

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

The Brick Inn (Canton Hotel)

AND/OR COMMON

The Canton Hotel

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

off KY 80

CITY, TOWN

Canton

— VICINITY OF

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Kentucky

CODE
021

COUNTY
Trigg

CODE
221

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. Willis White Jones

STREET & NUMBER

105 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Cadiz

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Kentucky

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Trigg County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Cadiz

STATE

Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky

DATE

1971

— FEDERAL STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Canton Hotel is situated on the eastern shore of Lake Barkely, formerly the Cumberland River, in Canton, Kentucky. With a population of 125, Canton is ten miles west of Cadiz, the seat of southwestern Trigg County. The hotel is approximately 300 feet from the shore and focuses towards both the water and the road leading from U.S. 68 to the lake.

Constructed ca. 1819, the hotel is a two-story, five-bay brick building with the south and west walls laid in Flemish bond (see photos 1 & 2). Splayed jack arches are employed above all openings and nine-over-six pane sash windows pierce the south, west and north elevations. The main entrance (see photo 3) on the south is centered in the facade, and there are two secondary entrances leading into each of the south rooms, while doors on the west side give access to the northwest and southwest rooms. A two-story frame ell originally extended from the north (see photo 4) but was removed in the 1930s. The roof, altered to accomodate the turn-of-the-century porch which wraps around the south and west facades, is hipped on the west and gabled on the east end. Both the porch and roof are in need of repair. The site slopes toward the lake allowing for a deep stone cellar beneath the building.

Overall, the central-passage, double-pile plan and detailing reflect the 1819 period with a majority of the Federal door and window trim and mantles remaining intact (see photo 5) especially on the second floor. Corner stairs with winders are located at the rear of the hall, while a bathroom has been added beneath the landing (see photo 6). In the west rooms, the mantles are centered on the interior wall to facilitate the openings in the west elevation, and these and the baseboard reveal Greek Revival influence. A late nineteenth century mantle and grate replace the original fireplace treatment in the south-east room (see photo 7). A board-and-batten door remains in the northwest room. On the second floor, beaded board partitions have been added, but the original woodwork remains (see photo 8). Floors throughout the building are pine.

The nominated acreage has been determined so as to encompass the hotel, the ruins of a stone smokehouse, and the immediate yard area around the building which compose the physical setting.

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	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES ca1819 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Brick Inn, or the Canton Hotel, the name by which it is most commonly known, was especially noteworthy historically during the early years after its construction in 1819 because its strategic location on the Cumberland River made it a popular lodging place for many important and well-known people as well as serving as an early trade center. It was constructed by Abraham Boyd, one of the area's most prominent public figures. Just as its location on the Cumberland River ensured that the Canton Hotel would play a major role in the development of Canton and Trigg County, the proximity to Nashville and the consequent accessibility to current architectural trends most likely influenced the application of the Federal style in this otherwise remote section of the state. The proportions, massing, and attention to detail render this structure an equal to other Federal buildings in more populated regions of Kentucky, while its location and early date of construction make it especially noteworthy for Trigg County.

Among the more distinguished visitors to stop at the hotel was the French General Marquis de Lafayette; an American president, James K. Polk (1845-1849) who once vacationed there with the son of the hotel's founder, Linn Boyd; and Jenny Lind, the famous "Swedish Nightingale," who once entertained at the old inn.

Abraham Boyd, who built the inn in 1819, was one of the most important early settlers of this area of Kentucky. Originally from North Carolina, he had lived in Nashville, Tennessee, for several years before he came to the Cumberland River in 1799. He founded a settlement at Boyd's Landing, which later became known as Canton. He erected a mill at the landing shortly after his arrival and operated it for approximately twenty years. He also constructed a cotton gin there and did a thriving business. Boyd's Landing achieved considerable prominence as a shipping point. Until the railroad entered the Clarksville area, more tobacco was shipped from Boyd's Landing than from any other point on the Cumberland River.

Boyd has been described as a "man of remarkably fine intellect" who was "for that day a man of considerable culture." In addition to being a "man of very thorough business training," Boyd was also an important political figure. He has even been called the "founder of Trigg County" because of his successful efforts toward getting the new county established by the Kentucky General Assembly in 1820. While the Trigg County area was still a part of Christian County, Boyd represented Christian County in the state House of Representatives in 1810, 1811, and 1819. When the new county was formed in 1820 he was appointed the presiding justice of the peace by the Governor, Gabriel Slaughter, and also served as one of the county commissioners to supervise the construction of the courthouse in 1821. He previously supervised the construction of the jail in 1820 and during 1818-1819 served as a commissioner to supervise the building of a bridge. In 1822 he attempted to have the county seat

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Perrin, William Henry, ed., Counties of Christian and Trigg, Kentucky. Historical and Biographical. Chicago and Louisville: F.A. Battey Publishing Company., 1884.

UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approximately 3/4 acre.

QUADRANGLE NAME Canton, Kentucky

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 16 413630 4073110
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

A rectangular lot approximately 100' x 150'.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Calvin P. Jones, Historian; Charlotte Schneider, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Kentucky Heritage Commission

DATE

November 1979

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. Younton

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

12-19-79

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

W. Ray Luce
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
 ATTEST: *Kristin O'Connell*
 CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION

DATE

4/10/80

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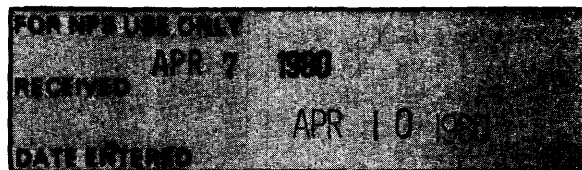
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moved from Cadiz to Canton but was unsuccessful. He was again elected to the state legislature in 1827-28.

Boyd has been described as the superior of his son, Linn Boyd, as a political campaigner and speaker although his son later surpassed him in national political notoriety. He served as Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives for several terms, and was elected Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky in 1859 but died shortly thereafter.

The old hotel ceased its operations during the 1930s but is still utilized today as a dwelling place and private residence.

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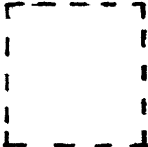
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ADDENDUM

Verbal Boundary Description:

The boundary of the Canton Hotel nomination is shown as the red line on the accompanying Trigg County Property Identification Map, map#5, parcel 12.

BRICK INN
CANTON HOTEL
CANTON, KENTUCKY
SKETCH PLAN - NOT TO SCALE


Ruins of
Smokehouse

