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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Hughes, Daniel H., House

AND/OR COMMON

Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

213 West O'Bannon Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Morganfield

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

1

STATE

Kentucky

CODE

021

COUNTY

Union

CODE

225

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Michael Moore

STREET & NUMBER

213 West O'Bannon Street

CITY, TOWN

Morganfield

VICINITY OF

STATE

Kentucky 42434

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Union County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Morganfield

STATE

Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky

DATE

1978

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located in the town of Morganfield, Union County, in rural northwestern Kentucky is the D. H. Hughes House. The structure is situated on a hill, faces east and overlooks the courthouse and part of the commercial district.

The front section of the Hughes House is a two-story, brick, Italianate T-plan. The projecting facade boasts a semi-octagonal, one-story bay with wrought iron cresting (see photos) and a 20th century porch fills in the angle where the entrance is located. Round arched hood molds with keystones decorate the windows in the projecting "T". Flat lintels top the openings throughout the remainder of the Victorian structure. Double brackets are the only cornice detail. The main entrance is highlighted by leaded glass transom and sidelights (see photos 1 and 2).

When the T-plan was built, it was incorporated with an earlier structure previously located on the site. This structure is a one-story, Federal style house dating from the early 1800s. The two buildings were incorporated back to back. The older house has Flemish bond brickwork and jack arches on the five-bay facade. It was a central hall, single pile structure, with interior end chimneys. The chimneys have been reconstructed and a second story open porch added above (see photos 3 and 4).

All the interior woodwork is Italianate in style. The older section was remodeled in the late 1800s and the door trim updated with the rest of the structure. Simple Victorian ear moldings decorate the doors, some of which have glass transoms with stencilled designs. All the mantelpieces are similar with round arched openings, cartouche elements above, and bow front shelves.

The most impressive feature of the house is the wood graining. All of the flat interior woodwork is hand grained including doors, trim, and baseboards. The older section is grained to look like oak, and one door even contains an animal head design¹ (see photo 6). In the front parlor the graining is very refined and looks like marble.

The present owner is carefully restoring the house to its original condition and is taking special care to preserve the wood graining. The structure is presently surrounded by 20th century houses which have narrowed the original lot to a small front, sides, and back yard. The nominated area includes the lot (86' x 143') under present ownership, with the house situated approximately in the center of the rectangle.

¹Thought by present owner to have been original family crest.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES _____ BUILDER/ARCHITECT _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Composed of two separate buildings incorporated into one, the Daniel H. Hughes house is one of the most architecturally significant structures in Union County. The older section of the house is one of few early residences remaining in the area. Both sections of the house contain exceptional grained woodwork.

Bounded on the north, northwest, and west by the Ohio River, Union County, the fifty-fifth county formed in the state, was taken entirely from the western part of Henderson County in 1811. It was obviously named after the American union of the States. Its chief agricultural products are corn and tobacco and much livestock is also raised there.

Morganfield, the county seat, is located at a junction of Kentucky State Highway Routes 56, 130, and 359, and U. S. Routes 60 and 641, almost in the center of the county. It is approximately seven miles south of the Ohio River at Uniontown. It was surveyed in 1812, named after General Daniel Morgan of Revolutionary War fame, and incorporated on February 22, 1860.

The first owner of this house was Daniel Henry Hughes, Sr., who was born in Springfield, Washington County, Kentucky, on July 17, 1833. He attended college in Danville and graduated with a B.A. degree on June 26, 1852. He then went to Union County, entered the law office of his uncle, Willis G. Hughes, and was admitted to the bar in January, 1855. For many years he was the senior member of the Union County Bar. On December 8, 1855, he married Wright Parker, the daughter of George and Elizabeth (Patrick) Parker. They had seven children, six of whom lived to adulthood to become prominent citizens of Union County.

Daniel H. Hughes became a very successful attorney. He served with his uncle in the law firm of Hughes, Dallam, and Hughes until 1863 when his uncle died. After that he practiced alone until his son, Daniel H. Hughes, Jr., entered his firm except for brief partnerships with John W. Lockett and others. Although his reputation was not earned primarily as a criminal lawyer, he probably defended more clients than any other member of the Union County Bar during his lifetime. He was also well known for his participation in land litigations in the county as well as many noted will cases, one example of which was the famous "Smallwood Will Case." His ability in jury pleading secured him much lucrative work in settling the affairs of corporations and estates. Examples of his clients in this respect were the Madisonville and Shawneetown Straight Line Railroad and the Shotwell Mining Company. He always commanded and received handsome fees for his services and amassed considerable property by his practice.

Hughes' residence in Morganfield has been described as "beautiful for location and in structure, making a pleasant and convenient home." He was a Presbyterian in

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UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Morganfield, Ky.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1, 6 4, 1, 8, 9, 6, 0 4, 1, 7, 0, 9, 2, 0
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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H

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Nominated: lot under present ownership

A rectangular lot measuring 86' x 143' - bounded on the southwest by O'Bannon Street on the other three sides by property lines. 86' dimension is on O'Bannon St. - del. conversation w/

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

George Mills 5/13/80 K60

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Calvin Jones, Historian - Jayne Henderson, Historian

DATE

ORGANIZATION

Kentucky Heritage Commission

STREET & NUMBER

104 Bridge Street

TELEPHONE

(502) 564-3741

CITY OR TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Edward W. Melton

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

3-26-80

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

W. Ray Luce

DATE

5/27/80

ATTEST: *Justin O'Connell*

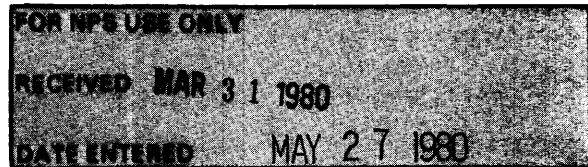
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religion, a member of the Masonic Order, and a Democrat in politics after the Civil War. He never held county offices except for short periods by appointment both as county judge and circuit judge.

He was elected as a member of the Morganfield City Council in 1871. In that office he was elected president of the council, a position he held for many years. On December 6, 1879, under his leadership, the council passed a set of twenty-five laws entitled "Ordinances of the Town of Morganfield." Most of them were customary laws of a municipality but several became more and more curious as the years passed by. One example was that a fine not to exceed \$25.00 could be imposed for discharging firearms--except on January 1, February 22, July 4, and Christmas Day! Another example was a fine not exceeding \$10.00 for shooting little rubber slings. Another ordinance, which was far-sighted for its day, provided for fines from \$2.50 to \$60.00 for selling unwholesome food. One of these laws drew so much criticism that it was later amended. It prohibited hogs from running at large. On the whole, however, the city prospered under the leadership provided by Mr. Hughes and his administration was noted for its progress and good local government.

Mr. Hughes was frequently mentioned for various higher political offices, including Congress, but he preferred to remain in private life and passed his declining years with industry and enthusiasm especially as regarded his settled and lucrative legal practice. He died in Union County sometime prior to 1897.

The Daniel H. Hughes house is an architecturally unique structure. A Federal style house, probably constructed during the early 19th century, was incorporated into a late 19th century Italianate house. The earlier structure is visible from the rear of the more recent house and is one of few Federal style houses extant in Union County.

The hand grained woodwork within the Hughes house is of exceptional quality and craftsmanship.¹ In the earlier section of the house, the woodwork is grained to look like oak. A grained animal head appears on one of the interior doors. The mainparlor in the main part of the house has graining which resembles marble. The woodwork is being carefully preserved by the owner, who is restoring the house.

¹Graining, which is the painting of a woodgrain became popular in America around 1725, and in Kentucky in the early 1800s. Because it has been so frequently painted over, good examples of graining are rare in Kentucky.

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