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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

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

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Sherman Tavern

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

U.S. 25, three miles north of Dry Ridge

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Sherman Village

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

06

STATE

Kentucky

CODE

021

COUNTY

Grant

CODE

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

Dr. John B. Flege, Jr.

STREET & NUMBER

1 Handasyde Lane, Hyde Park

CITY, TOWN

Cincinnati

VICINITY OF

STATE

Ohio

**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

1971

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT

GOOD

FAIR

DETERIORATED

RUINS

UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED

ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE

MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Sherman Tavern is located off Kentucky Highway 25, the old road connecting Williamstown with Cincinnati, in rural Grant County. The house sits on a slight rise, well back from the road almost hidden from view by the numerous trees and shrubs dotting the property.

The story-and-a-half tavern is based on a T-plan, of frame construction, possibly log underneath. The facade, seven bays in width, is distinguished by a recessed porch supported by four chamfered posts, and a gabled roof. The Greek Revival entrance contains an eight-pane transom and four-pane sidelights, with double doors having four horizontal panels in the upper section over two vertical panels.

The north and south ends are identical, having a brick chimney flush with the wall with two small windows at the second level.

The ell extends from the central section of the house with a recessed gallery on the north side supported by chamfered posts. Also on the gallery side are two dormers near the north end of the ell, allowing natural light into the second story.

The floor plan of the front block is simply laid out, with two rooms at either end of equal size, and a large center room. The woodwork appears to be late Federal, unadorned and almost totally intact--including mantels, and chair-rail. The front rooms have doors opening into the center room as well as the porch. There are four rooms in the ell, all with doors opening onto the side porch. Within 10 feet of the side of the tavern is a well house. It has been said that there were once ten slave cabins on the property. None, however, are extant.



# 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 checked="" 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. 1840                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Sherman Tavern, located near the vicinity of Sherman in northeastern Kentucky, remains as a good example of the popular version of a three-part Greek Revival composition featuring a recessed pedimented porch. The structure has historical interest in being one of the mid-19th century taverns on the Lexington-Covington Road, one of the first macadamized roads in Kentucky.

The one-and-one-half story frame building was constructed by Lewis Myers, an early settler of Grant County, between 1820-1840.<sup>1</sup> Myers operated a tavern on the only direct route from Lexington north to Covington. Ample pens and water were available for stock, and there were several cabins for slaves.

In 1850 the tavern was purchased by Lewis Cason.<sup>2</sup> Cason and his descendants continued to operate the tavern until 1900.<sup>3</sup> The tavern prospered until the railroad came through a few years after the Civil War. Chap Cason continued to operate the tavern until the turn of the century. After 1900 the frame structure served as a dwelling place on the Cason farm, who retained ownership until 1970.

Sherman Tavern is one of two documented inns remaining today in Grant County. Both taverns were situated on the old Lexington to Covington Road, the transportation route connecting the Bluegrass to Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati until the completion of the railroad in the 1870's.

<sup>1</sup>Grant County Tax Assessment Record for 1822; Willard R. Jillson, *Old Kentucky Entries and Deeds*, p. 365.

<sup>2</sup>Federal Census of Kentucky for 1850, p. 343; Grant County Tax Assessment Record for 1851, p.6.

<sup>3</sup>Grant County Sesqui-Centennial Souvenir Program, p. 46.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Collins, Richard. History of Kentucky. Covington: by the author, 1877.  
 Federal Census of Kentucky for 1850. Washington: Government Printing Office, 1910.  
 Grant County Tax Assessment Records for 1822 and 1851.  
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 Sesqui-Centennial Committee, 1970.  
 Jillson, Willard R. Old Kentucky Entries and Deeds. Louisville: Standard  
 Printing Co., 1926.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 7 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Williamstown Quadrangle

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,6 | 7,0,8,8,8,0 | 4,2,8,8,9,2,0

D-B 1,6 | 7,0,8,6,6,0 | 4,2,8,8,8,8,0

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C 1,6 | 7,0,8,6,8,0 | 4,2,8,8,7,6,0

E-B 1,6 | 7,0,8,9,2,0 | 4,2,8,8,8,2,0

E    |    |   

F    |    |   

G    |    |   

H    |    |   

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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 G. Johnson, Historian; Gloria Mills, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Kentucky Heritage Commission

DATE

September 1978

STREET & NUMBER

104 Bridge Street

TELEPHONE

502/564-3741

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

*Edward W. Yelton*

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

11-28-78

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

ATTEST:

*Gloria Mills*  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

2-9-79

*William G. Johnson*  
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

2/9/79

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Sherman Tavern

CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER 10

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Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at point A on the west side of U. S. Highway 25 proceeding 725 ft. west to point B; thence 330 ft. south to point C; thence 760 ft. east to point D; thence 340 ft. north along the west side of U. S. Highway 25 to point A.

Property Sherman Tavern

79000990

State Ky.

Working Number 12.5.78.4686

**TECHNICAL**

Photos 6  
Maps 1

**CONTROL**

*pl*  
OK 12.7.78

**HISTORIAN**

*See comments on reverse of photo slip. One of 2 documented inns in Grant Co. c. 1890 Greek Revival tavern, associated stock barn, and two later barns connected w/ former use of property in 1900s. Significant for architectural values and for association w/ early major transportation route from Lexington to Covington.*

*ACCEPT 1/18/79*

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

*ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE IS QUERIED JUSTIFIED BUT OBVIOUSLY ELIGIBLE FROM DESCRIPTION AND PHOTOGRAPHS.*

*ACCEPT 2/6/79*

*CLARIFY BOUNDARY DELINEATION AND JUSTIFICATION.*

*Habit 1/29/79*

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

*NEW INFO CONCERNING OVERLAP, VAD & BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION WAS RECEIVED 2/5/79*

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

*ACCEPT*  
*Habit 4/9/79*

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Register Entry 3-6-79

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_  
Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

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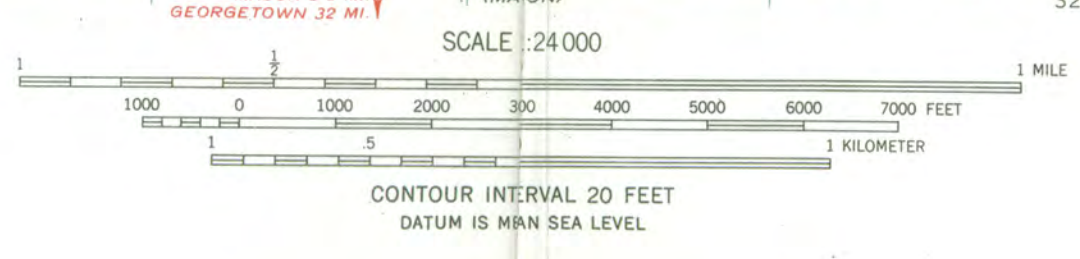
7.5 Minute Series  
Williamstown Quadrangle  
Grant County  
Kentucky  
Map 1  
U.S.G.S. Map

Sherman Tavern  
Grant County  
Kentucky  
Map 1  
U.S.G.S. Map

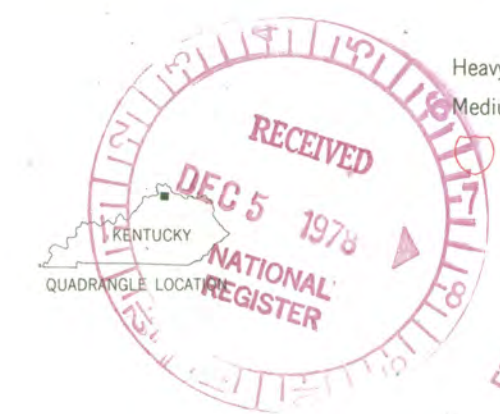


Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
Control by USGS and USC&GS  
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs  
taken 1949. Field checked 1950. Revised 1961  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Kentucky coordinate system, north zone  
100-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 16, shown in blue  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

TRUE NORTH  
MAGNETIC NORTH  
APPROXIMATE MEAN  
DECLINATION, 1961



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.,  
KENTUCKY GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY,  
AND KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
	State Route

WILLIAMSTOWN, KY.  
NE 4 WILLIAMSTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE  
N3837.5—W8430/7.5

Dr. William J. Murtagh  
November 22, 1978  
Page 2  
Sherman Tavern, Grant County

**LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form  
1 Map  
6 Photographs



*Fort Ancient Bond*  
50% COTTON CONTENT

CARDIOVASCULAR AND THORACIC SURGEONS, INC.  
2139 AUBURN AVENUE  
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45219

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TELEPHONE: 421-3494  
369-2486

January 3, 1979

Dr. William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register  
Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240

*information sent  
1/19/79  
ALM*

re: Sherman Tavern  
Sherman, Kentucky

*Grant  
County FR: 12-19-78*

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

I am quite pleased that the Sherman Tavern has been nominated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The Tavern has a long and interesting history which I am sure is already available to you and I believe it is of considerable historic importance to our part of the country, ( I am a native of the immediate area in which it is located.) Unfortunately, the structure has fallen on hard times in the past few decades, but I believe it is not beyond recovery. It's listing in the National Register of Historic Places would considerably enhance the chances that I might be able to restore it.

Yours sincerely,

*John B. Flege Jr*

John B. Flege, Jr., M.D.

JBF:alw

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Sud  
act + grant  
w/8*



# TELEPHONE REPORT

OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

PROJECT: Shuman Tavern

TO/FROM: Gloria Mills

DATE: 1/15/79<sup>16</sup>

ADDRESS: KT SHPD

PHONE: 502-564-4453

STAFF MEMBER: DUBLE

DIVISION: NR

REPORT: Why are we seeing 7 acres?

What are the other bldgs on USGS n/m boundary? Do they contribute? Part of lawn farm. farm?  
house - swings left - well house included

2 - older

over ->

3<sup>rd</sup> - recent concrete block shed

- garden space & out buildings on property

- 80 acres presently -

Wm. Johnson said

Other structures are two contributory barns on right side of road. said there is one on left side, and that it is not included. (The map contradicts this.) Asked him to clarify

Explained that since the tavern in its pre-1900 significance is the resource discussed, either

- 1) the barns should be omitted; or
- 2) the significance of the farm complex c. 1900 + on should be addressed and 7 acres justified.

He would review records & call back.

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1/26/79 - He had not yet reviewed the material. I will call him again on Tuesday.

1. old barn built at time of tavern - very deteriorated

2. other is only 40 years of age

3. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1915-16 associated w/ <sup>farm but</sup> not the <sub>tavern</sub>

2.

He will provide a continuation sheet  
identifying the 3 beams, relation of  
# 1 to tower, from use of other 2.



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

February 1, 1979

Ms. Carol Dubie  
National Register of Historic Places  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service  
440 G. Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20243

Dear Ms. Dubie:

Enclosed you will find additional information concerning the outbuildings associated with the Sherman Tavern nomination in Grant County, Kentucky, as well as a verbal boundary description of the property.

Thank you for holding the nomination until we could furnish you with the necessary information.

Sincerely,

*William G. Johnson*

William G. Johnson  
Senior Historian

WGJ:lt

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE DEC'D FEB 05 1979

\_\_\_\_\_ RESPONSE (ATTACHED)

\_\_\_\_\_ SENT

\_\_\_\_\_ CALL (ATT/WRD)

DATE ACTION TAKEN \_\_\_\_\_

INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE KENTUCKY

Date Entered FFP g 1979

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
David, William, House	Shawhan vicinity Bourbon County
Sherman Tavern	Sherman vicinity Grant County
College Street Historic District	Harrodsburg Mercer County
Jones, Moses, House	Harrodsburg vicinity Mercer County
Beeches	Frankfort Franklin County

Also Notified

Honorable Wendell H. Ford  
Honorable Walter (Dae) Huddleston  
Honorable Larry L. Hopkins

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

NR Byers/bjr 2/13/79

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

# NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: Sherman Tavern  
 ② OTHER NAMES:  
 ③ date of entry: FEB 9 1979  
 ④ county code: 81

⑤ LOCATION street & number city / town vicinity of state county  
 S of Sherman on U.S. 25 Sherman KY Grant  
 ⑥ NPS REGION: SE

⑦ OWNER  PRIVATE  STATE  MUNICIPAL  COUNTY  MULTIPLE  FEDERAL (agency name)  
 ⑧ ADMINISTRATOR:

⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS  HABS  HAER  NHL ⑩ FUNDED?  YES  NO ⑪ CONGRESS. DISTRICT 6 ⑫ SOURCE of NOMINATION  STATE  FEDERAL  
 if state who prepared form?

⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?  YES, NAME  NO ⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?  YES, NAME  NO ⑮ ACREAGE  
 LOCAL  PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

⑯ CONDITION  deteriorated  altered  original site  
 excellent  ruins  unaltered  moved  
 good  unexposed  reconstructed  unknown  
 fair  unexcavated  excavated  
 ⑰ features:  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3  
 NOT INTACT-0  NOT INTACT-0  NOT INTACT-0  
 UNKNOWN-4  UNKNOWN-5  UNKNOWN-6  
 NOT APPLICABLE-7  NOT APPLICABLE-8  NOT APPLICABLE-9

⑱ ACCESS  YES - Restricted  YES - Unrestricted  No Access  Unknown ⑲ ADAPTIVE USE  YES  NO ⑳ SAVED?  YES  NO  
 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT?  yes  no

㉑ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE :  
 ARCHEOLOGY - prehistoric-2  COMMERCE-6  ENGINEERING-11  LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15  POLITICS / GOVT.-21  RECREATION-28  
 ARCHEOLOGY - historic-1  COMMUNICATIONS-7  ENTERTAINMENT-26  LAW-16  RELIGION-22  SETTLEMENT-29  
 AGRICULTURE-3  CONSERVATION-8  EXPLORATION-12  LITERATURE-17  SCIENCE-23  URBAN PLANNING-31  
 ARCHITECTURE-4  ECONOMICS-9  HEALTH-27  MILITARY-18  SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24  OTHER (SPECIFY)  
 ART-5  EDUCATION-10  INVENTION-14  PHILOSOPHY-20  SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30  
 TRANSPORTATION-25  
 ㉒ CLAIMS: explain  
 'first'   
 'oldest'   
 'only'

㉓ functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: CURRENTLY:  
 ㉔ dates of initial construction: major alterations: historic events:  
 ㉕ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

㉖ architectural style(s): ㉗ architect: ㉘ master builder: ㉙ engineer:

㉚ landscape architect / garden designer: ㉛ interior decorator: ㉜ artist: ㉝ artisan: ㉞ builder/contractor:

㉟ NAMES give role & date  
 PERSONAL:  
 EVENTS:  
 INSTITUTIONAL:

㊱ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP