KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

1. **Name of Site:**
   Thomas Metcalf House

2. **Prehistoric Site.**   Building   X   Object
   Historic Site   Structure   Other

3. **Location:**
   6/10 mile south of U.S. 62, 1 1/2
   mile east of KY 617, 2 mi. E of Kentontown, *near Mt Olivet*

4. **ADD/County:**
   Robertson   [101]

5. **Original Owner:**
   Thomas Metcalf

6. **Other Names:**

7. **Owners Name:**
   Mrs. Robert Hendricks

8. **Owners Address:**
   Route #2, Box 72
   Mt.Olivet, Kentucky 41064

9. **Evaluation:**   [   ]

10. **Status & Date:**
    Nat.Landmark   KY Survey
    Nat.Register   Local Landmark
    Landmark Cert.   HABS/HAER

11. **N.R.Group**
    District Name   [   ]
    Mult.Resource Area   [   ]
    Thematic Name   Early Stone Bldgs.   [   ]

12. **Historical Theme:**
    Primary: Architecture   [C]
    Secondary: Thos.Metcalf Home   [V]
    Other: [   ]

13. **Statement of Significance:**

    First Kentucky home of most renowned
    early building contractor (& governor).
    Only stone house in county. Very fine
    mantel.

14. **History:**

    First Kentucky home of Thomas Metcalf,
    Governor of Kentucky 1828-1832, who became
    the most renowned contractor of settlement
    period. (Known houses by him are in
    Nicholas, Bourbon, Jessamine Counties;
    distinguished by dentilled cornices and
    finely executed woodwork. Metcalf's
    later home is Forest Retreat in Nicholas
    County.) C. W.

16. **Date:**
    Ca. 1810   [λ]
         [   ]

17. **Style:**
    Federal   [B]
         [   ]

18. **Architect/Builder:**
    Thomas Metcalf

19. **No.of Stories:**   One   [A]

20. **Original Floor Plan:**
    Center Passage   [I]

21. **Single Pile**   x   **Double Pile**   N.A.

22. **Roof Form & Original Material:**
    Gable

23. **Structural Material:**
    Stone   [B]

24. **Exterior Finish:**
    Vousseaux, Stone   [Q & S]

25. **Foundation Material:**
    Stone   [A]

26. **Major Alterations:** Front Roof Raised
    Moved   Wall Treat.
    Additions   None

27. **Outbuildings:**
    Barn, Smoke House   [2]

28. **Original Use:**
    Residence   [A]

29. **Present Use:**
    Residence

30. **Condition:**
    Good   [B]

31. **Endangered**   Yes ____
                          No   X

31. **Attach Photos**
    Roll: *27*   Photo Nos: *14-23*
    slides also

15. **Source of Historical Information:**

    Brother of Owner, James E. Curtis

33. **Prepared by:**   Carolyn Murray Wooley
34. **Organization:**   Kentucky Heritage Council
35. **Date:**   May 1984

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

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Resource # __RB-6__

__Robertson__ County

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1. **Name of Resource:**
   Thomas Metcalf House
2. **Original Owner:**
   Thomas Metcalf
3. **Other Names:** ___

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4. **Prehistoric Site**   **Building** X   **Object**
   Historic Site   **Structure**   **Other**
5. **Location:** 6/10 mile south of U.S. 61, 1 1/2 mile east of Kentucky 617, two miles east of Kentontown, near Mt. Olivet
6. **Owner's Name:**
   Mrs. Robert Hendricks
      [P]
7. **Owner's Address:**
   Route #2, Box 72
   Mt. Olivet, Kentucky 41064
8. **Evaluation:**   [G]
9. **Recognition & Date:**
   Nat.Landmark _____ Local Landmark _____
   Nat.Register _____ HABS/HAER _____
   Highway Marker _____ KY Inventory __X__
   KY Landmark Certificate
10. **N.R.Status & Date:** _____
11. **N.R.Group:**
    District Name: [ ]
    Mult.Resource Area: [ ]
    Thematic Name: Early Stone Buildings [ ]
12. **Historical Theme:**
    Primary: Architecture   [030]
    Secondary: Home of Governor   [300]
    Other: [ ]
13. **Statement of Significance:**

    First Kentucky home of most renowned early building contractor (and Governor). Only stone house in county. Very fine hand-carved mantel.

       [ ]

14. **History:**
    First Kentucky home of Thomas Metcalf, (Governor of Kentucky 1828-1832), who became the most renowned contractor of settlement period. Known houses by him are in Nicholas, Bourbon, Jessamine Counties; distinguished by dentilled cornices and finely executed woodwork. Metcalf's later home is Forest Retreat in Nicholas County.
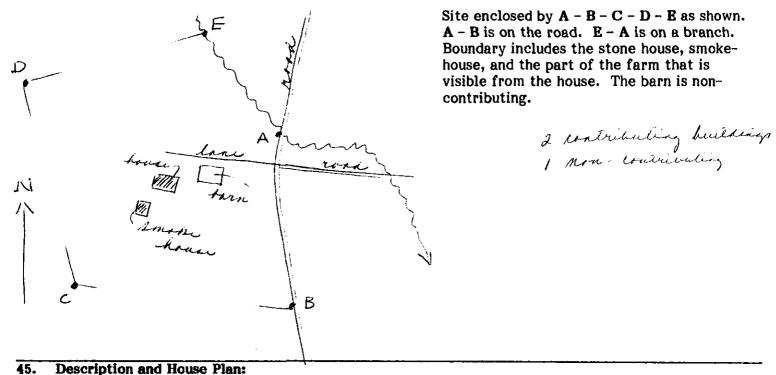
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16. **Date:**
    Original Building C.1810   [9]
    Addition   [ ]
17. **Style:**
    Federal   [21]
       [ ]
18. **Architect/Builder:**
    Thomas Metcalf
19. **No. of Stories:** 1 1/2   [1.5]
20. **Original Floor Plan:**
    Central Passage   [CP]
21. **Single Pile** X **Double Pile**   **N.A.**
22. **Roof Form & Material:**   Original _____
    Gable   Not Original _____
23. **Structural Material:**
    Stone   [S]
24. **Exterior Material:**
    Stone   [S]
25. **Foundation Material:**
    Stone   [S]
26. **Major Alterations:**   None
    Moved/Rebuilt   Other
    Additions   Roof
27. **Special Features:**
28. **Outbuildings:**
    Barn, Smokehouse   [2]
29. **Original Function:**
    Residence   [01A]
30. **Present Use:**
    Residence   [01A]
31. **Condition:**
    Good   [G]
32. **Endangered:**   Yes _____
    No __X__
33. **Attach Photos:**
    Roll: 27   Photo Nos: 14-23   No. of Slides: X

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15. **Source of historical information and/or contact person:** Brother of owner, James E. Curtis.

34. **Prepared by:** Carolyn Murray-Wooley
35. **Organization:** Kentucky Heritage Council
36. **Date:** May 1984
37. **New Survey** __X__   **Resurvey** _____

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38.	UTM Point of Primary Building:	Zone	Easting	Northing	39.	G.I.S. Mod.	[ ]
	Quadrant: Piqua	1 7	7 5 3 5 8 0	4 2 6 4 8 6 0	40.	Coordi.Accuracy	[ ]

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

A.	17	753760	4264950	D.	17	753350 4265010
B.	17	753830	4265260	E.	17	753640 4265170
C.	17	753360	4264625	F.		

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 106   **43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary:** 45

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

Site enclosed by A – B – C – D – E as shown. A – B is on the road. E – A is on a branch. Boundary includes the stone house, smoke-house, and the part of the farm that is visible from the house. The barn is non-contributing.

2 contributing buildings
1 non-contributing

45. Description and House Plan:

One-story, three-bay, center-passage, dry-stone house, Upper Ordovician limestone of mixed color—some gray, some golden. Excellent quality masonry, well bonded, stones squared and coursed, original mortar steeple pointed (some concrete repointing). Exterior chimneys each gable end; square attic windows (now closed in). Exterior frames are covered with boards and front slope of roof was raised to make more headroom upstairs around the turn of century.

House is of singular dimensions—ca. 20 x 50 feet; center passage is very wide—one-third of house. All rooms have been sheathed with box-car siding of Victorian Age, but east room retains original mantel and chair rail. Very fine mantel—5' 2" tall x 6' 10" wide, has fluting dentils and pinwheel center block.