

WAYNE HOLTON HOUSE (H. West Farm)
Salem Ridge Road and KY State Route 1159
Brooksville
Bracken County
Kentucky

HABS No. KY-291

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Kentucky		COUNTY Bracken	TOWN OR VICINITY Brooksville
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Wayne Holton House			HABS NO. KY-291
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE H. West Farm			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) North side of Salem Ridge Road; just west of Goose Creek; 1/8 mile west of KY 1159			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) last quarter of 19th century		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) See continuation sheet			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Victorian Vernacular			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Wood frame/sawn weatherboard			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Front and side porches with sawn millwork			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Originally a central hall plan - now a double cell main block with a one room ell and enclosed room in the angle. Rectangular main block and rectangular ell.			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Porch in southwest angle of ell, enclosed during the first part of the 20th century.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Good condition - structure is not in residential use.			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Was used as a residence until Spring 1987			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Information received of Mr. Garner Murray - resident of Bracken County James H. Murray House - National Register Nomination - August 1985			
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Jayne H. Fiegel/Program Coordinator/Cultural Historic Section/Division of Environmental Analysis/State of Kentucky			DATE

Significance

The H. West Farm Complex is a contributing part of the Woolcott Historic District which was declared eligible for the National Register by the Kentucky State Historic Preservation Officer in 1986. The West farm contains one main residence and eleven outbuildings which have a date range between the last quarter of the 19th to the middle of the 20th century. The house and three of the complex ancillary structures are over 50 years old. The remaining sheds and barns were constructed post 1945. However, the complex as a whole displays its historic integrity and is a significant part of the community fabric, and therefore, also the Woolcott Historic District.

The main house was probably constructed during the last quarter of the 19th century and although the structure is vernacular, much of the stylistic detailing is supportive of that time period. The house is a one and one-half story, three-bay I house, with a flush front roof gable. A one and one-half story ell projects from the rear of the main block, and a one-story shed roofed addition sits in the southwest angle of the rear ell. Originally a porch, this element was enclosed during the early part of the 20th century (Photo 9).

The structure is capped by a steeply pitched standing seam, gable roof and both main block and ell are served by interior brick flues situated near the gable ends. The structure sits on a poured cement foundation (Photos 2-3).

Front and side porches, which shelter the east and north entrances, display the most stylistic details. The one-story front porch is supported by chamfered posts and sits on a foundation of wood piers. The underporch is covered with wooden lattice. The sawn millwork, which edges the porch cornice, is missing a few elements but has retained its integrity. The side porch on the north facade appears to have retained all the original millwork, which includes a row of spindles with edging below and brackets flanking the supporting posts. The side porch sits on a laid stone foundation (Photos 7-8).

Window and door openings are undecorated and the windows are double hung sash type with either 2/2 or 1/1 lights. Directly above the main entrance is a door opening which may have originally been a window. Directly behind a flat headed opening is a door with an ogee arch. This detail is also displayed by another house in the district (Photo 4).

The interior of the structure has been altered from the original central hall plan. One central wall has been removed to change the structure into a unequal double cell plan. The ell contains one large room used as the dining room and the kitchen was located in the enclosed side porch. The interior walls have been covered with paneling. The only extant original elements are a few bulls eye corner blocks flanking an interior door opening. The second floor is reflective of the first with three large rooms.

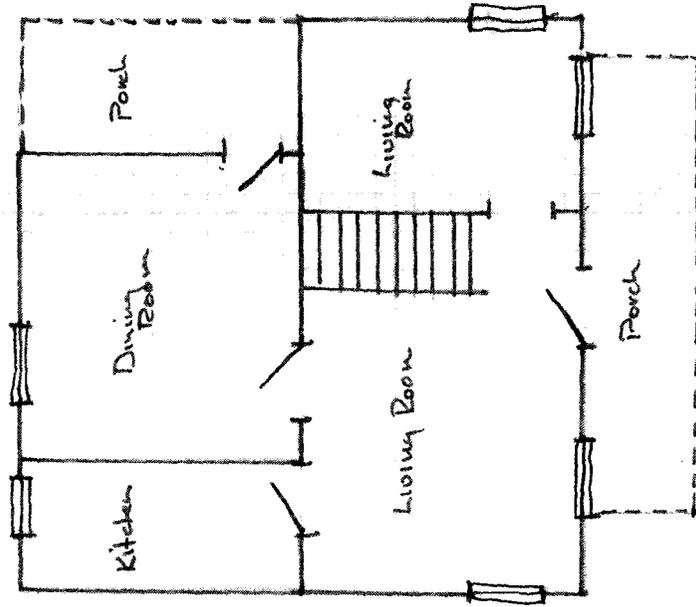
The ancillary buildings on the site are located east, north and west of the main house (Photos 10-16). The three oldest

structures, which are probably about the same age as the house, are the stable, corn crib and hog house.

The stable, which sits west of the main house, could be classified as an English style barn. It is rectangular in form with gable end openings and a medium pitched gable roof. Also sometimes referred to as a "three-bay barn," the interior is divided into three main sections, two stable bays flanking a central threshing or storage area. The north gable has a cantilevered end or "widows peak" to accommodate a hay rail. The structure is sheathed in vertical board siding and capped by a standing seam metal roof (Photo 10).

The other two 19th century outbuildings located west and northwest of the stable are the corn crib and the hog house. Both are of vertical board construction with shed roofs. The corn crib sits on post and laid stone foundation and has three separate openings. The hog house sits on a cinder block foundation and has two openings (Photos 10-12).

Local informants relate that the original owner of this property was Wayne Holton and the construction of the main house is attributed to him. Members of the Holton family also owned other property in the Woolcott community. This complex was owned in 1884 by H. West and his ownership is documented in the Bracken County Atlas of that same date. The Persinger family owned the farm during the first part of the 20th century and in 1945 it was purchased by Wilbur Ruf. The property has been retained by the Ruf family since that time.



Hog House

Corn Crib

Stable

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Not to Scale