

# KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

BE-352

Site No.

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1. Historic Name(s) **Watts House**  
 Original Owner **Not Researched**

2. Present Name  
**Watts House, Valley Heights Farm**

3. Location  
**West side of Williams Road, two miles north of Bullittsville**

4. Owner's Name  
**Earl Souther, Sr.**

5. Owner's Address  
**933 Williams Road, Burlington, Kentucky**

6. Open to Public Yes  No  X

7. Ownership Private  X Local  State  Federal

28. ADD/County  
**No. KY/Boone**

29. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75')  
**Lawrenceburg**

30. UTM Reference  
**16 694580 4329720**  
 Zone Easting Northing

31. Coordinate Accuracy

32. Prehistoric Site Object  
 Historic Site Structure  
 Building Other

33. National Register District Name:

8. Site Plan with North Arrow  
*attached*

9. Architect/Builder

10. Date  
**Late 18th C.A.**  A.  B.

11. Style  
 A. **Federal**  B.

12. Original Use  
**Residence**  B.

13. Present Use  
**Residence**

14. Condition  
**Fair**  C.

15. Stories, No. of  
**Two**  C.

34. Significance of Evaluation

35. Status \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

National Landmark

National Register

Landmark Certificate

Kentucky Survey

Local Landmark

HABS/HAER

36. Historic Theme  
 Primary **Architecture**  C  
 Secondary **Settlement**  K  
 Other

37. Endangered Yes  X No

16. Description  
 Uncommon two story, five bay hall-parlor dry stone house with main entrance in second bay. Interior chimneys each end. Voussoirs with feather-tooling pattern, but without keystones. Quoins also have feather-tooling. Square stone steps. Solid stone lintels over cellar windows. Pegged frames with square sills, windows same size on first and second floors, 6/6 sash; square windows in attic each side of chimney in southeast end with nosed sills. House has two story, four bay stone wing on northwest end apparently built at same time as house--there is no break in the  
 (Continue on Back)

17. Single Pile **XX** NA

Double Pile \_\_\_\_\_

18. Floor Plan  
**Hall/Parlor**  E.

19. Structural Fabric  
**Stone** A.  B.

20. Decorative Fabric  
*stone voussoirs, feather tooling* A.  B.

21. Roof Form & Material  
**Gable**

22. Foundation Material  
**Stone**  A.

23. Outbuildings  
**Frame**  D.

24. Alterations  
 Moved  Additions  Wall Treatment

38. ATTACH PHOTO

Roll No. **Series 3**

Picture No. **52-6a**

~~Section~~ **slides also**

39. Prepared by:  
**Carolyn M. Wooley**

40. Organization  
**Kentucky Heritage Council**

41. Date  
**October 1983**

42. Revision Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 43. Staff Review \_\_\_\_\_

25. History  
**Watts family, latter 19th century. Souther family since 1916. History not researched.**

26. Significance  
**Large stone house of settlement period. Nearly original condition. Largest of the few remaining in region.**

27. Source of Information  
**Observation  
 Interview with owner**

JUN 6 1983

16. southwest wall masonry, where walls of house and wing are flush. Wing ridge centered to include two story porch; ~~exterior chimney to include two story porch~~; exterior chimney on wing off-centered of ridge, centered in room; one attic window in northwest end beside chimney. Wing walls whitewashed under porch. Porch projects slightly beyond northeast house wall.

Hall-parlor plan has three bays in parlor with door in center; two bays in parlor which was the dining room. Enclosed corner stair on partition wall arises from northeast wall, in dining room.

Wing of house is kitchen and servants quarters. Stair to two upstairs rooms originally arose from porch, now in kitchen. Originally, the only access to main house from wing was via porch door in northwest end of main house.

House located on knoll between Williams Road and branch of Garrison Creek. Spring in hillside southwest of house. Present barns and outbuildings are 20th century. Farm contains 160 acres, prime farmland and woodland. Now Valley Heights Farm.

Changes: Porch posts and trim replaced. Main house gable cornice enlarged. Some wing openings altered, but originals match frames and voussoirs of main house. House may have originally faced southwest toward early road and creek.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT  
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name Water house Site # BC-352

Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title \_\_\_\_\_

U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTMs if property is ten or more acres.

A. 16 694560 4329860 D. 16 694410 4329720

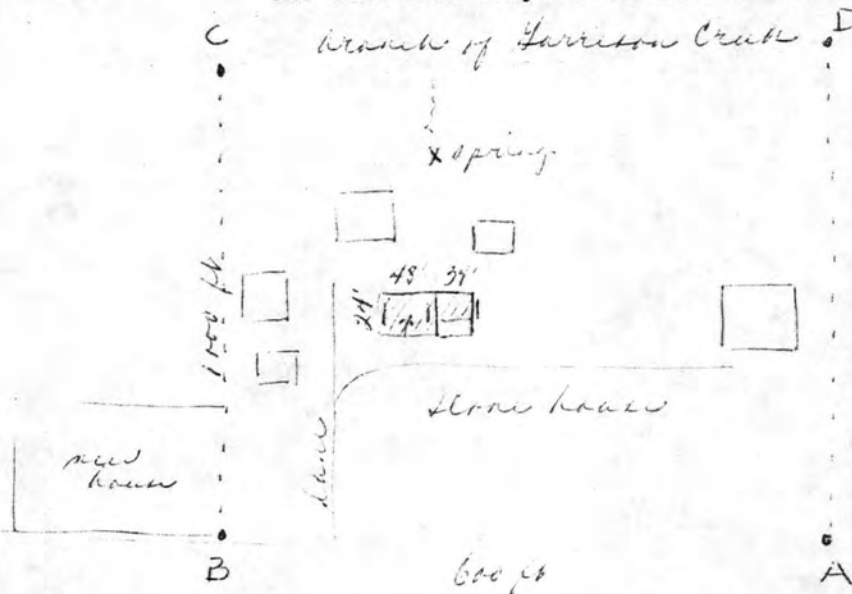
B. 16 694620 4329740 E. \_\_\_\_\_

C. 16 694480 4329620 F. \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal Boundary Description \_\_\_\_\_ Acreage 9.18 15.8

(Enclosed by A.B.C.D. as shown. A.B. is with the road. B.C. is partially on the property line. C.D. is on the creek. None of the outbuildings or barns are old.)

Sketch of Site Plan (Showing outbuildings, structures, landscape features and the site boundary as described above.)



Official Courthouse Property Reference:

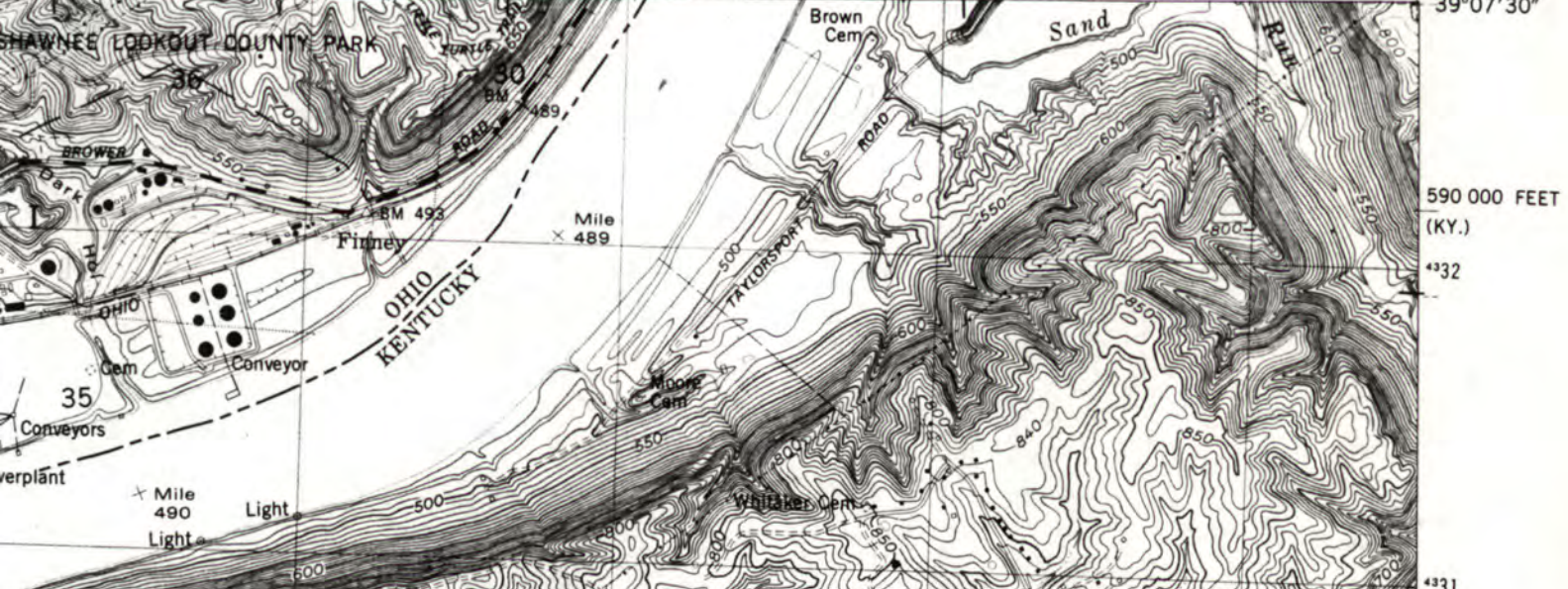
Born County, Ky.

*Original Map with  
John Tanner House (BE-54)  
Boon County, Ky.*

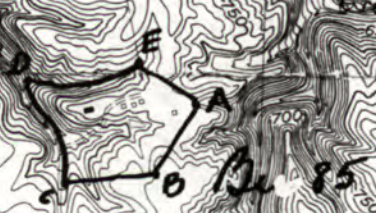
LAWRENCEBURG QUADRANGLE  
INDIANA-KENTUCKY-OHIO  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
SE/4 LAWRENCEBURG 15' QUADRANGLE

4862 II NW  
(ADDYSTON)

1 T 2      47°30'      1 850 000 FEET (KY.)      93      1 360 000 FEET (OHIO)      84°45'      39°07'30"



**Stone House on Garrison Creek (BE-85)**  
**Early Stone Buildings of KY TR Nomi.**  
 UTM Ref:    A. 16/691800/4329530  
               B. 16/691680/4329300  
               C. 16/691380/4329260  
               D. 16/691270/4329580  
               E. 16/691600/4329640



**Watts House (BE-352) Early Stone**  
**Bldgs. of Kentucky TR Nomination**  
 UTM Ref:    A. 16/694560/4329860  
               B. 16/694610/4329740  
               C. 16/694480/4329620  
               D. 16/694400/4329720



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Watts House (Early Stone Buildings of  
Kentucky TR)  
Boone County  
KENTUCKY

Substantive Review

Working No. JUN 6 1985

Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Due: 7/4/85 - 7/21/85

Action:  ACCEPT

RETURN 7-21-85

REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*See below*

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_

Discipline \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for:  technical corrections cited below  
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

- Condition
- excellent
  - good
  - fair

- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

- Check one
- unaltered
  - altered

- Check one
- original site
  - moved date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates

*Builder/Architect Please file in blank*

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

*\* Signif statement —*

*What is this the largest of?  
what are the others? (context is not discussed in cover)*

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

13. Other

- Maps *Please provide additional Quad, <sup>USGS</sup> map, for UTM marked for nominated area.*
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed Carol P. Skell Date 7-21-85 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

NOV 26 1986

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES  
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # BE-352  
BOONE County

1. Name of Resource: Watts House

2. Original Owner: Unknown

3. Other Names: Valley Heights Farm

4. Prehistoric Site  Building  Object  
Historic Site  Structure  Other

5. Location: West side Williams Road  
Two miles north of Bullittsville

6. Owner's Name: Earl Souther, Sr. [ P ]

7. Owner's Address: 933 Williams Road  
Burlington, Kentucky 41005

8. Evaluation: [ G ]

9. Recognition & Date:  
Nat. Landmark  Local Landmark   
Nat. Register  HABS/HAER   
Highway Marker  KY Inventory   
KY Landmark Certificate

10. N.R. Status & Date:

11. N.R. Group:  
District Name: [ ]  
Mult. Resource Area: [ ]  
Thematic Name: Early Stone Buildings [ ]

12. Historical Theme:  
Primary: Architecture [ 030 ]  
Secondary: Settlement [ 140 ]  
Other: [ ]

13. Statement of Significance:  
This is a very good example of an unusually large settlement period stone house. It is the only one in Kentucky with a five-bay, hall-parlor plan where the entrance is not in the center bay.  
[ ]

14. History:  
Watts family, latter 19th century.  
Souther family since 1916. History not researched.

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person:  
Interview with Owner

16. Date: Original Building late 18th [ 9 ]  
Addition [ ]

17. Style: Federal [ 21 ]  
[ ]

18. Architect/Builder: Unknown

19. No. of Stories: Two [ 2 ]

20. Original Floor Plan: Hall Parlor [ HP ]

21. Single Pile  Double Pile  N.A.

22. Roof Form & Material: Original   
Gable  Not Original

23. Structural Material: Stone [ S ]

24. Exterior Material: Stone [ S ]

25. Foundation Material: Stone [ S ]

26. Major Alterations: Moved/Rebuilt  None   
Additions  Other

27. Special Features: Feather-tooling Pattern

28. Outbuildings: None [ 0 ]

29. Original Function: Residence [ 01A ]

30. Present Use: Residence [ 01A ]

31. Condition: Fair [ F ]

32. Endangered: Yes   
No

33. Attach Photos: Roll: 3 Photo Nos: 5-6A No. of Slides: x

34. Prepared by: Carolyn Murray-Wooley

35. Organization: Kentucky Heritage Council

36. Date: October 1983

37. New Survey  Resurvey

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES  
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # BE-352

38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Quadrant: <u>Lawrenceburg</u>	Zone <u>16</u>	Easting <u>694580</u>	Northing <u>4329720</u>	39. G.I.S. Mod. [ ]
				40. Coordi.Accuracy [ ]
41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):				
A. <u>16 694560 4329860</u>			D. <u>16 694400 4329720</u>	
B. <u>16 694620 4329740</u>			E. <u>-----</u>	
C. <u>16 694480 4329620</u>			F. <u>-----</u>	
42. Total Acreage in Present Property:	43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: 13.8 acres			
44. Site Plan (and boundary description and justification for N.R. sites):				

See Attached Site Plan

45. Description and House Plan:

Uncommon two-story, five-bay, hall-parlor, dry-stone house with main entrance in second bay. Interior chimneys each end. Voussoirs with feather-tooling pattern but without keystones. Quoins also have feather-tooling. Square stone steps. Solid stone lintels over cellar windows. Pegged frames with square sills, windows same size on first and second floors, 6/6 sash; square windows in attic each side of chimney in southeast end with nosed sills. House has two story, four-bay stone wing on northwest end apparently built at same time as house--there is no break in the southwest wall masonry, where walls of house and wing are flush. Wing ridge centered to include two-story porch; exterior chimney on wing off-centered of ridge, centered in room; one attic window in northwest end beside chimney. Wing walls whitewashed under porch. Porch projects slightly beyond northeast house wall.

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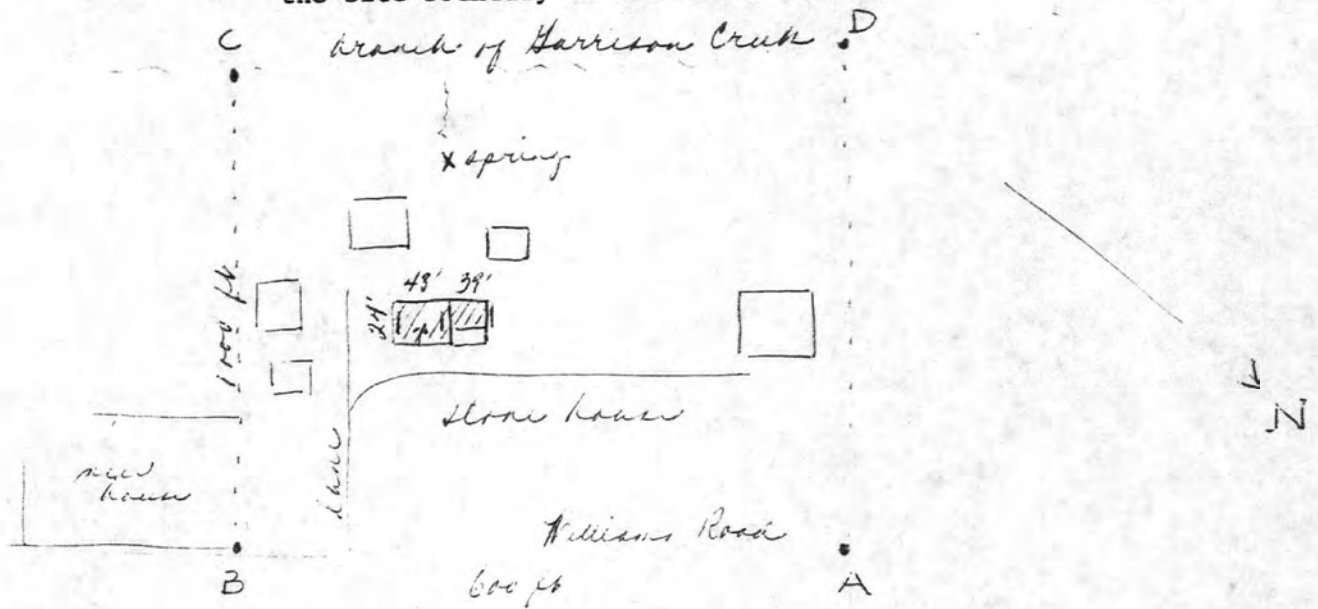
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Verbal Boundary Description \_\_\_\_\_ Acreage 15.8

Site enclosed by A-B-C-D, as shown. A-B is with the road.  
B-C is partially on the property line, C-D is on the creek.  
The outbuildings and barns are not contributing.

Sketch of Site Plan (Showing outbuildings, structures, landscape features and the site boundary as described above.)



Official Courthouse Property Reference:

Boone County, Ky.

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Early Stone Buildings of Kentucky Thematic Resources  
State Barren County and others, KENTUCKY

COVER Umy Schlagel 1/8/85

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- |     |                               |   |        |                         |
|-----|-------------------------------|---|--------|-------------------------|
| 1.  | Bloody Bucket Tavern          | <del>Substantive Review</del>   | Keeper | _____                   |
|     |                               |   | Attest | _____                   |
| 2.  | Stone House on Bracken Creek  | <del>Substantive Review</del>   | Keeper | <u>ASchlagel 1/8/87</u> |
|     |                               |   | Attest | _____                   |
| 3.  | Stroube House                 | <del>Substantive Review</del>   | Keeper | <u>ASchlagel 1/8/87</u> |
|     |                               |   | Attest | _____                   |
| 4.  | Chalfant, Mordecai, House     | <del>Substantive Review</del>   | Keeper | <u>ASchlagel 1/8/87</u> |
|     |                               |   | Attest | _____                   |
| 5.  | Rock Spring Warehouse         | <del>Substantive Review</del>   | Keeper | <u>ASchlagel 1/8/87</u> |
|     |                               |   | Attest | _____                   |
| 6.  | Stone House on Garrison Creek | <del>Substantive Review</del><br>Determined Eligible<br>DOE/OWNER OBJECTION | Keeper | <u>ASchlagel 1/8/87</u> |
|     |                               |   | Attest | _____                   |
| 7.  | Tanner, John, House           | <del>Substantive Review</del>   | Keeper | <u>ASchlagel 1/8/87</u> |
|     |                               |   | Attest | _____                   |
| 8.  | Watts House                   | <del>Substantive Review</del>   | Keeper | <u>ASchlagel 1/8/87</u> |
|     |                               |   | Attest | _____                   |
| 9.  | Ogburn, Henry, House          | <del>Substantive Review</del>   | Keeper | <u>ASchlagel 1/8/87</u> |
|     |                               |   | Attest | _____                   |
| 10. | Stone House on Kentucky River | <del>Substantive Review</del>   | Keeper | <u>ASchlagel 1/8/87</u> |
|     |                               |   | Attest | _____                   |

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Watts House (Early Stone Buildings of Kentucky--  
Outer Bluegrass and Pennyrite TR)  
Boone County  
KENTUCKY

Working No. 6/6/88  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88  
Date Due: 1/10/87  
Action:  ACCEPT 1-8-88  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Substantive Review

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Disc in cover of earlier context  
as large example of  
settlement period house*

Recom./Criteria: Accept C  
Reviewer: A. Schlagel  
Discipline: Arch Hist  
Date: 1/7/87  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category Ownership Status Present Use  
Public Acquisition Accessible

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

Condition  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated  ruins  unexposed  unaltered  altered  original site  moved date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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**8. Significance**

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below \_\_\_\_\_

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*) \_\_\_\_\_

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

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Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_ national      \_\_\_\_ state      \_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_











Please refer to the map in  
**Stone House on Garrison Creek**  
for this property

Reference Number: 87002614