

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Elijah Herndon House

and/or common

2. Location

n w of California on

street & number Washington Trace Road not for publication

city, town California vicinity of Carthage

state Kentucky code 021 county Campbell code

3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth McCormick

street & number Rural Route # 1, Box 19, Washington Trace Road

city, town California vicinity of state Kentucky

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Campbell County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Alexandria state Kentucky

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date May 1979  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Kentucky Heritage Council

city, town Frankfort state Kentucky

## 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**

Situated on a rise approximately one mile from the Ohio River, the Elijah Herndon House is a single-story building with a one-story ell of brick construction. The main block is twenty feet wide by forty feet long while the ell is seventeen feet wide by fifteen feet long. Flemish bond brickwork enhances the facade while the sides and rear walls are executed in common bond with a row of headers every five rows. The house is five bays wide with center entrance with four-pane transom. All bays on the main block have jack-arch lintels and limestone sills and windows are 2/2 pane. Two single stack, interior gable-end chimneys straddle the ridge on either side of the main block, while the ell features an exterior gable-end chimney, eight feet long. The building rests on a limestone foundation. The gable roof is tin and in fair condition. Cast-iron tie rods anchored by cast-iron star-shaped holders at each gable end reinforce the house.

The interior of the house remains intact. The entrance hall is flanked by single rooms, which are of equal size, with fireplaces centered in the north and south walls. The Federal style mantels with intricate fanlight carvings are original to the dwelling. The rear single-room ell, constructed at the same time as the main block, has floor to ceiling wall presses enhanced with intricate moldings and a huge fireplace and served as the kitchen.

Structurally, the house has been altered by a single-story one-room frame addition on the south side of the ell.

Outbuildings associated with the house have been torn down.

# 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
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<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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** Ca. 1820      **Builder/Architect** Elijah Herndon

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

The Elijah Herndon House, constructed ca. 1820, is significant for its historical associations with the early development of Campbell County, created in 1794 and the nineteenth county organized in the Commonwealth. The house is an outstanding example of Federal-style architecture, and is one of three Federal houses documented in the comprehensive survey of the county. In addition, it is significant for the excellence of its craftsmanship and detailing.

Elijah Herndon was one of the early settlers of Campbell County and came to this region before 1800. Deed records indicate that he purchased one hundred-thirty acres of land in 1806 which were a part of a land grant surveyed for William Kennedy in 1787.

He served in the War of 1812. In 1813, he enlisted in Captain Squire Grant's Company of the Fourth Regiment of Kentucky Mounted Volunteer Militia, and served as Second Sargeant. His regiment under the command of General William Henry Harrison fought in the battle of the Thames.

In 1818 he built the one-story brick Federal style house on a rise overlooking Washington Trace Road which was one of the first roads between Covington in Kenton County and Washington in Mason County. The bricks were burned at a kiln situated in Minter, a small community on the banks of the Ohio River, and approximately one mile from Herndon's homesite.

Elijah Herndon lived here until his death in 1849. The house and farm remained in the Herndon family until 1972 when the property was purchased by the present owners who plan to restore the house.

Architecturally, the house is similar in construction to the many Federal-style houses found in central Kentucky, and the outstanding craftsmanship and detailing of the Herndon house equals those in the Bluegrass Region. Elijah Herndon grew up on his father's farm in Scott County in the heart of central Kentucky, and no doubt he was influenced by the architectural style of this region as is evidenced by his house. The Herndon House is one of three Federal houses documented in the county.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

An Atlas of Boone, Kenton, & Campbell Counties, Kentucky. Philadelphia: D.J. LaKet Co., 1883.  
Brennan, Ronald. "The Herndons on Northern Kentucky." Campbell County, Kentucky, History and Genealogy, 1795-1978, December 15, 1978, p.7 (Supplement to the Falmouth Outlook).

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1.5 acres

Quadrangle name New Richmond

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UMT References

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B 

Zone	Easting	Northing			

C 

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**Verbal boundary description and justification** The Elijah Herndon House is situated on a rise facing northeast, two hundred feet from Washington Trace Road. Located in a rural setting, farmland and pastures surround the house. The boundary is drawn to include the house,

### 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 William Gus Johnson, Senior Historian

organization Kentucky Heritage Council date August 1982

street & number Capital Plaza Tower telephone 502/564-7005

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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Mary Cronan Oryel

title State Historic Preservation Officer date Sept 21, 1982

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Delores Byers

Entered in the  
National Register

date 10/29/82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

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Continuation sheet

Item number 10

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and extends 200' northeast to the frontage of Washington Trace Road, 100' southeast to the farm lane, 100' southwest, and 100' northwest. No outbuildings associated with the house exist today.

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

Herndon, Elijah, House  
Campbell County  
KENTUCKY

Working No. 9/27/82-2588

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/1/83

Date Due: 10/29/82 - 11/11/82

Action:  ACCEPT 10/29/82

Entered in the  RETURN

National Register  REJECT

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

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

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

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		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Area 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**

Average of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

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

UNIT References \_\_\_\_\_

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: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet







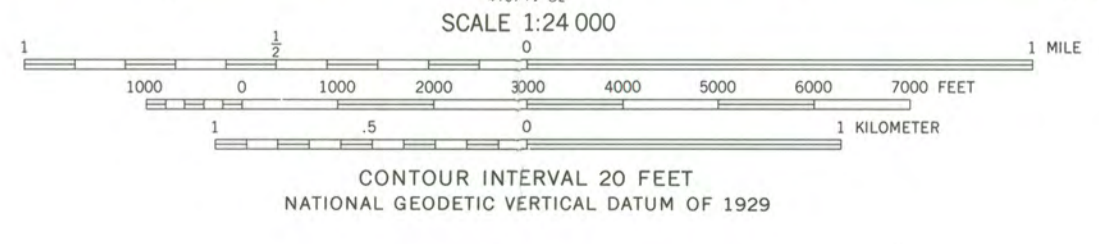
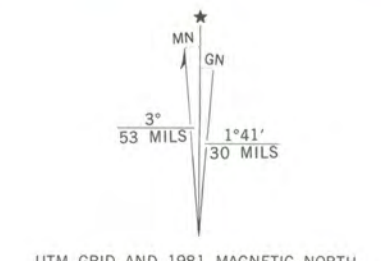








Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
Revised in cooperation with Kentucky Geological Survey  
Control by USGS, NOS/NOAA, and USCE  
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs  
taken 1952. Field checked 1953. Revised from aerial photographs  
taken 1977. Field checked 1977. Map edited 1981.  
Polyconic projection. 10,000-foot grid ticks based on Kentucky  
coordinate system, north zone, and Ohio coordinate system,  
south zone. 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid,  
zone 16. 1927 North American Datum  
To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983  
move the projection lines 3 meters south and  
6 meters west as shown by dashed corner ticks  
The state boundary as shown represents the approximate position  
of the low water line as determined from U. S. Corps of Engineers  
Ohio River charts, surveyed 1913-1914, and supplementary information  
Ohio area lies within the Virginia Military District



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092,  
KENTUCKY GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY 40506,  
AND KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY 40601  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

NEW RICHMOND, OHIO-KY.  
NE/4 ALEXANDRIA 15' QUADRANGLE  
N3852.5-W8415/7.5  
1981  
DMA 4161 IV NE-SERIES V853

Elijah Herndon House  
Washington Trace Road  
Campbell Co., KY  
UTM Reference: 16T736550/4311960

Campbell C

W A I V E R

(by Property Owner)

Mrs. Mary Cronan Oppel, Director  
Kentucky Heritage Council, and  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Education and Humanities Cabinet  
Nineth Floor, Capital Plaza Tower  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Mrs. Oppel:

This will confirm that I am fully aware of the effects of listing a property in the National Register of Historic Places. I recognize that, under the National Historic Preservation Act, I am entitled to object to the proposed listing of my property by a notarized, written statement. If I am the sole owner and I object, my property will not be listed. If there are multiple owners of this property and a majority of the owners object, the property will not be listed.

Following is the name and address of my property.

HERNDON HOUSE  
Historic Name of Property  
RR #1 BOX 27 WASHINGTON TRACE RD.  
Street  
CALIFORNIA KENTUCKY 41007  
City State Zip

I hereby waive my right to object to the proposed listing and notify you that I request that my property be listed in the National Register at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely,

*Kenneth M<sup>c</sup> Cormick*

**RECEIVED**

AUG 20 1982

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COMMISSION



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## HERITAGE

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September 21, 1982

Mr. Jerry Rogers, Keeper  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Mr. Rogers:

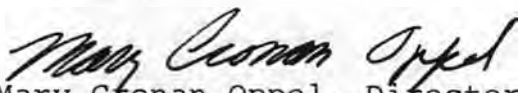
The following nominations to the National Register of Historic Places were approved at the state level by the Kentucky Historic Preservation Review Board on September 14, 1982. As State Historic Preservation Officer, I recommend they be entered in the National Register.

Name & Location of Site

Myrtle Hill, Owingsville, Bath County, Kentucky  
✓ Elijah Herndon House, Campbell County, Kentucky  
St. Bonifacius Kirche, Franciscan Monastery,  
Parochial School & Teachers' Home, Jefferson Co.  
The Archibald Woods House, Mercer County, Ky.  
Moyers Building, Owsley County, Kentucky  
Duncan House, Simpson County, Kentucky

Your early consideration of these nominations will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
Mary Cronan Oppel, Director  
Kentucky Heritage Council and  
State Historic Preservation  
Officer

RMP:bsc

Enclosures



LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

ELIJAH HERNDON HOUSE  
CALIFORNIA, CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY

<u>1</u>	National Register Form
<u>1</u>	Continuation Sheets
<u>5</u>	Photographs
<u>1</u>	Maps
<u>1</u>	Letters of Support
<u>      </u>	Correspondence