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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # MeH-30
Mercer County

1. Name of Resource: Aspen Hall

2. Original Owner: Dr. James Shannon

3. Other Names: Aspen Hall

4. Prehistoric Site Building Object
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location: 558 Aspen Hall Drive

6. Owner's Name: Mrs. Jesse Cotton [p]

7. Owner's Address: 558 Aspen Hall Drive
Harrodsburg, Ky. 40330

8. Evaluation: [N]

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

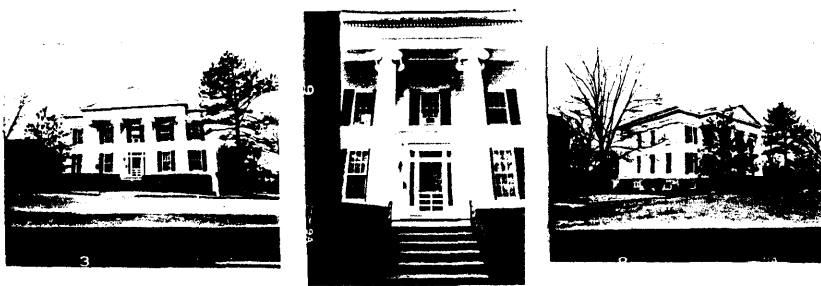
10. N.R.Status & Date:

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

12. Historical Theme:
Primary: Architecture [030]
Secondary: Education [100]
Other: []

13. Statement of Significance:
See Attached.

14. History:
See attached



16. Date: Original Building 1840 [7]
Addition []

17. Style: Greek Revival [31]

18. Architect/Builder: Unknown

19. No. of Stories: [2.0]

20. Original Floor Plan: Central Passage [CP]

21. Single Pile Double Pile N.A.

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

23. Structural Material: Brick [B]

24. Exterior Material: Brick : common bond [B]

25. Foundation Material: Stone [S]

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

27. Special Features: None

28. Outbuildings: None []

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

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

31. Condition: Good [G]

32. Endangered: Yes
No

33. Attach Photos:
Roll: 9 Photo Nos: 1-9 No. of Slides:



15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: KHC Inventory: Clay Lancaster, 1981, 1969: Frances Keightley Harrodsburg Herald, June 1974, p. B-10

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

35. Organization: Landmark Association

36. Date: 1986

37. New Survey Resurvey

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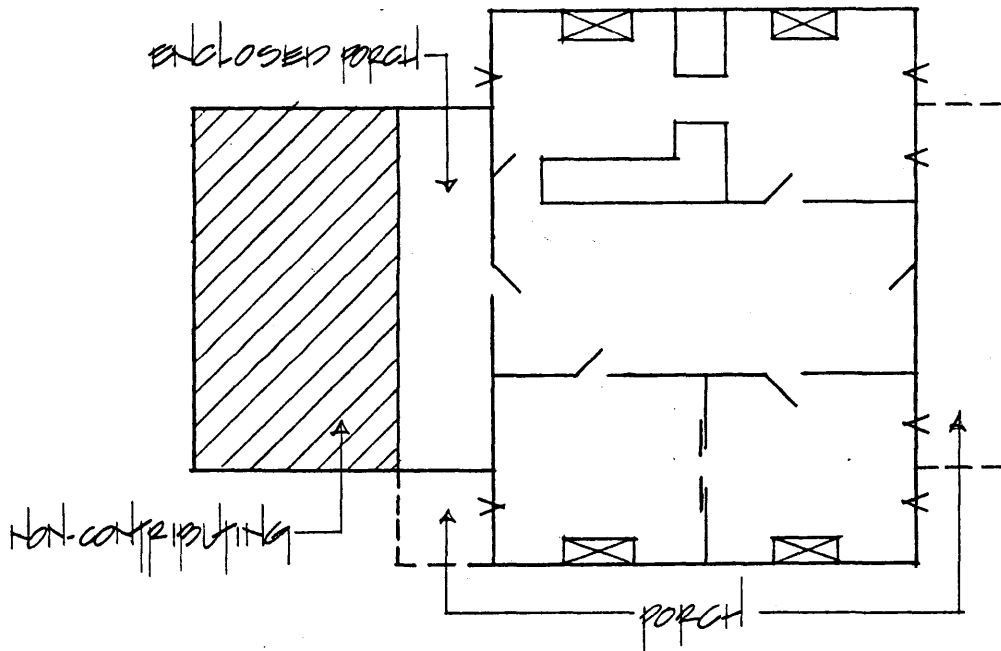
38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. []
 Quadrant: Harrodsburg 16 693450 4190040 40. Coordi.Accuracy []

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 Shannon House, or Aspen Hall, is a two-story brick residence with a colossal three-bay pedimented portico on the principal facade. The columns supporting the portico are Ionic. The facade itself is separated into five bays by pilasters. A full entablature is visible at the cornice of both the main block of the house and the portico. The first floor is raised and designed with a central hall. The hall is flanked on each side with two rooms, each of which has an interior end chimney. The windows are 6 over 6. The first story windows are longer than the second story windows. The central doorway is double leaf and flanked by sidelights and transom. The interior woodwork is intact in all rooms except the room on the northwest corner. In that room, the chimney has been closed and portions of the room made into closets and a bathroom. A two-story frame porch extends to the rear, or west.



KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name Aspen Hall Site # MeH-30

Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title MERCER COUNTY MRA

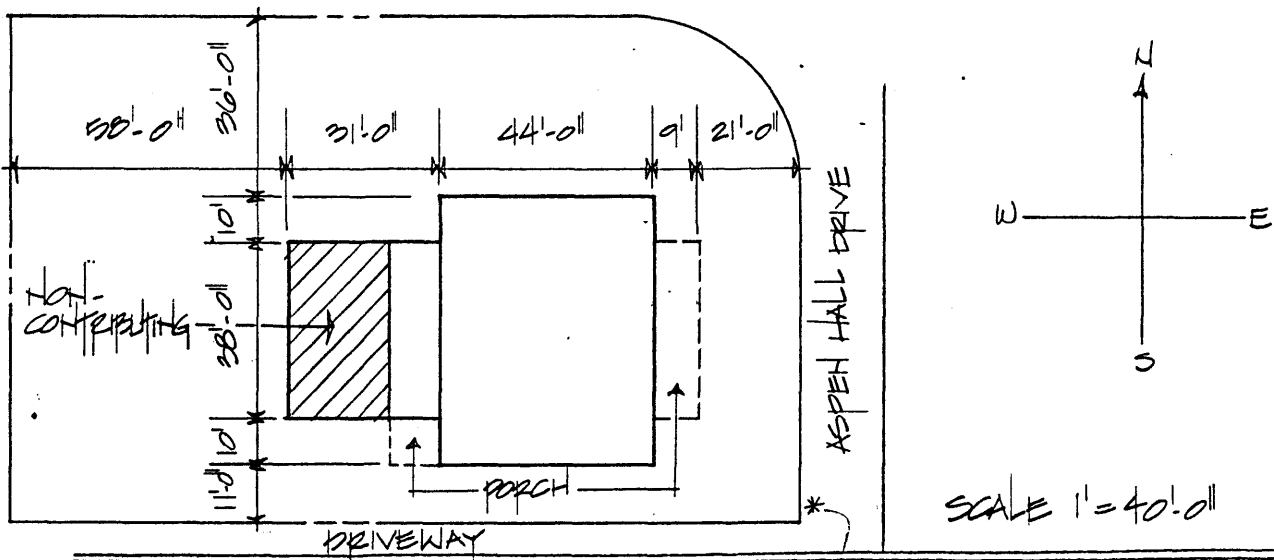
U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTM's if property is ten or more acres.

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

Verbal Boundary Description Acreage .40

From a point of beginning 30 feet east and 11 feet south of the southeast corner of the building; then west 163 feet to a point; then north 105 feet to a point; then east 163 feet to a point; then south 105 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:

POINT OF BEGINNING

Continuation sheet: Aspen Hall (Me-H-30)

Statement of Significance

Aspen Hall is significant under Criterion C as an example of a double-pile central passage plan which has been ornamented with elements from the Greek Revival style such as a full-height, pedimented porch, Ionic columns, wide cornice with dentils, and central doorway flanked by pilasters. (significant date: 1840)

Verbal Boundary Justification

The boundary was chosen arbitrarily to provide a setting for the house. The lot historically associated with the dwelling was larger, but portions have been sold for residential development. The boundary excludes modern residences on the south, west, and north sides.

The nominated area contains one contributing building.

14. History

Aspen Hall was built by Dr. James Shannon (1799-1859) who was president of Bacon College in Harrodsburg from 1839 until 1850. During the same period of time, Shannon was also the minister of the First Christian Church in Harrodsburg. Dr. Shannon purchased the land for the house site from Dr. Christopher C. Graham who owned it as part of the old Greenville Springs property. After Shannon's tenure on the property, it was sold to Alexander Douglas who, in turn, sold it to the Honorable John B. Bowman, a distinguished educator. Bowman helped to establish the University of Kentucky at Harrodsburg. He moved with the university to Lexington where he served many years as its president.