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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

and
Cadiz Masonic Lodge No. 121 F. & A.M.

AND/OR COMMON

Cadiz Masonic Lodge No. 121 F. & A.M.

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Jefferson and Monroe Streets

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Cadiz

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

VICINITY OF

STATE

Kentucky

CODE
021

COUNTY
Trigg

CODE
221

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Masonic Lodge

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Trigg County Fiscal Court ✓

STREET & NUMBER

Trigg County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Cadiz

VICINITY OF

STATE

Kentucky

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the County Court Clerk

STREET & NUMBER

Trigg County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Cadiz

STATE

Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky

DATE

1978 Supplement

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 Cadiz Masonic Lodge is located on the northwest corner of Jefferson and Monroe Streets in Cadiz, Kentucky. Cadiz is the seat of government for Trigg County, and the Lodge is situated north of the county courthouse, facing the rear of that structure. Cadiz, with a population of approximately 2000, is on the eastern shore of Lake Barkley, one of the two man-made lakes in the western portion of the state.

Constructed ca. 1854, the Masonic Lodge is a rectangular, two-story, brick structure resting on a coursed ashlar, stone foundation. The gabled facade contains four-panel double doors surmounted by a seven-pane transom (see photo 1). Above the entrance is a narrow, double window capped with a heavy lintel like that over the door. A small, rectangular air vent pierces the gable peak. The slightly projecting cornice and the frieze board display simple, wooden brackets. Plain brick pilaster strips flank the door and window openings and visually strengthen the corners of the building.

The structure is four bays deep with the side bays being separated by pilaster strips matching those of the facade (see photo 2). The sloping site exposes the deep basement, the windows of which have been filled with stone. Most of the original window lights in the upper stories appear to have been replaced with larger panes; however, the three northern bays on the first floor of the east wall appear to contain the original panes. All windows have jack arches.

A small, brick chimney rises from the north gable end, and a shingle roof currently covers the building. Although the brickwork is in need of repair in places around the door and window openings, the Lodge has generally been well maintained.

The structure has been in continuous use since its erection, with the second floor serving as a meeting place for the local Mason and Eastern Star chapters. The lower floor has been utilized as a church, printing office, and currently as a community center for the elderly. As a result of the building's varied uses, the interior has been subsequently adapted to meet the existing function of the structure. At present the lower floor consists of a kitchen and the necessary facilities to administer to the area's senior citizens.

The nominated acreage encompasses the corner lot on which the building stands.

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	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<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 ca. 1854 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The oldest surviving building in the city of Cadiz, county seat of Trigg County, is the Masonic Lodge Hall, constructed ca. 1854. Built for use as a Christian Church as well as a Masonic Lodge, it has also been utilized as a community center through the years and is regarded as a local landmark by area citizens.

Trigg County, established in 1820, is located in southwestern Kentucky on the Kentucky-Tennessee border. Cadiz was settled in the early 1800s, but was not incorporated until 1822 (Collins, II, p. 730). The county is perhaps best known for the recreational resources offered by Lake Barkley, which occupies a considerable land area in the eastern section of the county. Like many counties in the western section of the Commonwealth, few historic resources remain.

The history of the Masonic Lodge dates to 1841, when the lodge was chartered in Cadiz, under the names of "Cadiz Masonic Lodge No. 121, F. & A.M." The society held meetings at different houses until 1850. During the years 1850-1854 a large and commodious hall was built in connection with the Christian Church of Cadiz, the Masons occupying the upper story. Both shared in the cost of construction.

The Lodge evidently was strong in its early years, but by the end of the nineteenth century, one of the Masonic orders which met there, the Swigert Chapter No. 40 of Royal Arch Masons, became defunct, and by agreement of record dated October 31, 1900, Cadiz Lodge No. 121 F. & A.M. bought all rights of the defunct chapter by a payment in the amount of \$165.00 to the Grand Chapter of Kentucky Royal and Arch Masons. In the summer of 1978, title to this building was conveyed to the Trigg County Fiscal Court. The first floor is presently used as a community center for senior citizens.

Through the years this building has served as the meeting place for the community. It has been in continuous use as the residence of the Eastern Star and Masonic Lodge in the upper story. During the Great Flood of 1937 it was used as a center for flood relief. During the Civil War, in December, 1864, it was used as a prison for Federal soldiers captured by the forces of General H.B. Lyon, C.S.A., when he burned the adjacent courthouse. These soldiers were placed in the Lodge building and were held there for several months. Considerable damage was done to the interior of the building during this period.

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Throughout its existence, the old Lodge building has had among its members men of prominence. Among these were Henry Burnett, long a member of the United States House of Representatives and during the Civil War a member of the Senate of the Confederate States of America; Collins D. Bradley and Thomas C. Dabney, both Circuit Judges of this district when it contained many more counties than it does now; and Henry R. Lawrence, a Speaker of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of Kentucky and a member of the Board of Prison Commissioners. The Lodge has also provided two Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, viz., Marcus M. Tyler in 1854-1855 and John R. Vinson, Jr., in 1960-1961.

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Verbal Boundary Description--

fronts 52 feet on Jefferson Street and is 104 feet deep.