

ROCK SPRING HOUSE
South of Salem Road/Locust Creek on Route KY 1159
Brooksville
Bracken County
Kentucky

HABS No. KY-290

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Southeast Region
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Kentucky	COUNTY Bracken	TOWN OR VICINITY Brooksville
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE <i>(INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME)</i> Rock Spring House		HABS NO. KY-290
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS <i>(DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)</i> West side of KY 1159; 1/8 mile south of Salem Ridge Road and Locust Creek; approximately seven miles north of Brooksville.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION <i>(INCLUDE SOURCE)</i> Last quarter of 19th century/1913	ARCHITECT(S) <i>(INCLUDE SOURCE)</i>	
SIGNIFICANCE <i>(ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)</i> See continuation sheet		
STYLE <i>(IF APPROPRIATE)</i> Vernacular		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION <i>(INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)</i> Wood frame construction/sawn weatherboard		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE <i>(SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)</i> Main block is rectangular with rectangular rear ell		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE <i>(DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)</i> Three room plan in main block. One room ell. No architectural detailing.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Used as a residence until Summer 1987		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION <i>(INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)</i> Mr. Garner Murray - Local informant Mrs. Susan Murray Weymeyer		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Jayne H. Fiegel/Program Coordinator/Cultural Historic Section/Division of Environmental Analysis/State of Kentucky		DATE

Significance

The Rock Spring House Complex is a contributing element in the Woolcott Historic District.

The Rock Spring House was originally located north of the community of Woolcott on the Ohio River. The flood of 1913 moved the house off its original foundation. Augusta Tietz, the second wife of James Hugh Murray II, had the structure moved to its present location. It is presently owned by Howard Murray, a descendant.

The house is a one-story, three bay wood frame structure sitting on a laid stone foundation. Sawn weatherboard covers the wood framing and the structure is capped by a medium pitched gable roof. A one-story ell projects from the rear of the main block, and a porch shelters the entrance in the northwest angle of the ell (Photos 19-21).

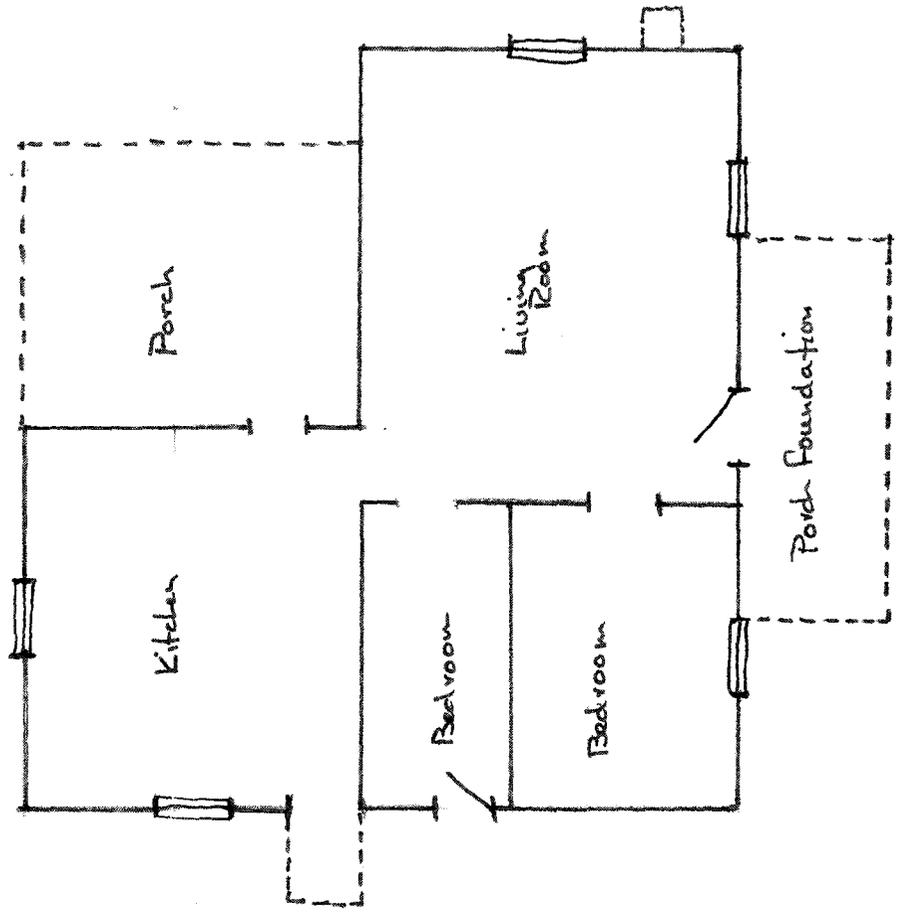
The window and door openings are simple and undecorated. The windows are double sash with 6/6 lights in the openings.

The north wall of the main block has a small flue of cinder block construction material. The original chimney or stove flue has been removed. It may have been either an interior feature or located on the south wall of the main block. The floor of a porch lies at the main entrance.

Outbuildings

Three outbuildings are part of the Rock Spring Complex, one barn, a storage shed and privy. The barn is not within the project limits and will not be removed. The shed and privy, both located west of the main house will be taken. The storage shed, located just behind the rear ell is a rectangular wood frame structure covered in vertical board siding. The building sits on a foundation of wood posts and is capped by a sloping metal roof (Photo 4).

The privy is a small square structure of wood frame construction sheathed in vertical boards. It also is topped by a sloping metal roof (Photo 5).



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Not to Scale

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