

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # MeH-18
Mercer County

1. Name of Resource: The Elms

2. Original Owner: Issac Hipple

3. Other Names: Hipple House

4. Prehistoric Site Building X Object
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location: 354 East Lexington
Harrodsburg, Kentucky 40330

6. Owner's Name: Mrs. Cora Farmer [P]

7. Owner's Address: 354 East Lexington
Harrodsburg, Kentucky 40330

8. Evaluation: [N]

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

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: []
Other: []

13. Statement of Significance:
See Attached.

14. History: heavy interior woodwork.
See attached.



16. Date: Original Building ca. 1850 [6]
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 X Double Pile N.A.

22. Roof Form & Material: Original _____
Gable/Asphalt Not Original X

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

24. Exterior Material: Brick [B]

25. Foundation Material: Stone [S]

26. Major Alterations: None
Moved/Rebuilt Other Rear porch
Additions Deck on rear enclosed

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 X

33. Attach Photos:
Roll: 8 Photo Nos: 20-30 No. of Slides:



15. Source of historical information and/or contact person:

34. Prepared by: H. Powell/F. Keightly
35. Organization: Landmark Association
36. Date: 1986
37. New Survey _____ Resurvey X

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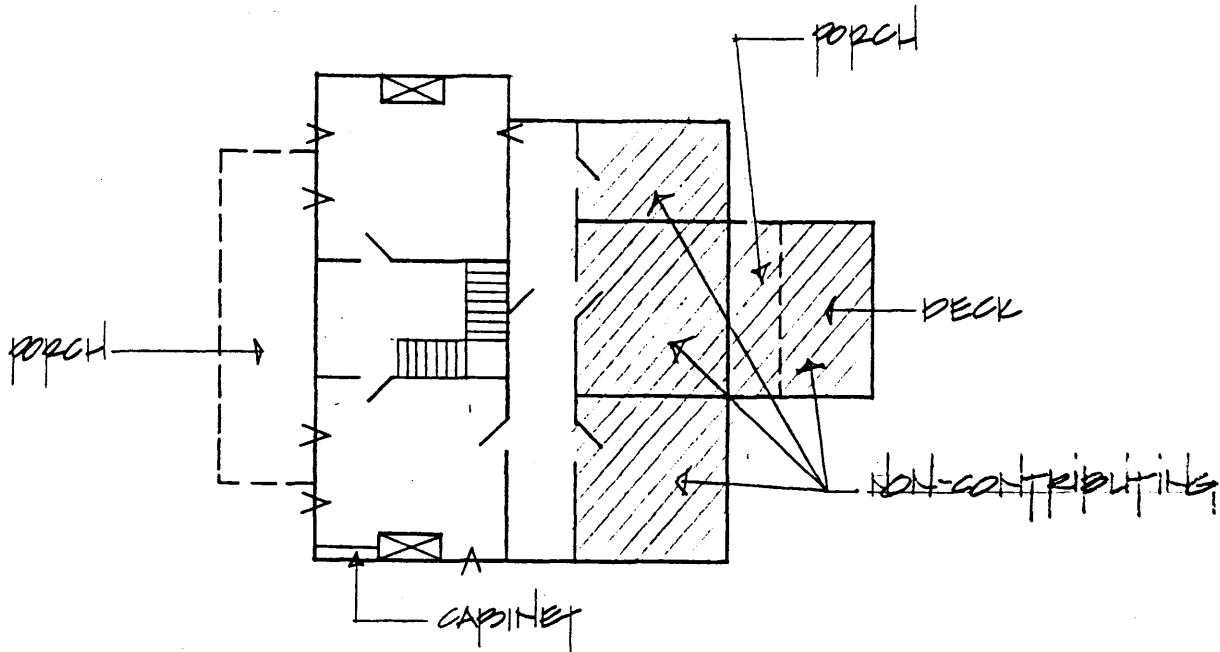
38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. []
 Quadrant: Harrodsburg 16 690360 4181300 40. Coordi.Accuracy []

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

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

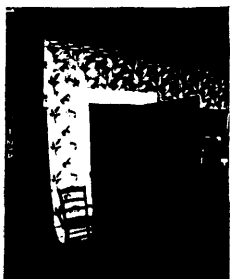
42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary:

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



45. Description and House Plan:

The Elms is a two-story brick residence designed on the central hall plan. The front facade is divided into five bays by brick pilasters with Doric capitals. The central entrance is flanked by sidelights. The central second-story window also has sidelights. The windows have slightly pedimented lintels with an acanthus leaf motif inscribed on the wood. The window glazing has been changed to 1 over 1. The existing porch has been enlarged from a single bay to three bays. The main block of the house is one room deep with interior end chimneys. The brick in the facades is laid in running bond. The foundation is stone. Interior woodwork is Greek Revival in its scale and detailing. Mantels are heavy in their proportions, duplicating the column and lintel motif.



KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name The Elms Site # MeH-18

Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title MERCER COUNTY MRA

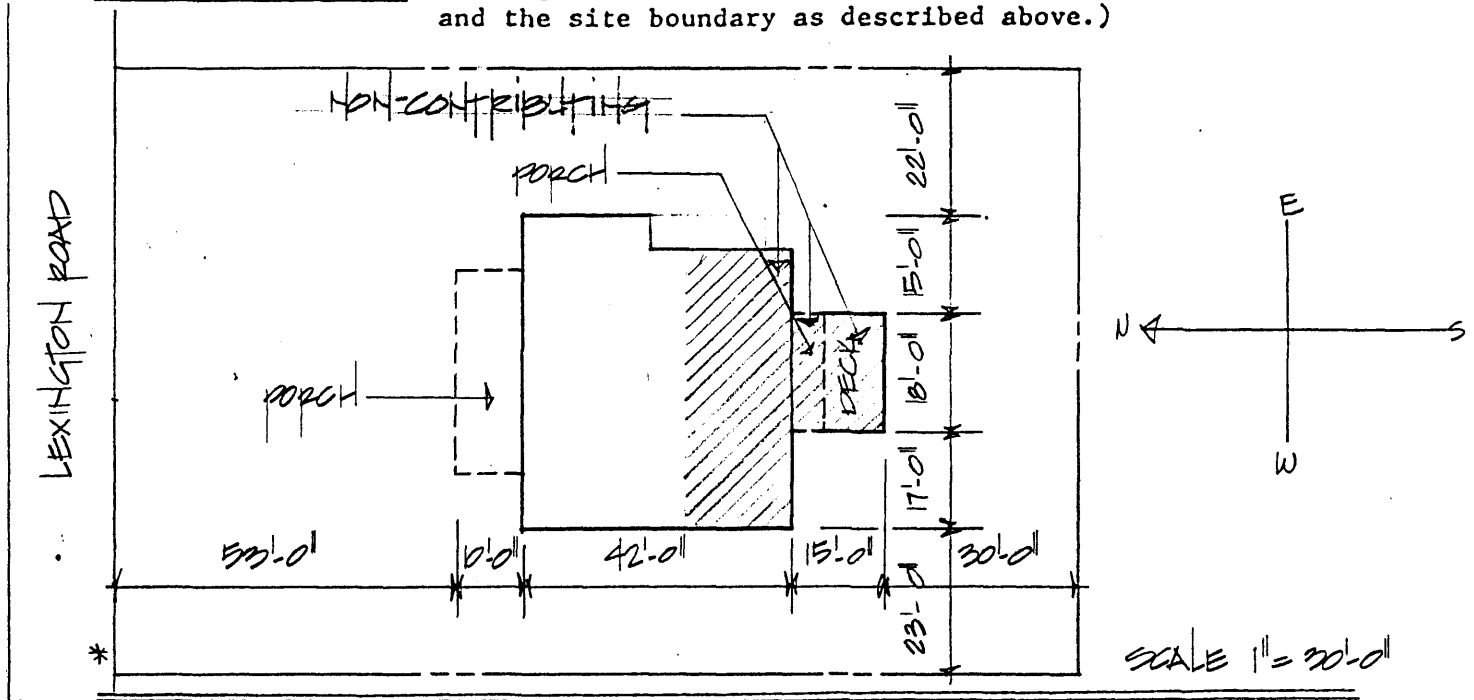
U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTM's if property is ten or more acres.

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

Verbal Boundary Description _____ Acreage .33

From a point of beginning 63 feet north and 50 feet west of the northwest corner of the building; then east 95 feet to a point; then south 150 feet to a point; then west 95 feet to a point; then north 150 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:

Continuation sheet: The Elms (Me-H-18)

Statement of Significance

The Elms is significant under Criterion C for the period ca. 1850 as an example of single-pile, central passage dwelling in which the builder has used elements from the Greek Revival style for ornamentation. It has an entablature over the central doorway and honeysuckle motifs in the window surrounds.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The boundary was chosen to follow the lot lines of the property historically associated with the dwelling. The nominated area contains one contributing building.

14. History

The Elms was built by Issac Hipple in 1845-1847 and was known as the Hipple House throughout the 1850's. Later in the 19th century the house was bought by Mary Garnett Thompson who was the former wife of the Honorable Philip B. Thompson, Jr.. Thompson was an eminent Harrodsburg criminal lawyer who shot and killed Walter H. Davis in 1883 at the Burgin train station. Thompson was acquitted because the jury believed he was upholding the honor of his household after Davis had reportedly taken advantage of Mrs. Thompson during a trip to Cincinnati.

DB 24, p. 413; DB 25, p. 475