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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES **INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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HISTORIC

Philip O. and Mary Eleanor Butler Turpin House

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Butler Mansion

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Butler State Park off Eleventh Street		NOT FOR PUBLICATION		
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Carrollton	VICINITY OF	4		
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE	
Kentucky	021	Carroll	041	

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESI	ENTUSE
DISTRICT _XBUILDING(S)	X PUBLIC		AGRICULTURE	X MUSEUM X PARK
STRUCTURE SITE	-BOTH PUBLIC ACQUISITION		EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT	PRIVATE RESIDENCE
OBJECT	IN PROCESS BEING CONSIDERED	YES: RESTRICTED YES: UNRESTRICTED	GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL	SCIENTIFIC
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4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND OHIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Turpin House is located on the western edge of the General Butler State Park, east of Carrollton. It lies on the crest of a hill and is surrounded by large trees. The lawn in front of the house gently slopes down to Eleventh Street, with the Kentucky River a mile beyond to the west.

The house constructed in 1859, is a three-bay two-story brick structure on a stone foundation. The brick is laid in common bond. Paired interior brick chimneys are located at the north and south ends of the block (see photos 1 & 3).

The front entrance, located in the center bay, is flanked by four pane sidelights and is sheltered by a one-bay one-story porch on stout square posts. The modillions and the row of dentils below, which form the cornice around the porch, reflects that of the facade. The fenestration of the house is composed of six-over-six pane sash openings with stone sills and lintels. A smaller four-over-four pane sash window is located in the peak of the gable ends. The wide cornice which extends across the facade, consists of brackets interposed with dentils (see photo 2).

In the interior, two rooms extend off each side of the central hall. The stairway, of dogleg plan, is placed on the north side of the central hall and has cherry balusters and handrail. The door and window moldings on the first floor are of the Greek "ear" design, while the trim above the second floor openings form segmental arches (see photos 5 & 7). The mantelpieces in all the rooms are simple Greek Revival with plain pilasters supporting an unadorned frieze. The original high baseboards remain intact throughout the house (see photo 6).

A one-and-a-half story stone kitchen is located several feet south of the main block. The structure, which was originally twice as long, is connected to the house by a roofed porch. The kitchen is now composed of one room with an interior stone chimney in the south wall (see photos 4 & 8). The many other outbuildings which composed the original complex are no longer extant.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

8 SIGNIFICANCE

The Turpin house, located on a wooded hill facing the city of Carrollton and the Kentucky River, was built in 1859 by Philip O. Turpin and his wife, Mary Eleanor Butler. Built as a farmhouse, it is a late Greek Revival structure with Italianate influence, as reflected in the bracketed cornice. Both the Turpin house and land are associated with the members of the Butler family who, through their military and political leadership, achieved recognition on the local, state, and national level. Philip Turpin, a farmer of moderate wealth, built his residence near the site of the original Butler family house.

Philip Osborne Turpin, a native of Virginia, was born in 1808. Sometime prior to 1833 he moved to Gallatin County, Kentucky. In this year he was elected from Gallatin County to serve as a representative in the state legislature. He served a one-year term.

A few years later, Philip Turpin married Mary Eleanor (Ellen) Butler, the daughter of Thomas L. Butler. Thomas L. Butler (1789-1880), the oldest son of Percival Butler, served as a soldier in the War of 1812, and returned to Carrollton in 1815. He was elected sheriff of Carroll County in 1819 and served to 1825. Butler also served in the state legislature in 1826 and again in 1847. He was an active and successful farmer as well (Armstrong, p. 127).

In 1859 Philip Turpin purchased from his wife's uncle, William O. Butler, several hundred acres of the Butler family homestead outside of Carrollton, which included the log house built by Percival Butler (1760-1821).* (See the General William O. Butler House, Carrollton, Carroll County, listed on the National Register May 28, 1976)

The same year, 1859, Turpin and his wife built the present brick house. Although characteristic of the Greek Revival period in massing and design, there is a slight Italianate influence in the bracketed cornice which extends across the facade. The interior woodwork is simple with Greek "ear" moldings. Altogether the house is a fine example of mid-19th century farmhouses in the state. (Although the house is now commonly known as the Butler mansion, it was referred to then as the Turpin farmhouse.) When the Turpin family moved into their new house, Thomas L.

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"General William Orlando Butler." Dictionary of American Biography, p. 371.

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Butler was living with them. He continued to reside there until his death in 1880. Only a year after the completion of the house in 1861, Mary Eleanor Butler died.

In 1880 the farm and house was sold by Turpin to H. J. Whitehead. Philip O. Turpin died two years later. A contemporary biography, published in 1878 describes Turpin as being "an influential farmer of Carroll County" (Armstrong, p. 127).

After the property was sold in 1880, it passed through several hands until 1931 when the land was donated to the state of Kentucky for use as a park. The house was restored and opened to the public as a house museum.

*Percival Butler, a native of Pennsylvania, came to Kentucky in 1784. He had served under Generals Washington and Lafayette in the Revolutionary War. Percival Butler was one of the brothers who served in the Revolution of whom General Lafayette said "when he wanted something well done, he ordered a Butler to do it" (D.A.B., p. 371). He also served as the first Adjutant General of Kentucky, continuing in that position for almost twenty years. In 1796 Butler moved to the confluence of the Kentucky and Ohio Rivers at what is now Carrollton, Kentucky, where he constructed a two-story log house, which was located about 200 yards north of the Turpin House. The log house was destroyed by fire in 1863. Form No. 10-300a (Rev. 10-74) UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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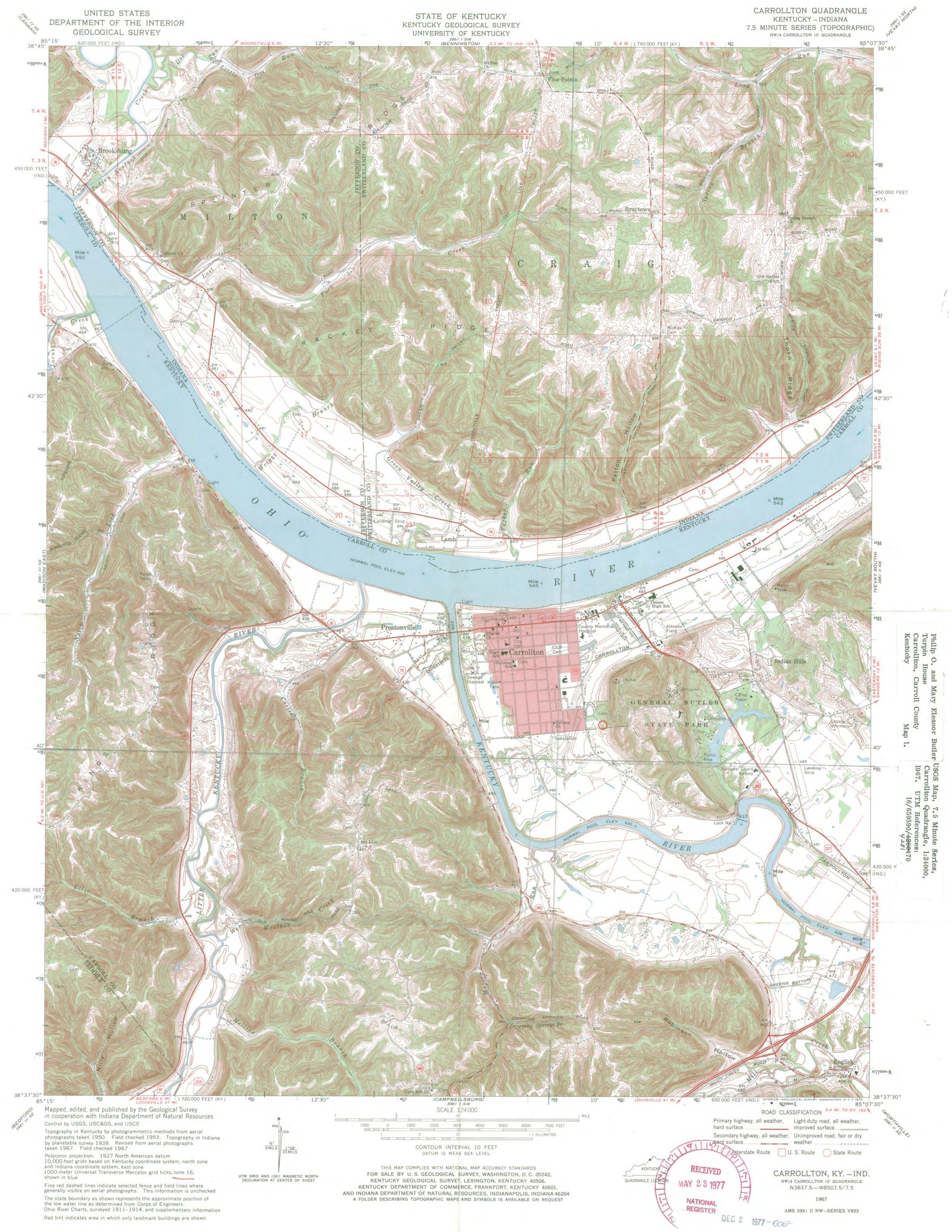


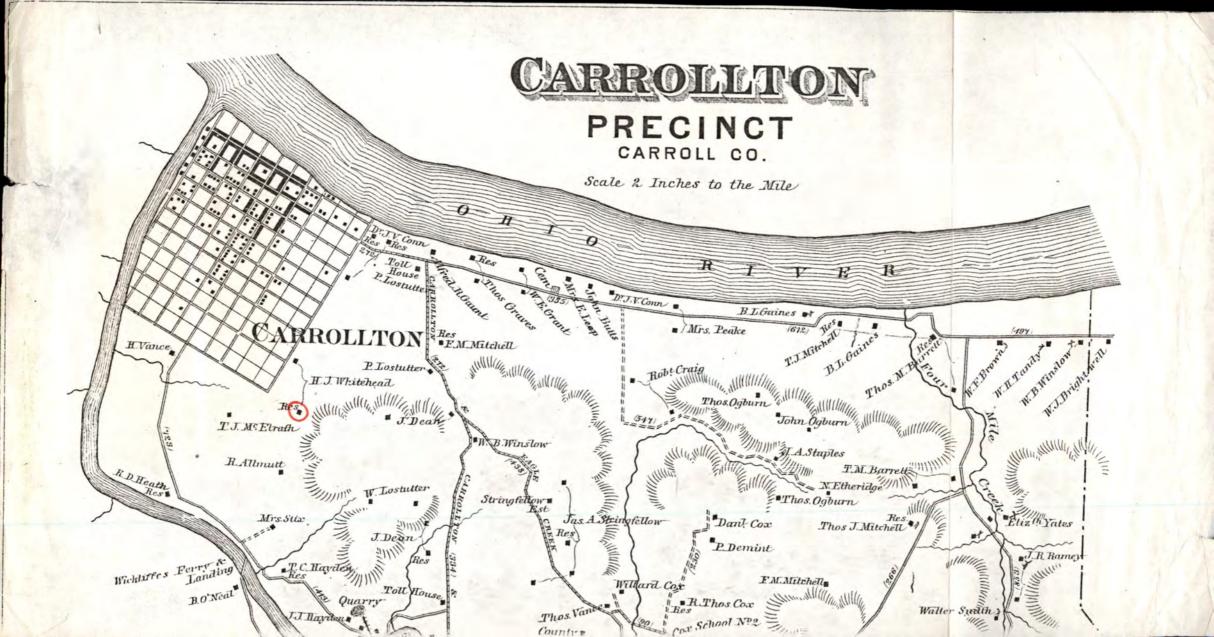












Philip O. and Mary Eleanor Butler Turpin House Carrollton, Carroll County Kentucky MAY 2 3 1977

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"PROGRESS THROUGH COOPERATION"

P.O. BOX 334

CARROLLTON, KENTUCKY

April 12, 1977



Mrs. Eldred W. Melton State Historic Preservation Officer Kentucky Heritage Commission 404 Bridge Street Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

> Re: Philip O. and Mary Eleanor Butler Turpin House, General Butler State Park, Carroll Co.

Dear Mr. Melton:

At our April 11 meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, our president, Fred Powers, read the letter nominating the Turpin house for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The Chamber heartily and unanimously approved a motion to endorse this homination.

The location, beauty, and history of this mansion has played a very interesting role in our community, and draws many tourists to our area annually. We hope that Turpin House receives approval from your review board on May 10.

Sincerely yours

Mary Cun Gentry

Mary Ann Gentry, Sec.

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KY. HERITAGE COMMISSION



Kentucky Heritage Commission

401 Wapping Street

Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

May 17, 1977

Dr. William J. Murtagh, Keeper National Register of Historic Places United States Department of the Interior National Park Service 18th and C Streets, N. W. Washington, D. C. 20240



Dear Dr. Murtagh:

The following nominations to the National Register of Historic Places were approved at the State level by the Kentucky Historic Preservation Review Board on the dates indicated. As State Historic Preservation Officer, I recommend they be entered on the National Register. Additional comments on the status of the sites may be attached to the appropriate forms.

Name and Location of Site(s)		Date Approved at State Level			
Philip O. and Mary Eleanor Butler Turpin House,					
Carrollton, Carroll County, Kentucky	May	10,	1977		
Mill Hole Farm, Park City, Edmonson County	May	10,	1977		
Loew's and United Artists' State Theatre, Louisville, Jefferson County	May	10,	1977		
Louisville War Memorial Auditorium, Louisville, Jefferson Co.	May	10,	1977		
Spring Station, Louisville, Jefferson County	May	10,	1977		
The Weissinger-Gaulbert Apartments, Louisville, Jefferson Co. Y.M.C.A. Building, Louisville, Jefferson County Your early consideration of these nominations will be app	May	10,	1977 1977		

Sincerely yours,

NW. Melton

Mrs. Eldred W. Melton State Historic Preservation Officer

Enclosures (see List of Attachments)

cc: Mrs. Elizabeth F. Jones, Jefferson County Representative Ms. Faith Miller, Senator Huddleston's Office Senator Wendell H. Ford's Office Dr. William J. Murtagh May 17, 1077 Page 2 Philip O. and Mary Eleanor Butler Turpin House, Carroll County, Kentucky

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form

2 Continuation Sheets

8 Photos

2 Maps

Copy of letter from Mary Ann Gentry, Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Carrollton.



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE KENTUCKY

Date Entered DEC 2 1977

Name

Location

/ Turpin House

Brown, George I., House

Nicholasville Jessamine County

Carrollton Carroll County

Taylorsville vicinity Spencer County

Bourne-Anderson House

Also Notified

Hon. Wendell H. Ford

Hon. Walter (Dee) Huddleston Hon. Gene Snyder Hon. Tim Lee Carter Hon. William H. Natcher

Regional Director, Southeast Region

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State Historic Preservation Officer Mrs. Eldred W. Melton Director, Kentucky Heritage Commission 104 Bridge Street Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

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* 2. Mary Eleanor Butler, House