

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES  
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # MeH-1  
Mercer County

1. Name of Resource: Burford Hill

2. Original Owner: Judge John L. Bridges

3. Other Names: Burford Hill

4. Prehistoric Site  Building  Object  
Historic Site  Structure  Other

5. Location: North extremity of Greenville St.

6. Owner's Name: Mr. and Mrs. Gill Hayslett [ P ]

7. Owner's Address: Warwick Pike  
Harrodsburg, Kentucky 40330

8. Evaluation: [ N ]

9. Recognition & Date:  
Nat. Landmark  Local Landmark   
Nat. Register  HABS/HAER   
Highway Marker  KY Inventory 1970  
KY Landmark Certificate 169

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.

16. Date:  
Original Building ca. 1820 [ 8 ]  
Addition ca. 1970 [ 2 ]

17. Style: Federal [ 21 ]

18. Architect/Builder: Unknown

19. No. of Stories: [ 1.5 ]

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 : Flemish bond [ B ]

25. Foundation Material: Limestone [ S ]

26. Major Alterations: None  
Moved/Rebuilt Other West wing burned  
Additions To rear (north)

27. Special Features: Interior woodwork

28. Outbuildings: None [ ]

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

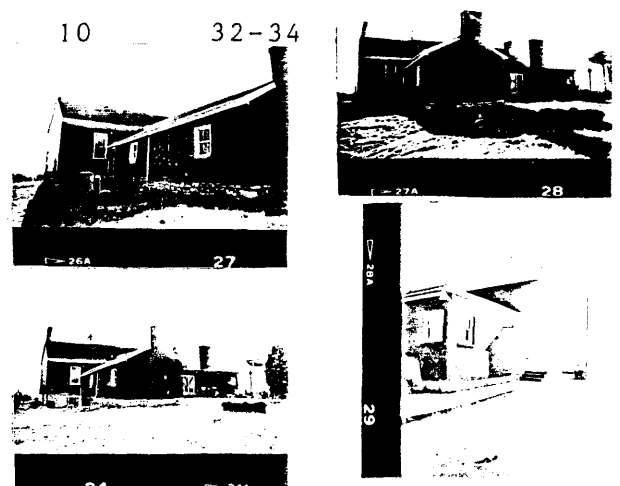
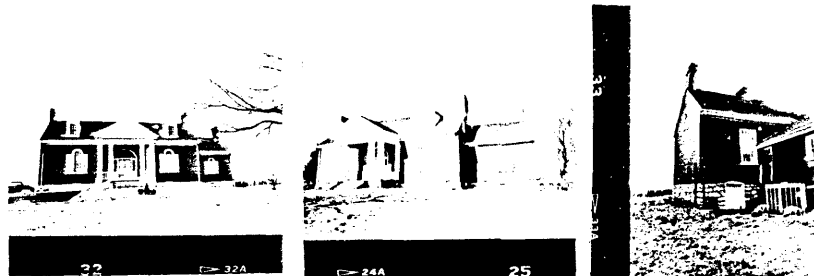
30. Present Use: Single family dwelling [ 01A ]

31. Condition: Good [ 6 ]

32. Endangered: Yes   
No

33. Attach Photos:  
Roll: Photo Nos: No. of Slides:  
5 24-29  
10 32-34

14. History:  
See attached.



15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: KHC Inventory form: Clay Lancaster, 1981. Harrodsburg Herald, bi-centennial edition, June 1974, p. B-11.

34. Prepared by: H. Powell/F. Keightly

35. Organization: Landmark Association

36. Date: 1986

37. New Survey  Resurvey

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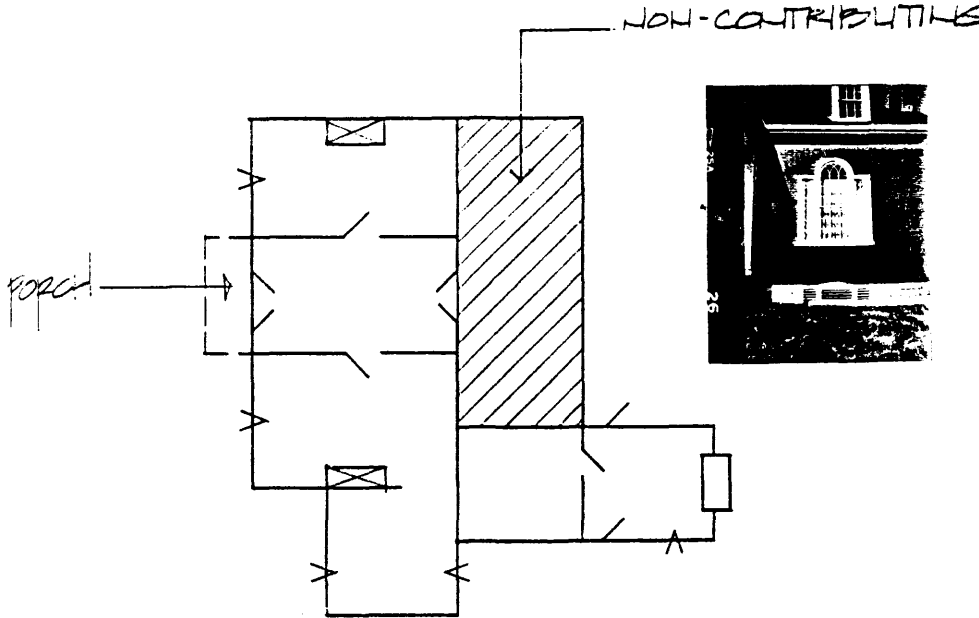
38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone 16 Easting 690190 Northing 4182560 39. G.I.S. Mod. [ ]  
 40. Coordi.Accuracy [ ]  
 Quadrant: Harrodsburg

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:

Burford Hill is a one-and-one-half story brick residence. It is composed of a three-bay center pavillion which was originally flanked on the east and west by one-bay wings. The wing on the west burned and was removed. The front, or south, facade is Flemish bond. Windows have header-stretcher jack arches. All windows on the front facade are Palladian windows. Rear facade windows in central pavillion are also Palladian. Window on the rear facade of the remaining wing is 9 over 9. All window surrounds are reeded with florets in corners. Motif carried out even in woodwork on varmit bars on basement windows. The central entrance has fan and sidelights. The doors are eight-panelled and double leaf. The floor plan consists of a central hallway flanked on either side by one room. The interior and exterior woodwork is attributed to Matthew Lowry. Interior end chimneys have mantels with delicately carved sunbursts. The doorways and window woodwork is reeded. The chairrail in the room on the west side is beaded.

To the rear of the house on the east side is a one-room brick kitchen which still has board and batten doors and expansive fireplace. The kitchen is now joined to the house by a frame passage way. A staircase  
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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT  
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name Burford Hill Site # MeH-1

Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title MERCER COUNTY MRA

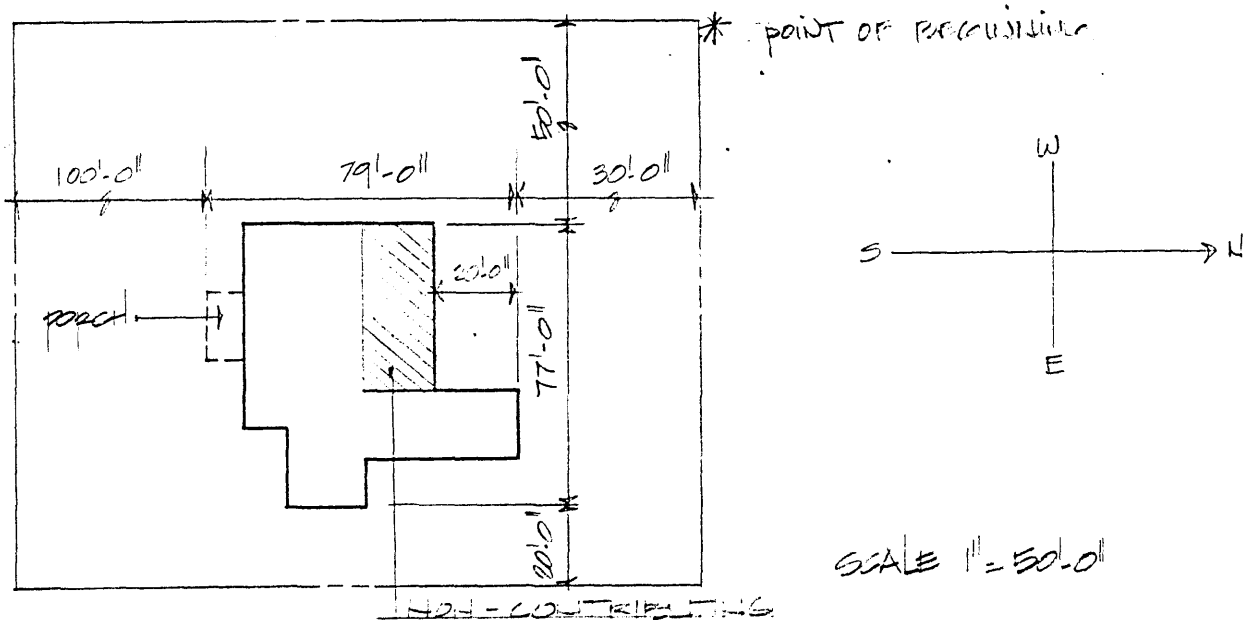
U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTM's if property is ten or more acres.

A. \_\_\_\_\_ D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 B. \_\_\_\_\_ E. \_\_\_\_\_  
 C. \_\_\_\_\_ F. \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal Boundary Description \_\_\_\_\_ Acreage .72

From a point of beginning 50 feet west and 50 feet north of the northwest corner of the building; then east 147 feet to a point; then south 209 feet to a point; then west 147 feet to a point; then north 209 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: Burford Hill (Me-H-1)

Significance Statement

Burford Hill is significant under Criterion C for the period ca. 1820 as an example of how Mercer County builders chose to ornament a single-pile central passage plan with elements from the Federal style such as Flemish bond brickwork, fanlight over the central entrance, reeded window and door frames with rosettes, and beaded chair rail.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The boundary was chosen arbitrarily to preserve the hilltop setting of the house and to exclude the new construction which now surrounds the house. The original lot included more acreage which has been sold to create the cemetery on the southeast and the residential subdivisions on the west.

The nominated area contains one contributing building.

45. Description and House Plan (cont.)

off the rear side of the house leads to two rooms in attic space. The back porch has now been replaced with a modern brick addition as shown in the floor plan. The front porch is a mid-nineteenth century Greek Revival addition. The pedimented roof is supported by pairs of squared wood columns. The foundation of the house is stone.

14. History

The house was built by Judge John L. Bridges, who married a daughter of Gov. John Adair, and who was, for over a third of a century, Judge of the Mercer Circuit Court. He represented Mercer County in the legislature in 1817-1820. After several other owners, the house was sold to Thomas Daniel Burford in 1862 and became known by the name "Burford Hill."