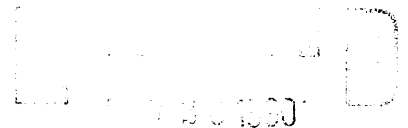


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: McClain Hotel

other name/site number: Dixon Hotel, LU-56

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2. Location

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street & number: Highway 470

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Buffalo

vicinity: X

state: KY

county: Larue

code: 123

zip code: 42748

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
--1--	--0--	buildings
--0--	--0--	sites
--0--	--0--	structures
--0--	--0--	objects
--1--	--0--	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Larue County Multiple Resource Area

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official: David L. Morgan, State Historic Preservation Officer, Kentucky Heritage Council
Date: 11-19-90
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official
Date
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register See continuation sheet.
determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
determined not eligible for the National Register
removed from the National Register
other (explain):

Signature of Keeper: Patrick Andrus
Date of Action: 1/10/91

6. Function or Use

Historic: COMMERCE Sub: Hotel/Inn
Current: DOMESTIC Sub: Multiple Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

__Queen Anne_____

Other Description: _____

Materials: foundation Brick roof Asphalt
walls Wood other Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: _____.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A and C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : N/A

Areas of Significance: Commerce
Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: ca. 1908 - ca. 1940

Significant Dates : ca. 1908

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above. X See continuation sheet.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

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 # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than 1 acre _____

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	16	614845	4152010	B	__	_____	_____
C	__	_____	_____	D	__	_____	_____

Hodgenville Quad

Verbal Boundary Description: See continuation sheet.

Boundary Justification: See continuation sheet.

11. Form Prepared By

Name/Title: Philip Thomason

Organization: Thomason and Associates Date: February, 1990

Street & Number: P.O. Box 121225 Telephone: (615) 383-0227

City or Town: Nashville State: TN ZIP: 37212

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The McClain Hotel is a gable-front, five bay, asymmetrical plan, two-story frame building built ca. 1908. The exterior of the building has not been altered with the exception of a very small shed roof wing added on the rear facade ca. 1970. The building was designed with Queen Anne influences and occupies a large urban lot in the community of Buffalo. There are no outbuildings.

The McClain Hotel has a gable roof of rolled asphalt roofing, a brick foundation, interior brick chimneys, and weatherboard siding. On the main (N) and east facades is a one-story shed porch which retains original Ionic porch columns. These columns are grouped in pairs or sets of three and rest on original paneled frame piers. Beneath the porch is a brick foundation with an open weave pattern. The main entrance has an original single light glass and wood paneled door. Secondary entrances also retain original single light glass and wood doors. Windows are original one-over-one rectangular wood sash with projecting wood cornices.

On the main facade is a two-story projecting bay and a similar bay is located on the east and west facades. In the east bay of the first story is a single light diamond shaped window. In the gable field of the main facade is a Palladian motif attic window with an arched one-over-one sash window flanked by rectangular sash windows. The gables on the east and west facade contain one-over-one sash windows. Decoration on the upper facade is limited to milled vergeboard panels at the eaves.

The interior of the building has not been significantly altered and retains much of its original layout. The first floor has an Eastlake influenced staircase with a milled newel post and balusters. This floor also has original pocket doors with milled surrounds and bulls eye corner blocks. The upper floor is divided into numerous rooms which retain original four and five panel doors and milled surrounds.

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PROPERTY TYPE: Commercial Buildings

The McClain Hotel is significant under criterion A for its association with early 20th century commerce in Buffalo. The building is the only remaining early 20th century hotel building extant in the county and it has not been significantly altered. The building is also a notable example of a gable front, Queen Anne influenced structure of the period.

This hotel building was constructed for C.E. Keith following his purchase of the lot in November of 1908. The original name of the hotel is unknown but may have been known as the Keith Hotel. The hotel was constructed facing the Louisville and Nashville Turnpike and was one of at least two hotels which served travelers in Buffalo during the early 20th century. The Keith family operated the hotel until 1923 when it was purchased by J.H. McClain. The McClain family operated the hotel until 1945 except for a brief period in the 1920s when it was owned and operated by C.H. Dixon. It is unknown when the building ceased operation as a hotel and became a boarding house. The building is presently used to house apartments and a retail store on the first floor.

The McClain Hotel retains its original architectural character and is the only surviving pre-1940 hotel building in the county. The Beauchamp Hotel, which stood one block to the east, was razed in the 1960s.

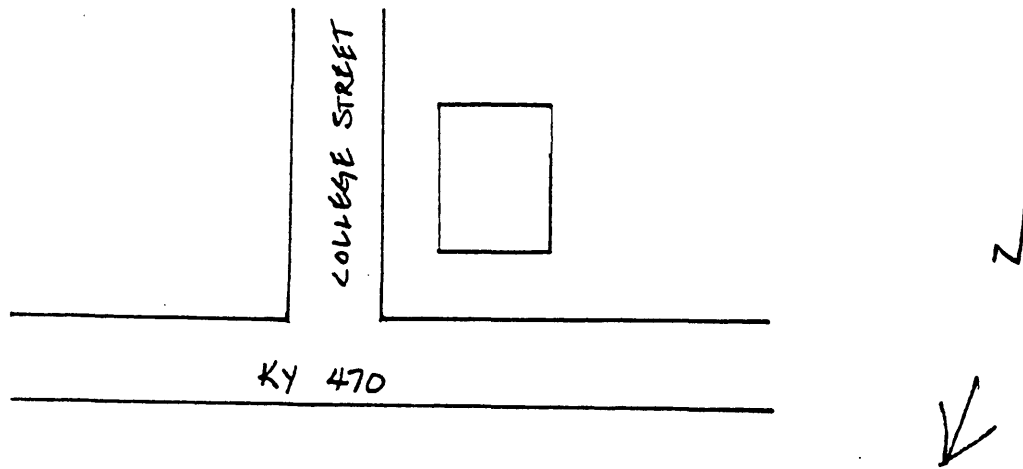
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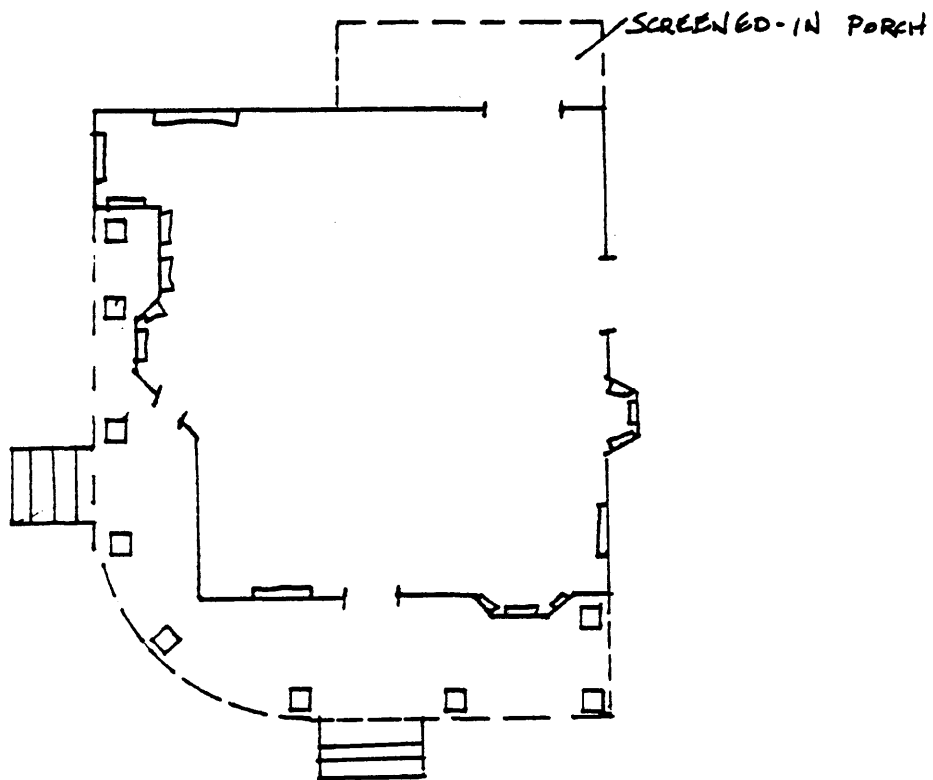
Boundary Description: The boundary for the McClain Hotel includes all of lot 3 on Larue County map B-4.

Boundary Justification: The boundary for the McClain Hotel includes all property historically associated with the building.

SITE PLAN



HOUSE PLAN



SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 90001974 Date Listed:1/10/91

McClain Hotel Larue KY
Property Name: County: State:

Larue County MPS
Multiple Name

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.

for Patrick Andrews
Signature of the Keeper

1/31/91
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

The nomination form lists an incorrectly coded historic function and does not indicate a Level of Significance. Marty Perry with the KY SHPO says that the correct historic function is Domestic:Hotel and the Level of Significance is local. The form is now officially amended to include this information.

DISTRIBUTION:

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McClain Hotel
Photo by: Thomason and Associates
Date: February, May, 1990
Location of Negs: Kentucky Heritage Council

Photo # 1
View of north and east facades.

Photo # 2
View of north and west facades.

Photo # 3
View of east and south facades.