

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

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FEB 27 1980

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Ford Stone House

AND/OR COMMON

Ford, John, House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Folsom Bridge

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Elliston *me*

VICINITY OF

6

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Kentucky

021

Grant

081

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
 - UNOCCUPIED
 - WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
 - YES: UNRESTRICTED
 - NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. Steve Notestine

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 27

CITY, TOWN

Dry Ridge

VICINITY OF

STATE

Kentucky

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Grant County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Williamstown

STATE

Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky

DATE

1979

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort,

STATE

Kentucky

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" 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

The Ford Stone House is located in the rural farming community of Folsom (population 85) just west of Kentucky Highway 1942 in a region known as the outer Bluegrass approximately 50 miles north of Lexington.

The house, as originally constructed, faced south; however it has since been reoriented so that the front is now the north facade.

The structure is 1½ stories of cut stone, with large exterior chimneys on each end. The structure has a rather squat appearance with one small window on each side of the central entrance on the first floor of the north and south walls. No bays break the large expanse on the second level. On the gable ends, however, there are attic windows on the second floor on either side of the chimney. A side entrance has recently been placed on the east end to the right of the chimney.

It is thought that the original floor plan provided for two rooms on the first level. Presently however there is one large open space with an enclosed staircase on the south wall. The stairway leads to an attic room, which at one time was plastered. Little is left of the original woodwork except for a mantel on the first floor east wall.¹

The site is surrounded by open fields with no outbuildings remaining. The boundary is drawn to extend 25' from the north and west walls of the house, eastward to Kentucky Highway 1942 and southward approximately 75' to encompass the family cemetery.²

¹The house stood vacant for many years and suffered from its long neglect. Fortunately the property recently sold and has been renovated for use as a residence by the owners.

²The cemetery contains five plain headstones; no names are visible.

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 type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Ca. 1820

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ford Stone House is significant as being one of few and possibly the oldest stone building in Grant County.

Grant County, created by the Kentucky General Assembly in 1820, is located in the northern part of the state. The topography is undulating and in some parts hilly. It is a rural county with its county seat, Williamstown, having a population of 2,063.

The Ford House was built about 1820, the same year the county was created. It has historical interest because of its association with the Ford family who were important to the development of that area as early millers.

John Ford, the original owner of this house, emigrated to Kentucky from Virginia circa 1794. He acquired the land on which this house stands in 1811 and moved into this area from Bourbon County. Upon his death in 1840, the property passed to his son, Elijah. Elijah Ford was killed in 1856 by a slave named Warrick Ford.¹ This event made such an impression in the area that most older people in Grant County even today have a familiarity with the murder, the trial of Warrick, the slave, his quick conviction, and the hanging, all of which followed in rapid succession. According to local sources, Warrick Ford and another black were the "only two men of which any record is given that were ever hanged by the law in Grant County."² (Perhaps a study of the Ford case could elicit information on the justice system as applied to slaves in Kentucky and the South.)

Although stone buildings dating to the late 18th and early 19th century are not uncommon in the Bluegrass and other regions of the state, they are somewhat rare in Grant County, located some 25 miles south of Cincinnati. The county did not contain the resources or wealth that produced the quality of building found in the fertile Bluegrass or in areas immediately south of the Ohio River. The most sophisticated structures in design date to the mid to late Victorian period when the railroad came through the county.

¹Although John Ford had died a natural death in 1840, for some unexplained reason the story of this murder often had John Ford as the victim.

²Robert H. Elliston, The History of Grant County, State of Kentucky. (Williamstown, Kentucky: Printed at the Sentinel Office by E.H. Eyer, 1876).

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Court Records of Fayette, Bourbon, Pendleton and Grant Counties, Kentucky.

Elliston, Robert H. The History of Grant County, State of Kentucky. Williamstown, Kentucky: Printed at the Sentinel Office by E.H. Eyer, 1876.

Information received Charles F. Hinds, Frankfort, Kentucky

UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approximately 3/4 acre.

QUADRANGLE NAME Elliston, Ky.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 16 | 69.5 | 6510 | 4287 | 5210
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B | | | |
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C | | | |

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

see continuation sheet

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Charles F. Hinds/Calvin P Jones, Historian/Gloria Mills, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Kentucky Heritage Commission

STREET & NUMBER

104 Bridge Street

CITY OR TOWN

Frankfort

DATE

August 1979

TELEPHONE

502/564-3741

STATE

Kentucky

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

see continuation sheet

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

Edward W. Miller

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 2-80

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

W. Ray Luce
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 2/27/80

ATTEST: *Kristin O'Connell*
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 2/25/80

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ADDENDUM

Item #10

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary is drawn to extend 25' from the north and west walls of the house, extending eastward to Kentucky Highway 1942, and southward approximately 75' to encompass the family cemetery.

Item #12

Evaluated Significance of the Property

Local

Property Ford Stone House

80001532

State Ky - Grant

Working Number 1-9-80114

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 5

Maps 1

HISTORIAN

No VBD
No level of significance } rec'd Feb. 22

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Call/accept
O'Connell
2/19/80

Rare + possibly earliest example of stone house in Grant County, a relatively poor county in northern Kentucky. Built by pioneer who was miller for area. Signif. also as site of for assoc. w/ celebrated 1856 murder case; owner was killed by a slave.

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

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Federal Register Entry 2-3-81

Re-submit _____

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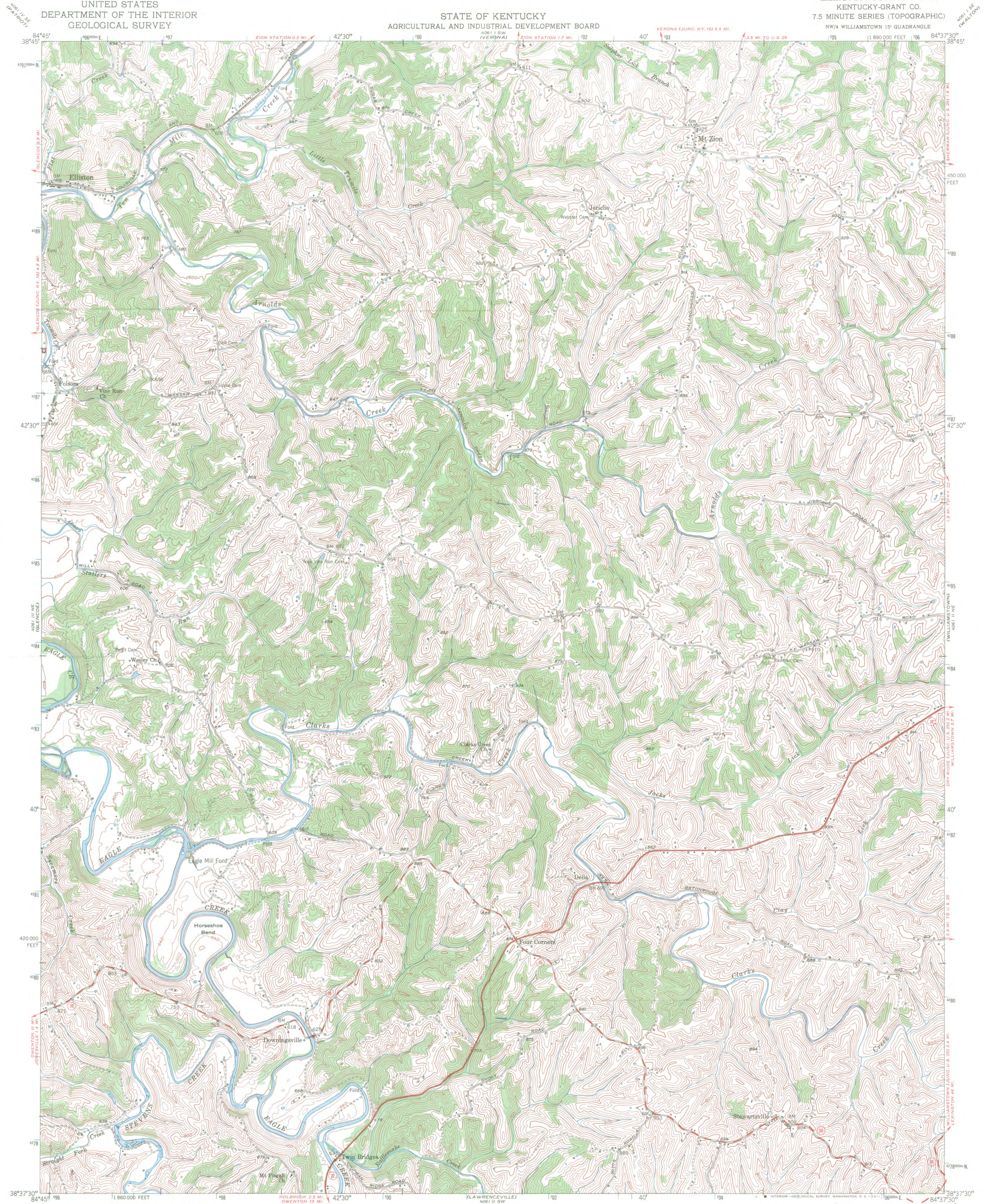




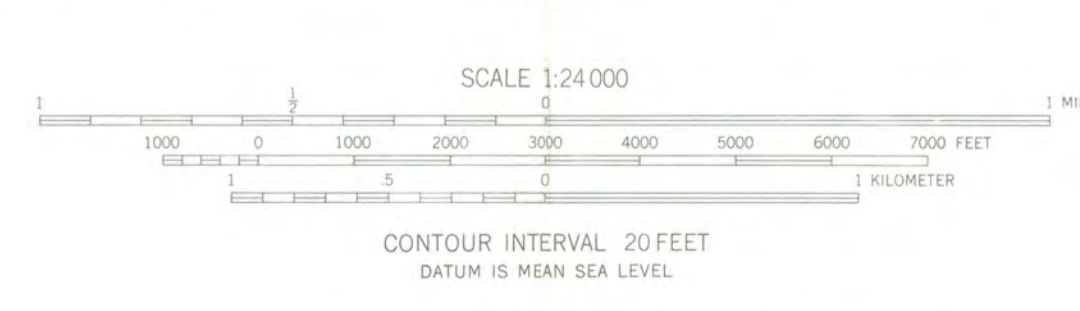
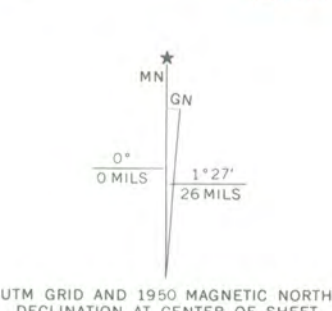




UTM Reference:
AV16/695650/4287520
Ford Stone House
Grant County, Kentucky
U.S.G.S. Map 7.5 Minute Series
Elliston, Ky. Quadrangle 1950
Map 1 Scale 1:24000



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and USCE
Topography from aerial photographs by multiple methods
Aerial photographs taken 1949. Field check 1950
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000 foot grid based on Kentucky coordinate system,
north zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 16, shown in blue



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242.
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



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	4 LANE 16 LANE	Light-duty
Medium-duty	4 LANE 16 LANE	Unimproved dirt
U.S. Route		State Route

ELLISTON, KY.
NW/4 WILLIAMSTOWN 19' QUADRANGLE
N3837.5-W8437.5/7.5
1950
AMS 4061 II NW-SERIES V853
FEB 27 1980

January 2, 1980
Mrs. Carol Schull
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Ford Stone House, Grant County, Ky.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- 1 National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form
- 1 Map
- 5 Photographs



YP

NR

^{look up} Ford Stone House
listed 2/27/80

(KY)

Grant Co.
listed
2/27/80
Ky

February 11, 1980

Dear Carol,

We, Steve and Wanda Notestine, owners of the Ford Stone House property in Folsom, Kentucky are very honored it was nominated for listing in the National Register.

The Stone House is a very noted landmark and everyone we talk to in and around Grant County are very familiar with it. We do feel that it should be listed in the National Register.

We have heard a lot of stories concerning the property, including it is haunted.

The family cemetery with five members of the Ford family is located about 75 feet from the stone house. They died sometime in the late 1800's. The writing on the tombstones is very dim and is very hard to read.

This is a very facinating place and we are renovating the house to live in soon. We now have a mobile home on the site until the house is completed. It does require a lot of work and we were advised by builders to tear it down and start over but we feel like it would be a great loss to do so.

The structure is two story, two and one half feet thick stone walls, built in 1820. We understand there were shackles in the basement that were used long ago to hold the slaves. They were removed by previous owners of the property.

We appreciate everything that can be done to enter this property in the National Register.

Thank You,

Steve & Wanda Notestine

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE REC'D FEB 15 1980

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED)

INFORMATIVE MATERIAL SENT

TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED)

DATE ACTION TAKEN

INITIALS

af/lect

of the property. The following information was received from the property owner...

The property was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. The listing was based on the following criteria...

The property is located at 123 Main Street, City, State. It is a two-story brick building with a gabled roof...

The property is owned by Mr. John Doe, who has provided the following information regarding the property's history...

The property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a historic residence...

The property is located in a historic district and is surrounded by other historic buildings...

The property is a fine example of the architectural style of the early 20th century...

Very truly yours,

OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES



*Kentucky Heritage Commission
104 Bridge Street
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601*

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kristin O'Connell, National Register Section
FROM: Gloria Mills *gm*
DATE: February 22, 1980
SUBJECT: Ford Stone House, Grant County, Kentucky
Ballard County Courthouse, Ballard County, Kentucky

Attached is the information on the above mentioned sites.

If you have further questions please give me a call.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE KENTUCKY

Date Entered FEB 27 1980

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Ballard County Courthouse	Wickliffe Ballard County
Odd Fellows Temple	Lexington Fayette County
Ford Stone House	Elliston vicinity Grant County
Fayette National Bank Building (First National Bank Building)	Lexington Fayette County

Also Notified

Honorable Wendell H. Ford

Honorable Walter D. Huddleston
Honorable Carroll Hubbard, Jr.
Honorable Larry J. Hopkins

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

NR Byers/bjr 2/28/80

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.

NAME OF PARTY: Ford Stone House STATE NY

Date Information Requested/Date Put in "Hold" Drawer: 2/20/80

Date to Be Pulled from "Hold" Drawer: 3/20/80
(30 Days from Date Requested)

Information Requested From: Gloria Mills

Information Requested/Reason Nomination Is Being Held:

VBD
confirmation of level of significance (given as
"local" in telephone conversation)

Kristin O'Connell
Reviewer