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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # GN-G-13
Green County

1. Name of Resource:
James Allen's Inn

2. Original Owner:
Mr. McMeekin

3. Other Names:

4. Prehistoric Site Building Object
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location:
103 East Court Street
in Greensburg, Kentucky

6. Owner's Name:
Dr. Robert Shuffett [P]

7. Owner's Address:
103 East Court Street
Greensburg, Kentucky

8. Evaluation: Meets National Register [G]

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

10. N.R.Status & Date:

11. N.R.Group:
District Name: []
Mult.Resource Area: []
Thematic Name: Early Stone Buildings []

12. Historical Theme:
Primary: Architecture [030]
Secondary: Turnpike Transportation [29H]
Other: Inn [05H]

13. Statement of Significance:
Good example of an early stone inn of which few remain in Kentucky; well-built, sound. One of four original stone buildings in Greensburg.
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14. History:

Lot originally designated at in-lot 23, located on Main Cross Street (now East Court) at the Public Square opposite the courthouse lot and was allotted to William McKinney. Lot was sold to Mr. McMeekin 1806, under whose ownership the inn was constructed. McMeekin sold the inn to James Allen in 1812 for \$1,800. Allen was a prominent lawyer, was appointed county clerk in 1792, later was circuit clerk, Commander, then Brigadier General of the Militia, served in War of 1812; was first president of the Independent Bank and then of the Bank of the

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: Inspection
Lowe and Scott, Historical Factbook.

16. Date:
Original Building 1806-1812 [8]
Addition []

17. Style:
Federal [21]
[]

18. Architect/Builder:
Not Known

19. No. of Stories: Two [2.0]

20. Original Floor Plan:
[NA]

21. Single Pile Double Pile N.A. X

22. Roof Form & Material: Original
Gable Not Original

23. Structural Material:
Stone [S]

24. Exterior Material:
Stone [S]
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25. Foundation Material:
Stone [S]

26. Major Alterations: None
Moved/Rebuilt Other
Additions

27. Special Features:

28. Outbuildings:
None [0]

29. Original Function:
Hotel [02G]

30. Present Use:
Dr.'s Office [02C]

31. Condition:
Good [G]

32. Endangered: Yes
No X

33. Attach Photos: 19,
Roll: 12 Photo Nos:24-26 No. of Slides: X

34. Prepared by: Carolyn Murray-Wooley

35. Organization: Kentucky Heritage Council

36. Date: February 1984

37. New Survey Resurvey X

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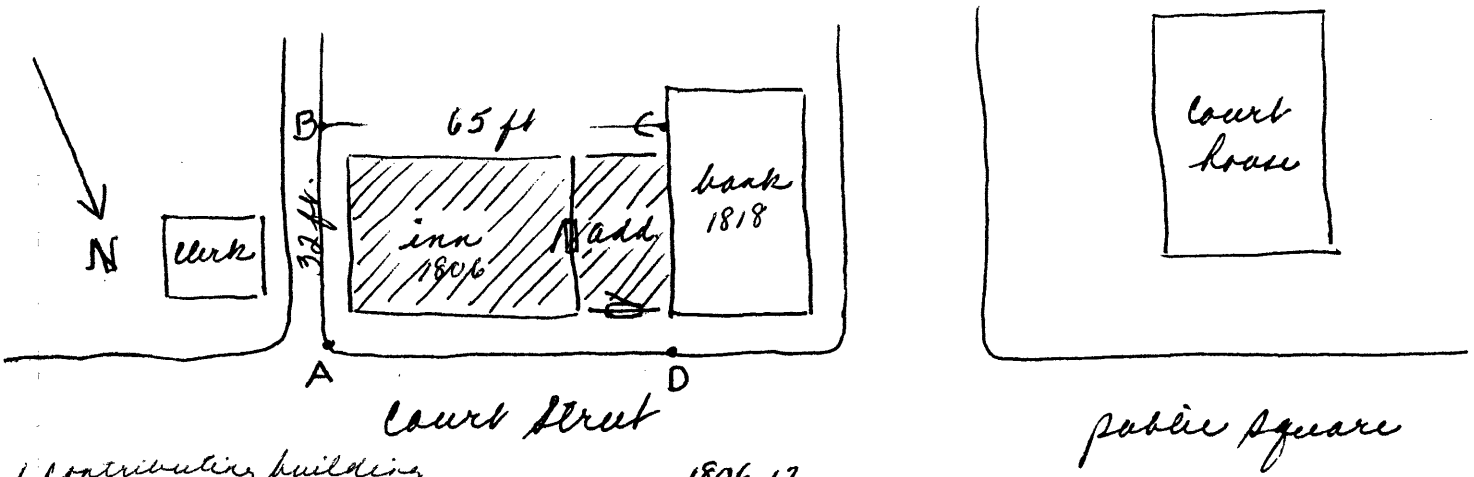
38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. []
 Quadrant: Summerville 16 632880 4124600 40. Coordi.Accuracy []

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

A. ---
 B. ---
 C. ---
 D. ---
 E. ---
 F. ---

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: .05 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: .05

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



contributing building

1806-12

The inn was built first, with entrance in the west gable end. The bank was built in 1818, concealing the inn entrance. A new inn entrance was built facing north, in the addition between the two buildings. A. B. C. D. is the present property line of the inn and addition. The bank is a separate property.

45. Description and House Plan:

Four-bay, two-story, central chimney, dry-stone building (inn), ca. 22 x 50 feet, on high basement. Excellent masonry of large squared, tooled limestone, laid in regular courses on north side facing street, irregular courses on east gable end; squared raised pointing on street side. All windows have voussoirs with key of same height; frames have ovolo trim. Since all four street bays contain original window frames and there are no changes in the masonry, the original front door must have been in the west gable end, which faced the courthouse (GN-G-15 - N.R. 4/10/72).

When, or soon after, the bank (GN-G-14 - N.R.) was constructed in 1818 just west of the inn, the two were connected by an early 19th century, two-story frame hyphen which serves as stairhall for both buildings. The "new" entrance had an elliptical fan doorway (gone) with a matching fan window above it (in place) having sidelights, fluted frame and bullseye corner blocks. This space is sheathed with horizontal beaded boards, laid flush, which matches the sheathing in the gable end of the bank. A beaded, paneled, pegged reveal surrounds the doorway from the passage into the inn.

Changes: Fan doorway removed, window sills concreted, sash changed, central chimney removed, interior remodelled. The two-story shed across the south rear is an enclosed gallery, archways intact.

Building located directly on East Court Street, with the bank building on the town square directly across the street from the old courthouse.

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14. History (Continued)

Commonwealth; two terms Kentucky Senate, one in Legislature.

Allen's Inn was a main stopping place on the stagecoach line on the Lexington-Nashville Turnpike. Was visited by Andrew Jackson in 1832.

After being purchased by William N. Vaughan in 1877, the inn and bank were known as the Vaughan Family home, until purchased by the present owner's ancestor in 1944. It is now an office building.

There is speculation that the inn was built by Robert Ball, because he was the stone foreman for the courthouse in 1803, but the masonry work is not exactly the same.