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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # ME-H-42
Mercer County

1. Name of Resource:
Mercer Co. Jailer's Residence

2. Original Owner:
Mercer County

3. Other Names:
Mercer Co. Jail

4. Prehistoric Site Building Object
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location:
320 South Chiles Street

6. Owner's Name:
F.C. James/Judge Executive [L]

7. Owner's Address:
Mercer Co. Courthouse
Harrodsburg, KY 40330

8. Evaluation: [N]

9. Recognition & Date:
Nat.Landmark Local Landmark
Nat.Register HABS/HAER
Highway Marker KY Inventory 1978, 1981
KY Landmark Certificate

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: Politics/ Government [250]
Other: []

13. Statement of Significance:
See Attached.

16. Date:
Original Building 1827-1833 [7]
Addition 1877 [5]

17. Style:
Federal [21]
Italianate [42]

18. Architect/Builder:
unknown

19. No. of Stories: two [2.0]

20. Original Floor Plan:
Central Hall [CP]

21. Single Pile Double Pile N.A.

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

23. Structural Material:
brick [B]

24. Exterior Material:
brick [B]

25. Foundation Material:
stone [S]

26. Major Alterations: None
Moved/Rebuilt Other
Additions

27. Special Features:
none

28. Outbuildings:
none []

29. Original Function:
Jailer's residence [01A]

30. Present Use:
Commercial [02A]

31. Condition:
fair [F]

32. Endangered: Yes
No

14. History:
The Jailer's residence was under construction from 1827 to 1833. It replaced an earlier stone structure.



33. Attach Photos:
Roll: Photo Nos: No. of Slides:
9 10-15

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person:
KHC Inventory 1981: Clay Lancaster Chinn & Conover, Through 200 Years

34. Prepared by: F. Keightley & H. Powell
35. Organization: Har./Mer. Landmark Assoc.
36. Date: 1986
37. New Survey Resurvey

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. []
 Quadrant: Harrodsburg 16 689840 4181140 40. Coordi.Accuracy []

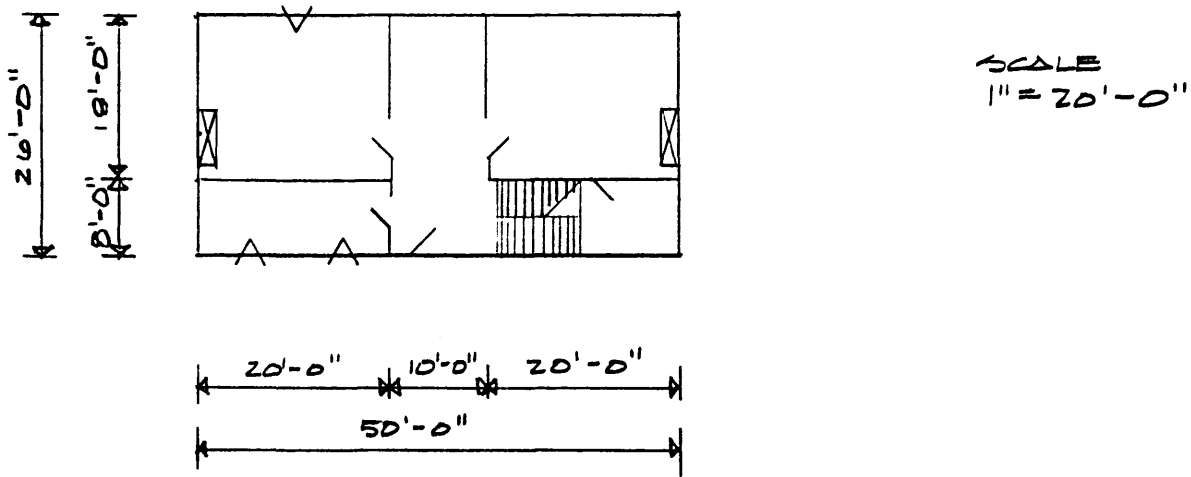
41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):

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):

see attached.



45. Description and House Plan:

The Mercer County Jailer's residence is a two-story, five bay structure. The windows have a stone lintel across the top. A central doorway opens onto a central passage plan which now has two rooms of unequal size. The original plan probably allowed for cells in front. The chimneys are on the gable ends and protrude slightly. Brick on the front facade is laid in a flemish bond. To the rear or west is a two story jail built in 1877. The jail block has under gone extensive modifications through the decades to comply with state regulations.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name Mercer Co. Jailer's Residence Site # MeH-42

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. _____

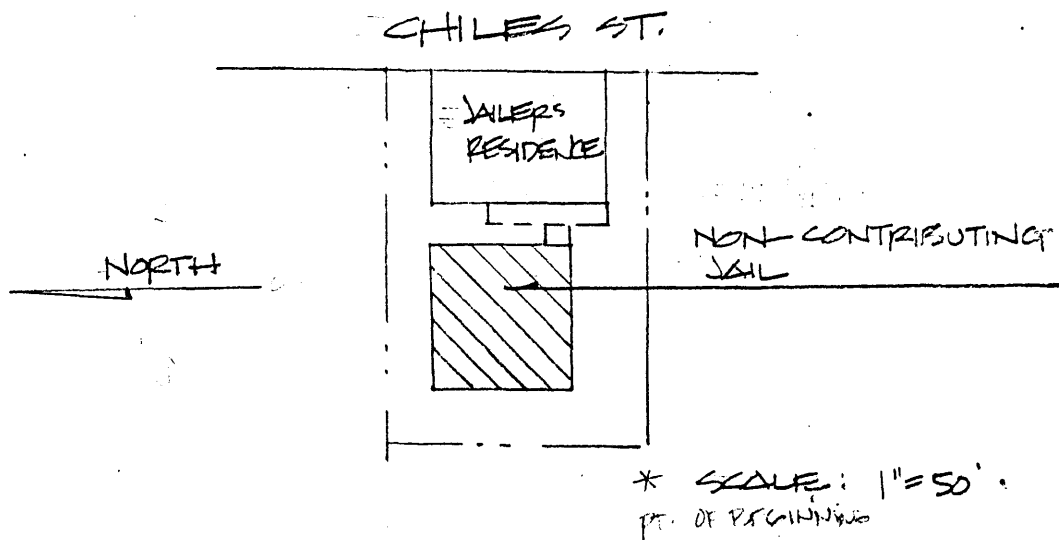
C. _____ F. _____

Verbal Boundary Description

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From the northeast corner of the jail, the point of beginning is 10 feet north in the west right of way of Chiles Street. Then from the point of beginning south 70 feet with the west right of way of Chiles Street; then west 100 feet to a point; then north 70 feet to a point; then east 100 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: Mercer County Jailer's Residence (Me-H-42)

Statement of Significance

The Mercer County Jailer's residence is significant under Criterion C for the period from 1827 to 1833 as an example of how elements such as from the Federal style such as Flemish bond brickwork and elements from the Greek Revival style such as the flat lintels over the windows were combined on a double-pile central passage house.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The boundary was chosen to follow the property lines of the lot historically associated with the jailer's house.

The nominated area contains one contributing building.