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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name The Dorsey, Thomas A., Farmhouse

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 416 High Street

not for publication

city, town Carlisle

vicinity

state Kentucky

code KY

county Nicholas

code 181

zip code 40208

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>-0-</u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>-0-</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register -0-

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official David L. Morgan, State Historic Preservation Officer
Kentucky Heritage Council

Date 8-25-89

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.
- See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

Alvord Dye entered in the National Register

9/28/89

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Multiple dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)Mid-19th Century

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stonewalls Brick

roof Asphaltother Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The large brick Dorsey, Thomas A., Farmhouse at 426 High Street occupies an imposing site on a bluff above the southeast section of Carlisle. The two-story red brick Italianate dwelling is situated on a large lot facing north. East Main Street, two streets directly below High Street, is clearly visible from the front porch of the house. This house is centrally placed within "Dorsey's Addition" to Carlisle.

The T-plan house is composed of four bays on the main facade and a simple wood frame porch situated in the ell. The first story of the four bay main facade is composed of a wood and glass door, and three evenly spaced one-over-one double hung sash windows in the remaining bays. Four, one-over-one double hung sash windows are evenly spaced across the main facade on the second story. Plain stone lintels and lug sills, painted white, complement the windows of the house.

The cross-gabled roof has returned eaves. The house has four interior chimneys. The roofline is void of any brackets, typical of Italianate decoration. A fixed "cloverleaf" specialty window is placed in the gable peak on the main facade, and is repeated in the gable on the rear of the house, and in the gable on the east facade.

The west facade is three bays deep with three evenly spaced one-over-one double hung sash windows on both the first and second stories. Three evenly spaced windows rest in the stone foundation of the house with unpainted stone lintels.

The east facade of the house is one bay deep with one centrally placed one-over-one double hung sash window on each story. A one-story addition to the rear of the house is visible. The east facade of the addition is composed of a centrally placed door, flanked by paired one-over-one double hung sash windows.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Commerce
Community Development and Planning

Period of Significance

1855-1873
1867-1873

Significant Dates

1855-1868
1867

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

Thomas A. Dorsey

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Dorsey, Thomas A., Farmhouse at 416 High Street, constructed circa 1855-1860, is eligible for National Register listing under Criterion B for its association with a significant local person. The house was built for Dorsey (1828-1903) and his new wife Margaret "Maggie" Dorsey. Dorsey began his adult life as a farmer, but went on to become a prominent businessman in Carlisle. His most significant contribution to the city was development of "Dorsey's Addition", the first addition to the original plat of Carlisle. The Dorsey Farmhouse is one of two houses in the "Dorsey's Addition" known to have been inhabited by Dorsey and his family. Although a lumber merchant, both of the homes are of brick construction. This home is the earlier of the two. The other, located at 211 Spring Street, was built circa 1868-1873.

Dorsey's interests changed from farming to business circa 1860, when he opened a lumber company and became a builder.1 This shift of business interests from farming to building marks the beginning of the period of significance for the house. Dorsey realized that the building needs of Carlisle were changing due to the new Carlisle and Sharpsburg Turnpike, now State Route 36, recently finished in 1860 on the new Main Street of town. An increase of traffic from the new road brought a need for lumber and men to build the growing city. The population of Carlisle increased from approximately 600 citizens in 1860 to approximately 1500 citizens by 1877.2 Dorsey saw a business opportunity and took advantage of it.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Kentucky Heritage Council

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

A

1	6	7	6	0	3	2	0	4	2	4	4	2	4	0
Zone				Easting				Northing						

B

Zone				Easting				Northing						

C

Zone				Easting				Northing						

D

Zone				Easting				Northing						

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Carlisle, KY. Quad

Verbal Boundary Description

Refer to Map for the boundary description.

The nominated area includes the property on which the house sits and an additional 10-foot perimeter surrounding the house.

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Boundary Justification

The nominated area includes the property the house sits on plus a ten-foot perimeter around the house. No outbuildings are associated with the site, and since the division of farmland surrounding the house in 1867, the property has been identified as a town residence.

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The south, rear facade of the house contains a one story frame addition with aluminum siding and a hipped roof resting in the ell. The south facade of the addition is composed of a door in the westernmost end with a stone stoop, and eight small one-over-one double hung sash windows. A vent and one, one-over-one double hung sash window occupy the easternmost bays of the second story. The westernmost bay of the south facade is composed of one centrally placed one-over-one double hung sash window on each story.

Project budget and deadlines precluded interior investigations of the house. No outbuildings are associated with the house.

The house maintains the integrity present during its period of significance. Window and door openings remain unchanged, and the one-story frame addition on the rear of the house is reversible.

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In 1867, Thomas Dorsey and his wife Maggie, bought two lots on the east side of Carlisle for \$1500.00, today thought to be adjacent to his farmland.³ Dorsey's plans for the land soon became evident when he platted his farm of 75 acres, and the recently acquired land, and developed it into the "Dorsey's Addition" of Carlisle. He erected houses on some lots and sold some lots unimproved.⁴ It seems probable that Dorsey was clearing the land of timber and then selling the recently cleared land for housing development. The "Lumber Yard Lot" on Dorsey Avenue was finally sold in 1890 to John R. Connelly, probably marking the end of wood harvesting in the addition.⁵ In 1868 Dorsey joined a contracting firm in Carlisle which held the contract for the Kentucky Central Railroad, from the Licking River to Paris. Dorsey worked on the job, which was finished in 1871. The same firm also built the Parks Ferry Mill on the northeast side of Carlisle, where Dorsey served as the Mill Superintendent.⁶ Three building and loan firms were involved in the development of houses in "Dorsey's Addition". Dorsey himself owned ten percent of the shares in the United States Building and Loan.⁷ The Nicholas County Building and Loan and the Carlisle Building and Loan were also involved in buying land and building houses in the new addition.⁸

The Dorsey's sold the house in 1873 to S.G. Rogers, who was living in the house at the time of the sale. This transaction ends the period of significance of the house. Rogers lost the house in 1909 when it was sold by City Commissioner, H.C. Kimbrough as a court action. The house changed hands several times over the next decades. The house has been used as rental property since circa 1967.

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ENDNOTES

1

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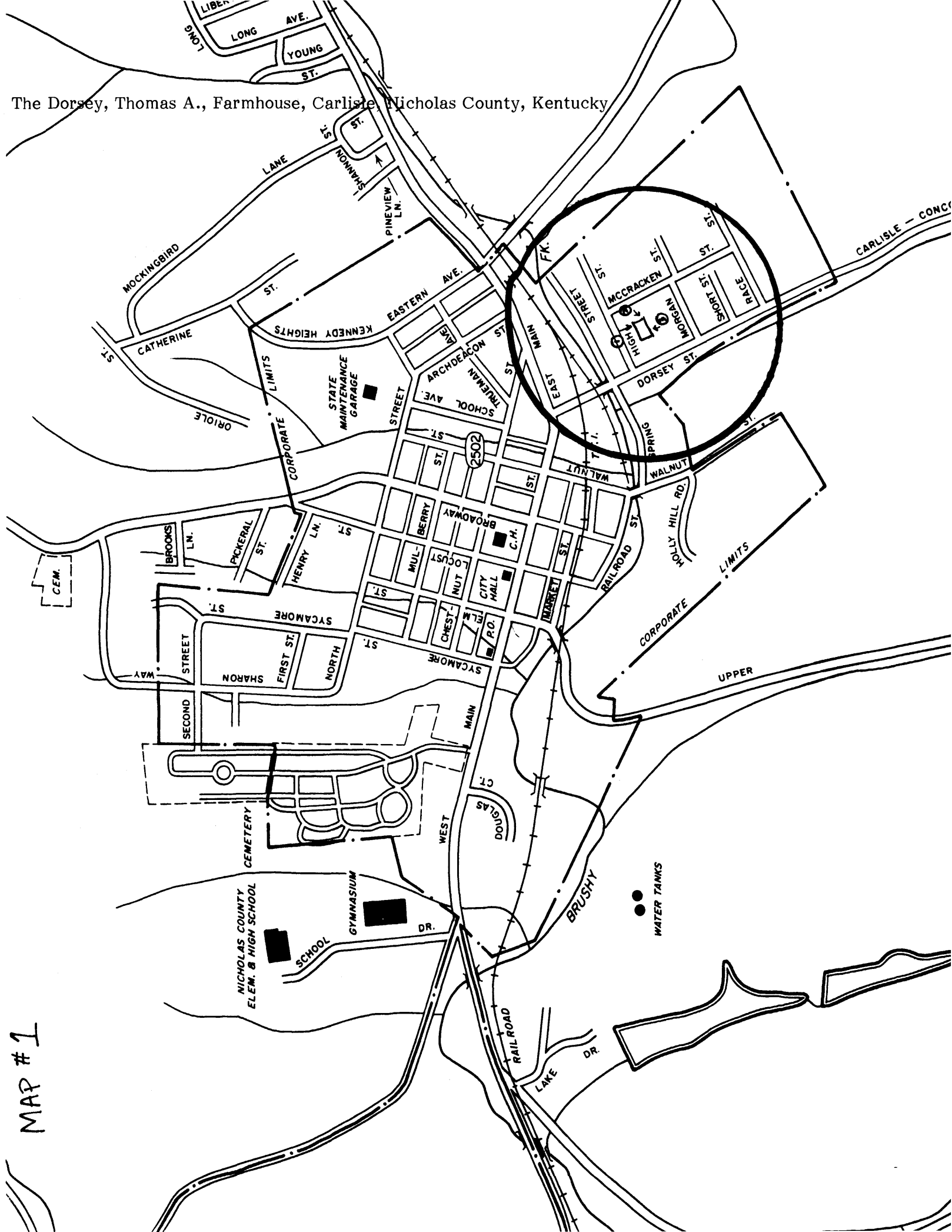
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MAP #1

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PHOTOGRAPHS

1. Dorsey, Thomas A., Farmhouse
2. Carlisle, Nicholas County, Kentucky
3. Photographer, Donna M. Neary
4. Date: March 1989
5. Negatives on file with the Kentucky Heritage Council, Frankfort, Kentucky

(The above information is the same for all three photographs submitted with the nomination. Below is a numbered list of the photographs.)

1. Dorsey, Thomas A., Farmhouse; photographer facing south.
2. Dorsey, Thomas A., Farmhouse; photographer facing southwest.
3. Dorsey, Thomas A., Farmhouse; photographer facing northwest.