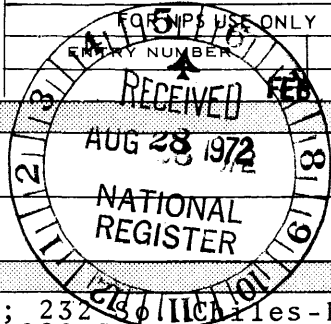


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE: | Kentucky | |
| COUNTY: | Mercer | |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY | | |
| ENTRY NUMBER: | | DATE |
| | | FEB 16 1973 |



1. NAME

COMMON: Morgan Row

AND/OR HISTORIC: Morgan Row

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 230 South Chiles-John Keller; 232 So. Chiles-Ronald Hurst; 222 So. Chiles-Historical Society; 222 So. Chiles-Mercer County Library.

CITY OR TOWN: Harrodsburg

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| STATE | CODE | COUNTY: | CODE |
| Kentucky | 21 | Mercer | 167 |

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied | Yes: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private | <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input type="checkbox"/> Both | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted |
| | Public Acquisition: | | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> In Process | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | | |

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|--|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | | |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Harrodsburg Historical Society; Mercer County Library; Mrs. John Keller; Ronald T. Hurst.

STREET AND NUMBER: 222 So. Chiles-Harrodsburg Historical Society; 230 So. Chiles-John Keller; 222 So. Chiles-Mercer Co. Library; 232 So. Chiles-Ronald T. Hurst

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| CITY OR TOWN: | STATE: | CODE |
| Harrodsburg | Kentucky | 21 |

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Mercer County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: Main Street

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| CITY OR TOWN: | STATE: | CODE |
| Harrodsburg | Kentucky | 21 |

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Survey Of Historic Sites In Kentucky

DATE OF SURVEY: 1971 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Kentucky Heritage Commission

STREET AND NUMBER: 401 Wapping Street

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| CITY OR TOWN: | STATE: | CODE |
| Frankfort | Kentucky | 21 |

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7. DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION | (Check One) | | | | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
| | (Check One) | | | (Check One) | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This unique four unit row house is the oldest row house in Kentucky. Laid in Flemish bond brick, the house consisted of several connecting commercial buildings, all under one roof, whose separations were the fire walls extending from the ground to above the roof.

The center section was the first to be constructed and is three stories high. The south units were added shortly after. The north unit was built in the mid-1830's and features the original hand carved woodwork ascribed to Matthew Lowry. This section contains one of the first "built-in-sideboards" in Kentucky.

Fortunately, Morgan Row possesses most of its original exterior trim. The facade has been carefully restored to its original appearance by its present owners. Almost all of the old doors, ash floors, and mantels still remain. The interior of the center and south units have been somewhat altered for adaptive usage, but the north section has been authentically restored by the Harrodsburg Historical Society.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Morgan Row is reputedly the oldest row houses west of the Allegheny Mountains. Although not unusual along the Eastern seaboard, this type of row house construction is rare in Kentucky.

The center section, the first to be constructed, was built by Joseph Morgan soon after 1800; it was named in his honor. John G. Chiles, Morgan's son-in-law, operated a famous tavern and ran United States mail routes and stage coaches from this site.

Morgan Row was the social and business center of Harrodsburg for the first half of the 19th century. Vice-President Richard M. Johnson, hero of the battle of the Thames, was a guest at Morgan Row at a reunion of survivors, October 5, 1836. Wealthy planters, famous politicians and the common traveler enjoyed the bountiful hospitality of the Morgan Row Tavern.

The Harrodsburg Historical Society has restored the north unit of Morgan Row. It serves the community as a meeting place for groups, and the home and museum for the Society. The museum is open to the public. Visitors may see antique furniture, original portraits by Kentucky artists, displays of rifles and other pioneer items. A genealogical and research library is located on the second floor and open to the public by appointment only. To the rear of the building is an early Kentucky green garden.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Survey Of Historic Sites In Kentucky, Kentucky Heritage
Commission Publication Date: 3-2-71

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | O R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES | | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|---|-------------------------|--|
| CORNER | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | |
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| APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: | | | | 2 acres | | |
| LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES | | | | | | |
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: James C. Thomas, Vice-President

ORGANIZATION: Harrodsburg Historical Society DATE: May 15, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: Morgan Row, 222 South Chiles Street

CITY OR TOWN: Harrodsburg STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: [Signature]

Title: Administrator, Kentucky Program Development Office

Date: 8/10/72

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

[Signature]
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 2/16/73

ATTEST: [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 2-14-73