

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

DEC 16 1987
Resource # GpG-5
Greenup County

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1. Name of Resource:
Kouns-Hoffman House

2. Original Owner:
John C. Kouns

3. Other Names:
Hoffman House

4. Prehistoric Site Building Object
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location:
208 Jefferson Street

6. Owner's Name:
William Keeney [P]

7. Owner's Address:
208 Jefferson Street
Greenup, KY 41144

8. Evaluation: [N]

9. Recognition & Date:
Nat.Landmark Local Landmark
Nat.Register HABS/HAER
Highway Marker KY Inventory Aug. 1976
KY Landmark Certificate

10. N.R.Status & Date:

11. N.R.Group:
District Name: []
Mult.Resource Area: Greenup, Ky. []
Thematic Name: []

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

13. Statement of Significance:
The Kouns-Hoffman House is significant for its association with John C. Kouns who was a tavern owner and was active in both local and state politics as a county sheriff and state senator.
[B]

14. History: John C. Kouns was an officer with the 1st Ky. Regiment and fought under Andrew Jackson in the War of 1812. He married Elizabeth Smith in 1818. He was involved in the following businesses and political offices in Greenup: owner of Kouns House, tavern (1827) ferry keeper on the Ohio River (1857), sheriff of Greenup Co. (1836-7), and state senator (1850-7). Kouns and his wife donated the land for the ME Church in 1845. The Kouns House was later owned by the Hollingsworth and Sands families.

16. Date:
Original Building c. 1850 [6]
Addition []

17. Style:
Greek Revival [31]

18. Architect/Builder:
Unknown

19. No. of Stories: Two [2.0]

20. Original Floor Plan:
Central Passage [CP]

21. Single Pile Double Pile N.A.

22. Roof Form & Material: Original
Gable/ asphalt Not Original

23. Structural Material:
Brick [B]

24. Exterior Material:
Brick / common bond []

25. Foundation Material:
Stone [S]

26. Major Alterations: None
Moved/Rebuilt Other
Additions porch c. 1929

27. Special Features:
None

28. Outbuildings:
Shed (non-contributing) []

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

30. Present Use:
Residence (single family) [01A]

31. Condition:
Good [G]

32. Endangered: Yes
No

33. Attach Photos:
Roll: Photo Nos: No. of Slides:
2 30-34

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: Dorothy Kendall Griffith
Sanborn Insurance Maps; 1898, 1903, 1929
Nina Mitchell Biggs, History of Greenup County, Kentucky

34. Prepared by: H. Powell & D. Griffith

35. Organization: Greenup for Beautification

36. Date: 6/87

37. New Survey Resurvey

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| 38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Quadrant: <u>Greenup</u> | Zone <u>17</u> | Easting <u>340320</u> | Northing <u>4271080</u> | 39. G.I.S. Mod. [] |
| | | | | 40. Coordi.Accuracy [] |

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

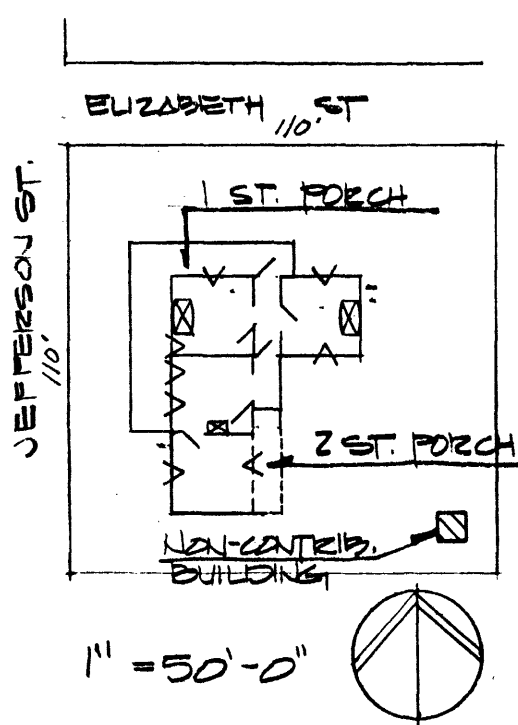
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| A. --- | D. --- |
| B. --- | E. --- |
| C. --- | F. --- |

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: .28

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

Beginning at a point in the southeast corner of the intersection of Elizabeth and Jefferson Streets which is also the NW corner of the lot for 208 Jefferson St.; then east along the south side of Elizabeth St. 110 feet to the NE corner of the lot; then south along the east property line of 208 Jefferson St. to the SE corner 110 feet; then west along the south property line of 208 Jefferson St. 110 feet to the SW corner; then north 110 feet along the east side of Jefferson St. to the NW corner of the lot or the point of beginning.

The boundary contains one contributing building and one non-contributing structure and all of the property associated with the domestic space of the Kouns-Hoffman House.



45. Description and House Plan:

The John C. Kouns House is a two-story, three-bay brick residence. It is one room deep in the main block and has a two-story brick ell. The ell was originally an open gallery along the east side, but the central part has been enclosed. A window on the first floor of the west facade has been changed to a door.

The central entrance is framed by pilasters, three-light sidelights, and a five-light transom. The windows are capped by stone lintels and are 6/6. Brick chimneys are located in the gable ends of the house. There are molded box cornices underneath the eaves with plain frieze boards and returns on the gables.

According to the Sanborn Insurance Maps for Greenup, the Kouns House had a central, single-bay porch until approximately 1929 when the present wrap-around porch was built. A hairpin iron fence defines the north and west boundaries of the yard along Jefferson and Elizabeth Streets.

The porch is one story and curves around to almost cover the north and west facades of the house. The porch roof is supported by Tuscan columns and the railing has matchstick balusters.

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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 87002445 Date Listed: 1/27/88

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| <u>Kouns-Hoffman House (Greenup MRA)</u> | Greenup County | KY |
| Property Name | County | State |

Greenup MRA
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Patrick W. Andrews
✓(Signature of the Keeper

1/27/88
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

The property was nominated for Criterion B, but no corresponding area of significance was selected. In conversation with Bob Polsgrove of KY SHPO (on 1/27/88), Politics was added as an area of significance. This is justified by the nomination form.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)