

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service****National Register of Historic Places Registration Form**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

**1. Name of Property**Historic name: Louisville to Bardstown Turnpike Milestones and RoadbedOther names/site number: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

**2. Location**Street & number: 10 sites along or near US 31E from downtown Louisville, KY to downtown Bardstown, KY (39 miles total)City or town: Louisville through Mt. Washington and Cox's Creek to BardstownState: Kentucky County: Jefferson, Bullitt, Spencer and NelsonNot For Publication: ☐ Vicinity: ☒**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this X nomination     request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.In my opinion, the property X meets     does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:    national     statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

    A     B     C     DSignature of certifying official/Title: Craig Potts/SHPO

Date

Kentucky Heritage Council/State Historic Preservation Office

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

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In my opinion, the property \_\_\_ meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria.

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Signature of commenting official:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Title :

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency/bureau  
or Tribal Government

#### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- \_\_\_ entered in the National Register  
\_\_\_ determined eligible for the National Register  
\_\_\_ determined not eligible for the National Register  
\_\_\_ removed from the National Register  
\_\_\_ other (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Action

#### 5. Classification

##### Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

Private:

☒

Public – Local

☐

Public – State

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Public – Federal

☐

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**Category of Property**

(Check only **one** box.)

Building(s) ☐  
District ☒  
Site ☐  
Structure ☐  
Object ☐

**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing

Noncontributing

\_\_\_\_\_

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buildings

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

sites

1

\_\_\_\_\_

structures

9

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objects

10

\_\_\_\_\_

Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

TRANSPORTATION/road-related (vehicular)

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

TRANSPORTATION/road-related (vehicular)

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## 7. Description

### Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Other: Early turnpike

**Materials:** (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property:

STONE/limestone

### Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

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### Summary Paragraph

The "Louisville to Bardstown Turnpike Milestones and Roadbed" are a series of nine limestone "Mile Markers" and a small section of original limestone roadbed marking the path of the 1830s Louisville-Bardstown turnpike. They are situated at intervals along or near the right-of-way of US 31E from Louisville to Bardstown, KY. Each limestone mile marker is inscribed with a "#L #B" indicating the number of miles to Louisville (#L) and to Bardstown (#B). The markers are of the same "tombstone" shape and vary in height from 15" to 51". While the position of some of the stones has been adjusted somewhat over the years due to the widening of the highway, their relative position to each other, and along the original 39-mile 1830s turnpike route, remains historically intact.

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### Narrative Description

Details of the location, size, condition, and characteristics, plus photos of each of the nine limestone mile markers (from north-to-south along the 1830s turnpike route) and the roadbed section are included as follows in numerical order:

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**#1. "12L 27B" mile marker:**

**Location:** In "Triangle Park" near Fern Creek High School at the northwest corner of Bardstown Road (US 31E) and Fern Creek Road in Fern Creek, KY.

**Size:** 15" x 23" x 7"

**Condition:** good

**Altered, re-displayed onto a monument base**

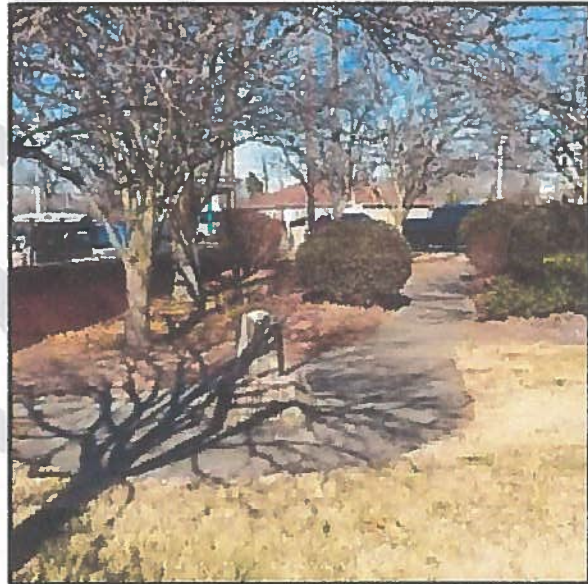
**Relocated from east side to the west side of Bardstown Road**

This is the only mile marker that remains standing along the Jefferson County section of the original turnpike. Years ago, during the widening of Bardstown Road, it was saved and stored away by a historic-minded local citizen. In 1992, the stone was re-dedicated and prominently displayed in the west end of "Triangle Park" on the opposite side of the road from its original location.<sup>1</sup> This stone was inventoried as a Kentucky Historic Resource in 2018 (JFL-587).

It is in good condition, with the "12L 27B" carved lettering somewhat worn but still legible.



1a. "12L 27B" mile marker close view



1b. "12L 27B" location view – looking east



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**#2. "20L 19B" mile marker:**

**Location:** Downtown Mt. Washington, KY on Old Bardstown Road (US 31EX) across from the intersection of Flatlick Road at the north parking lot of First Baptist Church.

**Size:** 15" x 19" x 7"

**Condition:** good

**Altered, re-displayed onto a monument base**

**Relocated to other side of new paver sidewalk, away from roadway curb edge, 40' north of original location**

This is the only mile marker still standing along the 6-mile Bullitt County section of the original turnpike. In 2016, in cooperation with the City of Mt. Washington, KyTC District #5, the Mt. Washington Historical Society and concerned citizens and local businesses, it was saved from further deterioration sitting along the curb edge of the street, relocated and redisplayed 40' to the north by the Mt. Washington Youth Chamber of Preservationists of Bullitt East High School to become a historic centerpiece of downtown Mt. Washington.<sup>5</sup> This stone was inventoried as a Kentucky Historic Resource in 2018 (BUM-81).

The stone has lost some of its surface from vertical scaling but remains in good condition with the "20L 19B" carved lettering still clearly legible.



2a. "20L 19B" mile marker close view



2b. "20L 19B" location view – looking north

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**#3. "25L 14B" mile marker:**

**Location:** In the ditch line of KY Hwy 523 (formerly part of US 31E) in the front corner of farm property at 1501 Old Louisville Road, Cocks Creek, KY, a few yards south of the intersection road from the new US 31E to KY Hwy 48/523 at Deerwood subdivision.

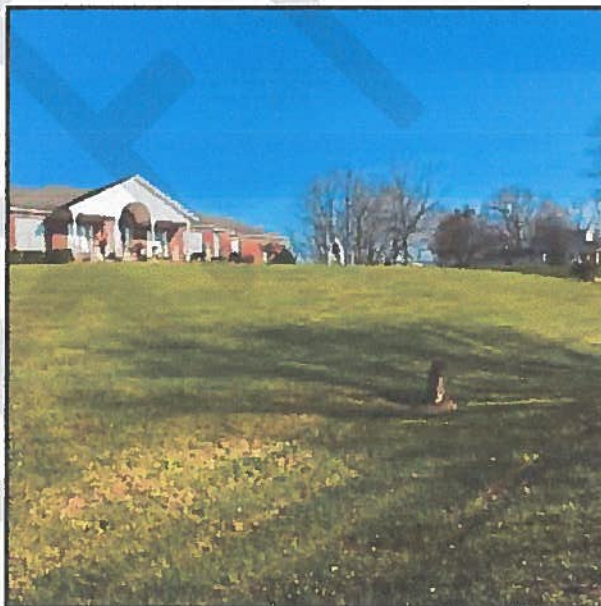
**Size:** 16" x 30" x 7"  
**Condition:** excellent  
**Unaltered**  
**Original location**

This is the only mile marker still standing along the Spencer County section of the original turnpike. This stone was inventoried as a Kentucky Historic Resource in 2018 (SP-416).

It is in excellent condition with the "25L 14B" carved lettering clearly legible.



3a. "25L 14B" mile marker close view



3b. "25L 14B" location view – looking east



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**#4. "29L 10B" mile marker:**

**Location:** Outside edge of ditch line in front of farm property at 10395 Louisville Road (old US 31E), Coss Creek, KY, just south of the intersection of KY Hwy 523.

**Size:** 16" x 28" x 7"

**Condition:** good

**Unaltered**

**Original location**

This mile marker is the northern-most of six that remain standing along the original turnpike route in Nelson County. It was originally inventoried as a Kentucky Historic Resource (NE-502) in 2002 and re-inventoried in greater detail in 2018.

Gravity and soggy ground have caused the stone to lean more toward the ditch over the years. Otherwise, the stone is in very good condition with the "29L 10B" carved lettering still clearly legible.



4a. "29L 10B" mile marker close view



4b. "29L 10B" location view – looking south



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**#5. "34L 5B" mile marker:**

**Location:** Outside edge of the ditch line of US 31E next to a gravel entryway directly across the road from the entrance to Greear Estates subdivision.

**Size:** 16" x 38" x 7"

**Condition:** good

**Unaltered**

**Original location**

This stone was originally inventoried as a Kentucky Historic Resource (NE-501) in 2002 and re-inventoried in greater detail in 2018. It was knocked over by a vehicle accident in October 2016. It was recovered by the Bardstown office of KDOH District #4 and in February 2017, was put back in its original location.<sup>5</sup>

Some of the stone was broken off the upper left by the vehicle accident, but otherwise, the stone remains in very good condition with the "34L 5B" lettering still clearly legible.



5a. "34L 5B" mile marker close view



5b. "34L 5B" location view – looking north

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**#6. "35L 4B" mile marker:**

**Location:** Outside the ditch line of US 31E in front of 4295 Louisville Road, Bardstown, KY just north of Mallard's Cove subdivision.

**Size:** 16" x 37" x 9"

**Condition:** good

**Unaltered**

**Original location**

This stone was inventoried as a Kentucky Historic Resource in 2018 (NE-628).

This stone remains in very good condition with the "35L 4B" carved lettering still clearly legible.



6a. "35L 4B" mile marker close view



6b. "35L 4B" location view – looking east

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**#7. "36L 3B" mile marker:**

**Location:** Along US 31E a few yards south of the entrance drive to 3317 Louisville Road, Bardstown, KY just north of Abbey Ridge Road and Sisters of Nazareth.

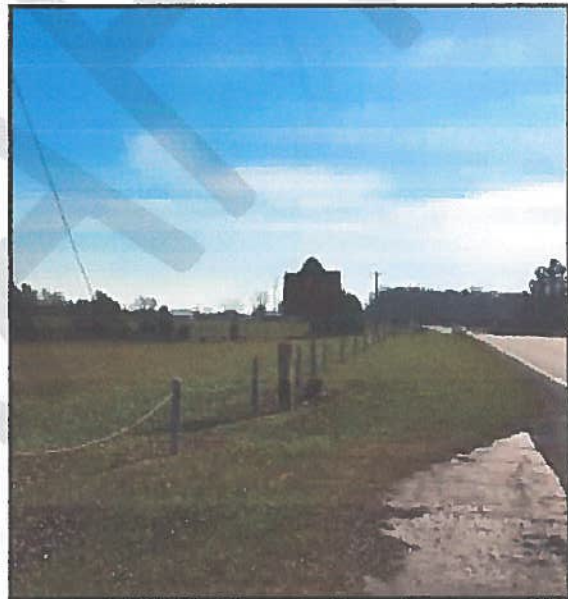
**Size:** 16" x 51" x 8.5"  
**Condition:** excellent  
**Unaltered**  
**Original location**

A Kentucky Historical Marker sign at the location tells visitors of the early turnpike milestones, the charter of the Bardstown-Louisville Turnpike Company in 1831, and the completion of the turnpike in 1838. This mile marker was originally inventoried as a Kentucky Historic Resource (NE-500) in 2002 and re-inventoried in greater detail in 2018.

In spite of over 180 years of weathering and traffic, the stone and carved lettering remain in excellent condition.



7a. "36L 3B" mile marker close view



7b. "36L 3B" location view – looking south



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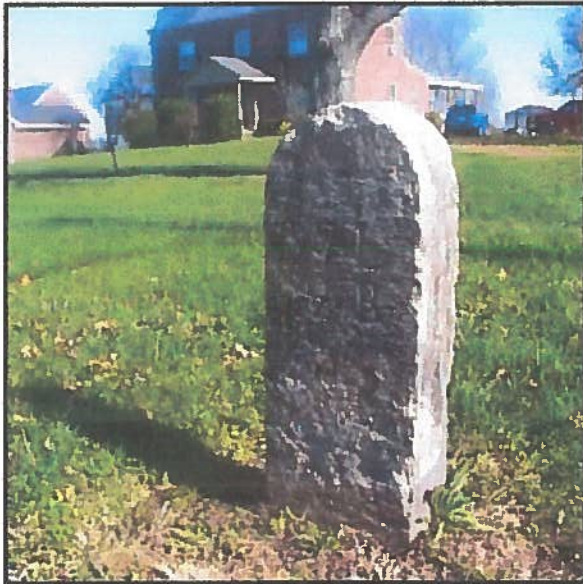
**#8. "37L 2B" mile marker:**

**Location:** In the front yard next to the entry drive of 1441 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (US 31E), Bardstown, KY, just south of Olde Delaney's Country Store.

**Size:** 16" x 38" x 9"  
**Condition:** good  
**Unaltered**  
**Original location**

This stone was inventoried as a Kentucky Historic Resource in 2018 (NE-627).

The stone remains in very good condition with the "37L 2B" carved lettering still legible.



8a. "37L 2B" mile marker close view



8b. "37L 2B" location view – looking north



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**#9. "38L 1B" mile marker:**

**Location:** Along the sidewalk edge on N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (US 31E) in Bardstown, KY near the intersection of Maple Grove Court, one block north of KY Hwy 245.

**Size:** 16" x 19" x 5"

**Condition:** fair

**Altered, offset by 90° from original orientation**

**Relocated away from widened road to other side of new sidewalk**

This is the first-mile marker north of the Bardstown terminus of the 1830s turnpike. During the widening of this section of US 31E, it was struck by a backhoe. It was put back in place perpendicular to the road rather than the original parallel placement (with the lettering facing the road) as all of the stones were originally situated.<sup>5</sup> This stone was inventoried as a Kentucky Historic Resource in 2018 (NEB-570).

It has experienced significant weathering and erosion and the "38L 1B" carved lettering is difficult to make out.



9a. "38L 1B" mile marker close view



9b. "38L 1B" location view – looking north

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**#10. Original macadam turnpike roadbed section:**

**Location:** A 0.56-mile length of the macadam limestone roadbed of the original 1830s turnpike running along the top of the bluff above and along the west side of Old Bardstown Road (US 31EX) on the north end of Mt. Washington, KY, just south of Floyds Fork:

beginning at (south end):

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to (north end):

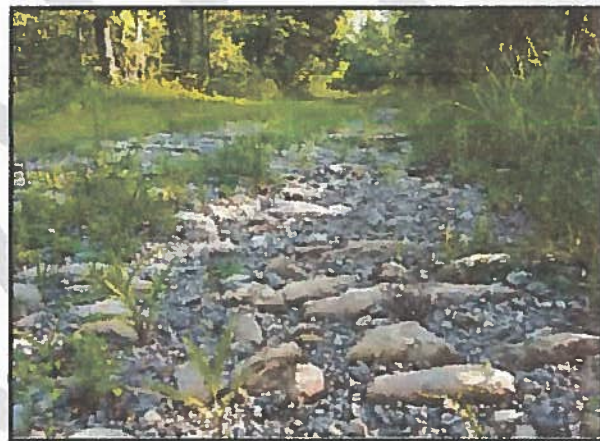
Lat: 38.073239 Long: -85.551002

**Condition:** deteriorated, vegetation growth, top surface "metal" layer washed away  
**Altered,** gravel laid on a portion that became used as a farm lane  
**Original location**

This section of the original turnpike is the only known section of the original 39-mile turnpike route that remains exposed showing the method and durability of the macadam limestone roadbed construction of the 1830s. It is situated on a 19-acre parcel purchased by the Future Fund Endowment, Inc. in early 2018 for historic and nature preservation.



10a. turnpike roadbed section – 1 of 4



10b. turnpike roadbed section – 2 of 4



10c. turnpike roadbed section – 3 of 4



10d. turnpike roadbed section – 4 of 4

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## 8. Statement of Significance

### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- ☐ B. Removed from its original location
- ☐ C. A birthplace or grave
- ☐ D. A cemetery
- ☐ E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- ☐ F. A commemorative property
- ☐ G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

TRANSPORTATION  
ENGINEERING

**Period of Significance**

1831 – 1924  
1831 – 1837

**Significant Dates**

1831  
1838

**Significant Person**

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Tyler, Levi – President, Bardstown and Louisville Turnpike Company  
Speed, John – President, Louisville Turnpike Company

**Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph** (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Louisville-Bardstown Turnpike, beginning construction in 1831, served "as built" for nearly 90 years as the main route for central Kentuckians, until 1925 when it was replaced by the newly improved and paved Jackson Highway.

This turnpike was a strong and vital asset to travel and trade as it passed through numerous cities, helping not only the citizens but the culture, progress towards new innovation and development. It served as a major route for passenger travel and for the transport of bourbon, tobacco, livestock, poultry, and other products of central Kentucky to riverfront warehouses in Louisville for storage, processing and shipment on the Ohio River to other parts of the country. Thus, the turnpike is significant under National Register Criteria A.

The Louisville-Bardstown Turnpike also meets National Register Criteria C, specifically significant in the areas of transportation and engineering. The Louisville-Bardstown turnpike was not just one of the earliest turnpikes to be constructed in Kentucky, but it also served as a lasting example of the more advanced engineering, durability, and maintainability of the "McAdams Plan" for road construction (later described). Additionally, the limestone turnpike mile markers included in this nomination are all characterized by the same "tombstone" shape, created from locally harvested limestone, and bearing the same style and size of chiseled lettering.



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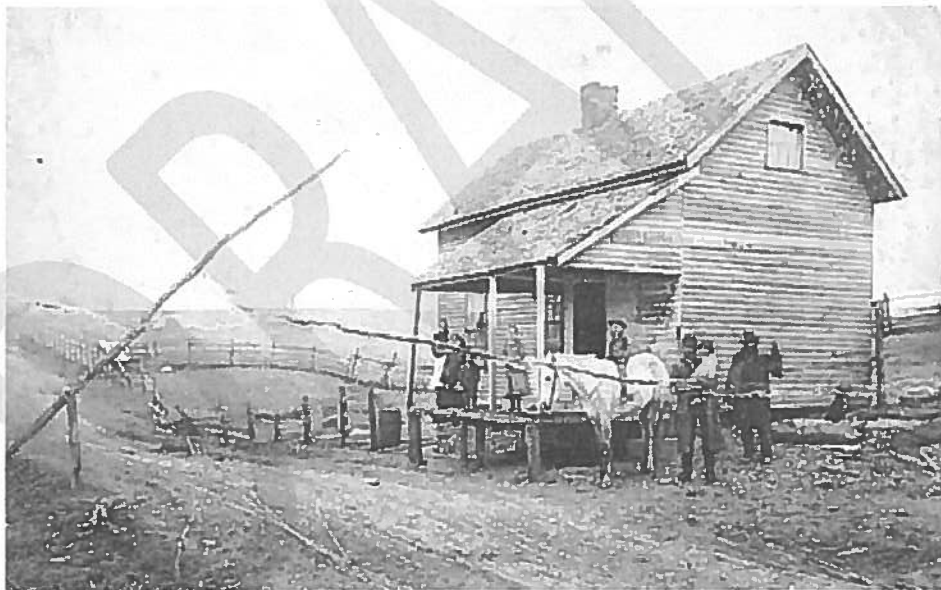
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The turnpike mile markers and the 0.56 mile segment of original turnpike roadbed are significant for the periods of 1831-1924; contributing to the history of commerce and transportation from the beginning of construction through the useful life of the original turnpike, and 1831-1837; during the period of construction, embodying the distinctive characteristics of the early history of turnpike road construction in Kentucky.

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Provide at least one paragraph for each area of significance.)

Kentucky's Early Turnpikes:

Long before modern highways and expressways lined every county around the United States creating a faster, safer, and more efficient way to connect communities, 1800's America was thriving with an early turnpike system consisting of a network of many different roads with numerous toll stations along the route. At these "toll booths", travelers had to pay a toll in accordance to their mode of transportation. The term "turnpike" refers to a pike that would sit in front of the traveler until they paid the toll, after which the pike would be turned out of their way allowing them to continue on their journey.<sup>2,4</sup>



Early Kentucky Turnpike Toll House  
Kentucky Historical Society Collections,  
donated by William B. Dulaney,

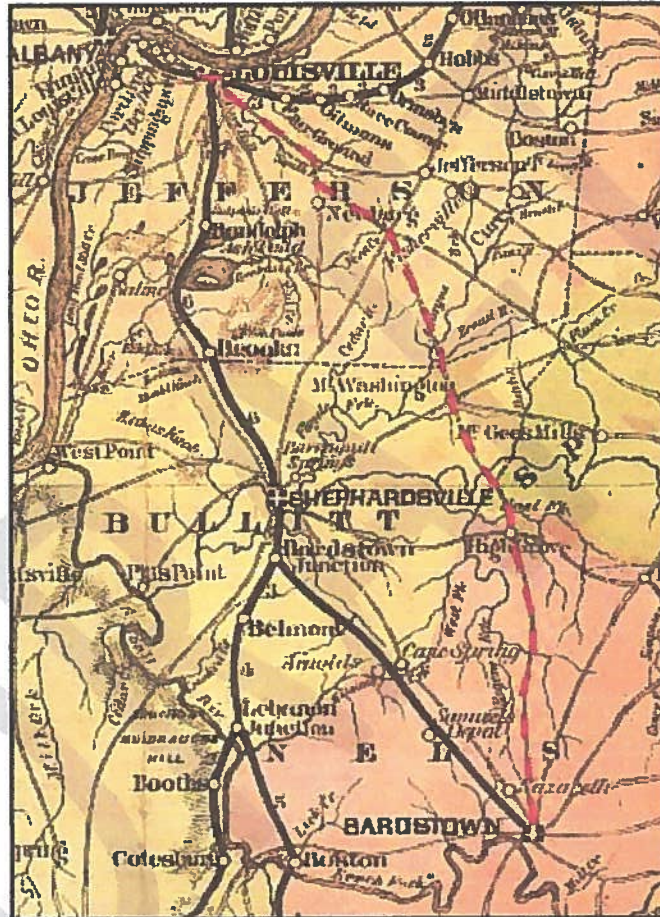
Kentucky's turnpike routes started in February 1817 when the State legislature authorized the formation of the Lexington and Louisville Turnpike Road Company and the Lexington and Maysville Turnpike Road Company. The administration of these early turnpike companies remained the precedent by which future turnpike companies in Kentucky would be formed and administered throughout the 1800s.<sup>3</sup>

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The Louisville-Bardstown Turnpike:

One of the earliest turnpikes to be constructed was the Louisville-Bardstown Turnpike. The Louisville-Bardstown Turnpike was a total of 39 miles in length, beginning at the old courthouse at 6th and Jefferson Street in Louisville and terminating at the old "Market House" at what is now the intersection of 3rd and Broadway Street in Bardstown.<sup>5</sup> The 1830's Louisville-Bardstown Turnpike was vital to the growth and prosperity of North Central Kentucky and remains important to our history.<sup>1,4</sup>



from Lloyds Kentucky Turnpikes map – 1863  
red dashed line showing Louisville-Bardstown turnpike route (39 miles total)  
Library of Congress – Geography, James T. Lloyd

The Louisville Turnpike Company was chartered in 1818 to explore the construction of a permanent route that would join Louisville and Bardstown. Under company President John Speed, a wealthy Louisville plantation owner, and former judge, following a series of debates and surveys of several potential routes, construction began in early 1831. Conveniently, the route finally chosen for the first ten miles of the turnpike from downtown Louisville southward towards Bardstown passed the entrance to Speed's "Farmington" plantation.<sup>6</sup>

At the end of 1831, with the first ten miles of the turnpike completed, the Kentucky General Assembly formed an act to establish the Bardstown and Louisville Turnpike Company to construct the remaining 29 miles through Mt. Washington to Bardstown. This route was to be cleared to at

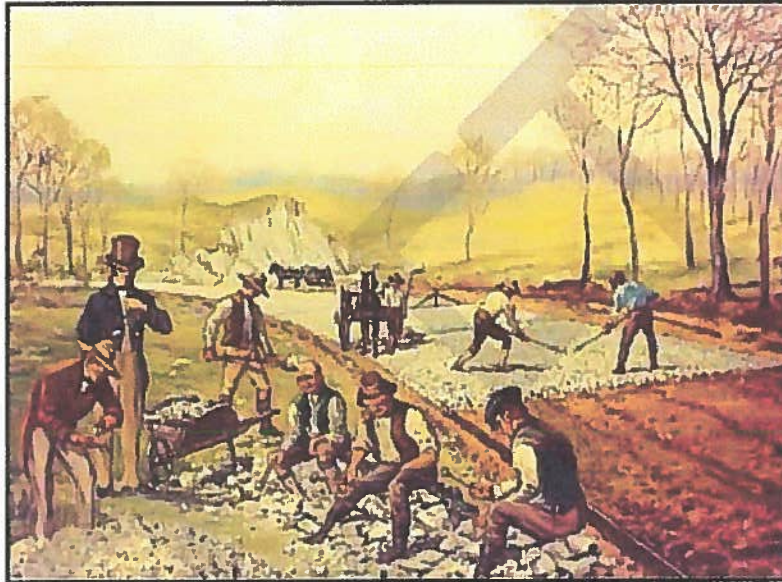
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least a 50 foot width and graded to a 20 foot wide roadbed constructed using the "McAdams Plan"<sup>7</sup> - a style of construction created by the Scottish engineer John Loudon McAdam whereby workers would lay large slabs of limestone with the flat sides down and jagged sides upward and then wedge smaller stones in between. They would then lay crushed stone on the top as the "metal" of the road. This method created a road of great vertical and horizontal strength that would hold up to heavy traffic with minimal wash-out over time.<sup>2</sup> The 0.56-mile section of turnpike roadbed included in this nomination is the only place known to remain on the original turnpike route where the McAdam limestone roadbed remains exposed and intact.



Road construction by the "McAdams Plan" – circa 1830



John Loudon McAdam (1756-1836)

"John Loudon McAdam", Encyclopedia Britannica, 2019  
<https://www.britannica.com/biography/John-Loudon-McAdam>



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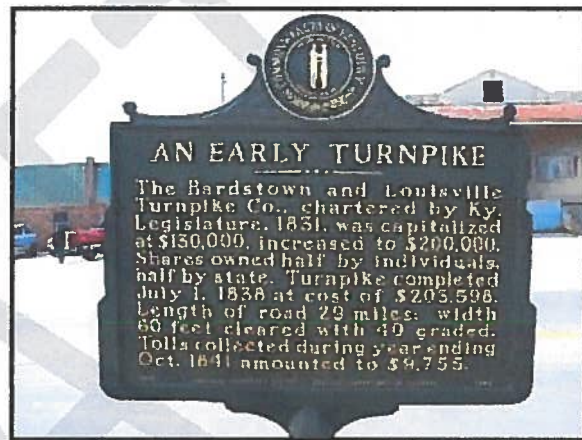
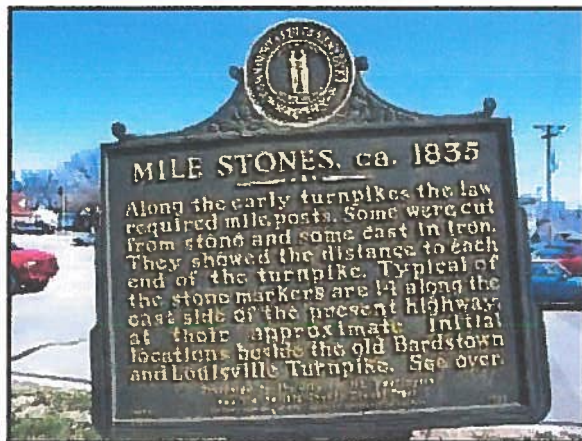
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Construction on the remaining 29 miles to Bardstown began in mid-1832, and in late 1837, President of the company, Levi Tyler, reported to the State Legislature that, aside from some remaining wood on the Salt River bridge, the turnpike was complete and would be open for Christmas traffic.<sup>7</sup> In the 1840s the route was extended southward from Bardstown to the Tennessee line and in 1850 joined with the turnpike in Tennessee to become the eastern route of the Louisville-Nashville Turnpike.<sup>2</sup>

Along the turnpike, mile markers made of limestone and etched with carvings were stationed at every mile to inform travelers of their distance from the turnpike termini of Louisville and Bardstown. The "L#" above a "B#" carved in each stone indicated the number of miles to Louisville ("L#") and to Bardstown ("B#"). As stated on Kentucky Historical Marker signs (#1021 and #1022) standing next to two of these stones, in 1967 there were 14 milestones still standing. Fifty years later, only nine of these original turnpike milestones remain in place along the 39-mile route.<sup>5</sup>



Front and back of Kentucky Historical Marker sign #1022 located next to the "20L 19B" milestone in Mt. Washington, KY (duplicate to the information on sign #1021 next to the "36L 3B" milestone north of Bardstown). *Photos by Dale Salmon, Mt. Washington Historical Society, 2015.*

Adding to this rich history in a local context, Mt. Washington's Mayor Barry Armstrong's great-great-grandfather, James Showalter, drove stagecoaches on this route from Louisville to Bardstown and later, on to Nashville. On his route, he carried countless travelers along the 1830's turnpike including the famous names of Zachary Taylor and Andrew Jackson. According to the Showalter family history, as shared in an interview with Mayor Armstrong, Abraham Lincoln, a close friend of Joshua Speed's, John Speed's son, rode from the Louisville riverfront in Showalter's stagecoach to Speed's "Farmington" plantation where he would spend three weeks visiting his dear friend in the late summer of 1841 following the decision to call off his engagement with Mary Todd. Showalter continued carrying passengers along this route well into his 80's and became known as "the oldest stagecoach driver in America".<sup>8</sup>

With the continued growth, development and new road building of north central Kentucky, the nine milestones and the small section of original roadbed included in this nomination are among the very few historic resources of the period that remain standing in their original historic context along the route of the 1830s Louisville-Bardstown Turnpike, serving as a lasting reminder of the early transportation development of the region.



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**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested  
☐ previously listed in the National Register  
☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register  
☐ designated a National Historic Landmark  
☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office  
☐ Other State agency  
☐ Federal agency  
☐ Local government  
☐ University  
☐ Other  
Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):**

- |            |                                           |
|------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1. JFL-587 | Mile Marker "12L 27B"                     |
| 2. BUM-81  | Mile Marker "20L 19B"                     |
| 3. SP-416  | Mile Marker "25L 14B"                     |
| 4. NE-502  | Mile Marker "29L 10B"                     |
| 5. NE-501  | Mile Marker "34L 5B"                      |
| 6. NE-628  | Mile Marker "35L 4B"                      |
| 7. NE-500  | Mile Marker "36L 3B"                      |
| 8. NE-627  | Mile Marker "37L 2B"                      |
| 9. NEB-570 | Mile Marker "38L 1B"                      |
| 10. BU-350 | Original turnpike macadam roadbed section |

**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property**

less than 1 acre (individual points along a route)

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Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

**Latitude/Longitude Coordinates (decimal degrees)**

Datum if other than WGS84: \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

|                         |                       |                          |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Latitude: 38.157560  | Longitude: -85.591260 | Mile Marker "12L 27B"    |
| 2. Latitude: 38.049899  | Longitude: -85.545940 | Mile Marker "20L 19B"    |
| 3. Latitude: 38.001990  | Longitude: -85.491824 | Mile Marker "25L 14B"    |
| 4. Latitude: 37.952403  | Longitude: -85.475398 | Mile Marker "29L 10B"    |
| 5. Latitude: 37.884230  | Longitude: -85.469796 | Mile Marker "34L 5B"     |
| 6. Latitude: 37.870071  | Longitude: -85.466418 | Mile Marker "35L 4B"     |
| 7. Latitude: 37.856128  | Longitude: -85.461667 | Mile Marker "36L 3B"     |
| 8. Latitude: 37.842030  | Longitude: -85.459940 | Mile Marker "37L 2B"     |
| 9. Latitude: 37.827503  | Longitude: -85.461264 | Mile Marker "38L 1B"     |
| 10. Latitude: 38.070236 | Longitude: -85.552309 | exposed turnpike roadbed |

**Or**

**UTM References**

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

☐ NAD 1927 or ☐ NAD 1983

|          |           |           |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. Zone: | Easting:  | Northing: |
| 2. Zone: | Easting:  | Northing: |
| 3. Zone: | Easting:  | Northing: |
| 4. Zone: | Easting : | Northing: |

**Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)**

The nominated property includes nine limestone mile markers standing at individual points along the original 39-mile route of the 1830s Louisville-Bardstown turnpike and one 0.56 mile section



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of the original turnpike macadam roadbed on the north end of the City of Mt. Washington, KY. Since these objects are located at individual points at least one mile distant from each other, they constitute a discontinuous district.

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundary of the nine limestone mile markers is limited only to the area along the roadside that they occupy. No adjoining portions of the roadside significantly relate to the markers themselves. The boundary of the 0.56-mile exposed section of the original turnpike construction is limited only to the length and width of the roadbed. Nothing along or bordering the turnpike roadbed significantly relates to the historical context of the turnpike.

The use of a discontinuous district in this nomination is justified by the widely spread location of the mile markers and the section of original turnpike roadbed which are, nonetheless, related to each other in the historical context of the early turnpike. The ten individual resources included in this nomination as a discontinuous district are located in Jefferson, Bullitt, Spencer and Nelson Counties of Kentucky.

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**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A USGS map or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

Included in the following is a large scale map indicating relative locations of the nine mile markers and the roadbed section along the 1830s Louisville-Bardstown turnpike route (along or near US 31E) followed by a close-up aerial image location map for each of the nine 1830s turnpike mile markers and the one original turnpike roadbed section in numerical reference number order as follows:

1. Mile Marker "12L 27B"
2. Mile Marker "20L 19B"
3. Mile Marker "25L 14B"

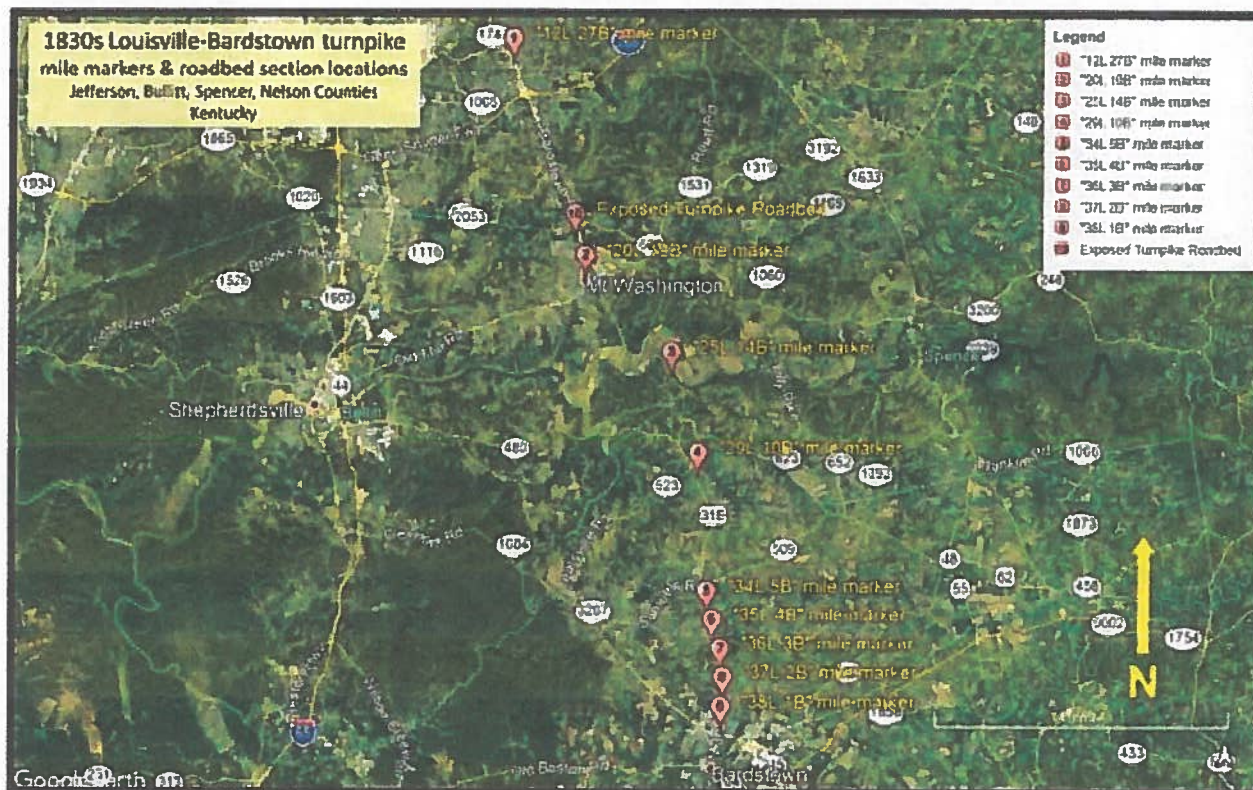
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4. Mile Marker "29L 10B"
5. Mile Marker "34L 5B"
6. Mile Marker "35L 4B"
7. Mile Marker "36L 3B"
8. Mile Marker "37L 2B"
9. Mile Marker "38L 1B"
10. original macadam turnpike roadbed section



1830s Louisville-Bardstown turnpike full scale map with mile marker & roadbed locations



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#1 – "12L 27B" mile marker close-up location map

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#2 – "20L 19B" mile marker close-up location map



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#3 – "25L 14B" mile marker close-up location map

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#4 – "29L 10B" mile marker close-up location map



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#5 – "34L 5B" mile marker close-up location map



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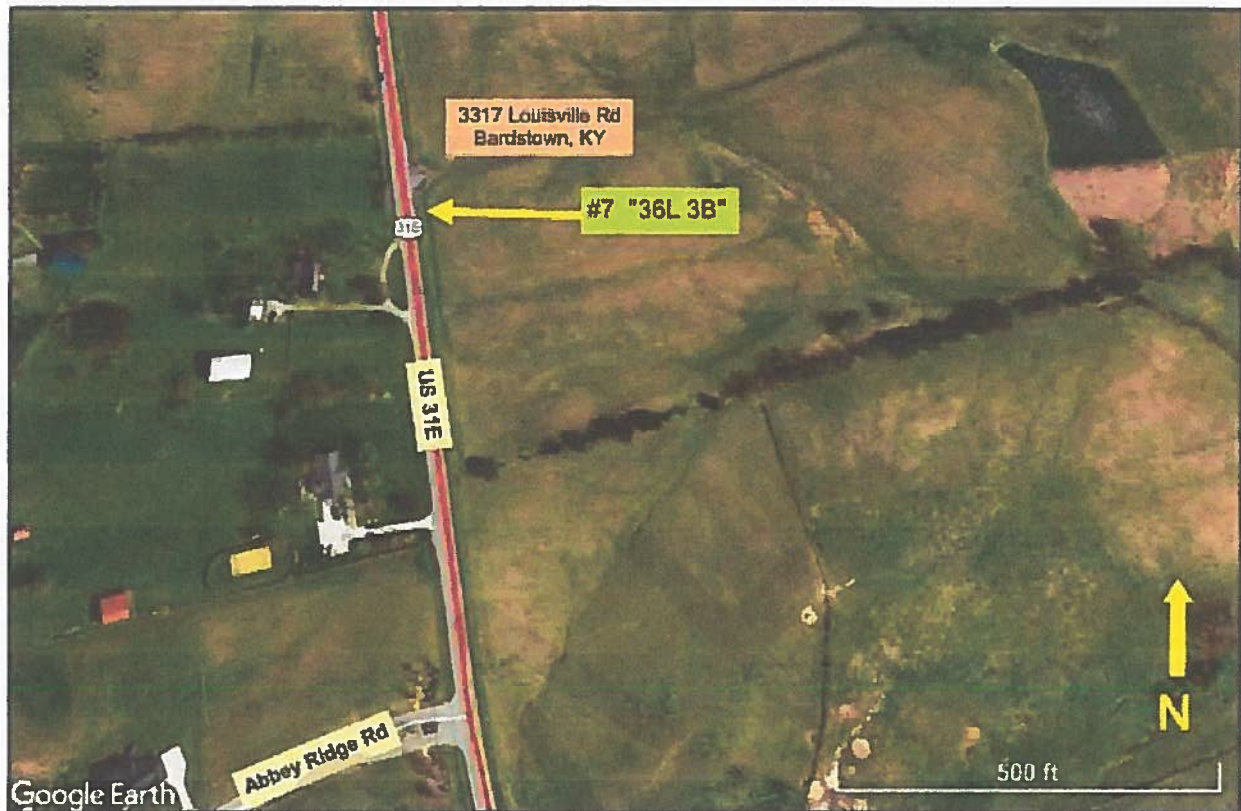
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#6 – "35L 4B" mile marker close-up location map

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#7 – "36L 3B" mile marker close-up location map



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#8 – "37L 2B" mile marker close-up location map



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#9 – "38L 1B" mile marker close-up location map

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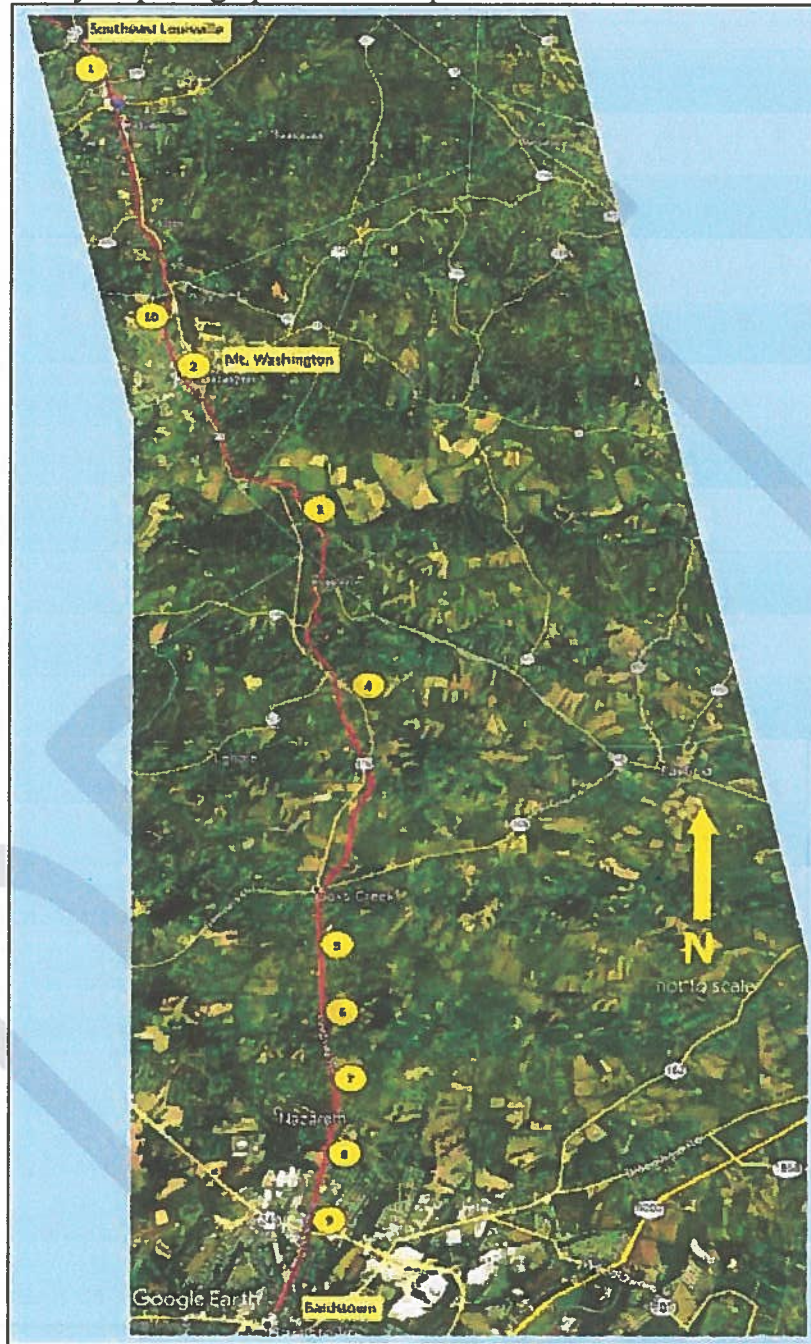
#10 – 1830s turnpike roadbed section, north end of Mt. Washington, KY



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- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.



Louisville-Bardstown turnpike full-scale map with mile marker & roadbed locations  
1830s turnpike route in 'red'. For purpose of page size/scaling, the northern-most 10 miles of the 39-mile total route of the turnpike are not shown. The location photos of the 10 resource objects that follow correspond to the #1-10 yellow circle locations on this map



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- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

## Photographs

### Photo Log

The following #1 - #10 'location view' photos are keyed to the #1 - #10 locations on the preceding "Sketch Map" section:



### #1

Name of Property: Louisville-Bardstown Turnpike Mile Marker "12L 27B"

City or Vicinity: Louisville (Fern Creek) US 31E

County: Jefferson

State: KY

Photographer: Ainsley Gordon

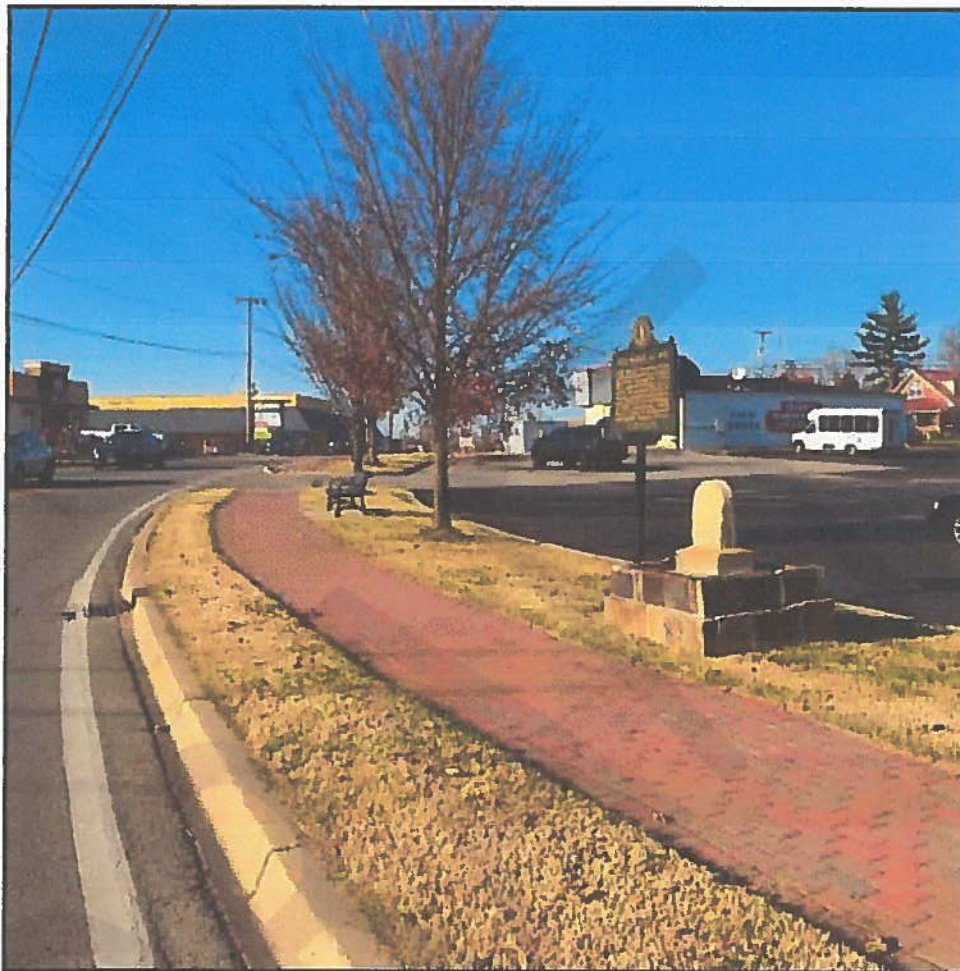
Date Photographed: 02Jan18

Description of Photograph(s) and number: location view, object #1, photo 0001b. Photo was taken from the west side of small triangle park at the intersection of Fern Creek Rd. and Bardstown Rd. looking east toward Bardstown Rd.

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**#2**

Name of Property: Louisville-Bardstown Turnpike Mile Marker "20L 19B"

City or Vicinity: Mt. Washington

County: Bullitt

State: KY

Photographer: Ainsley Gordon

Date Photographed: 22Nov17

Description of Photograph(s) and number: location view, object #2, photo 0002b. Photo was taken from the curb edge of Old Bardstown Rd (US-31EX), at the north parking lot of 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist church in downtown Mt. Washington, KY, looking north.

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**#3**

Name of Property: Louisville-Bardstown Turnpike Mile Marker "25L 14B"

City or Vicinity: Cox's Creek, KY Hwy 523 (formerly part of US 31E)

County: Spencer

State: KY

Photographer: Ainsley Gordon

Date Photographed: 22Nov17

Description of Photograph(s) and number: location view, object #3, photo 0003b. Photo was taken from the east side of KY Hwy 523 at the northwest corner of 1501 Old Louisville Rd., Cox's Creek, KY, looking southeast.

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**#4**

Name of Property: Louisville-Bardstown Turnpike Mile Marker "29L10B"

City or Vicinity: Cox's Creek, KY Hwy 523 (formerly part of US 31E)

County: Nelson

State: KY

Photographer: Ainsley Gordon

Date Photographed: 22Nov17

Description of Photograph(s) and number: location view, object #4, photo 0004b. Photo was taken from the east edge of KY Hwy 523, at the southwest corner of 10395 Louisville Rd., Cox's Creek, KY, looking north.

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**#5**

Name of Property: Louisville-Bardstown Turnpike Mile Marker "34L 5B"

City or Vicinity: Bardstown US31E

County: Nelson

State: KY

Photographer: Ainsley Gordon

Date Photographed: 22Nov17

Description of Photograph(s) and number: location view, object #5, photo 0005b. Photo was taken from the east ditch line of US-31E, directly across the road from the entrance to Greear Estates subdivision, north of Bardstown, KY, looking north.

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**#6**

Name of Property: Louisville-Bardstown Turnpike Mile Marker "35L 4B"

City or Vicinity: Bardstown US31E

County: Nelson

State: KY

Photographer: Ainsley Gordon

Date Photographed: 22Nov17

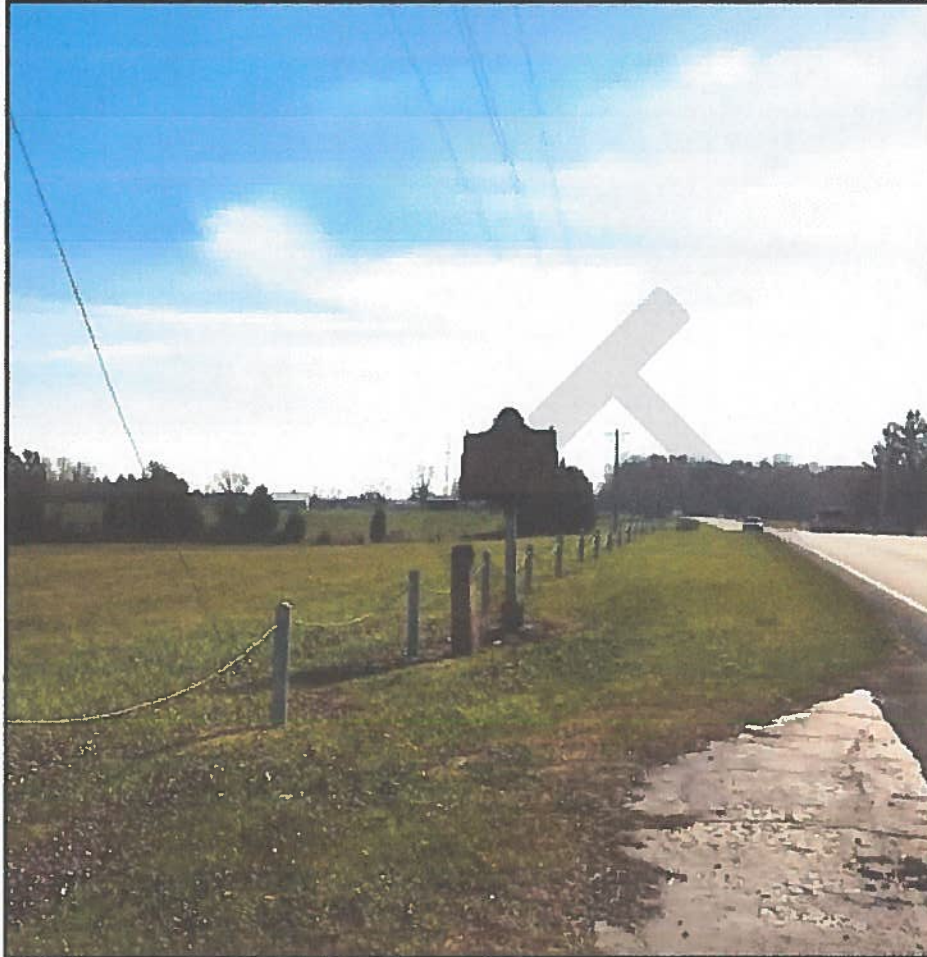
Description of Photograph(s) and number: location view, object #6, photo 0006b. Photo was taken from ditch line on east side of US-31E at the northwest corner of 4295 Louisville Rd., Bardstown, KY, looking southeast.

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**#7**

Name of Property: Louisville-Bardstown Turnpike Mile Marker "36L 3B"

City or Vicinity: Bardstown US31E

County: Nelson

State: KY

Photographer: Ainsley Gordon

Date Photographed: 22Nov17

Description of Photograph(s) and number: location view, object #7, photo 0007b. Photo was taken from the east side of US-31E, at the entry drive of 3317 Louisville Rd., Bardstown, KY, looking south.

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**#8**

Name of Property: Louisville-Bardstown Turnpike Mile Marker "37L 2B"

City or Vicinity: Bardstown US31E

County: Nelson

State: KY

Photographer: Ainsley Gordon

Date Photographed: 22Nov17

Description of Photograph(s) and number: location view, object #8, photo 0008b. Photo was taken from the curb edge of US-31E, at the drive entrance of 1441 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Bardstown, KY, looking north.

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**#9**

Name of Property: Louisville-Bardstown Turnpike Mile Marker "38L 1B"

City or Vicinity: Bardstown US31E, N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

County: Nelson

State: KY

Photographer: Ainsley Gordon

Date Photographed: 22Nov17

Description of Photograph(s) and number: location view, object #9, photo 0009b. Photo was taken from the sidewalk edge along US-31E, 40 yards south of the intersection of Maple Grove Court, one block north of KY Hwy 245, looking north.

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**#10**

Name of Property: Louisville to Bardstown Turnpike 1830s Macadam Roadbed

City or Vicinity: Mt. Washington, west of US31EX

County: Bullitt

State: KY

Photographer: Dale Salmon

Date Photographed: 13Jul18

Description of Photograph(s) and number: location view, structure #10, photo 00010d. Photo was taken near the south end of the 0.56-mile section of original turnpike roadbed, at 38.068436, -85.553009, north end of Mt. Washington, KY, looking north.

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