

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # SH 260
SHELBY County

1. Name of Resource: DR. WM. MORRIS OFFICE AND RESIDENCE

2. Original Owner: DR. WILLIAM MORRIS

3. Other Names:

| 4. Prehistoric Site | Building ^X Historic Site | Object Structure | Other |
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5. Location: MT. EDEN QUAD.; W.S. KY. 53 IN SOUTH VILLE, DIRECTLY N. OF SH 227 (STORE)

6. Owner's Name: MRS. CLARENCE PERRY [P]

7. Owner's Address: ROUTE 4 SHELBYVILLE, KENTUCKY 40065

8. Evaluation: N.R. POTENTIAL [N]

9. Recognition & Date:

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| Nat. Landmark | Local Landmark |
| Nat. Register | HABS/HAER |
| Highway Marker | KY Inventory 1986 |
| KY Landmark Certificate | |

10. N.R. Status & Date:

11. N.R. Group:

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| District Name: | [] |
| Mult. Resource Area: SHELBY CO MRA | [] |
| Thematic Name: | [] |

12. Historical Theme:

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| Primary: HEALTH/MEDICINE | [150] |
| Secondary: | [] |
| Other: | [] |

13. Statement of Significance:

THE DR. MORRIS RESIDENCE AND OFFICE PROPERTY IS LOCALLY SIGNIFICANT UNDER CRITERIA A, FOR ASSOCIATION WITH THE ACTIVITIES THAT TOOK PLACE IN RURAL SHELBY COUNTY AT THE TURN- (CONTINUED) [A]

14. History:

THIS PROPERTY CONTAINS THE ORIGINAL OFFICE AND HOME AND THE LATER OFFICE OF DR. WILLIAM MORRIS, A GENERAL PRACTITIONER OF MEDICINE IN SOUTH CENTRAL SHELBY COUNTY AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY DR. MORRIS HAD THIS HOUSE BUILT BY LOCAL AREA CARPENTER JAMES W. ADAMS (SH 216) IN ABOUT 1899-1900. THE HOUSE ORIGINALLY SERVED AS OFFICE AND LIVING QUARTERS AND THE PLAN INDICATES THIS MULTI-USE. FOUR OF FIVE ROOMS OPEN OFF THE LARGE, CENTRAL HALL THAT WAS THE (CONTINUED)

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

ROGER BROWN; DOC PERRY; SHELBY COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER OFFICE

16. Date: CA. 1900 [4]
Original Building Addition []

17. Style: DOC VERNACULAR [5V]
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18. Architect/Builder: JAMES W. ADAMS

19. No. of Stories: ONE [1.0]

20. Original Floor Plan: ASYMMETRICAL / PICTURESQUE [AP]

21. Single Pile Double Pile N.A. ^X

22. Roof Form & Material: Original Not Original ^X
HIP

23. Structural Material: FRAME [W]

24. Exterior Material: CLAPBOARD [W]
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25. Foundation Material: STONE [S]

26. Major Alterations: None ^X Other
Moved/Rebuilt Additions

27. Special Features:

28. Outbuildings: ONE, COAL/WOOD STORAGE [NC]

29. Original Function: MEDICAL BUSINESS/OFFICE [12D]

30. Present Use: BUSINESS [02A]

31. Condition: FAIR [F]

32. Endangered: Yes No ^X

33. Attach Photos: Roll: 2 Photo Nos: 1-5 No. of Slides: 5

34. Prepared by: CHRISTINE AMOS

35. Organization: SHELBY CO. HIST. SOC.

36. Date: 9/1986

37. New Survey ^X Resurvey

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. []
 Quadrant: Mt. Eden L6 659200 4219480 40. Coordi. Accuracy []

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

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

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: unknown 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: 4.1

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

The nominated property contains three associated frame buildings located in the crossroads community of Southville, at the junction of Ky. 55, the Mt. Eden Road, and Ky. 714. The buildings were originally constructed at the turn-of-the-century by local builder/craftsman, James W. Adams, who lived across the street, for Dr. William Morris, and served as his residence and office. The single story frame house, small, two-room office and wood/coal shed are located within the property boundary beginning at point A, on the east edge of KY. 53, 35 feet north of the north wall of the office; then south along the road edge to point B, on a line 35 feet south of the south wall of the residence; then from point B west along the line parallel to and 35 feet south of the south wall of the residence to point C, on that line and 50' west of the west wall of the residence; then north from point C along that line 50' west of the west wall of the residence to point D, along a line 35' north of and parallel to the north wall of the office; then east along that line to the point of origin.

45. Description and House Plan:

The property is the turn-of-the-century office of Dr. William Morris, his house, and woodshed/coal house, all located in the crossroads community of Southville on the Mt. Eden Road at the intersection with Ky, 714. The small, hip roofed office, sited close to the highway is one on the most prominent buildings in town. Perhaps this is because it houses a second hand dealership with offerings of the trade displayed throughout the yard and aboard the exterior walls. Small tools, tires, discarded machinery and two signs proclaiming "BUY OF THE WEEK" tend to detract from the physical qualities of the building, but nevertheless, integrity has been maintained. The house is in only fair condition but also maintains good physical integrity. The poor condition of the wood shed/coal house count it a non-contributing element of the property. The three buildings are contained in the yard area that is bordered by SH 227, Carriss's Grocery to the south, a residence to the north, and the Mt. Eden Road to the east.

The office has a stone foundation, measures approximately 15 feet square, with a hip roof; 5' plain weatherboard walls with corner trim; an off-centered chimney flue; single light sash windows; original operable shutters and a recessed entry beneath a porch in the southeast

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Dr. Morris house and office

13. Statment of Significance, continued

of-the-century. Beginning roughly around 1885, the county's white population began to increase for the first time since the settlement period, as new farms and rural communities were established. Southville, one such community contained a post office, scales, mercantile and this, the doctor's office. This property is locally significant as a representation of the type of health care and medical facilities available in rural Shelby County during this time.

14. History, continued

waiting room. Possibly about 1910, Morris had Adams build the small office on near the road to separate his business from living quarters.

45. Description and House Plan, continued

corner of the building. There are two half light entries, one into the waiting room and the other into the office. The office has a built in bookcase from floor to ceiling and there is a small room, said to have been used to store medicines. All interior woodwork is unpainted pine and floors are also of pine. See photos 12-1-3,5.

The residence was constructed for Dr. Morris by prominent local carpenter/builder, James W. Adams, who built and resided in the house across the road, SH 216. The residence originally served as Dr. Morris' office until the above described building was built at some later date. The house is one story with an asymmetrical plan. Characteristic of Adams, the the interior has a multitude of doors with the central hall, originally the waiting room, accessed by four doors not counting the main entry. Details include a stone foundation; one story rear addition with bath, 5' plain weatherboard siding; exterior shutters with three sections of individually operated louvres; single light sash windows, boxed eave, scalped shingles in the gable ends, two interior chimneys; three interior metal fireplace mantles; and an asymmetrical facade with partially wrapping porch with turned posts, brackets and sawtooth frieze. Although condition of the house is only fair, material and design integrity are intact.

A gable roofed, wood sided coal shed, located north of the house and behind, west, of the office is a non-contributing element of the property due to deteriorated condition.

The nominated area includes two contributing buildings and one non-contributing building.

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| residence | C |
| office | C |
| coal house | NC |

SITE PLAN AND BOUNDARY MAP

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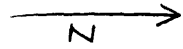
DR. MORRIS HOUSE + OFFICE

- SOUTHVILLE

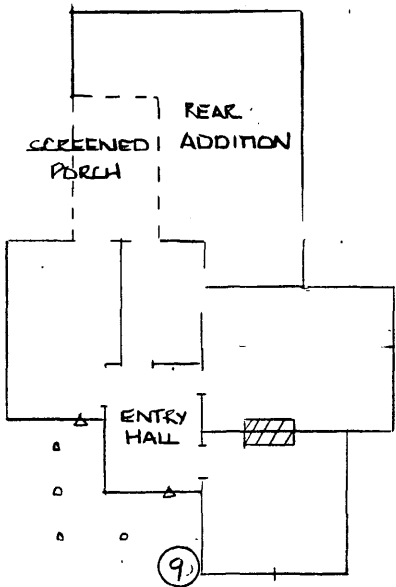
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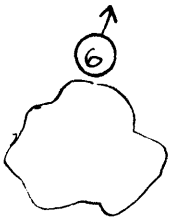
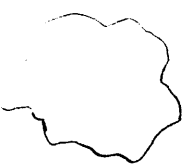
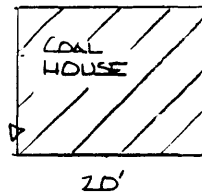
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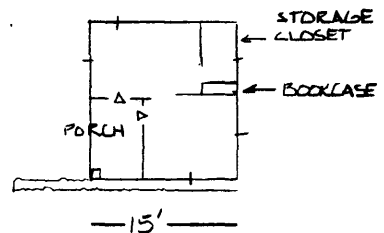
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HACKBERRY TREES



OFFICE



MT. EDEN ROAD / KY 53

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