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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Fryer House *aka*

AND/OR COMMON

Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

U.S. 27 northeast of Route 609 *N. E. of Butler in
Pendleton Ky*

CITY, TOWN

Butler

 VICINITY OF

STATE

Kentucky

CODE

021

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

COUNTY

Pendleton

CODE

191

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Percy Fryer

STREET & NUMBER

U.S. 27

CITY, TOWN

Butler

 VICINITY OF

STATE

Kentucky

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Pendleton County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Falmouth

STATE

Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Survey of Historic Places in Kentucky

DATE

1970

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY 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 type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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 Fryer House is set on a low mound in the midst of an open area amid hills, surrounded by fields and woods. It is located in an area known as Flour Creek, formerly Flour or Flower Town, near a stream that flows into the Licking River. The small town of Butler is about two miles away to the southwest, in a bend on the other side of the river. There is a ruined log house (associated with the Jones family) a mile to the north and there was a similar stone house built by the French family farther north, giving evidence of pervasive early settlement in the area.

Now, however, the once-extensive Fryer property has been reduced. Although farmland still surrounds the house to the north and east, U.S. Route 27 descends from the steep hills in the north and cuts through the original property several hundred yards west of the house. Across it on the west is the very large modern elementary school building (not shown on the U.S.G.S. map), set in the gently rolling land. Route 60 crosses 27 farther south of the homestead. The turn-of-the century Flour Creek Christian Church is a quarter of a mile southeast of the house. Nevertheless, the dwelling, set among old trees, retains its own integrity and is all the more conspicuous as a landmark because of the relative proximity of the new roads.

The house is a compact two-story stone block, three bays wide, but with no window upstairs over the narrow entrance. There is a one-story frame addition to the east, with a recently enclosed porch on its south side, and a more recent frame addition to the north. A simple one-bay front porch replaces an earlier one. Originally, however, there was no porch, only a stone stoop (see photos 1, 2, & 3).

There are huge but squat stone chimneys at the ends of the main block: flush at the west end, half-projecting at the east. They have thin projecting towers at the top. The gray local stone is mainly laid in fairly random courses, and set in yellowish mortar. According to the owner, the inner structure of the two foot-thick walls is held together by yellow mud. There are roughly chiselled, thin alternating quoins at the corners, and the downstairs front windows have widely-splayed jack arches of 9 stones with higher, almost triangular keystones in the center. The upper and rear window arches are not visible. There are single tiny attic lookouts on only one side of the chimneys in the otherwise-solid end-walls. This, combined with the small 6-over-6 pane windows on the front and back, gives the structure a very dense, almost fortified appearance.

The plan is of the hall-and-parlor type, with no central hall. The entrances front and back lead into the larger west room, with a thin partition dividing the rooms. The staircase rises toward the entrance, starting on the west side of the partition but rising

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on the east side. The upstairs arrangement is similar to that below.

Through the years there have been some alterations to the interior, such as the plain mantels of the larger now closed fireplace openings, but the overall layout and structural features are essentially intact. The random-width floor boards on square joists are visible from the cellar below, but covered in the first floor. The central partition has been repaneled, but the flat boards on the ceilings, painted white but never papered or plastered, are said to be original. Plain chair-railing remains, and the very deep window frames are also plain. There is a handsome built-in cupboard with beaded inner edges beside the west main fireplace. Modern heating and electricity have been installed, but most of the plumbing has been confined to the additions.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1811

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Walter Fryer

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Fryer House, built in 1811 of fieldstone, is of architectural interest as an example of stone house construction popular in Kentucky from roughly 1780 to 1820 (Wooley, p. 592). As was characteristic of the type, the house is block-like in form and symmetrical in execution, with small windows on the first and second floors and well-crafted masonry. What may also be termed as prototypical is the personal history of the house, which was built by Walter Fryer, an Englishman who, like thousands of his fellow countrymen, immigrated to America in the late 18th century. By 1810 he had found his way to Pendleton County, on the Licking River in northern Kentucky, and joined the ranks of Kentucky pioneers who participated in what might be termed the second phase of settlement on the frontier. The house remains in the Fryer family, whose members have included several distinguished citizens of the County.

The house is located in Pendleton County (established in 1798), a hilly area but fertile along its bottomlands. Only a few miles of the county's northeast border front on the Ohio River, but this stream and the two forks of the Licking River influenced early settlement. Falmouth, the county seat, is situated on an elevated bottom at the confluence of the main Licking and South Licking forks. The town was founded in 1793 by Virginians and named after Falmouth, Virginia, which, in turn, was named for Falmouth, England (Guide to Kentucky). Until roughly mid-19th century, it was the only city in Pendleton County. The Fryer House is approximately ten miles north of Falmouth, just outside the small community of Butler in an area known as Flour Creek (once known as Flower Town), and is one of the oldest remaining structures in Pendleton County.

Walter Fryer and his Scottish wife Margery first located in Baltimore, Maryland, then later Lexington, Kentucky. In 1810 they moved to Pendleton County and purchased 300 acres that originally had been part of the Mosby grant, one of nine patents in the county. (Falmouth Outlook, August 4, 196). Fryer immediately built a log house until the more permanent home could be erected. (The log house, later used as a slave cabin, was torn down several years ago.)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5 acres

Latitude- $38^{\circ} 47' 37''$

UTM REFERENCES

Longitude- $84^{\circ} 21' 09''$

A

ZONE			EASTING			NORTHING					

C

ZONE			EASTING			NORTHING					

B

ZONE			EASTING			NORTHING					

D

ZONE			EASTING			NORTHING					

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Walter E. Langsam, Architectural Historian, and Gloria Mills, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Kentucky Heritage Commission

DATE

June 1976

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.

~~REPRESENTATIVE~~ SIGNATURE

Cedric W. Melton

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

6/76/76

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

Acting

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

10/8/76

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

10/7/76

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In 1811 the construction of the stone house was begun according to contract and by 1813 was completed. One source states the builder as Abraham Vastine, a "housejoiner" (Falmouth Outlook, April 5, 1940, p. 3). Another lists a man by the name of Williams as the mason (Falmouth Outlook, August, 196).

The Fryer family have been respected members of the Butler community since their entry into the county. Particularly well known was Judge L. P. Fryer, uncle of former owner of the Fryer homestead, Edward Percy Fryer, himself a well-known farmer and dairyman. Judge Fryer (1867-1942) was Pendleton County Attorney in the 1890s. In 1902 he was elected Commonwealth Attorney of the 18th district and served for eighteen consecutive years. His brother, Calvin Fryer (1860-1929), father of Percy and resident of the house, was for sixteen years Master Commissioner of Pendleton County, one of the most important political posts in the county.

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Property

Fryer House

76000938
Pendleton

State

Ky.

Working Number

6.21.76.3650

TECHNICAL

Photos 4

Maps 1

need UTM ref. & recent map

CONTROL

pl
6.25.76

HISTORIAN

accept
B. Grosvenor
7/6/76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept
H. J. ...
8/23/76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
W. R. Luce
10/5/76

BRANCH CHIEF

Hunt
10.6.76

KEEPER

[Signature]
6/7/76

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

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Federal Register Entry

12-7-76

Re-submit _____

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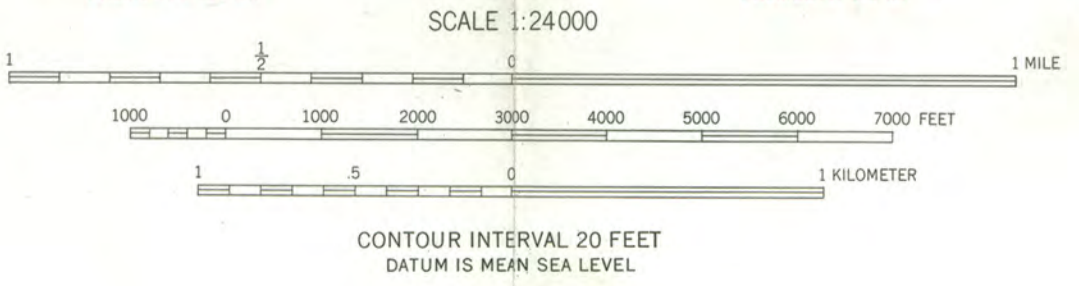


Fryer House, Butler, Pendleton
County, Kentucky
U.S.G.S. Map
Butler Quadrangle, 7.5 Minute

Series
Scale: 1:24 000
Date: 1953
Map 1.

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography from aerial photographs by multiplex methods
Aerial photographs taken 1952. Field check 1953
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Kentucky coordinate system,
north zone

TRUE NORTH
MAGNETIC NORTH
APPROXIMATE MEAN
DECLINATION, 1953



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty 4 LANE 16 LANE Light-duty
Medium-duty 4 LANE 6 LANE Unimproved dirt
U. S. Route State Route

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



BUTLER, KY.
SE/4 ALEXANDRIA 15' QUADRANGLE
N 3845-W 8415/7.5
1953

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE KENTUCKY

Date Entered OCT 8 1976

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Fryer House	Butler vicinity Pendleton County
Wright, Captain James, House and Cabin	Paris vicinity Bourbon County
Johnson, Leonidas, House (Clifton)	Georgetown vicinity Scott County
Old Stone Inn	Simpsonville Shelby County

Also Notified

Hon. Walter (Dee) Huddleston
Hon. Wendell H. Ford
Hon. John B. Breckinridge
Regional Director, Southeast
Region

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

880 MMott/row 10/18/76

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 7/2/76
 Reviewer: INITIALS: 86 KP
 NR
 DOE
 OCT 3 1976

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Fryer House

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER: NE of Butler on U.S. 27 ~~near jct. with KY 609~~
 CITY/TOWN: Butler
 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 6th
 STATE: Kentucky 021 VICINITY OF: Butler COUNTY: Pendleton code: 191

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline): FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):
 NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST
 SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

<u>INTERIOR</u>	<u>EXTERIOR</u>	<u>ENVIRONS</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantially intact-1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantially intact-2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantially intact-3
- unknown - 4	- unknown - 5	- unknown - 6
- not applicable - 7	- not applicable - 8	- Not applicable - 9

- Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION -	<u>EXCELLENT</u>	<u>DETERIORATED</u>	<u>UNALTERED</u>	<u>ORIGINAL SITE</u>
	<u>GOOD</u>	<u>RUINS</u>	<u>ALTERED</u>	<u>MOVED</u>
	<u>FAIR</u>	<u>UNEXPOSED</u>	<u>Reconstructed</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
	<u>Unexcavated</u>	<u>Excavated</u>		

ACCESS - yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
 IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
 IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)
 then- House
 now- House

SIGNIFICANCE:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
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<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS GOVERNMENT		<input type="checkbox"/> planning

Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

architect/m.builder: *Walter Fryer*

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan:

builder/contractor:

Abraham Vestine
name of person

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role & appropriate date)

personal

Walter Fryer 1st resident/owner, pioneer

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): *1811*

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS: *unknown*

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

5

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

Description: stone, 2 1/2 stories, rectangular, gabled roof, ^{cutler end} large stone chimney, ~~1-story shed porch~~ ^{front} added, center entrance, ~~quoin~~ ^{with protective} pint roof added, 1-story frame ~~and additions, with enclosed porch, small frame additions~~

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

The Fryer House is a typical example of stone houses built in Kentucky in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. It was built by Walter Fryer, one of many pioneers who participated in the post-Revolutionary wave of settlement west of the Appalachian Mountains, and has served as the home for members of the locally prominent Fryer ~~the~~ ^{family} since that time.

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

architect/m.builder: *Walter Fryer*
landscape/garden designer:
interior decorator:

engineer:
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builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

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PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

5

COMMENTS:

(include architectural information here)

Descr: stone, 2 1/2 stories, rectangular, gabled roof, exterior end large stone chimneys, 1-story side porch added, center entrance, quoins; 1-story frame additions, with enclosed porch, small frame additions

SIGNIFICANCE:

(maximum two sentences)

Typical of stone houses constructed in ^{KY} Kentucky during post-Revolution phase of ~~trans-Appalachian~~ settlement in ~~the~~ late-18th ^{and} early-19th century C.; ~~built for~~ still owned ~~by~~ ^{by} family of original owner whose descendants have included many member of a locally prominent ~~family~~ citizens.

** locally prominent Fryer family since that time*