

## KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES

Individual Inventory Form

Resource # 3313  
Madison County

DEC 28 1988

## 1. Name of Resource:

Karr House

## 2. Original Owner:

Samuel Karr

## 3. Other Names:

Gentry House4. Prehistoric Site  Building  Object   
Historic Site  Structure  Other 

## 5. Location:

West side of Lost Fork Road

## 6. Owner's Name:

J.B. Hatton [ P ]

## 7. Owner's Address:

Rt. 5, Richmond, KY 40475

## 8. Evaluation:

[ N ]

## 9. Recognition &amp; Date:

Nat.Landmark  Local Landmark   
 Nat.Register  HABS/HAER   
 Highway Marker  KY Inventory 1979  
 KY Landmark Certificate

## 10. N.R.Status &amp; Date:

## 11. N.R.Group:

District Name: [ ]  
 Mult.Resource Area: Madison County [ ]  
 Thematic Name: [ ]

## 12. Historical Theme:

Primary: Architecture [030]  
 Secondary: Exploration & Settlement [140]  
 Other: [ ]

## 13. Statement of Significance:

See attached.

## 14. History:

The house was built during the first quarter of the 19th century on land belonging to Samuel Karr who died prior to 1826. The land was subsequently divided among his heirs including William Karr. There is a Karr Cemetery on the land. The land and house were subsequently owned by the Bennetts, B.T. Gentry (1876 Beers Map), J.W. Smith and General and Mary Black (1901).

## 15. Source of historical information and/or contact person:

DEED Research Madison County  
 Courthouse.

## 16. Date:

Original Building 1800-1824 [ 8 ]  
 Addition 1950-1974 [ 2 ]

## 17. Style:

Federal [ 21 ]

## 18. Architect/Builder:

Unknown

## 19. No. of Stories:

[ 1.5 ]

## 20. Original Floor Plan:

Hall Parlor [ HP ]

21. Single Pile  Double Pile  N.A. 22. Roof Form & Material: Original Gable Not Original 

## 23. Structural Material:

Brick [ ]

## 24. Exterior Material:

Brick/Flemish Bond [ B ]

## 25. Foundation Material:

Stone [ S ]

## 26. Major Alterations:

Moved/Rebuilt  None   
 Other  brick painted  
 Additions  transom removed

## 27. Special Features:

N.A.

## 28. Outbuildings:

None [ ]

## 29. Original Function:

Single Dwelling [ 01A ]

## 30. Present Use:

Single Dwelling [ ]

## 31. Condition:

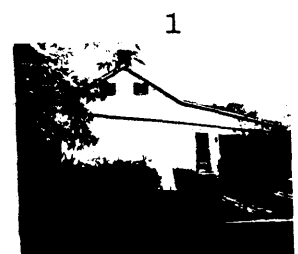
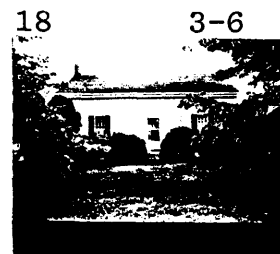
Good [ G ]

## 32. Endangered:

Yes   
 No

## 33. Attach Photos:

Roll: Photo Nos: No. of Slides:

34. Prepared by: S. Willis and H. Powell35. Organization: Madison County His. Society36. Date: 198537. New Survey  Resurvey

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. [ ]  
Quadrant: Richmond North 16 730640 4191720 40. Coordi.Accuracy [ ]

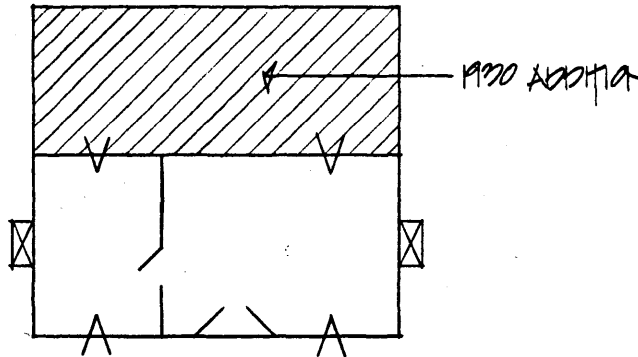
41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):

A. ---  
B. ---  
C. ---  
D. ---  
E. ---  
F. ---

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary:

44. Site Plan (and boundary description and justification for N.R. sites):

See Attached.



45. Description and House Plan:

The Karr House is a one and one half story brick residence. The front or southeast facade is three bay (2 windows, one door) with Flemish bond and jack arches over the windows. The roof is gable with interior brick end chimneys; side walls are 5 course American bond; the foundation is stone; the floor plan is hall-parlor with windows opposite one another on the southeast and northwest walls; the windows on the northwest wall have been changed to doors for access to the frame rooms added in 1950. The front door has been modified from a two leaf door to a single door and the transom filled in. The window sashes have been changed, but the reeding on the window surrounds remains. The chair rails remain in the original rooms.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT  
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name Samuel Karr House Site # Ma 21

Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title MULTIPLE RESOURCES OF MADISON COUNTY, KENTUCKY

U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTMs if property is ten or more acres.

A. \_\_\_\_\_ D. \_\_\_\_\_

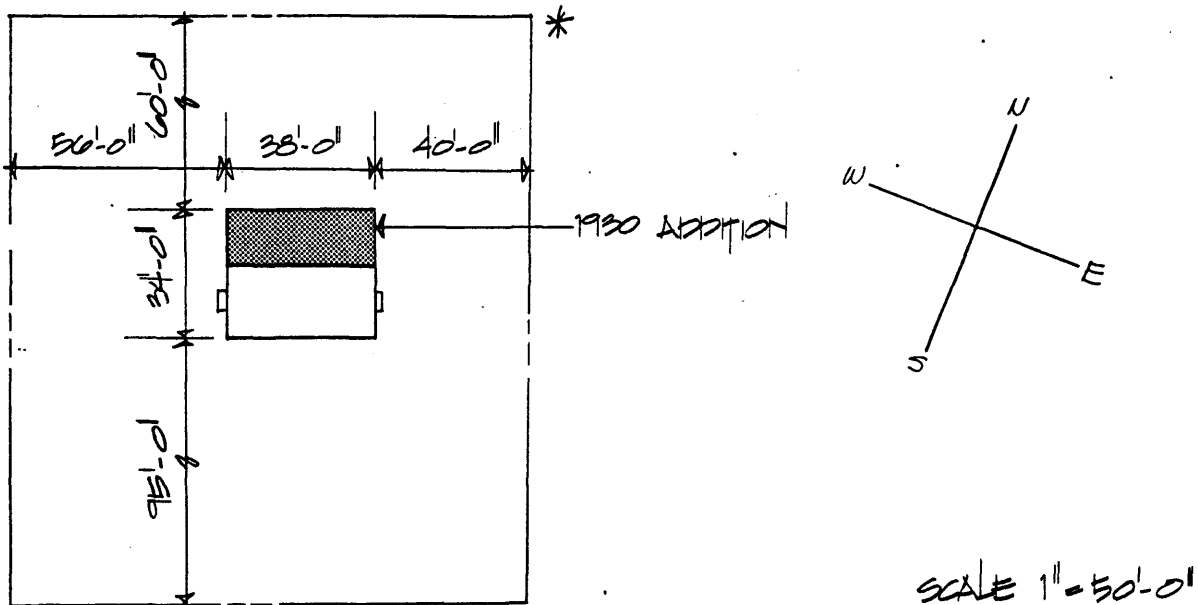
B. \_\_\_\_\_ E. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_ F. \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal Boundary Description \_\_\_\_\_ Acreage .60

From the northeast corner of the building, east 40 feet and north 60 feet to the point of beginning; then south 189 feet to a point; then west 134 feet to a point; then north 189 feet to a point; then east 134 feet to the point of beginning.

Sketch of Site Plan (Showing outbuildings, structures, landscape features and the site boundary as described above.)



Official Courthouse Property Reference:

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Karr House

**Statement of Significance**

The Karr House is significant under criterion C for the period 1800 to 1824 as an example of how brick hall-parlor houses often appeared symmetrical due to the central location of the entrance in the three-bay principal facade.

**Verbal Boundary Justification**

The boundary was chosen arbitrarily to provide a minimal setting for the house.

The boundary includes one contributing building.

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

Section number \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 88003313

Date Listed: 2/8/89

Karr House  
Property Name

Madison  
County

KY  
State

Madison County MRA  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Patrick Andrus  
Signature of the Keeper

2/8/89  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

On the form this building is incorrectly labeled as a structure. Marty Perry with the KY SHPO says that this was an oversight. The form is now officially amended to list this as a building.

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DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)