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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES  
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # Me-59  
Mercer County

1. Name of Resource:  
Roach-Ison House

2. Original Owner:  
Benjamin F. Roach

3. Other Names:  
Ison House

4. Prehistoric Site Building X Object  
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location:  
South side of US 68  
1/4 mile NW of Harrodsburg

6. Owner's Name:  
Jimmy Currens [ P ]

7. Owner's Address:  
Rt. 1  
Harrodsburg, Kentucky

8. Evaluation: [ N ]

9. Recognition & Date:  
Nat.Landmark \_\_\_\_\_ Local Landmark \_\_\_\_\_  
Nat.Register \_\_\_\_\_ HABS/HAER \_\_\_\_\_  
Highway Marker \_\_\_\_\_ KY Inventory 1981 \_\_\_\_\_  
KY Landmark Certificate \_\_\_\_\_

10. N.R.Status & Date:

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

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

13. Statement of Significance:  
See Attached.

14. History: [ ]

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: KHC Inventory forms: 1981  
Charlotte Worsham

16. Date:  
Original Building c.1830 [ 7 ]  
Addition c.1920 [ 4 ]

17. Style:  
Federal [ 21 ]  
Colonial Revival [ 51 ]

18. Architect/Builder:  
Unknown

19. No. of Stories: [ 2.0 ]

20. Original Floor Plan:  
Central Passage [ CP ]

21. Single Pile X Double Pile N.A.

22. Roof Form & Material: Original \_\_\_\_\_  
Gable and Hip Not Original X

23. Structural Material:  
Brick :Flemish bond [ B ]

24. Exterior Material: [ B ]  
Brick [ ]

25. Foundation Material: [ S ]  
Stone

26. Major Alterations: None \_\_\_\_\_  
Moved/Rebuilt Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Additions Enclosure of rear porch

27. Special Features:  
None

28. Outbuildings: [ ]  
None

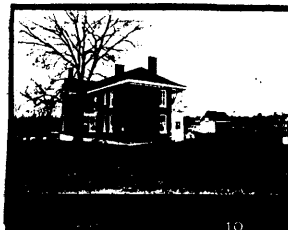
29. Original Function: [ 01A ]  
Single family dwelling

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

31. Condition: [ G ]  
Good

32. Endangered: Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No X

33. Attach Photos:  
Roll: Photo Nos: No. of Slides:  
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34. Prepared by: H. Powell and F. Keightly

35. Organization: Landmark Association

36. Date: 1986

37. New Survey \_\_\_\_\_ Resurvey X

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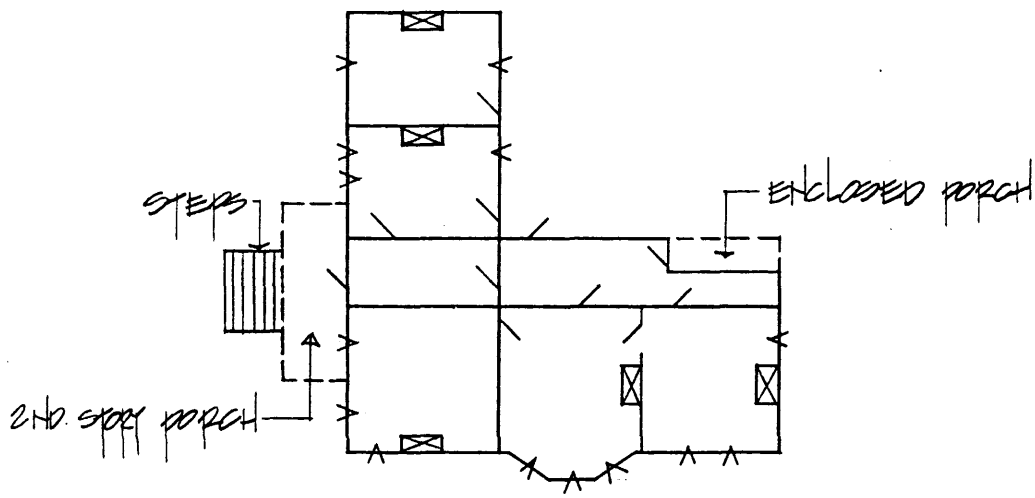
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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. [ ]  
 Quadrant: Harrodsburg 16 691300 4102340 40. Coordi.Accuracy [ ]

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:

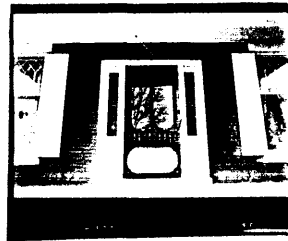
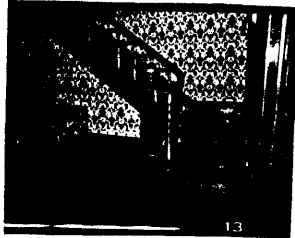
44. Site Plan (and boundary description and justification for N.R. sites):



45. Description and House Plan:

The residence is a two story, five bay brick structure. The floor plan is composed of a central hall flanked by one room on the southwest side and two rooms on the northwest side. The two first floor rooms on the northwest side represent the earliest portion of the house. The west facades of both of these rooms are in Flemish bond (see floor plan). In the early twentieth century, the house was expanded to its present dimensions with the extension south and addition of a second story. The roofline of the room on the northwest corner was changed to conform with the overhanging eaves and bracketing used on the newer portions of the house. A two story, three bay pedimented portico was added to the front facade during the twentieth century remodeling. The stone foundation has been stuccoed and scored. Interior woodwork reflects the mixing of Federal reeding and rosettes with early twentieth century woodgrained coal grate mantels.

The other building shown on the site plan is non-contributing.



KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT  
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name Ison House Site # ME-59

Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title MERCER COUNTY MRA

U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTM's if property is ten or more acres.

A. \_\_\_\_\_ D. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_ E. \_\_\_\_\_

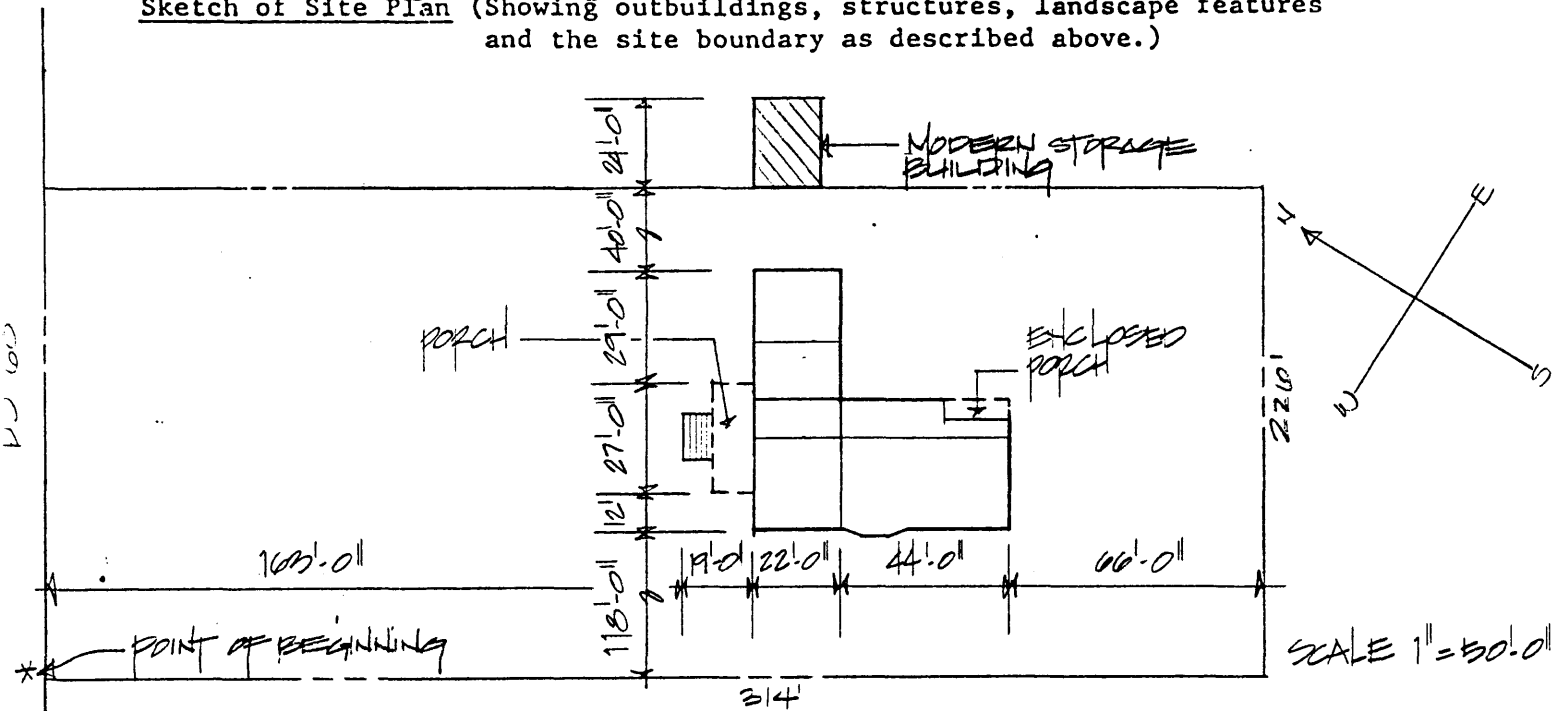
C. \_\_\_\_\_ F. \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal Boundary Description \_\_\_\_\_ Acreage 1.6

From a point in the east right of way of US 68; then north 226 feet to a point; then east 314 feet to a point; then south 226 feet to a point; then west 314 feet to the point of beginning.

The point of beginning being 163 feet west and 118 feet south of the southwest corner of the building.

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



Official Courthouse Property Reference:

Continuation Sheet: Me-59 Roach-Ison House

**Significance Statement**

The Roach-Ison House is significant under Criterion C for the early twentieth century and demonstrates the continuity of the urge to remodel houses in Mercer County. The conversion of the house into a central passage house from what appears to have been an early nineteenth century hall-parlor house also shows a renewed desire for symmetry in Mercer County after the asymmetrical appearance of the houses built in the Victorian or late nineteenth century.

**Verbal Boundary Justification**

The Lexington Road or US 68 was chosen as the west boundary to preserve the house's setback from the road. The north, east, and south boundaries were chosen arbitrarily to provide a setting for the house. The east boundary excludes a modern storage shed.

The boundary contains one contributing building.