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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is five-bay two-story block facing the road (north), with an unusual one-and-a-half story rear ell located slightly to the west of center (see photo 4). The facade bays are evenly spaced, the central entrance being approximately as wide as the windows with open shutters above and flanking it. All the front openings have plain stone lintels extending beyond the actual apertures. The entrance (no longer used; the steps leading up to it have disappeared, although their extent is marked by the bottom step remaining in situ, is a modified version of a typical Minard Lafever or related patternbook motif (see photo 2). It is set back just behind the plane of the wall, except for the planar lintel and slighly projecting stone sill. Two wooden, battered Doric columns appear to support a deep, plain entablature with inverted volutes dividing the transom above. Flat pilasters at the sides frame the sidelights. The details are dry but correct, with mutules and shallow guttae under the cornice and a row of dentils dividing the architrave and frieze (there are no triglyphs). The door has three pairs of framed panels with a smaller pair at the top (see photo 1). The main roof-cornice is both high and deep, without brackets or other features. The end walls are plain and windowless, with inset center chimneys, and no eaves (see photo 3).

The rear ell is perhaps the most interesting feature of the exterior. The central part of the main rear roof extends back a short distance to house the stairs and reaches down to the ridge of the ell. The upper half-story of the ell is under a roof of a middling slope, which changes to a lesser slope over the side galleries. The rearmost bay of the ell is enclosed and shelters the side porches, which have three bays divided by square piers set at ground level (see photo 5). The side (south) entrance is a simplified and squared version of the main entrance. The treatment of the windows and cornices is identical throughout. A certain unexpected rhythmic effect is created, however, by the relationships of roofs and placement of windows, making the rear appear livelier than the front.

The woodwork inside the house is also very plain, except for the semi-spiral staircase set in curved walls at the rear of the central hall (see photo 7). The mantels do, however, have an elegance of proportion that is classical rather than merely plain (see photo 8). There are the usual concentric corner-blocks and partially reeded frames throughout.

The brick smokehouse is the standard cube with a low hipped roof (see photo 9). Beyond the Chambers family cemetery, with its elegantly shaped and lettered stone in memory of the builder of the house, is a large frame barn with sawtooth trim defining the gable (see photo 10).

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Robert Chambers House, built between 1832 and 1836, served as the residence of Robert Chambers, an early settler of Boone County and his son Charles Chambers, a member of the second State Constitutional Convention in 1849 and a State senator from Boone County from 1859-1863. Aside from the prominence of the Chambers family in the community and State, the house has architectural merit, both within the community and as an example of Greek Revival influence applied minimally (but correctly within its limits) to an essentially earli ar type of structure, with a two-story main block and galleries one-and-a-half story rear ell. Sufficient interest is maintained by the Doric entrance and massing of the rear elements to distinguish this house from the run-of-the-mill farmhouses of the period. The interior, too, is redeemed from banality by the sweeping semi-spiral staircase and handsom proportions. Although Burlington is located not far from Cincinnati and its sister cities in Northern Kentucky, and from the major thoroughfares of the Ohio River and Lexington Turnpike, it seems always to have been a fairly small town. Within this context, the Chambers house is highly impressive in scale and presence.

Robert Chambers (1763-1838) came from Virginia around 1800 and settled in Boone County, Kentucky, near Burlington. Burlington, a prosperous farming community, developed at a junction of a group of radiating roads connecting small settlements on the river. According to local tradition, the Chambers family first lived in a log cabin some 400 feet south of the present house. The remnants of the early house were destroyed in 1943. Construction on the present house was begun in 1832 and completed in 1836. Local builders, Jessie Kelly and Thomas Zane Roberts did the brick work and woodwork.

Robert Chambers had at least five children which included four sons. His eldest son, Robert S. Chambers, received the house and property a number of years before his father's death. Robert S. Chambers' death in 1834 preceded that of his father. In his will he made provisions for the care of his father and left the house and land to his brothers, Charles and Joseph. Charles Chambers apparently lived in the house for a number of years before transferring full title to his brother Joseph. Charles, active in local and State politics, took part in the second State Constitutional Convention and also served as a Kentucky Senator from 1859-1863.

In 1874, the Boone County Deed Records include the deed of transfer of the property from Joseph Chambers to John Rogers. Mrs. Rogers is listed as the owner in the 1883 Atlas of Boone and Kenton Counties, Kentucky. The property was again transferred in 1895 to William Rice. It remained in the Rice family until the present owners purchased it in 1944.

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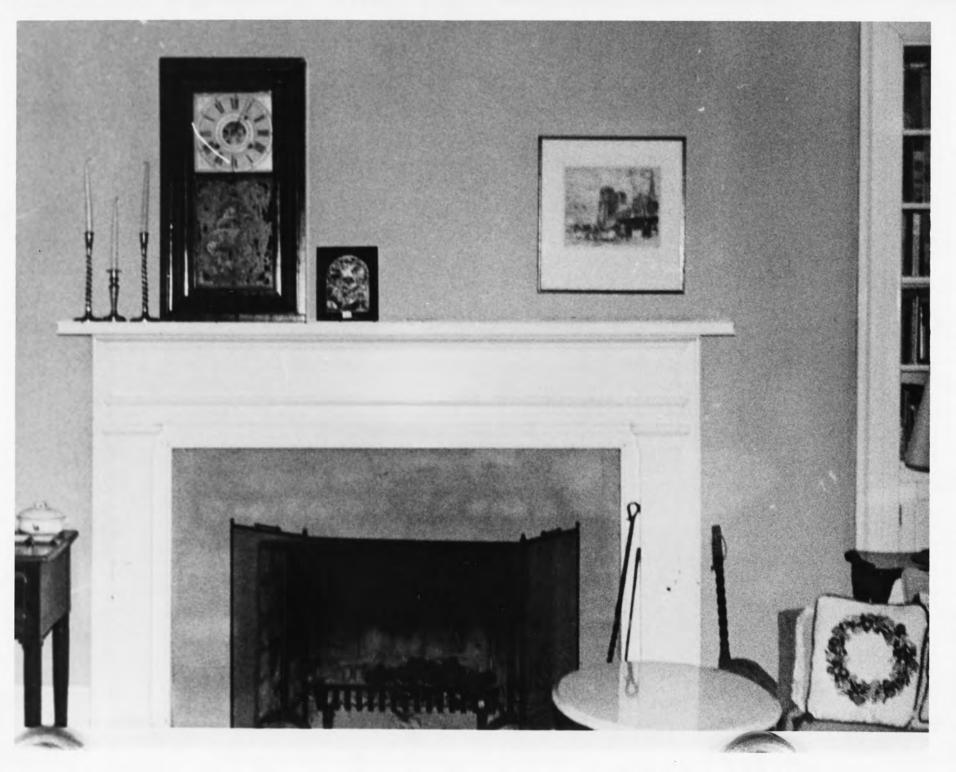






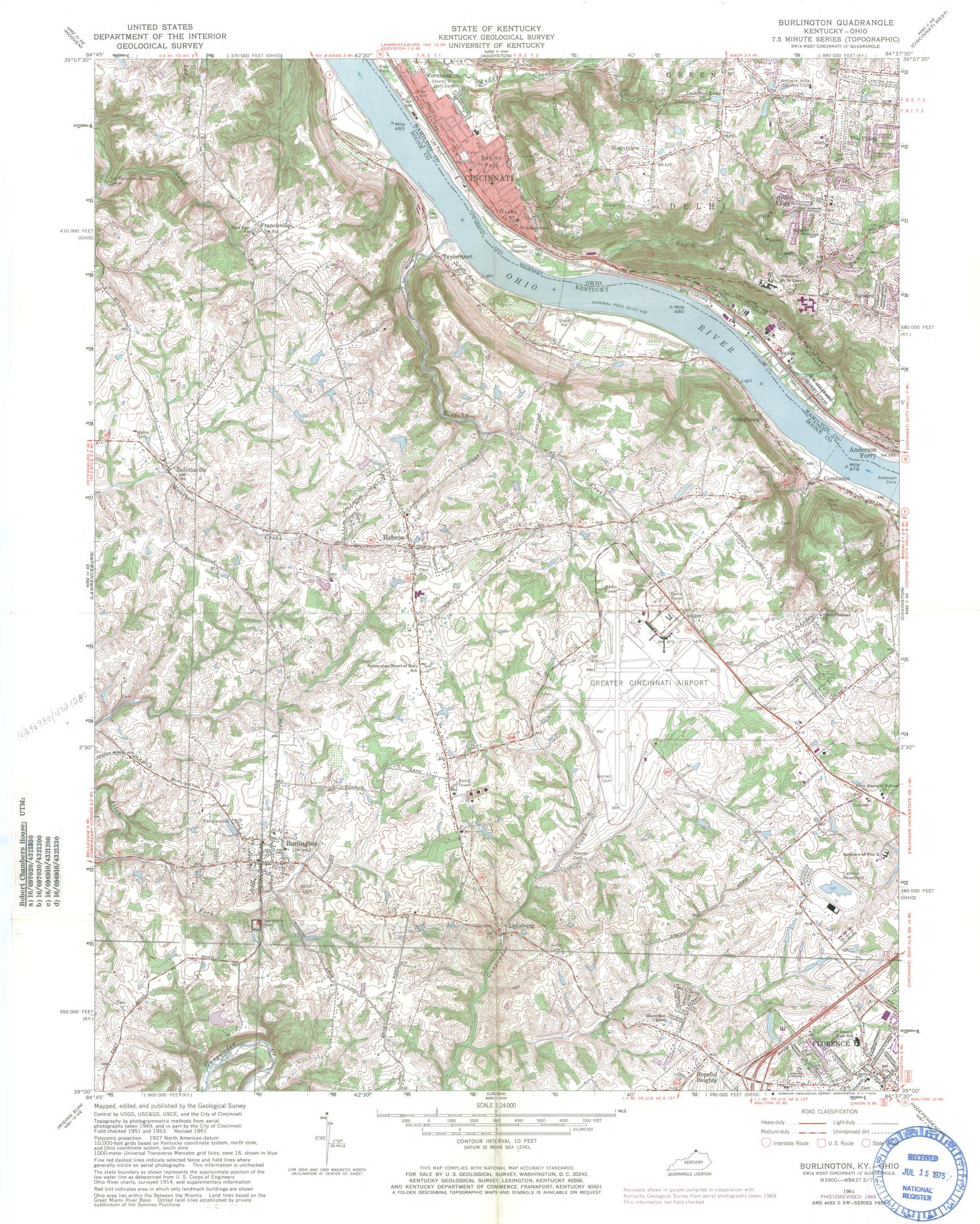












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Kentucky Heritage Commission

401 Wapping Street

Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

July 8, 1975

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 Doctor Murtagh:

Enclosed is the National Register Nomination Form for the Robert Chambers House, 301 East Bend Road, Burlington, Boone County, Kentucky. This nomination was approved by the Kentucky Historic Preservation Review Board on June 10, 1975. As State Historic Preservation Officer, I recommend it be entered on the National Register of Historic Places.

The State Highway Department has proposed to widen the road beside the house—it is hoped, on the opposite side. The owner is concerned for the integrity of the property around the house and outbuildings; he, himself, is planning the development of the outlying property in a manner that will not adversely affect the house.

Your early consideration of this nomination will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Eldred W. Melton

State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosures (See Attachment)

cc: Mr. and Mrs. John F. Caldwell, Owners
Judge Bruce Ferguson, County Representative

ATTACHMENT

National Register of Historic Places Inventory -- Nomination Form

Form No. 10-301 Property Map Form
USGS Map, Cincinnati Quadrangle (West)
Atlas of Boone, Kenton, and Campbell Counties, Kentucky

Form No. 10-30la Property Photo Form

- Photo 1 North exposure of residence. Two rooms upstairs and two rooms downstairs all 20' by 20'. Center hall downstairs and center hall upstairs are both 20' by 10'.
- Photo 2 Photo showing detail of front entrance.
- Photo 3 West view of residence showing the smokehouse.
- Photo 4 South exposure of residence or rear portion.
- Photo 5 Southeast exposure of residence looking north toward Burlington. Porch looks out onto East Bend Road. Story and one-half wing--three rooms and full attic area.
- Photo 6 East side of residence facing East Bend Road. Small second floor window looks out from circular stairway landing on second floor.
- Photo 7 Downstairs circular stairhall showing circular self-supporting curved stairs, curved back wall (two stories high) and unusual curved door that conforms to wall curve.
- Photo 8 One of the six fireplace mantels. This one is less elaborate than two of the others.
- Photo 9 The original smokehouse.
- Photo 10- Headstone of Robert Chambers in the Chambers' Family Cemetery, 230-300 feet from residence, (see map), and barn.



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Maysville Mason County

Chambers, Robert, House

Burlington Boone County

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NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Chambers, Robert, House OTHER NAMES: LOCATION: 301 E. Bend Rd. STREET & NUMBER CITY. TOWN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Burlington VICINITY OF FOURTH STATE code COUNTY Kentucky Boone 015 OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME) : ADMINISTRATOR (underline) NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N.ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SCUTHEAST MIDWEST SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST FEATURES: INTERIOR EXTERIOR ENVIPONS Substantially intact-1 Substantially intact-2 Substantially intact-3 _ unknown - 4 unknown .-5 _.unknown -6 - not applicable - 7 _ not applicable - 8 _ Not applicable-9 _Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0 VEXCELLENT CONDITION -_DETERIORATED LUNALTERED _G00D _RUINS _ALTERED MOVED _UNEXPOSED _Reconstructed _Unknown _Unexcavated _Excavated ACCESS -Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown historic district? NO WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? IF YES, NAME: WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? NO IF YES, NAME: ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words) now- PRIVATE HOUSE SIGNIFICANCE: _ARCHEULOGY PREHISTORIC _LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE __RELIGION _ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC _entertainment _CONSERVATION _LAW/Gov't/politics _science AGRICULTURE _health _ECONOMICS _LITERATURE VARCHITECTURE _recreation _EDUCATION -MILITARY _SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN _ART _settlement ENGINEERING _MUSIC _COMMERCE _socio/cultural _EXPLORATION PHILOSOPHY

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(second Kentucky) Built for Robert Chambers and son Charles, member of 2nd State Constitutional Convention and state Senator.

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