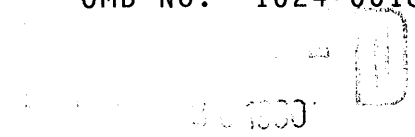


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

NATIONAL  
REGISTER

1. Name of Property

historic name: Lincoln, Nancy, Inn

other name/site number: LU-58

2. Location

street & number: US 31E, Lincoln Memorial National Historic Park

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Hodgenville

vicinity: X

state: KY county: Larue code: 123 zip code: 42748

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Larue County Multiple Resource Area

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets      does not meet the National Register Criteria.      See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official David L. Morgan Date 11-19-90  
David L. Morgan, State Historic Preservation Officer, Kentucky Heritage Council  
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      ~~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):     

Signature of Keeper      Date of Action     

6. Function or Use

Historic: COMMERCE Sub: Specialty Store  
          DOMESTIC           Motel  
Current : COMMERCE Sub: Specialty Store

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

\_\_Bungalow/Craftsman\_\_

Other Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Materials: foundation Stone roof Asphalt
walls Wood/Log other Concrete

Describe present and historic physical appearance. \_X\_ See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance

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

Applicable National Register Criteria: \_A, \_\_

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : \_#\_

Areas of Significance: Commerce
Lincoln Iconography

Period(s) of Significance: \_\_1928 - 1940\_\_

Significant Dates : \_\_1928\_\_

Significant Person(s): \_\_N/A\_\_

Cultural Affiliation: \_\_\_N/A\_\_\_

Architect/Builder: \_\_\_\_\_Unknown\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above. \_X\_ See continuation sheet.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: \_\_\_Approx. 1.6 acres\_\_\_\_\_

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	16	611650	4154200	B	__	_____	_____
C	__	_____	_____	D	__	_____	_____

Hodgenville Quad

Verbal Boundary Description:  See continuation sheet.

Boundary Justification:  See continuation sheet.

11. Form Prepared By

Name/Title: \_\_Philip Thomason\_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_Thomason and Associates\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_February, 1990\_\_\_\_\_

Street & Number: \_\_P.O. Box 121225\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_ (615) 383-0227\_\_

City or Town: \_\_Nashville\_\_\_\_\_ State: TN ZIP: 37212\_\_\_\_\_

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The Nancy Lincoln Inn is a one-story, five bay, Craftsman influenced log building constructed in 1928. The Inn was built in a rectangular plan with a rear one-story wing. To the east of the Inn are four original single pen log buildings constructed as overnight cottages in 1928. This complex of buildings are located directly adjacent to the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace Memorial south of Hodgenville.

The Inn was built with an exterior of unhewn chestnut logs and concrete chinking. The building has an exterior limestone chimney, gable roof of composition shingles, weatherboard siding in the upper story gable fields and a stone foundation. The logs are joined by V notching. On the main (north) facade is a one-story full width shed porch supported by unhewn log posts. The main entrances contain two frame and glass six light doors. Windows are original eight-over-eight rectangular wood sash.

The interior contains open floor space with shelves and display cases, an original mantle and several separate rooms for a kitchen and storage area. Much of the interior is taken up by counters with displays of merchandise and Lincoln memorabilia.

The four log tourist cabins have gable roofs of asphalt shingles, exterior brick chimneys, and an exterior of unhewn chestnut logs and concrete chinking. On the main (north) facades of all of the buildings are full width shed porches with unhewn log posts. The cabins retain original frame doors, rectangular six-over-six sash windows, and weatherboard siding in the upper gables. The interiors consist of one large room with small bathroom partitions.

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PROPERTY TYPE: Commercial Buildings and Abraham Lincoln Commemorative Properties

The Nancy Lincoln Inn is significant under criterion A for its association with commerce and tourism in the county and under Consideration F for its association with Lincoln iconography. This complex of buildings was constructed in 1928 adjacent to the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace Memorial and remains the only major concessionaire adjoining the park. The Inn complex has not been significantly altered and contains exhibits and displays on Abraham Lincoln and his life. The Nancy Lincoln Inn has been a major tourist attraction since its construction.

The Nancy Lincoln Inn was built for James R. "Jim" Howell to serve the large numbers of visitors to the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace Memorial. Several of the major highways within Larue County were improved in the early 1920s and made the Memorial more accessible to automobile traffic. Howell purchased land on the southern edge of the Memorial and constructed the Inn complex to provide meals, lodging and souvenirs. A restaurant and gift shop were originally located in the Inn building while the four adjacent cabins provided overnight lodging. In addition to these facilities, a display area of Lincoln memorabilia and other historic artifacts was also created in the Inn.

The Nancy Lincoln Inn became a well known tourist attraction of the county and operated profitably throughout the early 20th century. Jim Howell operated the Nancy Lincoln Inn from 1928 to 1946. His son, Carl Howell, then became joint owner and operated the complex until 1983 and his descendants continue to own and manage the Inn. Overnight lodging at the cabins was discontinued in recent years and they are presently vacant. No major changes or alterations have occurred to the complex since its construction and annual visitation is estimated at over 100,000.

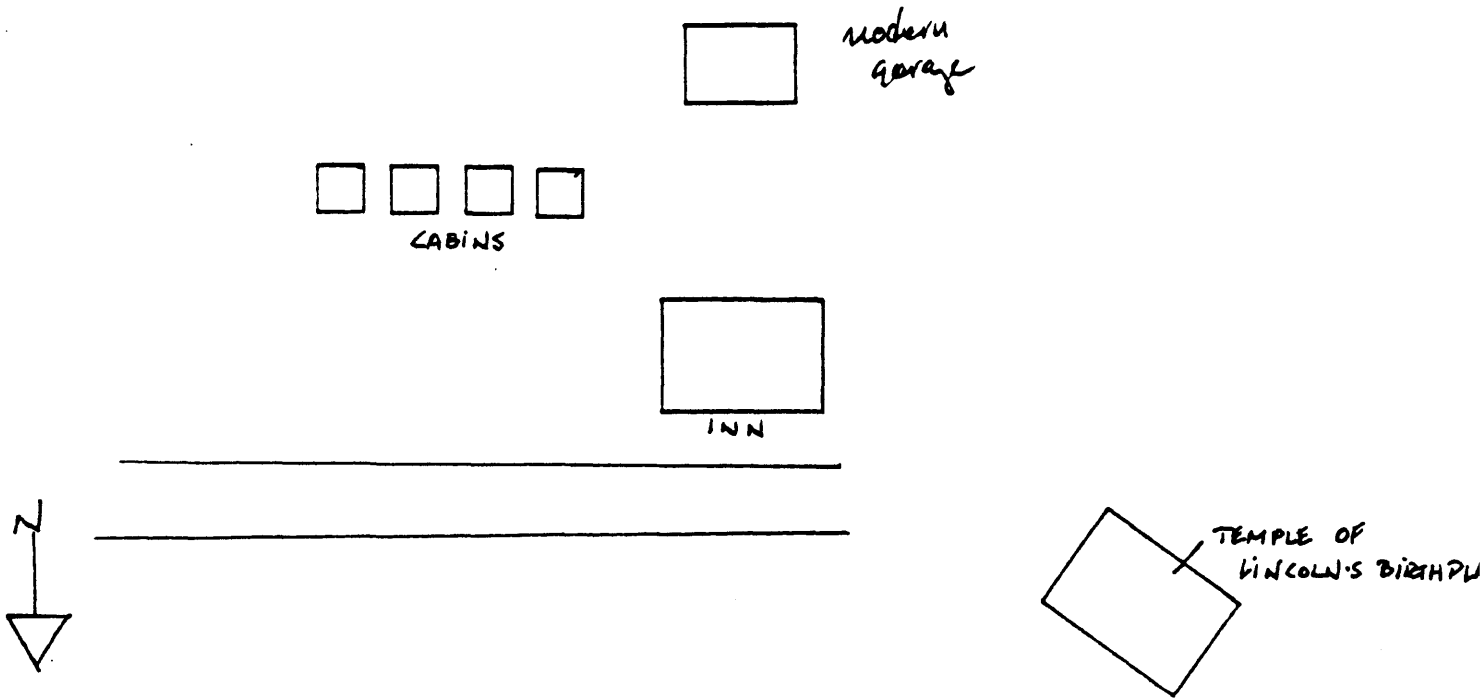
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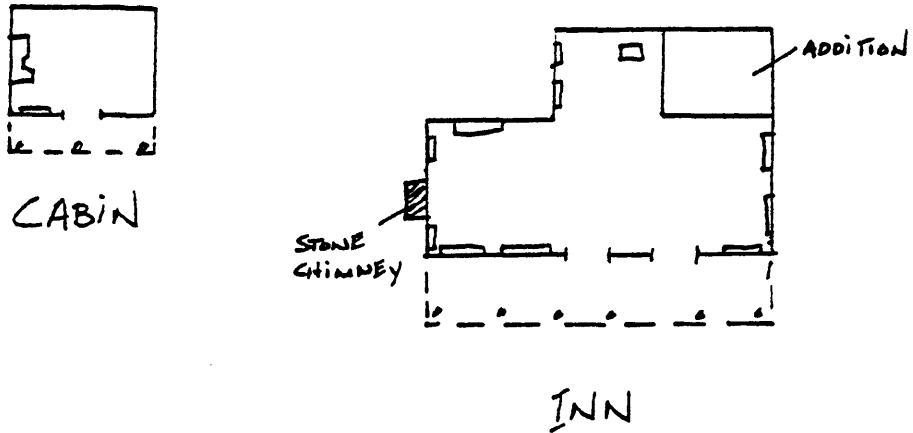
Verbal Boundary Description: The boundary for the Nancy Lincoln Inn is shown as part of lot 1 on accompanying Larue County tax map 31-4. The boundary is drawn to include the Inn and adjacent tourist cabins and exclude modern outbuildings to the south. The boundary is a rectangle measuring 200' by 350' with the northern boundary running along the north property line. The east boundary is a line located ten feet east of the eastern wall of the fourth tourist cabin. The southern boundary is located ten feet south of the southern walls of the tourist cabins, and the western boundary is a line ten feet to the west of the western wall of the Nancy Lincoln Inn.

Verbal Boundary Justification: The boundary for the Nancy Lincoln Inn is drawn to include all buildings associated with the property's period of significance and to exclude modern outbuildings to the south.

SITE PLAN



HOUSE PLAN





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Nancy Lincoln Inn  
Photo by: Thomason and Associates  
Date: February, May, 1990  
Location of Negs: Kentucky Heritage Council

Photo # 1  
View of east and south facades.

Photo # 2  
View of four contributing cabins.

Photo # 3  
View of north and east facades.

Photo # 4  
View of north and west facades.

Photo # 5  
View of south facade.