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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Kennedy, Thomas, House

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number Eastern Avenue

not for publication

city, town Carlisle

vicinity

state Kentucky

code KY

county Nicholas

code 181

zip code 40013

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

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

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register -0-

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  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  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  
State or Federal agency and bureau

Date

8-25-89

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:)

Entered in the National Register

Signature of Alan Byrne

Date 9/28/89

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single dwelling**7. Description**Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)(Late Victorian):Italianate

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stonewalls Brickroof Asphaltother Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Kennedy, Thomas, House is a highly decorated two-story brick Italianate residence. Located on the edge of town on East Main Street in Carlisle, Kentucky, the house faces south and is centered on the lot, with a set back of approximately 100 feet from the street. A long concrete walk leads from the steps of the front porch, through the long front yard, to a stone stairway which leads to the public sidewalk below. The house sits on a rise and is elevated from the street below. It is shielded from view by the protective covering of large pine trees planted on each side of the walk.

The Kennedy house has a three-part front facade composed of a central section flanked by two wings, similar to McMurry's design of Whitehall, in Richmond, Kentucky, built in 1864. The Kennedy house is divided into three bays with a central gabled projection, containing a wood and beveled glass door, circa 1905. The one story full-length Colonial Revival porch is a circa 1920 addition, probably made by the W.I. Dorsey family.

The hipped roof originally displayed paired brackets at the roofline and four interior chimneys. The brackets were removed at an unknown date.

A large, approximately seven foot by three foot stained glass window rests in the front hall of the house, in the central projection. Visible from the west side of the porch, the window was put in the house by owner J.H. Templeman, circa 1905. Templeman, a piano dealer, chose a design of musical instruments for the window.

The west facade, facing Eastern Avenue, contains a two-story bay window. The original open gallery on the east and north facades has been enclosed with wood siding, circa 1945. Aluminum siding has since been applied.

**8. Statement of Significance**

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

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance

1865  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Significant Dates

1865  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Cultural Affiliation

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder

Thomas McMurtry  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Kennedy, Thomas, House is eligible for National Register listing under Criterion C, for its significance in the local architectural context. This house is the finest example of the Italianate style in Carlisle. The house maintains a high level of integrity, with only minor, reversible changes to the rear of the house. Lexington architect Thomas McMurtry, recognized architect of Whitehall in Richmond, Kentucky, designed the house for lawyer and farmer Thomas Kennedy. Kennedy had the two-story brick Italianate house on East Main Street built for himself and wife Frances Pickrell Kennedy in 1865. Kennedy purchased the 157 acre farm on the east side of Carlisle for \$10,000 in 1865, and had the house built soon after. Kennedy was a prominent citizen, involved in the political and social affairs of Carlisle.

Several contemporaries of Kennedy chose the Italianate style of architecture for their homes in Carlisle. However, of all the Italianate residences in the city this house is the most decorative, and maintains the most integrity.

Kennedy was very involved in his community and a knowledgeable farmer. He wrote sections for William Henry Perrin's, History of ...Nicholas Counties, Kentucky, published in 1882, about agriculture and livestock in Nicholas County.<sup>1</sup> Kennedy was also a leading lawyer in Carlisle and according to one source, was "influential in political affairs and community life". Kennedy also served as the Superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, Sunday School.<sup>2</sup>

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Kentucky. Nicholas County Deed Books.

Kerr, Charles, ed. History of Kentucky. Chicago: The American Historical Society, 1922.

Lambert, Ruth. Carlisle, Kentucky. Interview, 17 November 1981.

Perrin, William Henry. History of Bourbon, Scott, Harrison and Nicholas Counties, Kentucky. Chicago: O.L. Baskin and Company, 1882.

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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 # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Kentucky Heritage Council

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

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Zone      Easting      Northing

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**Carlisle, KY. Quad.**

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Verbal Boundary Description

Refer to Map for the boundary description.

The nominated area includes the property on which the house sits and an additional 10-foot perimeter surrounding the house.

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Boundary Justification

The nominated area includes the property the house sits on plus a ten-foot perimeter around the house. This boundary eliminates the non-contributing swimming pool from the nominated area.

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A six-foot non-historic privacy fence encircles a built-in swimming pool in the northeast corner of the lot. The fence is stained a natural, dark wood color. That, coupled with the shelter provided by large trees in the east side yard shield the fence and pool from the main view of the house.

The interior of the house remains much as it did when it was built. The layout of the rooms and their size remains intact. Central heating air-ducts are visible throughout the house. Interior decorating has been carried out by the present owners, but all of the original wood fixtures, mantels, doors, etc. have been retained.

No outbuildings are included in the nominated area.

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Kennedy was an entrepreneur as well as a farmer and a lawyer. After locating an abundance of stone on his acreage, Kennedy operated a rock quarry on his farm. He had entered a contract with the Carlisle and Sharpsburg Turnpike, the company which laid East Main Street, subsequently State Route 36. The road ran directly in front of his property, and he supplied rock and stone to the concern.<sup>3</sup> It is conceivable that the Kennedy quarry also supplied material for the many stone foundations and stone retaining walls in and around Carlisle.

The house and the farm were sold separately in 1897, after the death of Frances Kennedy. The house and a large lot were purchased by George Secrest for \$6000. The farm remained in the family, purchased by son Harry and his wife, Lizzie Kennedy.

The property again changed hands in 1899 when Secrest sold the house and lot to James and Mary Dooley. Dooley sold the house and lot to the Carlisle Improvement Company (C.I.C.), in 1901 for \$8000. The C.I.C. was a group of local businessmen incorporated to buy and sell land and build houses. The C.I.C. was involved in developing the area directly to the east of the city limits. This area, including the land sold by Dooley and his wife, became known as the "Dooley's Addition" to Carlisle, first platted in 1901. The town of Carlisle had been steadily moving east for the past several years. The "Congleton and Colliver Addition" was made to the eastern boundary of the original plat of Carlisle beginning circa 1892. "Dooley's Addition" extended the city's boundaries further east, absorbing the former farmland.

The house was again sold in 1901 by the Carlisle Improvement Company to F.B. and Lida Henry. The plat of "Dooley's Addition" designated lot #32 for the farmhouse, the largest tract in the addition. The Henry's also bought lots #27 through #31 of the addition, to give them the largest singly owned property in the new addition.<sup>4</sup>

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J.H. Templeman bought the house in 1905 for \$5500. He was the owner of the Templeman Piano Company of Carlisle. During his ownership he added the stained glass window in the front hall, which displays a design of musical instruments. Templeman also had the stone wall in front of the house constructed.<sup>5</sup>

The house was next held by Mrs. Mollie (Bramblett) Dorsey and W.I. Dorsey. In 1918 the house was conveyed by Mrs. Willis Bramblett, mother of Mollie, to the Dorsey couple. They lived in the house until 1942, when it was sold to Luther and Lorene Thompson.

In 1946 the house was bought by W.F. Clark for his daughter, Christine Layson and her husband William. Mrs. Layson remained in the house until her death in 1979, when the house was willed to Mike Dotson. The house was sold by Dotson, to the Richard Storm family in 1981, who are the current owners.

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William Henry Perrin, History of Bourbon, Scott, Harrison and Nicholas Counties, Kentucky (Chicago, IL: O.L. Baskin and Company, 1882), p. 748.

2

Charles Kerr, ed., History of Kentucky, (Chicago: The American Historical Society, 1922), v. 5 p. 566.

3

Nicholas County Deed Book 13, p. 40.

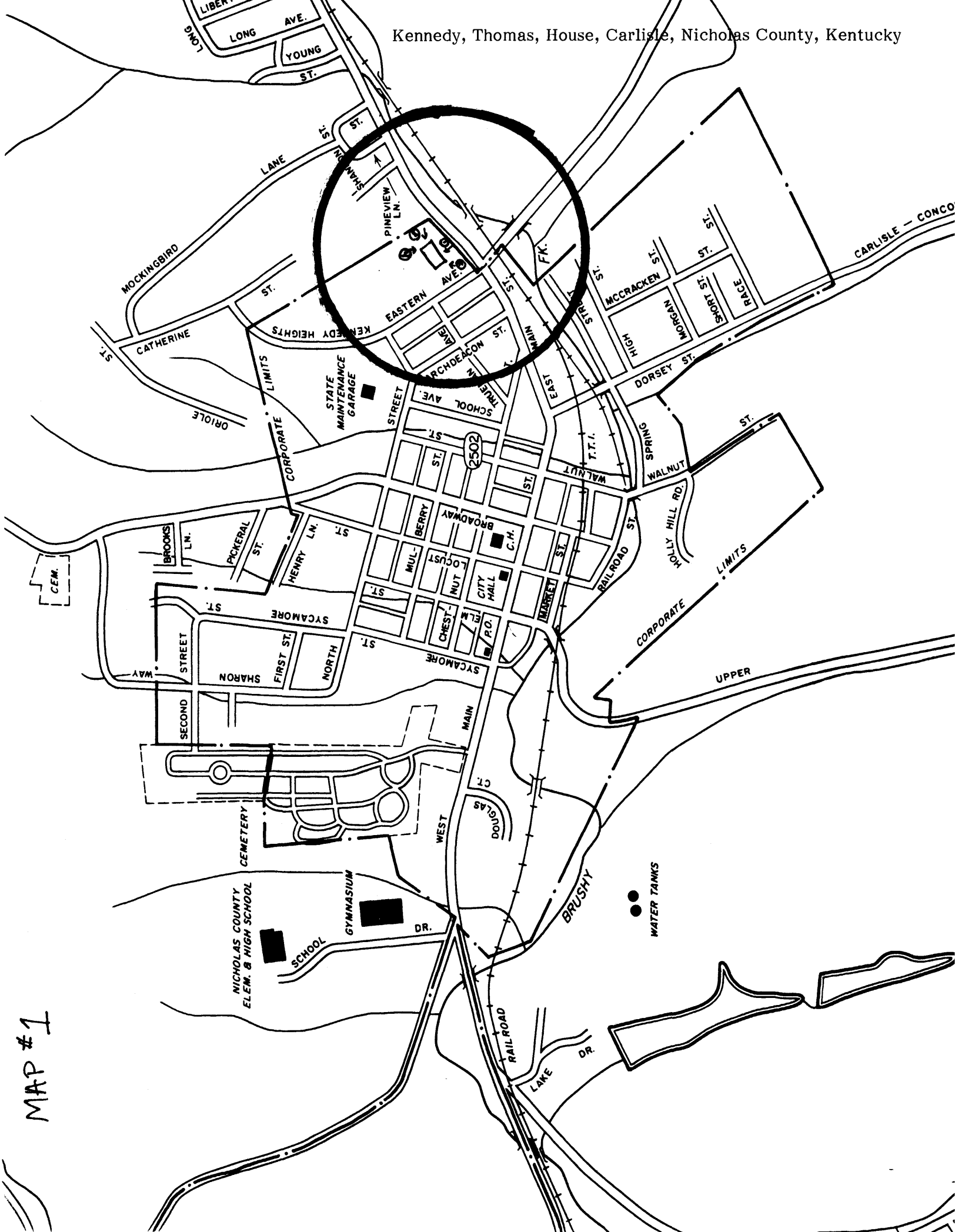
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Nicholas County Deed Book 19, pp. 51, 53.

5

Oral history of Ruth Lambert, 17 November 1981, provided by Mary Ann Storm; Nicholas County Deed Book.

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MAP #1



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PHOTOGRAPHS

1. Kennedy, Thomas, House
2. Carlisle, Nicholas County, Kentucky
3. Photographer, Donna M. Neary
4. Date: March 1989
5. Negatives on file with the Kentucky Heritage Council, Frankfort, Kentucky

(The above information is the same for all four photographs submitted with the nomination. Below is a numbered list of the photographs.)

1. Kennedy, Thomas, House; photographer facing north.
2. Kennedy, Thomas, House; photographer facing northeast.
3. Kennedy, Thomas, House; photographer facing northwest.
4. Kennedy, Thomas, House; photographer facing southwest.