

1986

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # Me-172
Mercer County

1. Name of Resource:
Joseph Morgan House

2. Original Owner:
Joseph Morgan

3. Other Names:
Round Ridge

4. Prehistoric Site Building X Object
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location:
Moberly Road, north of quarry

6. Owner's Name:
Morgan Soaper [P]

7. Owner's Address:
367 N. College Street
Harrodsburg, Ky. 40330

8. Evaluation: Eligible under Criterion C [N]

9. Recognition & Date:
Nat.Landmark Local Landmark
Nat.Register HABS/HAER
Highway Marker KY Inventory 1970, 1969
KY Landmark Certificate 1969

10. N.R.Status & Date:

11. N.R.Group:
District Name: []
Mult.Resource Area: Mercer Co. []
Thematic Name: []

12. Historical Theme:
Primary: Architecture [030]
Secondary: Early Commerce (Not a [050]
Other: basis for nomination) []

13. Statement of Significance:
See Attached.

16. Date:
Original Building 1790 [9]
Addition 1817 [8]

17. Style:
Federal [2]

18. Architect/Builder:
Unknown

19. No. of Stories: [1.5]

20. Original Floor Plan: Hall Parlor
(stone)/Central Passage (brick) [HP/CP]

21. Single Pile Double Pile N.A.

22. Roof Form & Material: Original
Gable/Asbestos Not Original

23. Structural Material:
Stone/Brick [S/B]

24. Exterior Material:
Stone/Brick : Flemish bond [B]

25. Foundation Material:
Stone [S]

26. Major Alterations: None
Moved/Rebuilt Other
Additions 1914 addition to rear

27. Special Features:

28. Outbuildings:
Frame utility building []

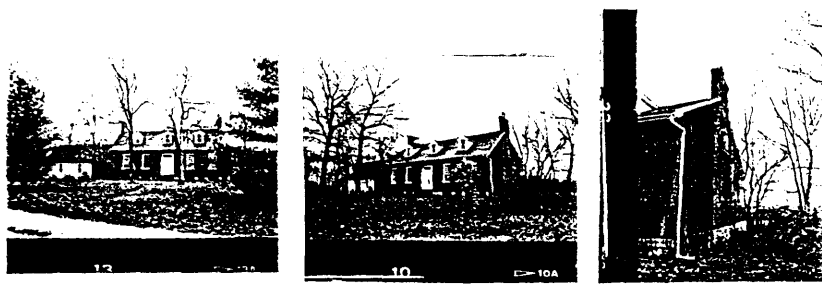
29. Original Function:
Single family dwelling [01A]

30. Present Use:
Single family dwelling [01A]

31. Condition:
Good [G]

32. Endangered: Yes
No

14. History:
See attached.



33. Attach Photos:

Roll:	Photo Nos:	No. of Slides:
2	0-23	

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person:
KHC Inventory form: Clay Lancaster, 1981.
F. Keightley, 1969

34. Prepared by: H. Powell/F. Keightly

35. Organization: Landmark Association

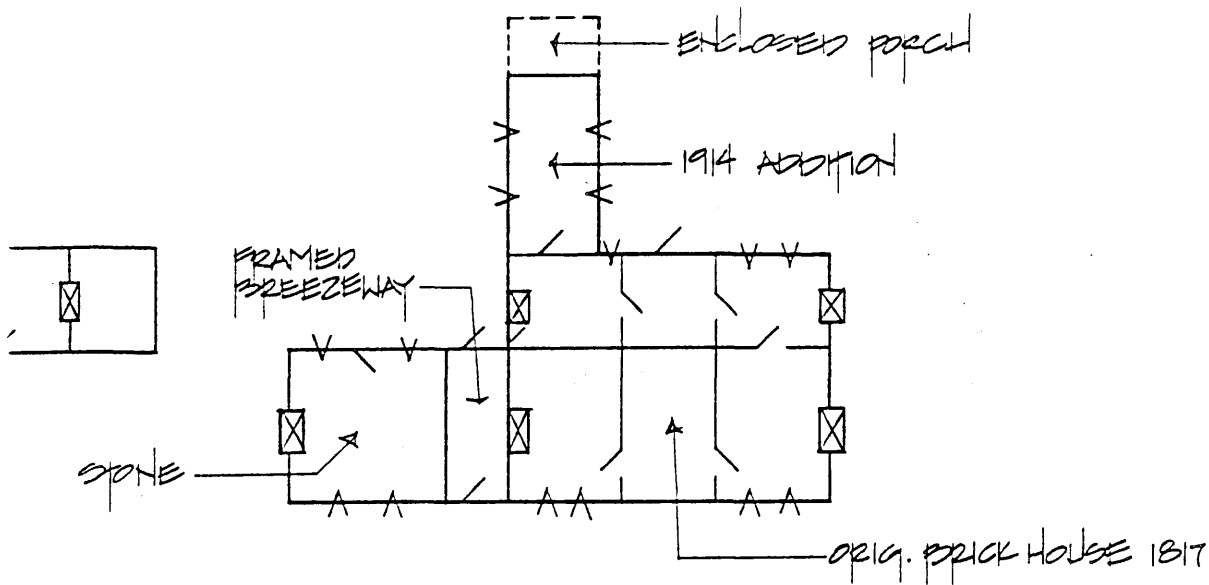
36. Date: 1986

37. New Survey Resurvey

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UTM Point of Primary Building: Quadrant: <u>Harrodsburg</u>	Zone <u>16</u>	Easting <u>688180</u>	Northing <u>4183360</u>	39. G.I.S. Mod. []	40. Coordi.Accuracy []
UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):					
A. -----				D. -----	
B. -----				E. -----	
C. -----				F. -----	
Total Acreage in Present Property:		43.		Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary:	
Site Plan (and boundary description and justification for N.R. sites):					



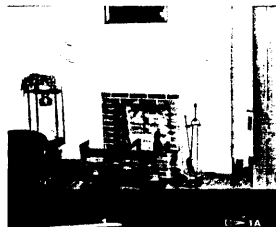
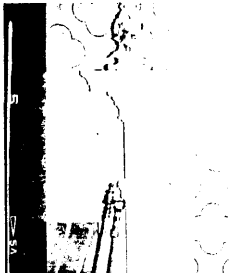
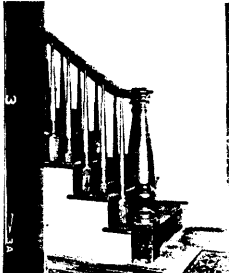
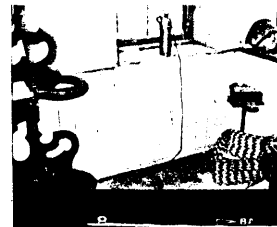
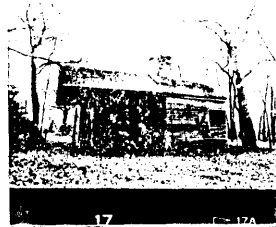
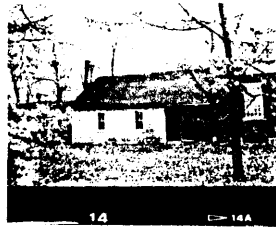
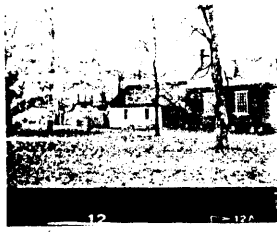
Description and House Plan:

The Morgan House is composed of a stone room and a brick unit joined by a frame breezeway. The stone building on the south end of the complex is a one-and-one-half stories high. The original front facade faced southwest. It was three bays with a door flanked on either side by a window. An exterior stone end chimney is located on the south gable end of the rectangular structure. The window surrounds appear to be intact, but the glazing has been changed to two over two. The interior has been modified, but the large fireplace opening is still visible. The brick portion of the house is one-and-one-half stories. The principal facade faces northeast and is five bays. The central doorway is double leaf, eight-panelled, with a six-light transom. The windows are 16 over 12. The brick in the front facade is laid in Flemish bond. The central hallway is flanked by two rooms on either side. The rooms in the front half of the house are larger than those on the rear. Interior mantels contain sunbursts, reeding and detailing of Federal period. The front room on the north side of the hall was remodeled in the mid-nineteenth century to add Greek Revival features of wide baseboards and heavier woodwork around doors. A kitchen wing was added to the rear or southwest side of the brick house around 1914. A porch on the kitchen

(cont.)

45. Description and House Plan (cont.)

addition has been enclosed. To the south of the stone portion of the house stands a two-room wooden outbuilding with a central stone chimney. The three gabled dormers on the front of the house are probably not original nor is a large central gabled dormer to the rear which dates from the era of the brick kitchen addition. A stone foundation supports the brick structure.



KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name Joseph Morgan House Site # Me-172

Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title MERCER COUNTY MRA

U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTMs if property is ten or more acres.

A. _____ D. _____

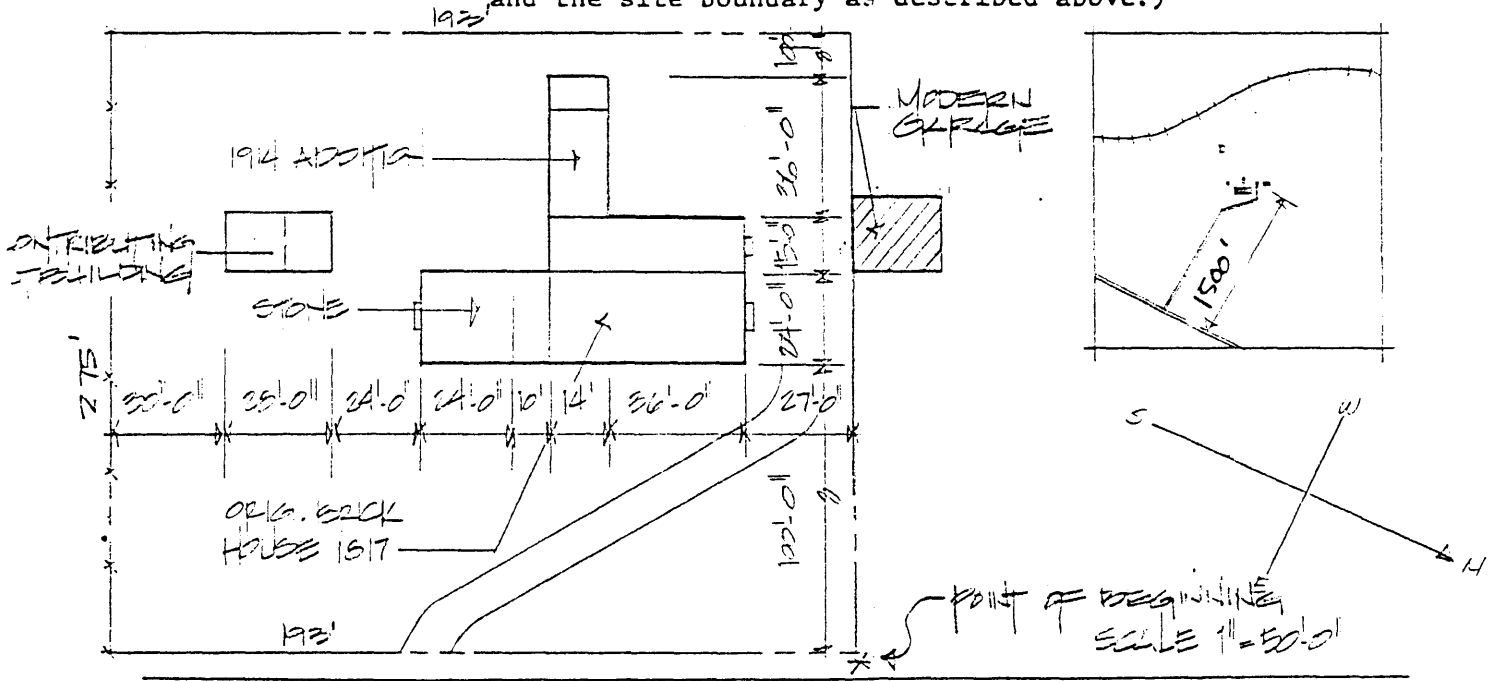
B. _____ E. _____

C. _____ F. _____

Verbal Boundary Description _____ Acreage 1.2

From a point of beginning 100 feet east and 27 feet north of the northeast corner of the building; then south 193 feet to a point; then west 275 feet to a point; then north 193 feet to a point; then east 275 feet to the point of beginning.

Sketch of Site Plan (Showing outbuildings, structures, landscape features and the site boundary as described above.)



Official Courthouse Property Reference:

Continuation Sheet: Me-172 Joseph Morgan House

Significance Statement

The Joseph Morgan House is significant under Criterion C for the theme of architecture in the period from 1790 to 1820 as an example of a double-pile, central passage house ornamented with elements of the Federal style including Flemish bond brickwork, reeding on the window surrounds, and sunbursts on the mantels. The property may be eligible under Criterion B once additional research in the county's commercial context is completed.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The boundary was chosen arbitrarily to provide a setting for the house and to incorporate all of the outbuildings which contribute to the significance of the property.

The boundary contains two contributing buildings.

14. History

The Morgan House, or Round Ridge, was the home of Joseph Morgan, one of the county's outstanding early nineteenth century businessmen. Morgan (1772-1860) was married in 1798 to Ann Bryan in Lincoln County. Ann was the daughter of William and Elizabeth Bryan. Elizabeth, the daughter of Ann and Joseph Morgan, married John G. Chiles in 1823. Chiles kept the tavern in Morgan Row in Harrodsburg. Joseph Morgan financed and built the four brick units of Morgan Row which contained lodging rooms in addition to the tavern during the period from 1807 to 1830.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places
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Keeper Patrick Andrus 4/18/90