

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

1. Name of Site: Prettyman Merry House

2. Prehistoric Site Building Object
Historic Site Structure Other

3. Location: at end of Shelby Street
in Bromley, Ky.

4. ADD/County: Kenton [059]

5. Original Owner: Prettyman Merry

6. Other Names:

7. Owners Name: Patricia & John Stewart

8. Owners Address: 329 Shelby Street
Ludlow, Kentucky 41016

9. Evaluation: Meets National Register [D]

10. Status & Date:
Nat.Landmark KY Survey
Nat.Register Local Landmark
Landmark Cert. HABS/HAER

11. N.R.Group
District Name []
Mult.Resource Area []
Thematic Name Early Stone Bldgs. []

12. Historical Theme:
Primary: Architecture [C]
Secondary: Settlement [K]
Other: []

13. Statement of Significance:

Only remaining house of settlement period in region. Typical early Kentucky stone house in fairly good condition.

14. History:

House built by Prettyman Merry who received 3300 acre land grant here in 1782. Also had 5000 acres at Blue Licks. This land sold to brother John Merry ca.1805. Was home of Dr. during Civil War who had office in dining room. Purchased by "Pigiron" Traylor who did renovation in 1913.

16. Date: 1790-1800? [1]
(ogee trim is usually later) []

17. Style: Federal [B]

18. Architect/Builder:

19. No.of Stories: two plus attic & cell [2]

20. Original Floor Plan: Double cell [C]

21. Single Pile Double Pile N.A.

22. Roof Form & Original Material: Gable

23. Structural Material: Stone [B]

24. Exterior Finish: Stone S
Carved Indian Head, Voussoirs [Q]

25. Foundation Material: Stone [A]

26. Major Alterations:
Moved Wall Treat.
Additions None

27. Outbuildings: log cabin, Slavequarters [2]

28. Original Use: Residence [A]

29. Present Use: Residence

30. Condition: Good [B]

31. Endangered Yes No

31. Attach Photos
Roll: 91 Photo Nos: 15-23
slides also

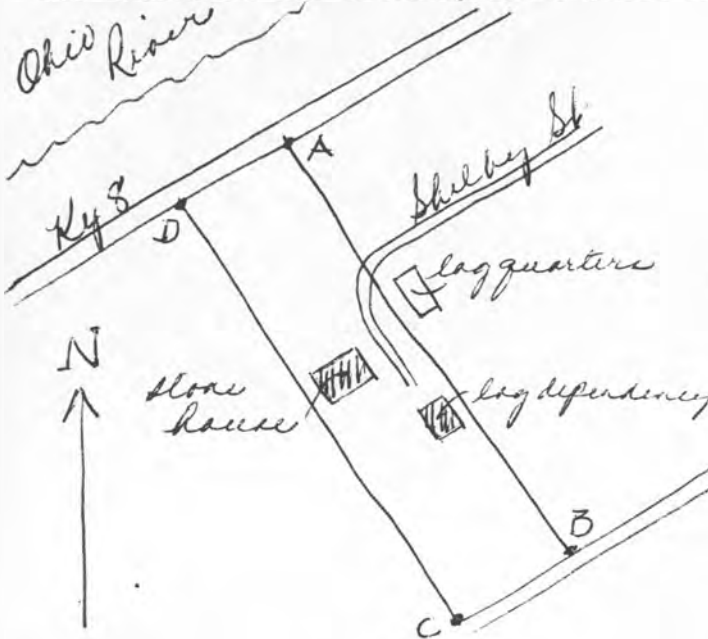
15. Source of Historical Information:

33. Prepared by: Carolyn Murray Wooley
34. Organization: Kentucky Heritage Council
35. Date: June 1984

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

36. UTM Point of Primary Building: 16-710320-4328750 37. USGS Quadrant: Covington 38. G.I.S. Mod. []
39. Coordinate Accuracy []
40. UTM Points of Boundary:
A. 16-710420-4328700 C. 16-710260-4328790 E. _____
B. 16-710290-4328820 D. 16-710400-4328670 F. _____
41. Total Acreage in Present Property: _____ 42. Acreage Included in Nominated Boundary: 1 9/10

43. Site Plan and Boundary Description and Justification:



Site enclosed by A-B-C-D as shown. Includes stone house and log dependency. Quarters are altered and outside property line. A-B-C-D is present property line. B-A is on Ky 8

44. Description and House Plan:

Four bay, two story double cell, dry stone house, ca. 24 X 48, interior chimneys each gable end. Roughly coursed masonry; ten stone voussoirs without keys. Frames pegged & beaded, ogee trim, square sills, 9/6 sash both floors; first floor windows are larger than second. (Front frames concealed by storm windows.) Carved head of Indian built in masonry of east gable end. Original paint blue (under chipping thick white layer). Had five fireplaces (one in cellar). Some chair rail remains.

Trim on back windows & door



In 1913 the house was "modernized": new cornice, chimneys stuccoed, new stair (larger), new flooring, two front doors closed and one center door put in—door from owner's saloon. One story frame wing on east end and one story veranda built on front and end.

The log cabin was moved from behind the house to rear and side of house where it now is and covered with weatherboard. The slavequarters are also weatherboarded—no longer part of property.

House located on gentle hillside facing the Ohio River. Very long narrow lot goes from KY 8 (River Road) back to next street. Town of Bromley on east side of lot.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Merry, Prettyman, House (Early Stone Buildings
of Kentucky TR)
Kenton County
KENTUCKY

Substantive Review

Working No. JUN 6 1985

Fed. Reg. Date:

Date Due: 7/4/85 - 7/21/85

Action: ACCEPT

RETURN 7-21-85

REJECT

Federal Agency:

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

If this is the only remaining house of settlement period in region, why are the dates marked with question mark? Why is this property a

Recom./Criteria Return

Reviewer Aschlagel

Discipline Arch Hist

Date 7/15

see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

good example, not just a typical example, meriting nomination, if there were the # of 1913 changes? Please ANALYZE SIGNIFICANCE.

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition

- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

- Check one
- unaltered
 - altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title date

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed Carl O'Shul Date 7-21-85 Phone: _____

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # KE-B-1
KENTON County

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3. Other Names: _____

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8. Evaluation: _____ [G]

9. Recognition & Date: _____
Nat.Landmark _____ Local Landmark _____
Nat.Register _____ HABS/HAER _____
Highway Marker _____ KY Inventory _____
KY Landmark Certificate _____

10. N.R.Status & Date: _____

11. N.R.Group: _____
District Name: _____ []
Mult.Resource Area: _____ []
Thematic Name: Early Stone Buildings []

12. Historical Theme: _____
Primary: Architecture [030]
Secondary: _____ []
Other: _____ []

13. Statement of Significance:
Built facing the Ohio River, the Merry House is the only visible reminder in this Cincinnati suburb of Bromley, of the settlement period of Kentucky. An Indian face is built for good luck in the east gable end to ward off Indian attacks, facing the direction of Indian advance. This was an important house when built because of its []

14. History: quality and is important today because other early stone buildings in the area are gone.

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15. Source of historical information and/or contact person:
Patricia & John Stewart, Owners

16. Date: _____
Original Building Ca. 1800 [8]
Addition []

17. Style: _____
Federal [21]
[]

18. Architect/Builder: _____
Unknown

19. No. of Stories: 2 plus attic & cellar [2.0]

20. Original Floor Plan: _____
Double (cell) pen [DP]

21. Single Pile Double Pile _____ N.A.

22. Roof Form & Material: _____
Gable Original _____
Not Original _____

23. Structural Material: _____
Stone [S]

24. Exterior Material: Stone [S]
[]

25. Foundation Material: _____
Stone [S]

26. Major Alterations: _____
Moved/Rebuilt None _____
Other _____
Additions cornice, porch, dormers

27. Special Features: _____
face of Indian carved in stone

28. Outbuildings: _____
log cabin and quarters [2]

29. Original Function: _____
Residence [01A]

30. Present Use: _____
Residence [01A]

31. Condition: _____
Good [G]

32. Endangered: _____
Yes _____
No [XX]

33. Attach Photos: _____
Roll: 31 Photo Nos: 15-23 No. of Slides: X

34. Prepared by: Carolyn Murray-Wooley

35. Organization: Kentucky Heritage Council

36. Date: June 1984

37. New Survey Resurvey _____

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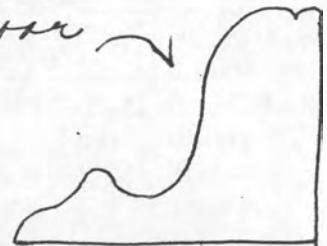
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United States Department of the Interior National Park Service National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form



Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Early Stone Buildings of Kentucky Thematic Resources
State Barren County and others, KENTUCKY

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

~~11.~~ Allen's, James, Inn

~~Substantive Review~~ Keeper

A. Schlager 1/8/87

Attest

~~12.~~ Court Clerk's Office—County
and Circuit

~~Substantive Review~~ Keeper

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Attest

~~13.~~ Merry, Prettyman, House

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~~14.~~ Pleasant Run Stone
House I

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~~15.~~ Pleasant Run II Stone
House

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~~16.~~ Forman, Tom, House

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17. Kercheval, John, Spring
House

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~~18.~~ Poague House

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19. Springhouse in Mays
Lick

Substantive Review Keeper

Amy Schlager 10/6/87

Attest

~~20.~~ Stone Barn on Lee's
Creek

~~Substantive Review~~ Keeper

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Attest

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Date Due: 10.87
Action: ACCEPT 1-8-87
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
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- appeal

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Reviewer's comments:

*Property is good example of
residential stone
archit - see cover*

Recom./Criteria Accept C
Reviewer Aschlagel
Discipline Arch Hist
Date 1/2/88
_____ see continuation sheet

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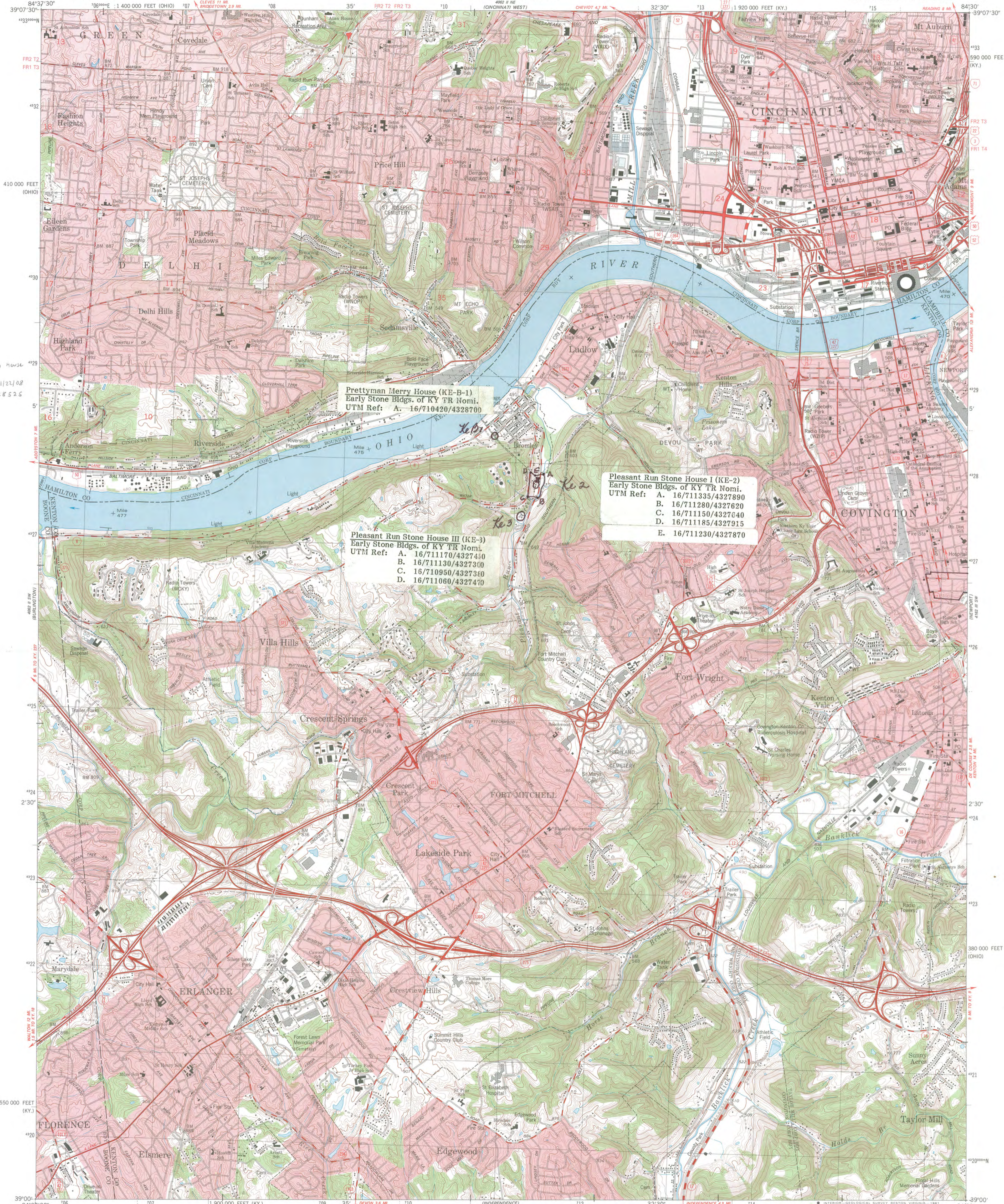
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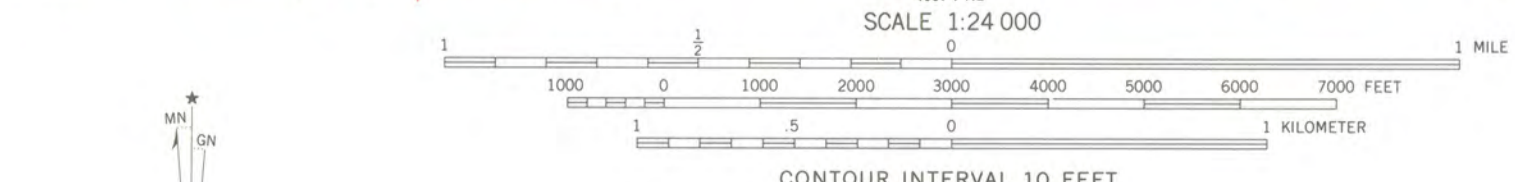
Prettyman Merry House
(KE-B-1)
UTM correction 1/22/08
16/710752/4328525

Prettyman Merry House (KE-B-1)
Early Stone Bldgs. of KY TR Nomi.
UTM Ref: A. 16/710420/4328700

Pleasant Run Stone House I (KE-2)
Early Stone Bldgs. of KY TR Nomi.
UTM Ref: A. 16/711335/4327890
B. 16/711280/4327620
C. 16/711150/4327640
D. 16/711185/4327915
E. 16/711230/4327870

Pleasant Run Stone House III (KE-3)
Early Stone Bldgs. of KY TR Nomi.
UTM Ref: A. 16/711170/4327450
B. 16/711130/4327300
C. 16/710950/4327380
D. 16/711060/4327470

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Polyconic projection. 10,000-foot grid ticks based on Kentucky coordinate system,
north zone, and Ohio coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid, zone 16
1927 North American Datum
To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983
move the projection lines 3 meters south and
5 meters west as shown by dashed corner ticks
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
The state boundary as shown represents the approximate position of the
low water line as determined from U.S. Corps of Engineers
Ohio River charts, surveyed 1914, and supplementary information
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
Ohio area lies within the Between the Miamis. Land lines based on the
Great Miami River Base. Dotted land lines established by private
subdivision of the Symmes Purchase



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NATIONAL GEODETIC TERTIAL DATUM OF 1929

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