

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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1. Historic Name (s) <p style="text-align:center;">Hite-Chenoweth House</p> Original Owner Present Name		22. ADD/County <p style="text-align:center;">Jefferson/Jefferson</p> 23. Zoning Classification <p style="text-align:center;">Magisterial District 46</p> 24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75') <p style="text-align:center;">Jeffersontown</p> 25. UTM Reference <table style="width:100%; text-align:center;"> <tr> <td style="border:1px solid black; padding:2px;">1</td> <td style="border:1px solid black; padding:2px;">6</td> <td style="border:1px solid black; padding:2px;">6</td> <td style="border:1px solid black; padding:2px;">2</td> <td style="border:1px solid black; padding:2px;">0</td> <td style="border:1px solid black; padding:2px;">7</td> <td style="border:1px solid black; padding:2px;">9</td> <td style="border:1px solid black; padding:2px;">0</td> <td style="border:1px solid black; padding:2px;">4</td> <td style="border:1px solid black; padding:2px;">2</td> <td style="border:1px solid black; padding:2px;">2</td> <td style="border:1px solid black; padding:2px;">7</td> <td style="border:1px solid black; padding:2px;">1</td> <td style="border:1px solid black; padding:2px;">7</td> <td style="border:1px solid black; padding:2px;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">Zone</td> <td colspan="4">Easting</td> <td colspan="4">Northing</td> </tr> </table>		1	6	6	2	0	7	9	0	4	2	2	7	1	7	0	Zone				Easting				Northing			
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3. Owner's Name <p style="text-align:center;">Jean H. & John L. Knopf, Sr.</p>		26. Prehistoric Site Historic Site Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>																												
4. Owner's Address <p style="text-align:center;">4219 Starlight Ln. Fern Creek, KY 40291</p>		Object Structure																												
5. Location <p style="text-align:center;">4219 Starlight Ln. Fern Creek, KY 40291</p>		27. District Name:																												
6. Open to Public Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		28. Significance Evaluation <p style="text-align:center;">National Register</p>																												
7. Visible from road Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		29. Status National Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Date _____ National Register <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Landmark Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Kentucky Survey <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Local Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> _____ HABS/HAER <input type="checkbox"/> _____																												
8. Ownership Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/>		30. Theme Primary <u>Architecture</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary _____ Other _____																												
9. Local Contact/Organization <p style="text-align:center;">Jefferson County Office of Historic Preservation</p>		31. Endangered Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>																												
10. Site Plan with North Arrow B44 L372		32.																												
11. Architect Unknown		33. Tape No. _____ Negative No. _____																												
		34. Prepared by: <p style="text-align:center;">Carol B. Tobe Researcher</p>																												
		35. Organization <p style="text-align:center;">Jefferson County Office of Historic Preservation</p>																												
		36. Date 21 June 1979																												
		37. Revision Dates _____ 38. Staff Review _____																												
12. Builder Unknown		39. Roll No. _____ Picture No. _____ Direction _____																												
13. Date ca. 1850		40. ATTACH PHOTO																												
14. Style <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		41. The Hite-Chenoweth house is situated in a picturesque setting on a hill overlooking a lake. A one-story, five-bay brick house with a raised basement, it has a low hip roof with a central gable. The projecting central bay has a gable with a round arch window and a recessed, round arched entry. The door is flanked by slim pilasters and side lights of patterned glass. (SEE NEXT PAGE)																												
15. Original Use residence		42. The house is on the same tract as the Abraham Hite House. (JF-208) This was the original settlement tract of Captain Abraham Hite which was inherited by his son, Isaac Hite. The heirs of Isaac Hite sold his homestead to Stephen Chenoweth in 1850 and it is likely that Chenoweth built this house. Chenoweth died in 1858, leaving "the Mansion House" to his widow Jane. (SEE NEXT PAGE)																												
16. Present Use residence		43. The Hite-Chenoweth House is significant for its unique architecture and its association with prominent area families. The brick house is one of the significant single-story houses in the county. Fine decorative detail includes (SEE NEXT PAGE)																												
17. Condition Interior Good <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Exterior excellent <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		44. Source of Information Jefferson Co. Deed Books Cora Chenoweth Hiatt-History of the Chenoweth Family (SEE NEXT PAGE)																												

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Windows are large and floor-length. Decorative bargeboard in a fleur-de-lis pattern embellishes the eaves of the roof and porch.

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Mary, daughter of Stephen and Jane Chenowith, married Franklin Gaar, son of the neighboring farmer. Their son, Charles Gaar inherited the house and held it until 1935.

Besides the family connection, the Hite-Chenowith house closely resembles the Gaar-Fenton House (JF-210) stylistically and there is speculation that the houses had the same builder.

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bargeboards with fleur-de-lis motifs, slender porch columns, and a recessed, round-arched entry, and a tall door flanked by slim pilasters and side lights of patterned glass.

The Hite-Chenoweth House is on the same tract as the Abraham Hite House (JF 208) which was part of the original settlement tract of Capt. Abraham Hite. Stephen Chenoweth, who may have built this house after he purchased the Hite property, was a prominent early resident in the Jeffersontown area.

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