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7 DESCRIPTION

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Woodlawn, located four miles south of Maysville on KY 11, was constructed ca. 1853. Facing northwest, the house is situated approximately 800 feet from the road on a 213 acre farm. The attractive setting, dotted with ginkgo trees, larches, horse chestnuts, walnut, and oak trees, makes it apparent that the site with its winding approach was carefully planned in an attempt to create the picturesque, rural setting so popular in midnineteenth century building and planning. Furthermore, the brick residence employs elements of both the Greek and Gothic Revival styles in a uniquely successful manner which serves to produce a pleasingly well-proportioned composition (see photo 1).

Laid in common bond, the dwelling consists of three basic units: a two and one-half story central section which is three bays wide, and two flanking one-story wings. The main block presents a gabled facade pierced by six-over-six pane, double-hung sash windows on the first and second stories, and by an equilateral arch window embodying switchline tracery in the gable peak. A graceful, bargeboard decorates the eaves. The one-story wings, which are recessed from the main facade, have flat roofs and parapets employing a similar bargeboard pattern. Each wing contains two, tall, slender chimneys set behind the parapets (see photo 2). Frame, semi-octagonal bay windows with paneled aprons and gabled roofs project from the facade of each wing. These projections are also adorned with matching bargeboards. A delicately executed wrought-iron porch with balustrade, the product of a local foundry, shields the first floor facade of the main block. The floor of the porch is laid in patterned sheets of cast iron.

The side walls originally enveloped a two-story gallery on the rear of the main block, virtually incorporating the gallery into the body of the house. This has now been enclosed in frame; however, the supporting brick pier remains visible and two rows of windows pierce both levels of this portion so that traces of the gallery-like quality remain. Bargeboards on the rear of the house retain the delicacy of that found on the front and sides but embody a slightly different, scrolled design (see photo 3).

The position of the two chimneys of the central block creates an exceptional feature with regard to the arrangement of the fireplace flues serving the front rooms on the first and second floors. Fireplaces are located on both sides of the center bays of the main facade, yet the chimney serving them, situated along the ridgepole of the gable peak, is directly above these center windows. Thus, the position of the chimney lends balance to the overall composition and adds a sense of verticality to the structure. However, in order to accomodate this apparent desire for symmetry and height, two totally separate flues rise to the attic level where they meet above the arch window and merge into the central chimney, thus forming a structural pointed arch emulating the stylistic character of the Gothic Revival exterior.

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A recessed entrance shelters the front door, situated asymmetrically in the main facade much like a townhouse plan. High baseboards and bold pilasters with plain capitals, indicative of the Greek Revival, surround the wide four-panel door while elements of the Gothic Revival are evidenced by the pointed arch panels which flank the door and the repetition of the bargeboard above the entrance (see photo 4).

Original woodwork reveals the Greek Revival character of Woodlawn's interior. The four-panel doors are capped by simple cornice strips supported by sturdy pilasters. High baseboards exist throughout the major first floor rooms, and ceilings in the main block are fifteen feet high.

A forty-foot long entrance hall runs along the right side of the main block ending in a half-turn stairway with landings in the southeast corner of the hall. A square newel, scrolled stringers, and turned balusters highlight the stairs (see photo 5). To the left of the entrance hall are double parlors with cornice moldings and paneled door jambs. Floor to ceiling windows with interior, wooden blinds lighten the rooms. Separated by sliding doors, each of these rooms contains an elaborate, white marble, Italianate mantle, one in the east and west walls respectively (see photo 6).

The dining room, to the right of the entrance hall, is in the southern wing. A narrow cornice molding reiterating that found in the parlors surrounds the room; however, the cornice strips above the doors are absent, thereby de-emphasizing the lower ceilings in the wings. The bay window with paneled aprons beneath the openings breaks the smooth line of the front wall. A wooden, Victorian-style mantle shelters the fireplace.

The northern wing to the left of the parlors consists of two bedrooms and a bath. As they were originally service areas, the rear chambers in both wings present a less elaborate treatment of woodwork, revealing low baseboards and simple doorframes. Similar, informal treatment is given the upstairs bedrooms. Here, as downstairs, the mantles differ from the rest of the Greek Revival interior, being of cast-iron construction in the Italianate mode (see photo 7).

A modern frame garage has been tastefully added to the southeast wing by repeating the gabled arch of the bays in its roofline.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Woodlawn's architectural significance rests in the ingenious and highly successful blending of various stylistic elements and unique features. The Greek Revival as well. as the Gothic Revival were widely adopted and frequently modified in Kentucky building to suit individual tastes; however in this instance, the dwelling reflects definite creative planning resulting in a sophisticated synthesis of the major elements of both styles. Consequently, this mixture of components with their characteristic detailing creates a rare and noteworthy architectural phenomenon.

In addition, the landscape qualities evident at Woodlawn enhance its architectural features and serve to complete the picturesque setting so desirable in nineteenth century landscape architecture. A variety of mature trees, including ginkgoes, surrounds the house, appearing to be those planted at the time the house was built. A winding drive affords the visitor a full view of the residence as he approaches.

The Greek Revival character of the ca. 1853 structure is evident in the balance and symmetry of the overall composition as well as the interior treatment, while the vertical emphasis and picturesque qualities are reflections of the early Gothic Revival. In the central block alone, the Gothic elements of the gabled facade and steeply pitched roof, the flowing bargeboard, and traceried arch window are harmoniously combined with the smooth, restrained facade and Greek fenestration of the first and second levels. The side wings, vaguely reminiscent of Federal massing, have projecting bays blended with flat roofs and parapets, again adorned with the delicate bargeboard.

Other notable features are the two-story rear gallery, originally enclosed by the side walls of the main block and thereby creating a shared indoor/outdoor space; and the unusual arrangement of separate chimney flues in the main facade which meet in the attic to form a single, arched flue.

Woodlawn was built by Christian Shultz, a German immigrant who settled in Mason County early in the nineteenth century after completing an extensive tour of the United States in 1807-08. His observations of this trip are recorded in <u>Travels of an Inland</u> <u>Voyage</u>, published in 1810. In 1816, Christian Shultz married Charlotte Lee, daughter of Henry Lee, an early settler of Mason County.

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Shultz resided in Maysville and is known to have operated a mill on the corner of Fish and Third Streets. In addition, he was active in the business affairs of the community, serving as one of the original commissioners of the Deposit Bank of Maysville and one of the founders of the Maysville Gas Company.

In 1850, Shultz's daughter Catherine married John B. Poyntz, son of William M. Poyntz. Woodlawn is believed to be one of three houses Shultz built for his daughters. Completed by 1853, the property was deeded from Christian Shultz to Catherine Shultz Poyntz on January 25, 1854.

The property changed hands several times in the late nineteenth century before finally coming into the possession of its present owners in 1900.

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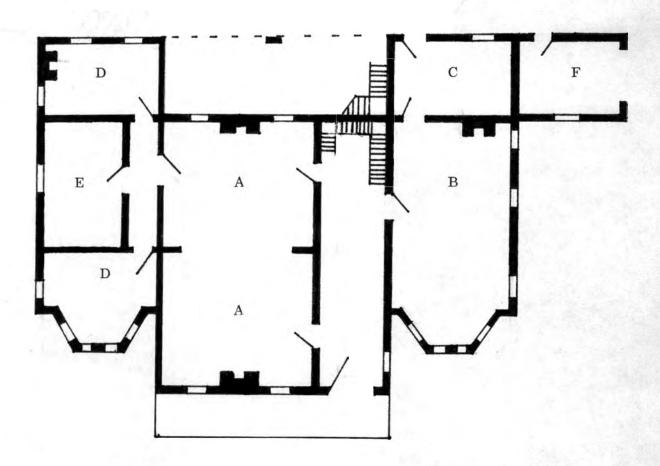
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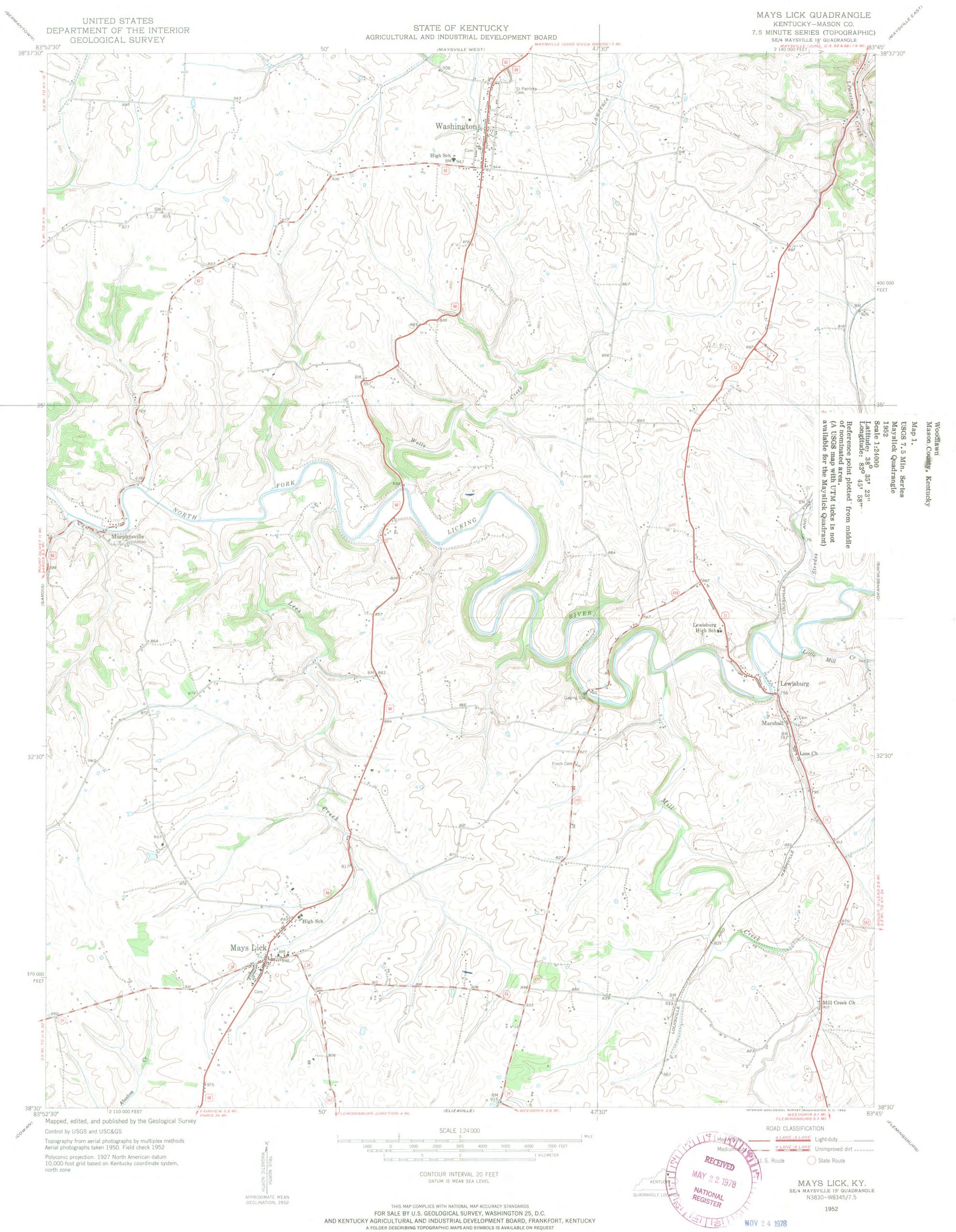


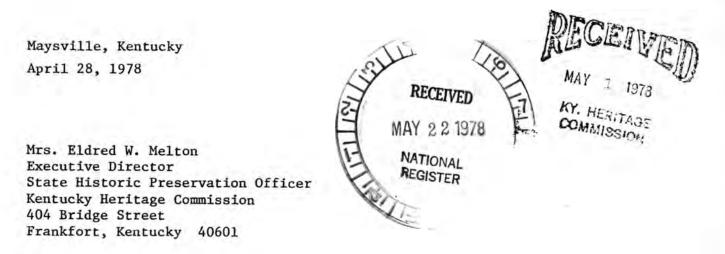












Dear Mrs. Melton:

This is in reply for written comments about the placing of my home, Woodlawn, on the National Register of Historic Places.

Woodlawn perhaps is one of the finest examples of Victorian Gothic Houses in Mason County or in Kentucky. What makes it unusual for me, who am a historian of sorts, is that the interior of the house is Greek Revival and that in its architecture and embellishments it typifies so much of what was happening in the world during the 1840's and 1850's. As I look around, I wonder why no one ever realized that the Missouri Compromise wouldn't work and war was imminent. I think of the English poet, Lord Byron who lost his life in the cause or Green Independence, when I view my two white Italian Marble mantels; or I reflect what had happened with anthracite when I see my coal burning fireplaces. The one in the front parlor incidentally is rimmed in silver and there are silver doorknobs on the doors in the double parlors. The front porch is wrought iron lace and the floor is made of flat sheets of iron, reflecting the advance of the use of this metal.

The house sets well back from Ky. 11 in a setting of gingkos and larches with walnuts at the side, while in what we call the front woods are aging oaks. This three story structure of brick, fired on the place, has two one story wings; there is a barge or verge board beneath the roof and dripping from scallops across the front and again at the sides are hundreds of acorns of varying sizes. Most of these I have had replaced. Site of the house is on a Revolutionary land grant and was built for James Poynts and his wife, Catherine Schultz, whose father, Christian Shultz, wrote of early travels in America and located here. His book is at the Filson Club in Louisville and I have tried vainly to persuade someone to place it in our Mason County Museum--another copy that is.

Adding to the charm of the house are ceiling to floor windows in the two parlors and the window treatment everywhere is with the use of vertical recessed shatters. I inherited the house; I have restored it painstakingly; it is frequently opened for tours and will be again in late May for the Garden Club of Kentucky. It is a landmark; it needs protection from future developers who may wish to open up surburia. I am confident that I will not be using any grnats-in-aid because much of the restoration has been made, but as is true of old houses, there is constant maintenance costs. I will be unable to be at the May 9 meeting but Mrs. Andrew C. Duke, a member, gave me constant encouragement in my restoration and preservation work.

Thank you.

Martha Comer

Dr. William Murtagh May 11, 1978 Page 2 Woodlawn, Mason County, Kentucky

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