUNTY CODE CODE COUNTY STATE I FORM PREPARED BY NAME / TITLE Gus Johnson, Historian / Charlotte Schneider, Architectural ORGANIZATION May 1978 Kentucky Heritage Commission TELEPHONE STREET & NUMBER 502/ 564-3741 104 Bridge Street STATE CITY OR TOWN Kentucky Frankfort 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS; STATE. NATIONAL_ 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 DATE 1-23-79 TITLE FOR NPS USE ONLY I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER DATE

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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Boone County Tax Assessment Record. 1841, Boone County Courthouse.

Collins, Richard. Historical Sketches of Kentucky. Covington: By the Author, 1877.

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

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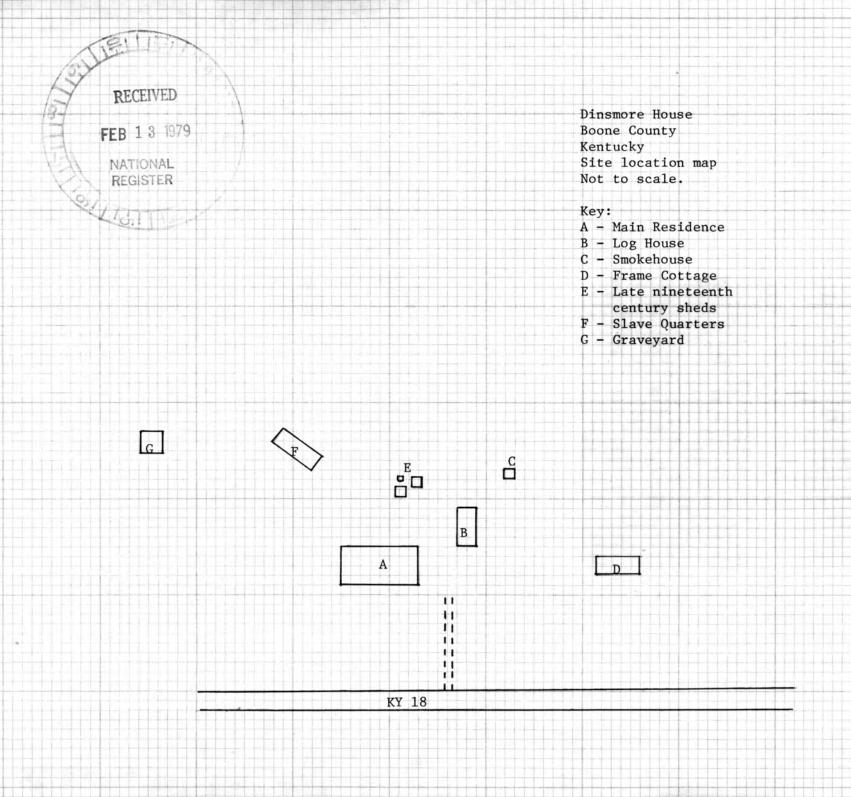
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The line then procedes south for approximately 1300 feet to the north side of Ky 18 thereby incorporating sites to the west of the house, i.e. slave quarters and graveyard. From there, the boundary turns northeast, following the north side of Ky 18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



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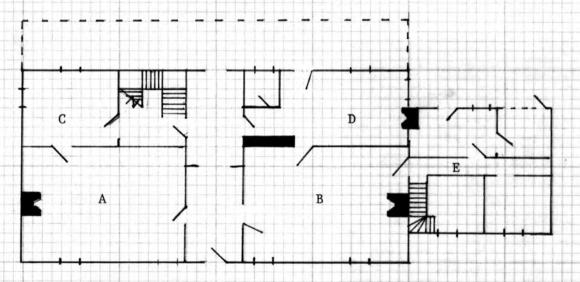
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Site location map.

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Dinsmore House Boone County Kentucky Floor plan Not to scale.





Key:

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



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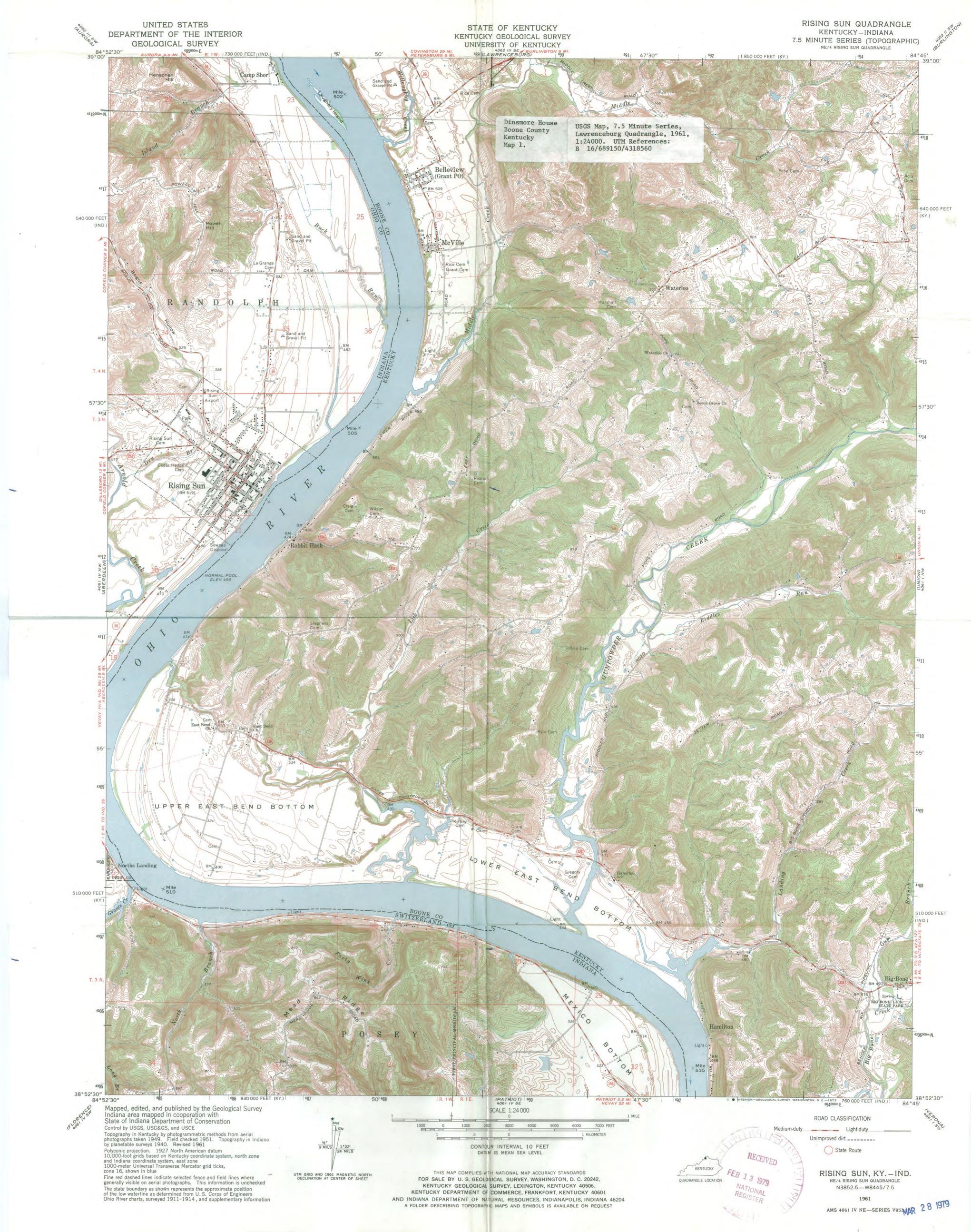


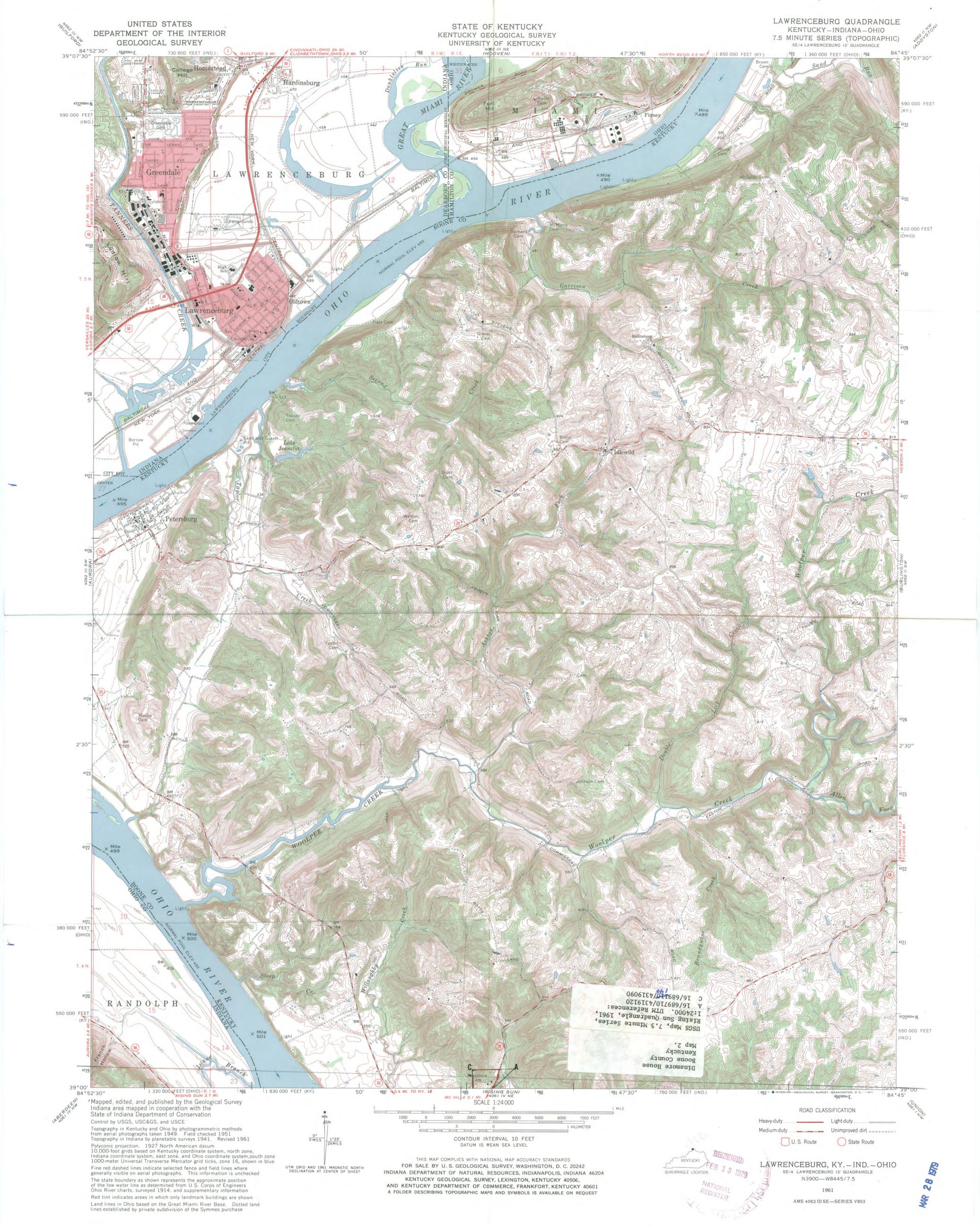












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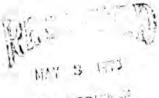
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> Dinsmore House, Route 18, West of Burlington County, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Melton:

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DAVID W. JONES

This letter is in reply to your letter of April 3rd, 1978, regarding the proposed designation of the Dinsmore House as a National Historic Site. My comments stated herein are made in my capacity as legal counsel for Mrs. Breasted, Mr. Greenway and Mr. Ferguson, owners of the Dinsmore home, and at their directive.

As you probably know, the Dinsmore home has remained in the same family since 1842. The family would like to see the home preserved for use by the public in a meaningful way and is currently engaged in negotiations with State of Kentucky officials in an attempt to accomplish that goal. Obviously designation of the home as a National Historic Site would be consistent with that goal and accordingly the family is deeply grateful for your efforts regarding this project. The family would ask however, that the National Historic Site designation be given only to the As you know, the family owns over four hundred acres in the area of the house and would not be interested in having anything other than the home included within the historic site designation.

Mrs. Eldrid W. Melton May 1, 1978 Page Two

This will insure that the owners will obtain the maximum tax benefits from any project entered into with the State of Kentucky regarding the preservation of the home and adjoining property.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Vincent B. Stamp

VBS/11m Enclosure

cc: Mrs. Martha Breasted

Mr. Robert Ferguson Mr. John Greenway Dr. William J. Murtagh February 1, 1979 - Page 2 Dinsmore House, Boone County, Kentucky



LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form

- 2 Continuation Sheets
- 4 Maps
- 9 Photos

Copy of letter in reply to notification letter.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Name

Dinsmore House

Gardner, Judge D. W., House (Greencrest)

Location

Burlington vicinity
Boone County

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Also Notified

Honorable Wendell H. Ford

Honorable Walter (Dee) Huddleston Honorable M. G. (Gene) Snyder Honorable Carl D. Perkins State Historic Preservation Officer Mrs. Eldred W. Melton Director Kentucky Heritage Commission 104 Bridge Street Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

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Dr. William J. Murtagh, Keeper National Register of Historic Places Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service U.S. Department of Interior 440 G Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20243

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Please make the following corrections in the National Register form for the Dinsmore House, forwarded to your office on February 1, 1979:

Item #7, paragraph 1, line 4
"Burlington with a population of approximately 3,000, is"

/Item #8, paragraph 1, line 5-8
"Furthermore, the site retains many of the original outbuildings, including a single pen, V-notched log structure (which served as the first kitchen for the main house), a winery, a log smokehouse, and graveyard."

/Item #8, paragraph 2, line 4
"....John Brady, a local builder, under the supervision of John Dinsmore,
the brother of James Dinsmore."

Item #8, paragraph 3, line 6
"... wife <u>Isabella</u> Dinsmore...."

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Eldred W. Melton Executive Director and

State Historic Preservation Officer