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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 Ben F. Carr, Jr. House

AND/OR COMMON
Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
203 Second Street

CITY, TOWN
Fulton

--- NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
1

STATE VICINITY OF COUNTY CODE
Kentucky 021 Fulton 075

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Mr & Mrs. Mike Butts

STREET & NUMBER
P.O. Box 13

CITY, TOWN STATE
Fulton Kentucky

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Fulton County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN STATE
Hickman Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

--- FEDERAL --- STATE --- COUNTY --- LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

CHECK ONE

CHECK ONE

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE 1/72

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The tiny town of Fulton, Kentucky is located in the eastern section of Fulton County. The Tennessee State line divides this small community in half and the structure being nominated is only 2 1/2 blocks from the other state. Located in the town which was named for the county, the Ben F. Carr, Jr. House is located on a tree-shaded lot on the corner of Second and Eddings Streets. The structure sits approximately 100 ft. from the road.

This two-story, five-bay frame structure is an interesting combination of Greek and Colonial Revival. The house was constructed in the Greek Revival style in the mid 1850s but was altered during the first part of the 20th century.

The front elevation shows the house much as it looked when first constructed. The brackets around the earliest portico are, although original, an Italianate feature and the dormers were probably added in the early 1900s. But the portico and door surround are basically Greek with square pilasters around the openings, transom and sidelights and a denticulated transom bar. There are also recessed paneled aprons located beneath the sidelights.

The original house plan was a two-story, single-pile dwelling with a two-story rear ell. It is probable that a small porch was located in the angle of the ell. However, it appears that the roof line has been altered and extended to accommodate a larger two-story porch to the rear of the house. By examining the side elevation and the relationship of the chimney's to the rest of the structure, the change is obvious.

Another addition, but one that does not detract from the overall structure is the one-story kitchen unit located at the end of the ell.

Most of these changes appear to have been undertaken in the early 1900s. The green shingling under the gable eaves and the siding around the rear porches probably were added at this time.

A square central hall plan, the structures major interior woodwork is representative of the construction date. All interior first floor doors boast cornice heads. Chair railing is present in all downstairs rooms with the exception of the library (right front room), kitchen and bathroom additions. The chair rail in the library was replaced with 10" inch baseboards and picture molding was added at that time. Opposite the library, the parlor is unaltered as is the dining room behind it.

Comparatively, the molding on the second floor is much simpler than that of the first. The baseboards are low and the door trim plain.

The mantelpieces throughout the house are original. On the first floor the openings are framed by squared pilasters, a plain frieze, bed moldings and a simple mantle shelf. There are advanced ends on the mantle shelf which accentuate the pilasters. Upstairs the mantles have a paneled frieze and are less elaborate.

The Carr House is situated on a 200 x 180' lot bounded by Second and Eddings St. and property lot lines. The area surrounding the structure is mainly residential and there are a couple turn of the century dwellings nearby. The main business district is about 2 1/2 blocks away.

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 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 checked="" 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 1858 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Ben F. Carr, Jr.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The oldest house in Fulton Kentucky, the Ben F. Carr House belonged to the family which founded the present community. Benjamin Franklin Carr (1768-1845) was the first settler in this area and his son Ben F. Carr, Jr. constructed this house when the town was still very young. Because the area was settled relatively late in Kentucky's history, most of the buildings date to the latter half of the 19th century. The Carr House is one of the few structures remaining from the mid-1800s.

Until 1818 and the Jackson Purchase, the area around Fulton, Kentucky was known as Chickasaw Indian Territory. Twenty-seven years later the tiny county of Fulton was carved out of larger Hickman County. Named for the inventor of the Steamboat, Robert Fulton, the total county area is only 205 square miles. The city of Fulton, originally known as Carrville, was established in 1859. Benjamin Franklin Carr, who came to this area during the 1820s, purchased his first land grant in 1825. It was the first of 12 grants (containing 160 acres each) he eventually owned. Altogether he owned 1100 acres in Fulton County.

Soon after stagecoach routes were established, Carr and a partner operated a general store here. According to a leger still in the family's possession, Carr ran the store from the 1830s until the late 1850s.

In 1858 Ben F. Carr, Jr. (1818-1870) had this two-story, Greek Revival style house constructed. One year later the community was established, approximately thirty-four years after the senior Carr first began buying land. However, the city of Fulton was not incorporated until 1872.

Ben F. Carr was well-known locally for his generosity and several large gifts of land for local churches and schools are credited to him. In 1859 the Paducah and Elizabethtown Railway (later the Illinois Central Gulf) extended their line from Mayfield in Graves County to the Tennessee line. The land on which they located in Fulton was a generous contribution from Ben F. Carr, Jr.

The Carr family greatly assisted the growth and settlement of Fulton, Ky. Their help came at a time when western Kentucky was still considered a wilderness area.

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Addendum

Around 1900, the Ben Carr House was at the center of a very large farm, with all surrounding land owned by Carr. At that time, the house was moved approximately 200 feet and turned to face the north.

It is felt that this move did not affect the historical or visual significance of the property in that the entire area at the time comprised the Carr farm. There were no city streets; therefore the house was not related, on its original site or its second site, to any existing city lot or city street.