

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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1. Historic Name (s) Munfordville School/Green River Collegiate Institute <small>Original Owner</small>		22. ADD/County Hart County	
Present Name Davis Williams Law Office		23. Zoning Classification Magisterial District	
3. Owner's Name Mr. Davis Williams		24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75')	
4. Owner's Address Third and Washington streets, Munfordville		25. UTM Reference Zone: 16 Easting: 598210 Northing: 4125320	
5. Location Third and Washington streets, Munfordville		26. Prehistoric Site Historic Site Building	
6. Open to Public Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		27. District Name:	
7. Visible from road Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		28. Significance Evaluation	
8. Ownership Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local State Federal		29. Status National Landmark National Register Landmark Certificate Kentucky Survey Local Landmark HABS/HAER	
9. Local Contact/Organization		30. Area of significance Primary: education Secondary: architecture Other: military	
10. Site Plan with North Arrow		31. Endangered Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
11. Architect		32.	
12. Builder		ATTACH PHOTO	
13. Date c. 1845		Roll No. _____ Picture No. _____ Direction _____	
14. Style		33. Tape No. _____ Negative No. _____	
15. Original Use school		34. Prepared by: GM:KG A0J:PC	
16. Present Use office		35. Organization Kentucky Heritage Commission	
17. Condition Interior: good Exterior: good		36. Date	
18. Description The school is a one-story, common bond brick structure, five bays wide with a recessed central doorway. There are two rooms on each side of the central hall with a chimney between the two, opening into the inner room. Much of the interior trim is original, such as the doorframes and baseboards. A rear ell was added some 25 to 30 years ago. (continued)		37. Revision Dates Oct. 1980	
19. History Thought to have been constructed around 1845 ¹ , the builder is presently unknown. According to local tradition, the structure was built as a school, which, in 1890, was incorporated under the name of the Green River Collegiate Institute. ² The Institute continued to operate until around 1910 when the building was purchased by Dr. J. J. Adams, who converted it for use as his residence and medical office. ³ (continued)		38. Staff Review	
20. Significance As an early building having a floor plan expressing the school function rather than a domestic plan used for a school, the structure possesses architectural significance. The building also has historic meaning in having served as a school for the Munfordville area since its construction in the mid-19th century to the first decade (continued)		21. Source of Information ¹ According to architectural historians Anthony James and Charlotte Schneider. ² Acts, 1889/90, v. 2, p. 1678.	

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The only other apparent changes to the original appearance is the addition of a one-story portico. (The Victorian porch of late 19th century vintage was partially removed in the 1920s and given a more Colonial Revival look.)

19. (continued)

During the Civil War, the school was used for nurses' quarters during the Union occupation of Munfordville from the fall of 1862 to the summer of 1865 (see overview).

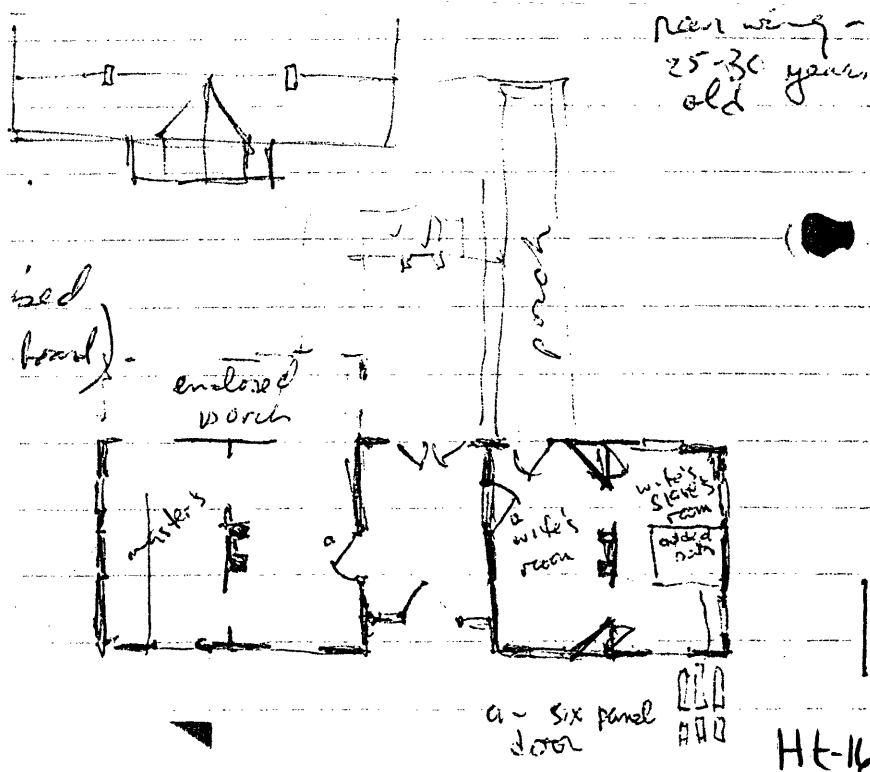
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of the 20th century.

The school has additional local importance by its association with events of the Civil War. During the occupation of the town from the fall of 1862 to the summer of 1865 by Union forces, the building was used as quarters for the nurses working in the hospital located across the street in the Presbyterian church (listed on the National Register July 24, 1980 as part of the Munfordville Multiple Resource Area).

21. (continued)

³It is known that the school was still in operation in 1905. The exact date of Adams' purchase of the school is unknown, although deed records indicate it was sold by Adams to J. W. Craddock and Alma Craddock in 1917 (Deed Book 51, p. 108).



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Munfordville School--Older photograph pre-1920s when the Victorian trim around the porch was removed.

The Kentucky Heritage Commission

Name Munfordville Multiple Resources Area
Munfordville School

Location Hart County, Kentucky

Photographer Unknown

Date Taken Unknown--pre-1920s

Negative Location Mrs. A. S. Gardiner, Horse Cave, Ky.

View _____