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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

Enoch Smith House

AND/OR COMMON

Happy Hill

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Mt. Sterling

___ VICINITY OF

7

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Kentucky

021

Montgomery

173

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

___DISTRICT

___PUBLIC

_OCCUPIED

___AGRICULTURE

___MUSEUM

_BUILDING(S)

_PRIVATE

___UNOCCUPIED

___COMMERCIAL

___PARK

___STRUCTURE

___BOTH

___WORK IN PROGRESS

___EDUCATIONAL

_PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

___ENTERTAINMENT

___RELIGIOUS

___OBJECT

___IN PROCESS

_YES: RESTRICTED

___GOVERNMENT

___SCIENTIFIC

___BEING CONSIDERED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___INDUSTRIAL

___TRANSPORTATION

___NO

___MILITARY

___OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. John McCormick, Jr.

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1

CITY, TOWN

Mt. Sterling

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Kentucky

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Mt. Sterling

STATE

Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky

DATE

February, 1978

___FEDERAL _STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Enoch Smith house is located just within the western extent of the city limits of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. With a population of 5,083, Mt. Sterling is the seat of Montgomery County which lies in the northeast section of the central Bluegrass region, 45 miles east of Lexington.

Constructed ca. 1808-1811, the Enoch Smith house (see photo 1) is a single-pile, story-and-a-half center-passage brick residence.¹ Laid in Flemish bond, the five-bay facade is highlighted by 9/6 windows capped by jack arches and set in recessed panels framed by round arches (see photo 2). Door and window trim consists of delicate fluted moldings with bulls-eye corner blocks. Exterior chimneys, one of which has been rebuilt, are located at the east and west gable ends. Windows on the gable ends have been slightly altered, and a recent addition, generally compatible with the original design, has been made to the rear. However, the single-room ell on the north is original (see photos 1 and 3).

On the interior, most of the original Federal woodwork consisting of baseboards, chairrail, fluted moldings, and hanging pegs in the passage remains intact (see photo 4). The stair newel and ten-panel doors are similar to those found at nearby Longview Farm. In the west parlor is the original Federal mantle, while a similar mantle in the east room was acquired from another house in the area. A recent eighteenth century style mantle is in the rear ell.

As no outbuildings exist, the boundaries have been determined to encompass only the immediate area around the house.

¹The Enoch Smith house was identified during the comprehensive survey of Montgomery County conducted by the Kentucky Heritage Commission in 1977.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1808-1811

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Erected ca. 1808-1811, the Enoch Smith house is a particularly clear expression of the early architectural development of Montgomery County. Embodying the basic form and details of the Federal style, the house is distinguished by the recessed panels on the main facade and the delicate interior moldings. Traditionally considered to have been built by Enoch Smith, Sr., on land he settled in 1776, the house derives additional significance through the association with Smith, one of the county's original settlers and a key figure in the establishment of the county seat of Mt. Sterling.

In the spring of 1775, Enoch Smith, William Calk, and Robert Whitledge--all of Virginia, arrived at Boonesborough, Kentucky and during the summer began exploring the area to the north that is now Montgomery County. The following spring, Smith surveyed and pre-empted 1400 acres which included the future site of Mt. Sterling, erected a log house, and planted several acres of corn. This site was known locally as Smith's Station although it was apparently never fortified as were several of the other settlements in the area. Such fortification was a necessity because the area was exposed to frequent Indian attack, which accounted for the county's not being settled as rapidly as some of the Bluegrass counties further west. The ever-present threat of Indian attack prevented extensive settlement until the early to mid 1790s. The tenacity of the inhabitants of these early fortified stations was a major factor in the development of the county.¹

Mt. Sterling was formally established in 1792 and Montgomery County was subsequently created from Clark County in 1795. Tradition states that Enoch Smith played a role in naming the town, wanting it to be called "Little Mountain Town", a reference to the nearby Indian mound.² However, Hugh Forbes, another early resident, wanted the town named for his home in Stirling, Scotland; the two men eventually compromised on the present name.

¹See National Register nomination for Ralph Morgan Stone House, forwarded to Washington 10 January 1980.

²See National Register nomination for Gaitskill Archaeological Site, listed 21 October 1975.

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ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED
UTM NOT VERIFIED

continued

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1/4 acre.

QUADRANGLE NAME Mount Sterling

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nomination comprises a rectangular area extending 30' on all sides from the foundation of the house.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Charlotte Schneider, Architectural Historian

DATE

March 1980

ORGANIZATION

Kentucky Heritage Commission

TELEPHONE

(502) 564-3741

STREET & NUMBER

104 Bridge Street

CITY OR TOWN

Frankfort,

STATE

Kentucky 40601

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

Donna C. Hopkins

TITLE

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

6-20-80

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

W. Ray Luce
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

8/19/80

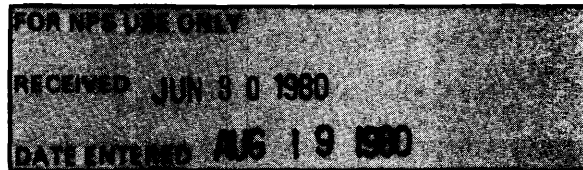
ATTEST: *Kristen J. O'Connell*

DATE

8/8/80

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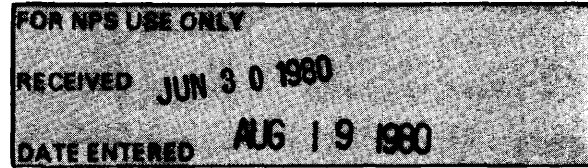
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Architecturally, the Enoch Smith house is a simple yet refined example of the Federal style. Of special note are the recessed panels that highlight the facade and the sensitive treatment of the fluted moldings on both the exterior and interior. The retention of most of the original woodwork, including the hanging pegs in the passage hall, increases the significance of the house in the context of the early development of the county.

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