



United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name EVANS, THOMAS P., HOUSE
other names/site number MR-T-12

2. Location

street & number 701 North Main Street NA not for publication
city or town Tompkinsville NA vicinity
state Kentucky code KY county Monroe code 171 zip code 42167

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

David L. Morgan 9-18-92
Signature of certifying official/Title David L. Morgan/SHPO Date
Kentucky Heritage Council, the State Historic Preservation Office
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title _____ Date _____
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): _____

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THOMAS P. EVANS HOUSE

Name of Property

Monroe County, KY

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	2	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	2	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Italianate

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Brick

roof Asphalt shingles

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1893

Significant Dates

1893

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

NA

Cultural Affiliation

NA

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Kentucky Heritage Council

THOMAS P. EVANS HOUSE

Monroe County, Kentucky

Name of Property

County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1 acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing
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Zone Easting Northing
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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Robert M. Polsgrove, Historic Sites Program Administrator

organization Kentucky Heritage Council date May, 1992

street & number 677 Comanche Trail telephone 502/564-7005

city or town Frankfort state KY zip code 40601

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Mrs. Cathleen Carter

street & number 701 North Main Street telephone

city or town Tompkinsville state KY zip code 42167-1129

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Monroe County, KY

The Thomas P. Evans House (#MR-T-12) is a two-story, brick, T-plan house built in 1893 and located one block from the courthouse in Tompkinsville, Kentucky. Tompkinsville is the seat of Monroe County which is located near the Tennessee line in Kentucky. This hilly, agricultural region of the state is identified as the Eastern Pennyryle in the State Plan. Two church buildings in Monroe County, the Old Mulkey Meetinghouse, a state historic park, and the Mt. Vernon A.M.E. Church have previously been listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The nominated area is one acre and includes one contributing building.

The Thomas P. Evans House is located on the fringe of Tompkinsville's commercial district. It is sited on a gently sloping hill approximately twenty feet from the street among mature maple trees. The site retains fencing, landscaping and the general feeling of the late 19th century, while the surrounding area is characterized by service stations and 1960s ranch houses.

The Evans House follows the standard T-plan with the projecting block of rooms to the right of the entrance. A one-story frame porch with a balustrade at the second level and a roof supported by bracketed, turned posts covers the entrance and the two bays of the parlor to the left of the entrance. The porch is a recent reconstruction of the original. Paired brackets decorate the eaves and cornice which is returned on the front gable end. On the primary facade, stamped metal hoodmolds cover the double windows in the T at both levels and the door and two individual windows on the second floor. A circular vent opening in the gable is covered by a cast-iron grate.

The other sides of the house are somewhat less ornate. Segmental arches and hoodmolds appear over door and window openings on the side, but hoodmolds are absent from the back. All windows are standard four over four except for double windows in the south wall at both levels. A one-story, brick addition with modern bath and kitchen facilities has been built within the rear el. Since this addition does not extend beyond either block of the house, it is not visible from the main streets.

The interior of the Evans House is distinguished by twelve-foot ceilings, a chairrail on the first floor and late Italianate eared door and window surrounds and baseboards throughout. Local builder J. W. Yokely constructed the somewhat steep stairway and built a tall closet to the right of the parlor fireplace shortly after the house was built. The cast-iron fireplace in the parlor is distinguished by black lacquered finish. All the rooms on the first and second floors are

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ceiled with one-by-four inch, beaded poplar boards, twelve feet above the floor. Most of the floors in the house are 20th century hardwood replacements. The current rehabilitation project has been very sensitive to the distinguishing qualities of the house. All of the distinguishing features described above have been retained. New closets connected by a window seat have been built in the south corners of the downstairs bedrooms. Since the window and door trim and baseboards have been retained, the addition of the closets and window seat have a limited impact on the architectural integrity of the room.

To the rear of the house are two features. One is a six-by-eight foot, frame weather-boarded outbuilding, moved from its original location but has since been associated with the house. The other is a brick garage dating from a few years after the house was built. Neither of these buildings have been evaluated for eligibility on the basis of their historic associations with the Evans house. Because the house is nominated for its architectural values in 1893, these features by definition do not contribute to that appreciation. If appropriate historic contexts are developed and this nomination is amended to include such considerations, these features probably could be viewed to contribute to the main dwelling's historical significance.

The Thomas P. Evans House retains a high level of integrity. The front porch has been accurately restored using historic photographs. The entrance hall, main parlor, and all three bedrooms upstairs remain in their original condition although much of the plaster is new. Only the kitchen has been modernized. Changes to the kitchen plus the addition of a one-story modern service area in the rear do not compromise the historic appearance or feeling of the house.

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Built in 1893, the Thomas P. Evans House (#MR-T-12) is significant under Criterion C during the post-Civil War period in Monroe County, Kentucky. It was the most pretentious house built in the county between the Civil War and World War I and effectively communicates the efforts to adopt popular national styles and to abandon traditional house forms in Monroe County. It is significant within the architectural context, **Monroe County Domestic Architecture, 1800-1940**. This context was developed for this nomination and awaits official acceptance by the State Historic Preservation Office.

Monroe County's domestic architecture favors the use of traditional materials and house forms. Of the more than 300 houses surveyed in the county well over 90 percent were constructed of wood. Of the eight brick houses recorded as having been built in the 19th century, three were from the Settlement Period before 1820. Of the five late-century brick houses which followed national stylistic trends, the Thomas P. Evans House exhibits the most elaborate design.

The Eastern Pennyryle Subregional Cultural Landscape includes eleven counties in south central Kentucky. The region is characterized by relatively unproductive hilly lands with some floodplains along both the Green and Cumberland Rivers which flow through it from east to west. The area was settled late in the 18th century and experienced a slower development during the 19th century than the Bluegrass Region to the north or the Pennyryle Plain Subregion to the west. The region was strongly pro-Union during the Civil War and became a Republican Party stronghold thereafter.

Monroe County is part of a Kentucky region whose traditional culture was anti-slavery and pro-Republican. This region also has the highest percentage of log buildings counted in any region in the state. Metcalfe County, which adjoins Monroe on the north, has the largest number of log buildings recorded in any county. It would be worthy to explore the relationship between the continued use of traditional housing forms well after they had been widely abandoned outside the region, and the region's strong unionist sentiment.

Given the strong commitment to using traditional house forms in the region, the T. P. Evans House takes on greater significance. As a community business leader, Evans was making a commitment to the popular culture of the nation and abandoning the traditional value of Monroe County by building this two-story brick T-plan house.

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Thomas P. Evans was a leader in the Monroe County community in the late 19th century. The house which he built in the early 1890s is an architectural expression of his importance to the community. His father had served as Circuit Court Clerk and County Judge of Monroe County in addition to practicing law for 33 years. After the fire of 1887 which destroyed much of the downtown area, Thomas P. Evans took the lead in rebuilding the town. He developed a large mercantile business specializing in hardware and farm implements. Evans also served as agent for the J. I. Case Threshing Machine Company.

Following Thomas P. Evans' death in 1907, the house has remained in the Evans family. His widow lived there until their daughter Chloe Evans Bradshaw inherited the house and continued to live there until her death in 1979. The house is now owned by Chloe Evans Bradshaw's daughter Kathleen Bradshaw Carter who is restoring the house to its original appearance. Mrs. Carter is the widow of Congressman Tim Lee Carter who served the Fifth Congressional District of Kentucky for sixteen years.

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Kentucky Heritage Council, Monroe County Survey files, prepared by the Western Kentucky University, Department of Geography, under the direction of Dr. Albert Petersen, 1983.

Montell, William Lynwood, Monroe County History 1820-1970, Monroe County Press, 1970.

Verbal Boundary Description

The Thomas P. Evans House includes all of lot # 18-2 from the 1922 Department of Revenue, property-line map for Monroe County. All of the lot including grounds and outbuildings traditionally associated with the Thomas P. Evans House are included within the nominated area.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The boundary has been drawn to include the main residence and the urban lot which is its setting. While this setting is not critical to the architectural significance of the resource, this property's historical significance may be considered in the future, at which time no boundary adjustment will be necessary. Although other nominations of architecturally significant houses include somewhat less acreage for urban sites, the amount of acreage included here appropriately conveys the house as an important visual element of a small Kentucky town.