

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Site No. **CH-H-176**

1. Historic Name(s) **(Christian Co. Multiple Resource Area)**
Addition: The E.W. Walker House
 Original Owner **Edmund Winston Walker**

2. Present Name
E.W. Walker House

3. Location
1414 East 7th Street

4. Owner's Name
Bobby L. Wooden

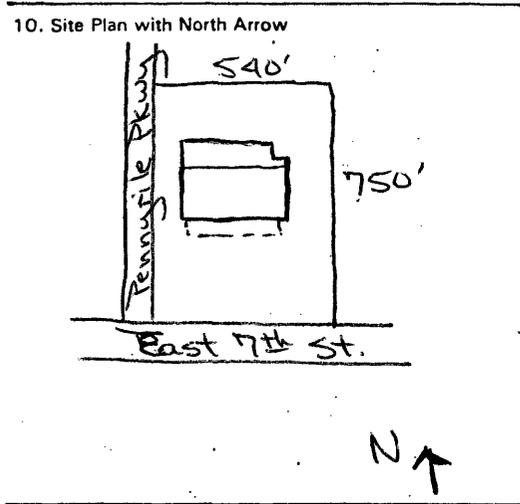
5. Owner's Address
same

6. Open to Public
 Yes No

7. Visible from road
 Yes No

8. Ownership
 Private
 Local
 State
 Federal

9. Local Contact/Organization
Hopkinsville-Christian Co. Pride, Inc.



11. Architect
Unknown

12. Builder
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13. Date
ca. 1887 A. B.

14. Style
 A. Late Greek
 B. Revival I-House

15. Original Use
Residence

16. Present use
Residence

17. Condition
Very Good

18. Description
 This five-bay, frame I-house provides a fine example of late Greek Revival styling. Decorative interior brick chimneys grace either end of the two-story residence, while a one-story, three-bay porch frames the central entry with transom. Modest both in size and decoration, the Walker House has retained this simplicity within as well. (cont.)
 (Continue on Back)

No. Stories
Two

Single Pile NA

Double Pile

Floor Plan
Center Hall

Structural Fabric
Frame A. B.

Decorative Fabric
Wood A.

B.

Roof Form
Gable

19. History
 In 1886 E.W. Walker purchased three and 1/4 acres along what is now known as East 7th Street from W.S. Lovier. A year later, he completed construction of this two-story I-house, and despite financial setbacks, was able to keep the handsome residence in the Walker family. His daughter, Mary V. Walker, purchased the house (cont.)

20. Significance
 Significant both architecturally and historically, the E.W. Walker House provides an outstanding example (cont.)

21. Source of Information
 Christian County Deed Books.
 William T. Turner, City-County Historian.

22. ADD/County
Pennyrite/Christian

23. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75')
Hopkinsville G.I.S. Mod.

24. UTM Reference
16 457960 4079740
 Zone Easting Northing

25. Coordinate Accuracy

26. Prehistoric Site Object
 Historic Site Structure
 Building Other

27. National Register District Name:

28. Significance Evaluation

29. Status Date
 National Landmark
 National Register
 Landmark Certificate
 Kentucky Survey
 Local Landmark
 HABS/HAER

30. Historic Theme
 Primary **Architecture**
 Secondary **Education**
 Other

31. Endangered Yes
 No

32. Preservation Project Status

Actual Cost in \$1,000s

33. ATTACH PHOTO
 Roll No. _____
 Picture No. _____
 Direction _____

34. Prepared by:
Kit Garrett

35. Organization
Pride, Inc.

26. Date **5-23-83**

37. Revision Dates 38. Staff Review

The E.W. Walker House
1414 East 7th Street

Description (cont.)

Simple brackets adorn the modest stair which dominates the center hall of the original single-pile dwelling; simple moldings frame the structure's inner doorways. Although the original house has been somewhat expanded, these later additions are located to the rear of the building and have not marred the original integrity of style, materials, and/or design.

History (cont.)

from the remaining Walker heirs following her father's death, occupying the family home until her own death in 1966. Her estate sold for \$5500 in 1968, and is now the home of Bobby L. Wooden.

Significance (cont.)

of the I-houses typical of late nineteenth-century architecture in Christian County. This residence was completed ca. 1887, and reflects the early development of this East 7th Street area as a popular building site for Hopkinsville's most prominent citizens. For indeed, the E.W. Walker House stands across the street from the Knight House (ca. 1835; N.R. 1978), and represents the second oldest house still standing outside the parameters of the East 7th Street Historic District (pending nomination to the National Register). It predates the Archie Higgins House by approximately 12 years.¹

Few changes have altered the original appearance of the Walker House, and it thus remains a tangible link with the Walker family, who owned this early residence from the time of its construction until 1966. The builder, Edmund Winston Walker, was not renowned for his business acumen; however, his daughter, Miss Mary V. Walker, achieved local prominence as the longtime administrator of Belmont School. From 1918 until 1947, Miss Mary reigned as the spinster principal of this important local institution for elementary education. Following retirement, she remained in the Walker family home until her death in 1966, when the property was sold and the proceeds divided among her heirs. Since that time, the house has remained a private residence, continuing to retain its architectural integrity and importance as a site of historic significance in this community.

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The Archie Higgins house was built ca. 1894 and represents a fine example of Queen Anne styling. It stands at 1531 East 7th Street.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name The E.W. Walker House Site # _____
Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title Christian County Multiple Resource Area

U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTM's if property is ten or more acres.

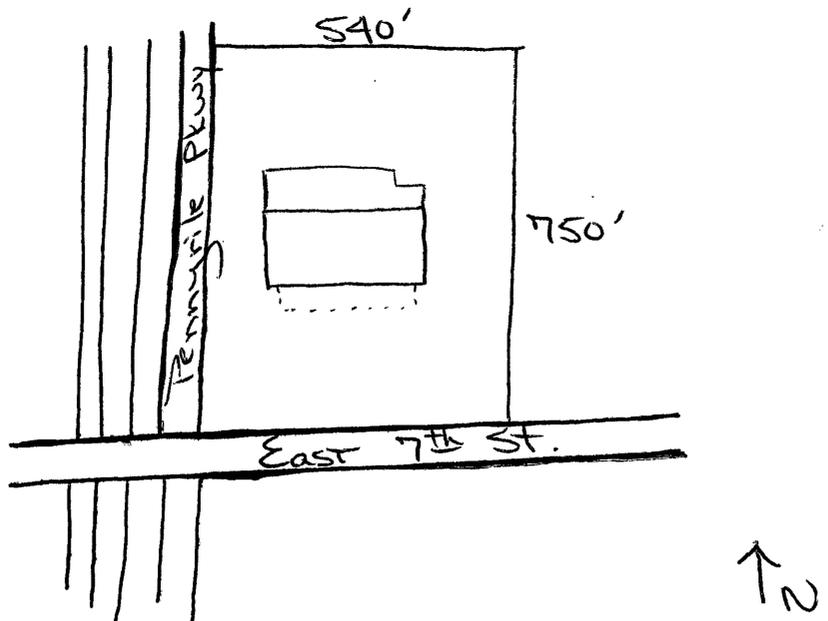
A. _____ D. _____
B. _____ E. _____
C. _____ F. _____

Verbal Boundary Description _____ Acreage 9.28 acres

This property is located on the north side of East 7th Street with boundaries as follows: beginning at the northwest corner of said lot, the boundary runs 540 feet in an easterly direction parallel to East 7th Street; thence south 750 feet to East 7th; thence west 540 feet; thence north 750 feet to the beginning.

These boundaries represent the original property lines of the land purchased by E.W. Walker in 1886. They remain the same today.

Sketch of Site Plan (Showing outbuildings, structures, landscape features and the site boundary as described above.)



Official Courthouse Property Reference:

Christian County Deed Books.	346 x 544	Christian County Will Books.	2 x 476
	329 x 27		4 x 538
	175 x 13		
	140 x 364		
	71 x 120		