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## **Biographical and Historical Notes**

## **Beverley Ballantine:**

Beverley Ballantine served as Chairperson of the Farmington Historic Home Board of Regents from 1994 to September 1997, when her husband, John Ballantine, became chair.

Beverley Jo Hackley Ballantine was born on 1937 to Mattie Joe Russell Hackley and Forrest L. Hackley, Sr. in Indianapolis, Indiana. Her family lived in Louisville, Kentucky, by 1950. In 1956, she married her first husband, U.S. Army Private Robert Richard Weilacher, and moved to his station in Germany. The couple moved back to Louisville by 1959. They separated in the 1960s. Beverley married attorney John Tilden Ballantine (1931-2019) on December 8, 1967.

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#### **Farmington Historic Plantation:**

Farmington Historic Plantation is a non-profit, historic site in Louisville, Kentucky, that was the center of a 552-acre hemp farm owned by the couple John Speed (1762-1840) and Lucy Speed (1788-1874). The Speeds had a Federal-style, brick home constructed from 1815 to 1816. The Speeds and their allied families enslaved Black people at Farmington and at other family homes in Virginia and Kentucky. People enslaved by the Speeds included Fortune Smith, Cinderella Greathouse Smith (d. 1885), Morocco, Martha Haynes, Martha Spencer (b. 1840), David Spencer (b. 1820), Diana Thompson (1818-1895), Dinnie Thompson (1857-1939), Spencer Thompson, and Phyllis Thurston.

By 1865, Peachy Speed Peay sold off the last parcels of Speed-owned Farmington land. Other white families that lived on the property after the Speeds included the Dreschers, Bischoffs,

Smiths, and Thompsons. Porter Smith and Violet F. Smith purchased the mansion in 1949. By the early 1950s, the Smiths opened their home to private tours. Barbara Anderson's play, *The Tall Kentuckian*, written and produced to commemorate Abraham Lincoln for the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kentucky's statehood in 1953, contributed to the increased public interest in Farmington as a historic site.

Around 1955-1956, Louisville landscape architect Anne Bruce Haldeman reached out to the Smiths to gauge their interest in selling their property to become a museum. The Smiths agreed and Haldeman worked to form the Historic Homes Foundation, Incorporated, to raise funding for the purchase. The Foundation purchased the property for preservation in January 1958. The initial purchase consisted of the mansion, a barn, garage, ice house, and over 3 acres of land. The Foundation's intent was to furnish the house with early 1800s furniture and décor and use the house and grounds as a gathering place for local clubs and community events. The Foundation formally opened and dedicated Farmington Historic Home in April 1959. The Foundation's early interpretation of the property focused on the architecture, that the mansion plans were based on Thomas Jefferson's architectural designs, and the relationship between the Speed family and Abraham Lincoln, including that Lincoln stayed in the home in 1841. By 1962, the Historic Homes Foundation approved the creation of a Board of Regents for Farmington.

Deborah Spearing served as Executive Director of Farmington Historic Home during Beverley Ballantine's term on the board. Spearing began her position in September 1994. She pushed for the reinterpretation of the property to include acknowledgement and stories of the people who the Speeds enslaved and the Speed women. In 1995, the board approved the creation of the African-American Consulting Committee to advise the reinterpretation project. Spearing, Beverley Ballantine, volunteer docent Juanita White, and Pen Bogert of the Filson Historical Society conducted research on the people who the Speeds enslaved in the mid to late 1990s. The board fired Spearing in September 1999 in response to public criticism of a new exhibit's nostalgic interpretation of slavery. Multiple board members, staff members, and volunteers resigned in the wake of the controversy.

Carolyn Brooks succeeded Spearing as interim Executive Director and remained in the position until her resignation in 2007. Andrea Pridham became the next director, with Diane Young succeeding. Kathy Nichols, a former assistant director, became executive director in 2018.

By 2007, the historic site changed its name to Farmington Historic Plantation. As of 2022, Farmington continues to operate under the umbrella of the Historic Homes Foundation.

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# **Scope and Content Note**

This research collection consists of materials collected and created by Beverley Ballantine during her tenure (1994-1997) and her husband John Ballantine's tenure (1997-circa early 2000s) on the Board of Regents of Farmington Historic Plantation (formerly Farmington Historic Home) in Louisville, Kentucky. Farmington was once the center of a 552-acre hemp plantation owned by John Speed (1762-1840) and Lucy Speed (1788-1874). The couple and their descendants enslaved people at Farmington and at other family homes in Virginia and Kentucky. Ballantine collected copies of material that had links to Farmington, the Speed and related families, and the people who the Speed and allied families enslaved. Most of the collection consists of photocopies of materials from many different repositories, which should be used for reference purposes only. The collection includes original legal documents (1782-1865) relating to salt works in Bullitt County, Kentucky, as well as original correspondence (1990s-2000s) about Ballantine's research. The collection is useful for researching changes in historical and archaeological interpretation of a nineteenth century Kentucky hemp farm and house over time, the administration of historic house museums from the 1950s to the early 2000s, the lives of people who the Speed family enslaved in Louisville, genealogy of the Speed and related families, Abraham Lincoln's relationship with the Speed family, and the connections between Louisville cultural institutions.

Ballantine arranged the collection according to the groupings and order described in an inventory she provided, which is housed in the collection's finding aid folder. Ballantine grouped the material into the twelve categories described below and arranged the folders alphabetically by title. The processing archivist retained the core of Ballantine's original folder titles and added supplemental information for clarity. The processing archivist assigned dates to folders based on the creation date of the contents. For photocopies or transcriptions of original materials, the archivist recorded the creation dates of the original materials.

Folders 1-9 relate to Farmington archaeology. Materials include copies of annotated archaeological reports, research drafts, a proposal, articles, and correspondence about research projects from the 1960s to the 1990s. Other significant items include notes and clippings on digs in 1958-1959 initiated by the Historic Homes Inc. Furnishings Committee (Folder 2). A subset of folders, 3-4, and 6-7, focus on the archaeology of enslaved Black people at Farmington. Drs. Joseph E. Granger and Yvonne V. Jones of the University of Louisville Department of Anthropology led a research project on the enslaved community, which is documented through notes, a news release, clipping, and presentation which date from 1997 to 1998. The folders also include a copy of a 1933 newspaper article from the *Louisville Herald Post* about a tombstone for the enslaved man Morocco and handwritten notes on the archaeology of enslaved people at Farmington.

Folders 10-16 contain copies of articles and clippings about Farmington and the Speed family, which date from 1855 to 2002. Many of the items have been annotated with highlighting or notes. Materials of note include the text of Janet Lowell Walker's speech on the dedication of Farmington delivered at the Filson Club (now Filson Historical Society) in 1959 and copies of Evelyn C. Adams's notes on Farmington gathered for a talk in 1948 that include highlighting of information on Black people that the Speeds enslaved.

Folders 17-20 consist of publications on Farmington, the Speeds, and other Kentucky historic house museums that date from 1958-circa 1990s. The Historic Homes Foundation, Inc. pamphlet (circa 1980s-1990s) highlights Farmington Historic Home, Locust Grove, the Thomas Edison House, and Whitehall in Louisville. Booklets on Farmington entitled "James Speed and the Indian," "Farmington" (1981), and "Farmington: The House John Speed Build" (1958) were sold in the gift shop. Annotated copies of pages from "Farmington, The Fulfillment of a Dream" by Linda C. Ries and Violet F. Smith detail the uses of the smoke house at Farmington and the sale of the property to become a museum. The grouping also includes three brochures and booklets on historic homes Adsmore (circa 1970s-1980s), Locust Grove (1988), and Ashland (1996) in Kentucky.

Folder 21 contains copies of 1958 correspondence and notes on Farmington by Melville Otter Briney and Ludie Kincaid. Topics include Abraham Lincoln's stay and the history of the Speed, Fry, and other families at Farmington.

Folders 22-31 relate to Farmington Historic Home's museum collections. They include copies of correspondence, minutes, notes, and articles about artifacts, books, maps, and papers in Farmington's possession; and photographic prints and negatives of artifacts. Materials date from 1868, 1958-1999.

Folders 32-50 relate to Farmington's research on the Black people who the Speeds enslaved at Farmington and on other family property. The materials include copies of correspondence about the research project, notes, reports, and copies of original documents that name or describe members of the enslaved community. Copied original materials include advertisements (1853-1861), letters (1817-1863), pages from Louisville city directories (1870s-1890s), slave census schedules (1850, 1860), marriage records (1870), articles (1933-2005), lists of Eastern Cemetery burials, and an inventory of the people who the Croghan family enslaved at Locust Grove (1849). Enslaved and formerly enslaved individuals named in the documents include Fortune Smith, Cinderella Greathouse Smith (d. 1885), Morocco, Martha Haynes, Martha Spencer (b. 1840), David Spencer (b. 1820), Diana Thompson (1818-1895), Dinnie Thompson (1857-1939), Spencer Thompson, and Phyllis Thurston. See the subject headings list below and the Manuscript Database for more detailed indexing of the names of enslaved and free Black people in the documents.

Folders 51-64 concern the mansion and outbuildings of Farmington. Materials include copies of the construction proposal and bills for the mansion (1815-1816); correspondence, articles, and reports about extant and former structures on the property (1958-1997); postcards, renderings, and photographs of structures (1889, circa 1960s); and documents related to the restoration of the property (1958-1995).

Folders 65-81 compile documents on the Speed family's land use and legal ownership of Farmington. Files include copies of deeds, land grants, surveys, minute books, agricultural censuses, newspaper clippings, and correspondence from 1763-1860, 1926-2000.

Folders 82-99 consist of copies of Speed family correspondence, 1797-1894. They are grouped by the repository, auction house, or individual that held the original documents in the late 1990s. Items of note include copies and transcriptions of letters (1866, 1878-1879, circa 1880-1888, 1894) written by women of the Peay family to Emily Peay Hull (1857-1929) that Judith Kiley privately held in the 1990s.

Folders 100-127 focus on Abraham Lincoln and his connections to the Speed family. Materials include copies of letters, publications, lectures, and clippings which span 1841-1864, 1884-2005. Items of note include articles and Farmington publications on Lincoln's visit with the Speed family at Farmington in 1841 (Folder 104). Folder 120 includes an article by Robert L. Kincaid in the Winter 1957-58 issue of the *Lincoln Herald* on the Historic Homes Foundation's purchase of Farmington and plans for the museum.

Folder 128 contains copies of circa 1800s-1993 maps, surveys, and site plots of land owned by the Speeds in Jefferson County, Kentucky.

Folders 129-135 contain 1990s photographic prints, slides, contact sheets, and negatives that relate to Farmington. The photographs are of the museum collection; interior and exterior of the mansion; programming for children, including an archaeological dig at Farmington with Anne Tobbe Bader circa 1996; and a 1998 Farmington exhibit at the Kentucky State Fair.

Folders 136-138 focus on salt licks and salt works in Kentucky. They include original records of suits over Salt River/Bullitt's Lick (1782-1821) and legal documents relating to salt works in Bullitt County (1800-1865) given to Ballentine by collector Wade Hall; and copies of original documents, transcripts, and notes on Mann's Lick salt works (1780s-2002), which was owned by James Speed.

Folders 139-187 document the Speed and related families. Documents include copies of notes, legal records, wills, estate settlement and inventory records, ads for Black people who escaped enslavement, city directories, census records, memoirs, articles, correspondence. Materials date from 1754 to 2003. Topics include Speed family genealogy, enslavement and resistance of Black people, interpretations of the family's history, and burial locations. Most of the materials are foldered by the individual's or couple's names.

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Mss. A B613a 100 Bingham, George Barry, 1906-1988. Papers, 1861-1989

Mss. A B937c Bullitt Family. Papers - Oxmoor Collection

Mss. A H159c Haldeman, Anne Bruce, 1903-1993. Papers, ca. 1928-1993

Mss. A P826 Pope, William, 1775-1844. Papers, 1783-1864

Mss. A S742c Speed family. Papers-Farmington Collection. 1816-1961

Mss. A S742e Speed family. Papers - Farmington Collection. 1816-1961

Mss. A S742f Speed family. Papers, 1813-1981

Mss. A S742j Speed, John S., 1927-2016, Collection on Historic Homes Foundation, Inc. and Farmington Historic Plantation, 1810-2000 (Bulk: 1950-2000)

Mss. AR H159 Haldeman, Anne Bruce, 1903-1993. Landscape design records, 1929-1986

Mss. AR T Tyler, C. Jr. Farmington blueprints, 1946

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