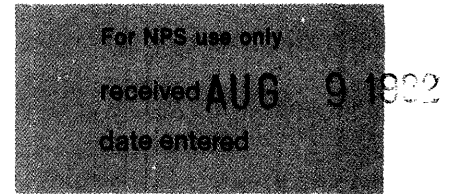


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic John E. McCallister House

and/or common same

2. Location

street & number 839 North Green St. NA not for publication

city, town Henderson NA vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state Kentucky code 021 county Henderson code 101

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Rodger Bird

street & number 839 North Green Street

city, town Henderson NA vicinity of state Kentucky

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Henderson County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Henderson state Kentucky 42420

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Survey of Historical Sites in Ky. has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date January 1982 federal state county local

depository for survey records Heritage Division, Department of the Arts

city, town Frankfort state Kentucky

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The John E. McCallister House is a three-bay, two-story, central passage dwelling with a rear ell. The Greek Revival Italianate House was built in 1867 by John E. McCallister and is located and surrounded by a commercial strip development on the outlying section north of downtown Henderson and three blocks from the Ohio River.

The treatment of masses and the strong vertical proportions immediately identifies this house as being primarily Italianate in style. The central bay projects and emphasizes the mass and heaviness of the structure. The brick work is American bond and the center and two flanking bays are recessed and set off by contrasting vertical bands of brick.

The facade is articulated and embellished with carved wooden bracketed eaves and cornice strips with a very wide eave molding that features Greek Revival iron grillwork.

Fenestration consists of tall shallow narrow windows with bracketed hood moldings. The entrance door is topped by a wide rectangular transom although the porch seems to have been replaced at a later date.

The interior plan is formal, symmetrical and square shaped. The interior features highly ornate plasterwork and generous molding decoration making this an exceptionally good example of this period. The Greek Revival woodwork around the doors and windows feature the dog ear design. The lower band of ceiling moldings in the front drawing room and in the parlor features the egg and dart design. The parlor also features a finely crafted center ceiling medallion.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1867 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Located and surrounded by a commercial strip development, the McCallister House is one of the few important examples of the transitional period houses of the Greek Revival/Italianate style remaining in Henderson. It has retained most of the significant original exterior and interior features characterizing the two styles.

Henderson County, Kentucky was formed in 1798 out of part of Christian County. It was the thirty-eighth county organized in the state by the Kentucky General Assembly. Named in honor of Col. Richard Henderson, one of the original pioneer founders in Kentucky, the county initially encompassed all of the territory out of which the present Hopkins County was formed in 1806, Union County in 1811 and Webster County in 1860. Located in the southwestern part of the state, Henderson County is a rich agricultural area, the Ohio River forming its northern boundary for seventy miles and the Green River watering the county for an additional forty miles. Henderson is one of the largest corn and tobacco producing counties in the state.

The county seat of Henderson was incorporated in 1810 and is located on the Ohio River, 196 miles below Louisville, and approximately eleven and one-half miles below Evansville, Indiana, as river traffic flows. It is also approximately 173 miles above Cairo, Illinois and about 170 miles from Frankfort. Henderson was an important railroad center and served as a major terminal point for the railroads serving the area.

The elaborate and excellent craftsmanship is apparent on the interior and can be clearly seen in the intricate and delicate cornice and plasterwork. The highly ornate medallions and mouldings exemplify the highpoint in this style and sets this house off from others of this period. Greek Revival woodwork around doors, window and frames all remain.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Collins, Richard H., History of Kentucky

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property less than 1/2 acre

Quadrangle name Henderson

Quadrangle scale 1:2400

UMT References

A

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

The McCallister House is Lot 1 in the 800 block for North Green Street. The lot size is 125' X 82'.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Irwin Pickett, Staff Assistant

organization Heritage Division, Dept. of the Arts date May 1982

street & number Berry Hill Mansion telephone 564-7005

city or town Frankfort state Kentucky 40601

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Mary Ann O'Connell*

title *State Historic Preservation Officer* date *8/12/82*

For NPS use only
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
Bruce M. Duggan date *9/21/82*
Keeper of the National Register
Attest: *Patrick Andrews* date *9/20/82*
Chief of Registration