

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # 171
Madison County

1. Name of Resource: Simmons House

2. Original Owner: James Maxwell

3. Other Names: Simmons House

4. Prehistoric Site Building X Object
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location: Arbuckle Lane off 1295

6. Owner's Name: Mrs. William W. Park [P]

7. Owner's Address: Curtis Pike
Richmond, KY 40475

8. Evaluation: [N]

9. Recognition & Date:
Nat.Landmark _____ Local Landmark _____
Nat.Register _____ HABS/HAER _____
Highway Marker _____ KY Inventory 1980
KY Landmark Certificate

10. N.R.Status & Date:

11. N.R.Group:
District Name: []
Mult.Resource Area: Madison Co. []
Thematic Name: []

12. Historical Theme:
Primary: Architecture [030]
Secondary: Tobacco [01T]
Other: Politics [250]

13. Statement of Significance:
See attached.

16. Date: Circa 1832
Original Building [8]
Addition []

17. Style: []
Greek Revival [31]

18. Architect/Builder: Unknown

19. No. of Stories: [2.0]

20. Original Floor Plan: Central Passage [CP]

21. Single Pile X Double Pile N.A.

22. Roof Form & Material: Original _____
Gable/Metal Not Original _____

23. Structural Material: Frame []

24. Exterior Material: []
Weatherboard [W]

25. Foundation Material: Stone [S]

26. Major Alterations: None X
Moved/Rebuilt Other

27. Special Features: none

28. Outbuildings: []
none

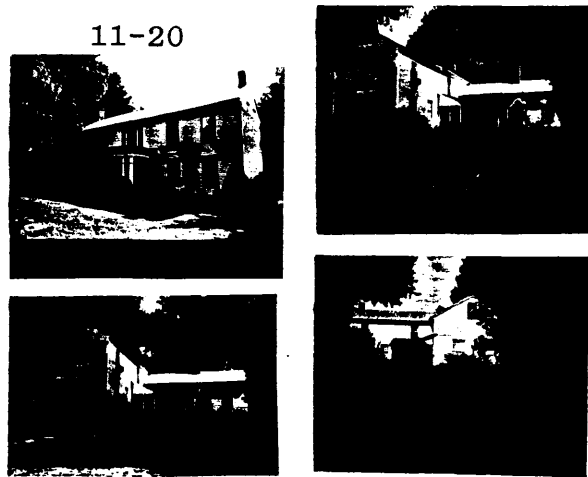
29. Original Function: Single Dwelling [01A]

30. Present Use: Single Dwelling []

31. Condition: Good [G]

32. Endangered: Yes _____
No [X]

33. Attach Photos:
Roll: Photo Nos: No. of Slides:
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14. History:
According to local tradition, Blackwell Carr, a slave, built the house for James and Elizabeth Maxwell. They had bought the land in 1832 from Stephen Goggins. the land itself had been part of Christopher Irvine's west presumption. Josiah P. Simmons purchased the house in 1850 as he amassed land along Silver Creek. by the late 19th century, Simmons had one of the largest tobacco warehouses in the county. He also served as sheriff and in stories dealing with Cassius Clay's person:
DAR Records: Townsend Room
Deed Research: Madison County Courthouse

34. Prepared by: S. Willis & H. Powell

35. Organization: Madison Co. Hist. Society

36. Date: 1985

37. New Survey _____ Resurvey [X]

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. []
Quadrant: Kirksville 16 730420 4174140 40. Coordi.Accuracy []

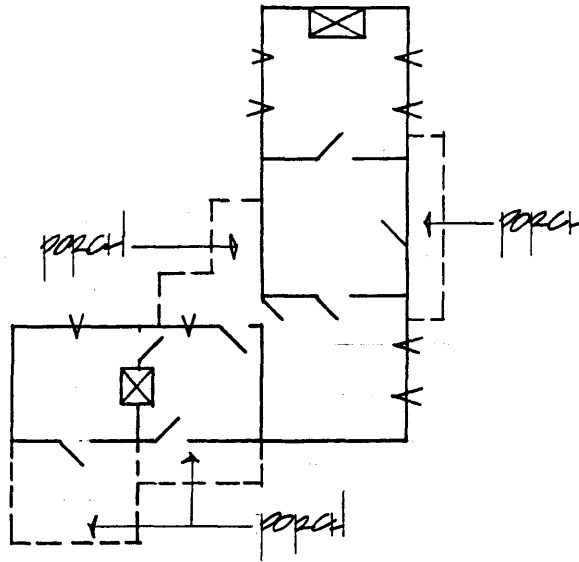
41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):

A. ---
B. ---
C. ---
D. ---
E. ---
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:

Two story five bay frame weatherboarded structure with interior end brick chimneys. Windows are 6 over 6. Front block of house is central passage plan. The central window on the second floor has pilasters and sidelights. The central doorway on the first floor is double leaf with a transom and sidelights. One bay, one story porch has paired square posts and wide entablature under flat roof. Entire structure has a stone foundation. One story frame ell to the rear or east side. The interior woodwork is black walnut. Floors are ash. The door moldings are designed in a dogear pattern.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name Simmons House Site # Ma 171
Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title MULTIPLE RESOURCES OF MADISON COUNTY, KENTUCKY

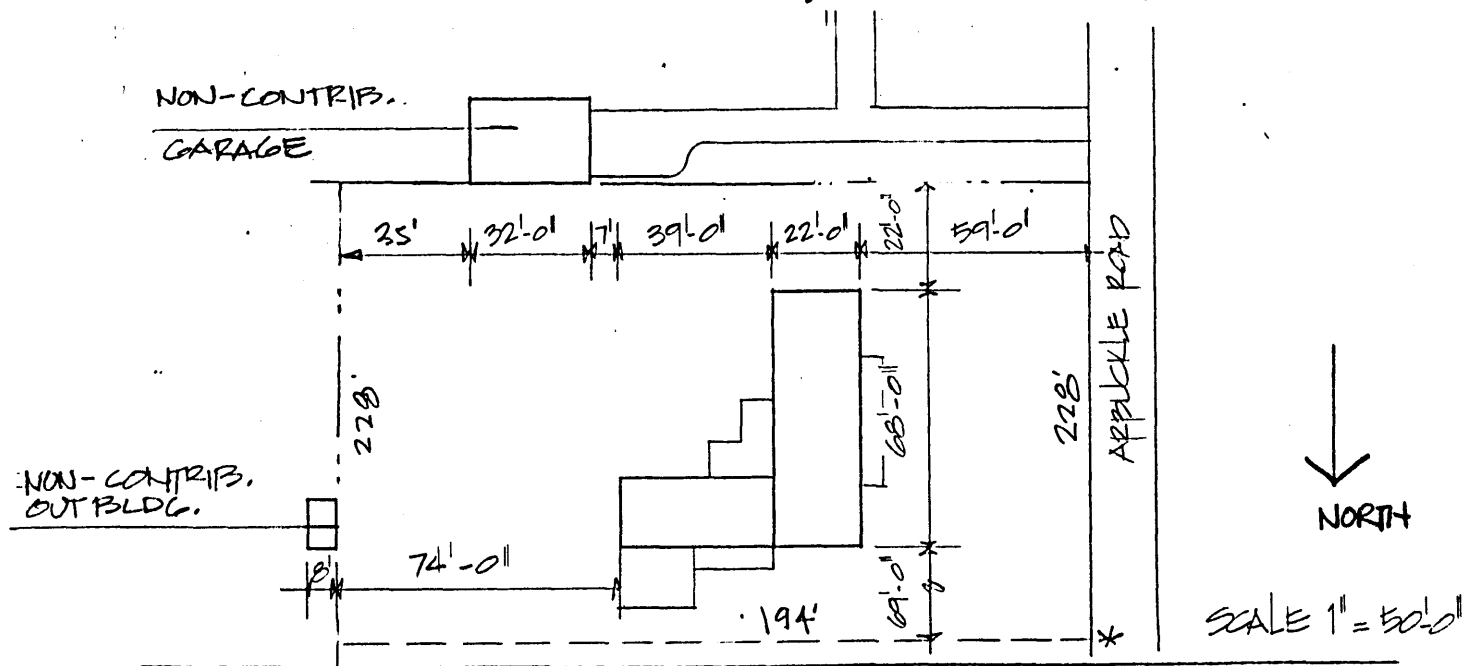
U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTMs if property is ten or more acres.

A. _____ D. _____
B. _____ E. _____
C. _____ F. _____

Verbal Boundary Description _____ Acreage 1

From a point in the east right of way of Arbuckle Road; then east 194 feet to a point; then south 228 feet to a point; then west 194 feet to a point; then north 228 feet to the point of beginning. The point of beginning is 59 feet west and 69 feet north of the northwest corner of the building.

Sketch of Site Plan (Showing outbuildings, structures, landscape features and the site boundary as described above.)



Official Courthouse Property Reference:

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Simmons House

Statement of Significance

The Simmons House is significant under criterion C for circa 1832 as an example of the Greek Revival style in Madison County with its single story, single-bay flat-roofed porch, and three part window applied to a single-pile, central passage plan.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The boundary was chosen arbitrarily to preserve the house's setback from the road (Arbuckle Road) and to provide a minimal setting for the house. The road forms the western boundary. The boundary excludes the non-contributing garage on the south.

The boundary contains one contributing building.