

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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Ch-167

1. Historic Name (s) <b>Oakland/Henry House</b> Original Owner <b>R. Gano Henry</b>		22. ADD/County <b>Pennyriple/Christian</b>	
2. Present Name _____		23. Zoning Classification Magisterial District	
3. Owner's Name <b>Mr. Herbert King</b>		24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75') <b>Church Hill</b>	
4. Owner's Address <b>Rt. 4, Hopkinsville, Ky. 42240</b>		25. UTM Reference Zone <b>16</b> Easting <b>446370</b> Northing <b>4074630</b>	
5. Location <b>Hwy. 164</b>		26. Prehistoric Site _____ Object _____ Historic Site _____ Structure _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	
6. Open to Public Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		27. District Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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 _____ Date _____ National Landmark _____ National Register _____ Landmark Certificate _____ Kentucky Survey <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>2-16-78</b> Local Landmark _____ HABS/HAER _____	
9. Local Contact/Organization _____		30. Theme Primary <u>Architecture</u> Secondary <u>Politics</u> Other _____	
10. Site Plan with North Arrow _____		31. Endangered Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
11. Architect _____		32. ATTACH PHOTO _____	
12. Builder <b>prob. Dan Umbenhour</b>		Roll No. <u>39</u>	
13. Date <b>1857 (owner)</b>		Picture No. _____	
14. Style <b>Greek Revival</b>		Direction _____	
15. Original Use <b>dwelling</b>		33. Tape No. _____ Negative No. _____	
16. Present Use <b>dwelling</b>		34. Prepared by: <b>CMT-KTG</b>	
17. Condition Interior <b>good</b> Exterior <b>good/altered</b>		35. Organization <b>KHC</b>	
18. Description <b>2-story, 5-bay I-house, doors up and down, central hall, single pile, porch about 1928, a 1919 balcony 2nd floor probably original. "stone" scored wood on front facade. (similar to Ch-142, Ch-169, Ch-H-111)</b>		36. Date <b>Spring 1977</b>	
19. History <b>Colonel Gano Henry, native Scott Co. b. 1820, came to Christian as infant, in 1841 served as county sheriff. Married 1845 Harriet McGaughey, 1855 married again Anna Davis. 1854 Gano commissioned colonel by Gov. Morehead. 1858 elected President of Evansville, Henderson &amp; Nashville RR, served until the Civil War. In 1863 house purchased by Clardy family. John D. Clardy son of John C. Clardy of Granville County, N.C. Dr. John P. Clardy (cont.)</b>		37. Revision Dates _____ 38. Staff Review _____	
20. Significance <b>It can be surmised that in 1857 when Oakland was built for R. Gano Henry, President of Evansville Henderson and Nashville Railroad, it was constructed by master builder Dan Umbenhour. The house is also noted for its later occupants, such as Dr. J. D. Clardy, a United States Congressman and unsuccessful candidate for Governor (cont.)</b>		21. Source of Information <b>Meacham, Charles M. <u>A History of Christian County, Kentucky.</u> Nashville, Tennessee Marshall &amp; Bruce Co., 1930 p. 547. (over)</b>	

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was prominent on the Kentucky political scene in the late 19th century. Ran for governor 1891 with strong backing of Farmers Alliance and Industrial Union. As a congressman (elected 1894) continued radical support of free silver and farm issues against opposition of main stream Demo party.

During the 1930s this became headquarters for Farm Security Administration, which was breaking up large farm tracts of 1000 into 75 a lots. Sold in 1933.

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The front of the five-bay I-house was finished with weatherboarding scored to imitate ashlar stonework, a device found in the local works by Umbenhour. The monumental portico was added in 1928, replacing a square piered double portico that was contemporary with the house.

Source of Information (cont.)

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