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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES  
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # Be-184  
Boone County

1. Name of Resource: Florence Hotel

2. Original Owner: Unknown

3. Other Names: Cahill House/Florence Post Office

4. Prehistoric Site Building X Object  
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location: 262 Main Street (NE cor. Girard St.)  
Florence, KY

6. Owner's Name: Nelson Markesbery [ ]

7. Owner's Address: 6 Girard Street  
Florence, KY 41042

8. Evaluation: National Register [ ]

9. Recognition & Date:  
Nat.Landmark \_\_\_\_\_ Local Landmark \_\_\_\_\_  
Nat.Register \_\_\_\_\_ HABS/HAER \_\_\_\_\_  
Highway Marker \_\_\_\_\_ KY Inventory 1977  
KY Landmark Certificate \_\_\_\_\_

10. N.R.Status & Date: \_\_\_\_\_

11. N.R.Group:  
District Name: [ ]  
Mult.Resource Area: Boone County [ ]  
Thematic Name: [ ]

12. Historical Theme:  
Primary: Commerce [ ]  
Secondary: [ ]  
Other: [ ]

13. Statement of Significance:  
This property is significant under criterion A as a good example locally of everyday commercial activity, specifically hotel keeping, in the period 1870-1930. Of the 21 commercial buildings identified in the county, 4 served as hotel/inns; the other 3 of the [ ]

14. History: (Continued)  
The 1883 atlas referred to this building as the Florence Hotel; the only other hotel in the town, according to the atlas, was the Southern Hotel, immediately across Main Street, since demolished. The Florence post office was located in the building for a time.

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: 1883 atlas

16. Date: Original Building 1870s [ ]  
Addition [ ]

17. Style: Queen Anne/vernacular [ ]

18. Architect/Builder: unknown

19. No. of Stories: two [ ]

20. Original Floor Plan: T [ ]

21. Single Pile Double Pile N.A. X

22. Roof Form & Material: Original X  
cross gable/asph. sh. Not Original

23. Structural Material: brick [ ]

24. Exterior Material: common bond brick & stone [ ]

25. Foundation Material: stone [ ]

26. Major Alterations: Moved/Rebuilt None  
Additions Other X

27. Special Features: a commercial building w/house form

28. Outbuildings: none [ ]

29. Original Function: hotel [ ]

30. Present Use: commercial [ ]

31. Condition: good [ ]

32. Endangered: Yes  
No X

33. Attach Photos:  
Roll: 3 Photo Nos: 24-28 No. of Slides:

34. Prepared by: Kenneth T. Gibbs

35. Organization: Boone Co.Hist.Pres.Rev.Brd.

36. Date: September 1986

37. New Survey \_\_\_\_\_ Resurvey X

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building:	Zone	Easting	Northing	39. G.I.S. Mod.	[ ]
Quadrant: Burlington	16	705500	4319440	40. Coordi.Accuracy	[ ]

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

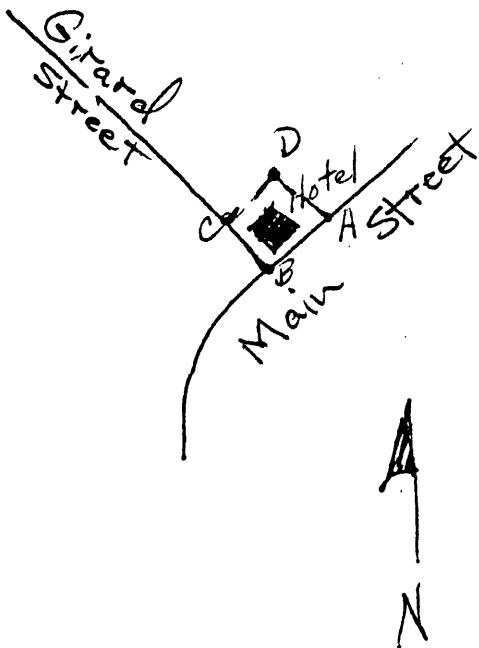
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42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 0.17    43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: 0.17

44. Site Plan (and boundary description and justification for N.R. sites):

The nominated property occupies city lot 3-8-37 and is roughly 100' x 75' in size.

The boundary rectangle includes the building and the entire city lot historically associated with the property.



Contributing: 1 building

45. Description and House Plan:

The main T-form block of the building is nearly matched in bulk by the ell, flush with the gable of the main block on the left side. The projecting gable of the main front was designed originally as a storefront and consists of a central door flanked by windows of fixed panes and transoms. The recessed portion of the main front was originally equipped with a one-story porch, removed; the hotel door, on the left of this recessed portion, was given a new surround toward the middle 20th century to match the entry added to the right, replacing perhaps a double window like that remaining on the second floor.

The hotel entrance gives access to the main stair-passage. A second stair passage is reached by the exterior transomed door in the ell. Much of the interior commercial space is partitioned and paneled; original woodwork includes a high, beaded vertical-board dado in the store-post office, bulls-eye corner blocks and heavy, square newel posts. The mantels have been removed.

The windows are 2/2 double-hung sash on the sides visible from the street and 6/6 sash in the windows behind. All openings are topped with stone lintels. There is a one-story addition of frame construction and hipped and shed-roofed in the angle of the ell. The gable ornament in the front and left gables is original.

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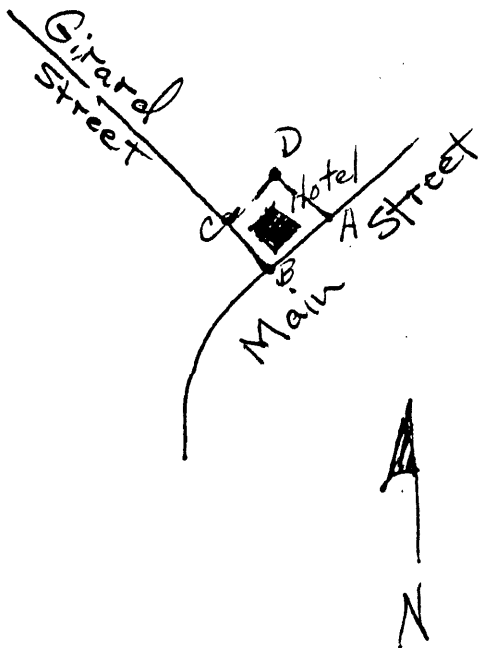
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