

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Site No. CH-H-177

1. Historic Name(s) Christian County Multiple Resource Area Addition: E. H. Higgins House

Original Owner E. H. Higgins

2. Present Name E. H. Higgins House

3. Location 1530 East 7th Street

4. Owner's Name Johnny Higgins

5. Owner's Address same

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23. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75') Hopkinsville G.I.S. Mod.

24. UTM Reference 16 458200 4079840

Zone Easting Northing

25. Coordinate Accuracy

6. Open to Public Yes No

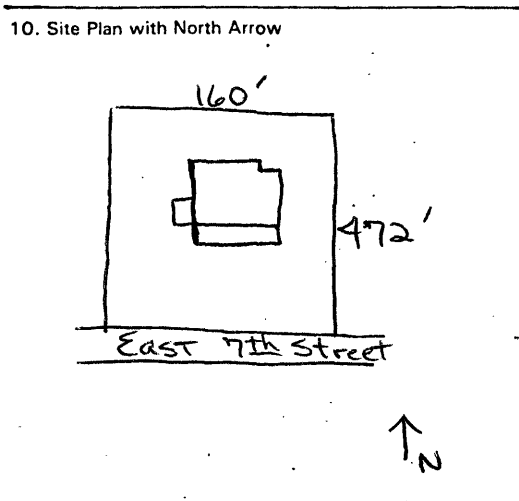
7. Visible from road Yes No

8. Ownership Private Local State Federal

9. Local Contact/Organization Hopkinsville-Christian Pride, Inc.

26. Prehistoric Site Historic Site Building Object Structure Other

27. National Register District Name:



11. Architect unknown

12. Builder

13. Date 1920 A. B.

14. Style A. American B. Four Square

15. Original Use Residence

16. Present use Residence

17. Condition Very Good

28. Significance Evaluation

29. Status National Landmark National Register Landmark Certificate Kentucky Survey Local Landmark HABS/HAER

30. Historic Theme Primary Architecture Secondary Business Other

31. Endangered Yes No

32. Preservation Project Status

Actual Cost in \$1,000s

18. Description
 A fine example of the American Four-square style, this dwelling rises two-and-one-half stories above a stone foundation. Stone lintels and sills, and a one-story enclosed porch, grace the four-bay south facade, while a single, central dormer highlights the hipped roof. A one-story porte-cochere provides shelter on the west facade.
 The simple cubical massing,
 (Continue on Back) (cont.)

No. Stories 2

Single Pile Double Pile NA

Floor Plan

Structural Fabric Brick A. B.

Decorative Fabric Stone A. B.

Roof Form Hip with center dormer

33. ATTACH PHOTO

Roll No. _____
 Picture No. _____
 Direction _____

19. History
 The land on which the Higgins House is now situated once formed part of the Knight family estate.¹ In 1912 E.H. Higgins and his brother, Archie,² bought this site, and eight years later, E.H. completed construction of 1530 East 7th Street. He occupied the residence (cont.)

34. Prepared by: Kit Garrett

20. Significance
 Completed in 1920, the E.H. Higgins House offers a superb contrast to the residences located in the immediate vicinity. It is situated across East (cont.)

35. Organization Pride, Inc.

36. Date 5-27-83

21. Source of Information
Christian County Deed Books.
William T. Turner, City-County Historian.

37. Revision Dates _____ 38. Staff Review _____

The E.H. Higgins House
1530 East 7th Street

Description (cont.)

heavy eaves, and restrained exterior detail of the Higgins House recalls several similar examples of the American Four-Square on East 7th (i.e., the Monroe Dalton House, listed on the National Register in 1983, and the Robert L. Thompson House, pending nomination to the Register.) The interior, however, is far less sumptuous than these earlier residences. For example, the elegant egg-and-dart molding and decorative swags of the Dalton House, which was erected ca. 1906, contrast the more austere, simple lines of their counterparts within the Higgins House. And yet, the quality of design and craftsmanship evident in the door and window moldings-- and the attractive staircase gracing the main hallway--attest to the architectural significance of 1530 East 7th.

History (cont.)

until his death in 1965, and it still remains in the Higgins family today.

Significance (cont.)

East 7th Street from the Queen-Anne style residence (built ca. 1894) of Archie Higgins, the older brother of E.H. Also nearby stand the Greek Revival Knight House (ca. 1835-40) and the late Greek Revival I-house known as the E.W. Walker estate.

The E.H. Higgins House, in contrast to these predecessors, provides an example of the American Four-Square style which became so popular during the early years of the twentieth century. Its integrity of design, materials and setting--and the high-quality workmanship evident in this residence--account for its importance as a significant element in the East 7th Street streetscape.

In addition, 1530 East 7th remains as a lasting testament to the enterprise, ingenuity and personal success of Mr. E.H. Higgins. Beginning his business career as a cigarmaker, Higgins soon opened his first drugstore in downtown Hopkinsville (ca. 1914-15.) In 1920 he opened a second store at the corner of 9th and Main--an establishment which remained this community's finest drugstore until as late as 1956, providing Hopkinsville and the surrounding area with quality service and products for almost four decades.

It was, however, as a wholesale liquor distributor that Higgins amassed his fortune, and his reputation as an entrepreneur and connoisseur of life's finest offerings attests to his significance as a local business figure and personality.

Since the death of E.H. Higgins, 1530 East 7th has remained in the Higgins family, continuing to retain both its architectural integrity and its prominence as a site of historic significance in this community.

1
The Knight House was built ca. 1835-40 and still stands across East 7th from the Higgins House. It is listed on the National Register.

2
Archie Higgins purchased 1531 East 7th Street in 1905, and it is now the home of his daughter, Sarah Higgins Standard. Despite the architectural and historical significance of this residence, the Standards have opposed its nomination to the National Register. The house is situated across East 7th from the E.H. Higgins House.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name The E.H. Higgins House Site # _____

Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title Christian County Multiple Resource Area

U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTMs if property is ten or more acres.

A. _____ D. _____

B. _____ E. _____

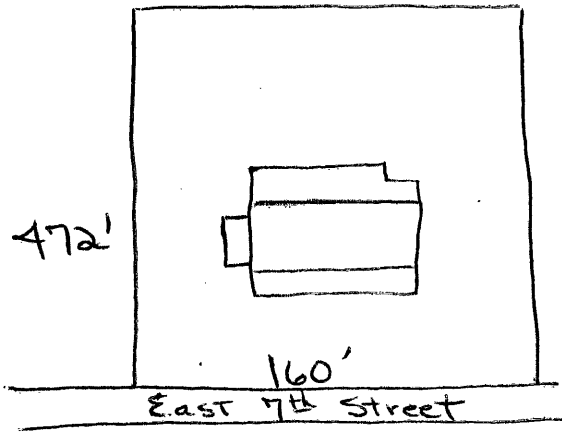
C. _____ F. _____

Verbal Boundary Description Acreage 1.73 acres

This property is located on the north side of East 7th Street with boundaries as follows: beginning at the southwest corner of said lot, the boundary runs 472 feet in a northerly direction; thence east 160 feet; thence south 472 feet to East 7th Street; thence west along East 7th Street 160 feet to the beginning.

These boundaries represent the original plat sold to Archie and E.H. Higgins by Thomas S. Knight in 1912. The property lines remain the same today.

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



Official Courthouse Property Reference:

Christian County Deed Books 409 x 510
274 x 231