

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # 131
Madison County

1. Name of Resource: Mason House

2. Original Owner: James Rankin Mason

3. Other Names:

4. Prehistoric Site Building X Object
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location: Lane off North Side of Meneleus Pike

6. Owner's Name: Robert & Verna Bellamy [P]

7. Owner's Address: Meneleus Pike Richmond, KY 40475

8. Evaluation: [N]

9. Recognition & Date: Nat.Landmark Local Landmark Nat.Register HABS/HAER Highway Marker KY Inventory 1979 KY Landmark Certificate

10. N.R.Status & Date:

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

12. Historical Theme: Primary: Architecture [030] Secondary: [] Other: []

13. Statement of Significance: See attached.

14. History: The house was built in 1853 on a 300 acre tract of land given to James Rankin Mason by his father John Mason. John lived on the larger farm with his first wife, Nancy Snoddy, who died in 1831, and his second wife, Sallie Duncan.

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: DAR records: Townsend Room Inventory form 1975: Mrs. Charles Combs

16. Date: Original Building Circa 1853 [6] Addition []

17. Style: Greek Revival [31]

18. Architect/Builder: James R. Mason

19. No. of Stories: [2.5]

20. Original Floor Plan: central passage [CP]

21. Single Pile X Double Pile N.A.

22. Roof Form & Material: Original hip/standing seam Not Original X

23. Structural Material: Brick [B]

24. Exterior Material: Brick [B]

25. Foundation Material: stone [S]

26. Major Alterations: None Moved/Rebuilt Other Additions Enclosure porch on ell

27. Special Features: none

28. Outbuildings: none []

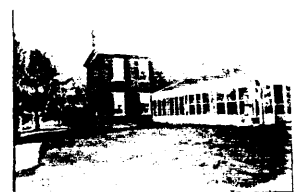
29. Original Function: Single Dwelling [01A]

30. Present Use: Single Dwelling []

31. Condition: Good [G]

32. Endangered: Yes No X

33. Attach Photos: Roll: Photo Nos: No. of Slides:



34. Prepared by: S. Willis & H. Powell
35. Organization: Madison Co. Hist. Society
36. Date: 1985
37. New Survey Resurvey X

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. []
 Quadrant: Richmond South 16 737520 4170980 40. Coordi.Accuracy []

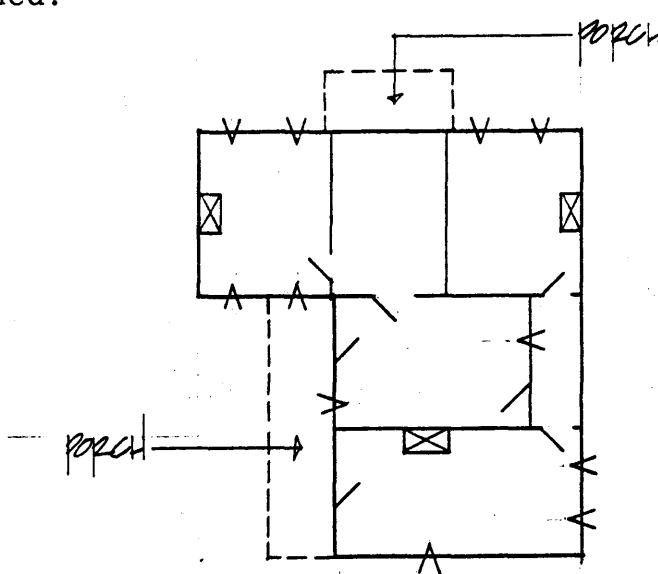
41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):

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

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

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

See Attached.



45. Description and House Plan:

The Mason House is a two story brick structure with a hip roof and interior end chimneys. Brick pilasters separate the flemish bond facade into five bays and delineate the corners. The windows are 6 over 6 with jack arches. The one bay, one story, central porch has a flat roof and is supported by paired square brick posts. The second floor central window over the porch is flanked by sidelights. The central doorway is recessed with an entablature, four light sidelights and a three light transom. The doors are double leaf. The other facades are six course common bond. The residence has a stone foundation. The ell on the east side of the house is two story with a gable roof. The south side of the ell has a two bay recessed porch with square brick columns. The north side originally had a one story porch with a shed roof. The porch has been enclosed with glass.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name James Rankin Mason House Site # Ma 221

Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title MULTIPLE RESOURCES OF MADISON
COUNTY, KENTUCKY

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

A. _____ D. _____

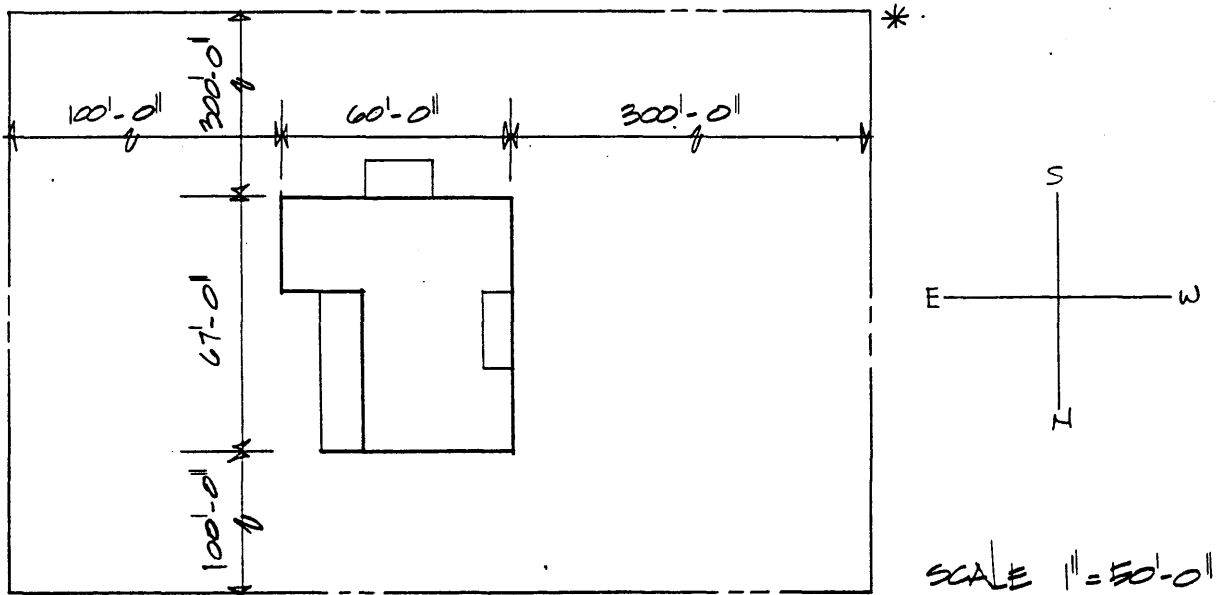
B. _____ E. _____

C. _____ F. _____

Verbal Boundary Description _____ Acreage 4.9

From the southwest corner of the building, west 300 feet and south 300 feet to a point of beginning; then north 467 feet to a point; then east 460 feet to a point; then south 467 feet to a point; then west 460 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:

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Mason House

Statement of Significance

The Mason House is significant under criterion C for circa 1853 as an example of the Greek Revival style in Madison County. Greek Revival details such as the entablature around the doorway, pilasters, a one-story, one-bay flat-roofed porch, and jack arches are used on a single-pile central passage plan.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The boundary was chosen arbitrarily to provide a minimal setting for the house.

The boundary contains one contributing building.