

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

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Resource # MA-10
Madison County

1. **Name of Resource:**
Whitney Cobb House

2. **Original Owner:**
Whitney Cobb

3. **Other Names:**
Red House

4. **Prehistoric Site** **Building Structure** **Object Other**

5. **Location:**
Hwy. 388

6. **Owner's Name:**
Harold Bucher [P]

7. **Owner's Address:**
Red House Road
Richmond, KY 40475

8. **Evaluation:** [N]

9. **Recognition & Date:**
Nat.Landmark _____ Local Landmark _____
Nat.Register _____ HABS/HAER _____
Highway Marker _____ KY Inventory 1979
KY Landmark Certificate _____

10. **N.R.Status & Date:**

11. **N.R.Group:**
District Name: []
Mult.Resource Area: Madison Co. []
Thematic Name: []

12. **Historical Theme:**
Primary: Architecture [030]
Secondary: Commerce [050]
Other: [05H]

13. **Statement of Significance:**
See attached.

14. **History:**



16. **Date:**
Original Building 1800-1824 [8]
Addition ca. 1850-1874 [6]

17. **Style:**
Federal [21]
Gothic Revival [4]

18. **Architect/Builder:**
Unknown

19. **No. of Stories:** [1.0]

20. **Original Floor Plan:**
Central Passage [CP]

21. **Single Pile** **Double Pile** **N.A.**

22. **Roof Form & Material:** Original
Gable/Asbestos Not Original

23. **Structural Material:**
Brick [B]

24. **Exterior Material:** []
Brick/Flemish Bond [B]

25. **Foundation Material:** [S]
Stone

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

27. **Special Features:**
Double pile/ central passage plan

28. **Outbuildings:** []
None

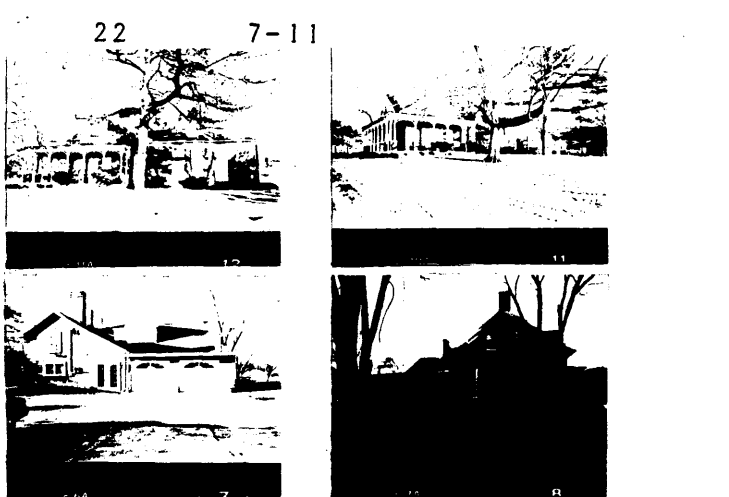
29. **Original Function:** [01A]
Single Dwelling

30. **Present Use:** []
Single Dwelling

31. **Condition:** [G]
Good

32. **Endangered:** Yes
No

33. **Attach Photos:**
Roll: Photo Nos: No. of Slides:



15. **Source of historical information and/or contact person:**
KHC inventory form
Harold Bucher/ Deed Research
Madison Co. Courthouse

34. **Prepared by:** S. Willis & H. Powell

35. **Organization:** Madison Co. Hist. Society

36. **Date:** 1985

37. **New Survey** **Resurvey**

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. []
 Quadrant: Richmond North 14 740830 4191450 40. Coordi.Accuracy []

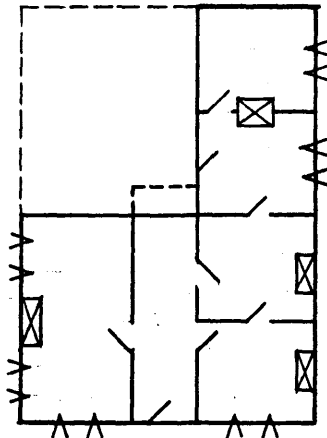
41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):

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

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

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

See Attached.



45. Description and House Plan:

The Cobb House was originally a one-story, three-bay brick residence. Flemish bond is found on the front or northwest facade and on the side or southwest facade. There is a dry-laid stone foundation under the original portion of the house which has a central hall two rooms deep on the south side and one long room on the north side. In the late nineteenth century, an ell was added to the rear and wall gables added to the northwest and southwest facades. The brick in the gables changes to common bond. The windows were elongated and now are paired. Stretcher-header jack arches are still visible over windows. Wide, overhanging eaves with brackets have been added at the cornice. A wrap-around porch goes from the center bay of the front facade around to the southwest facade. Porch posts now have brick bases. A 1930's photograph in the owners' possession shows arcading between the porch posts. Interior remodelling at the same time as the exterior changes created elongated doorways and a winding staircase. A garage has been added on the northeast facades.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name Whitney Cobb House Site # MA-10

Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title MADISON COUNTY MRA

U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTMs if property is ten or more acres.

A. _____ D. _____

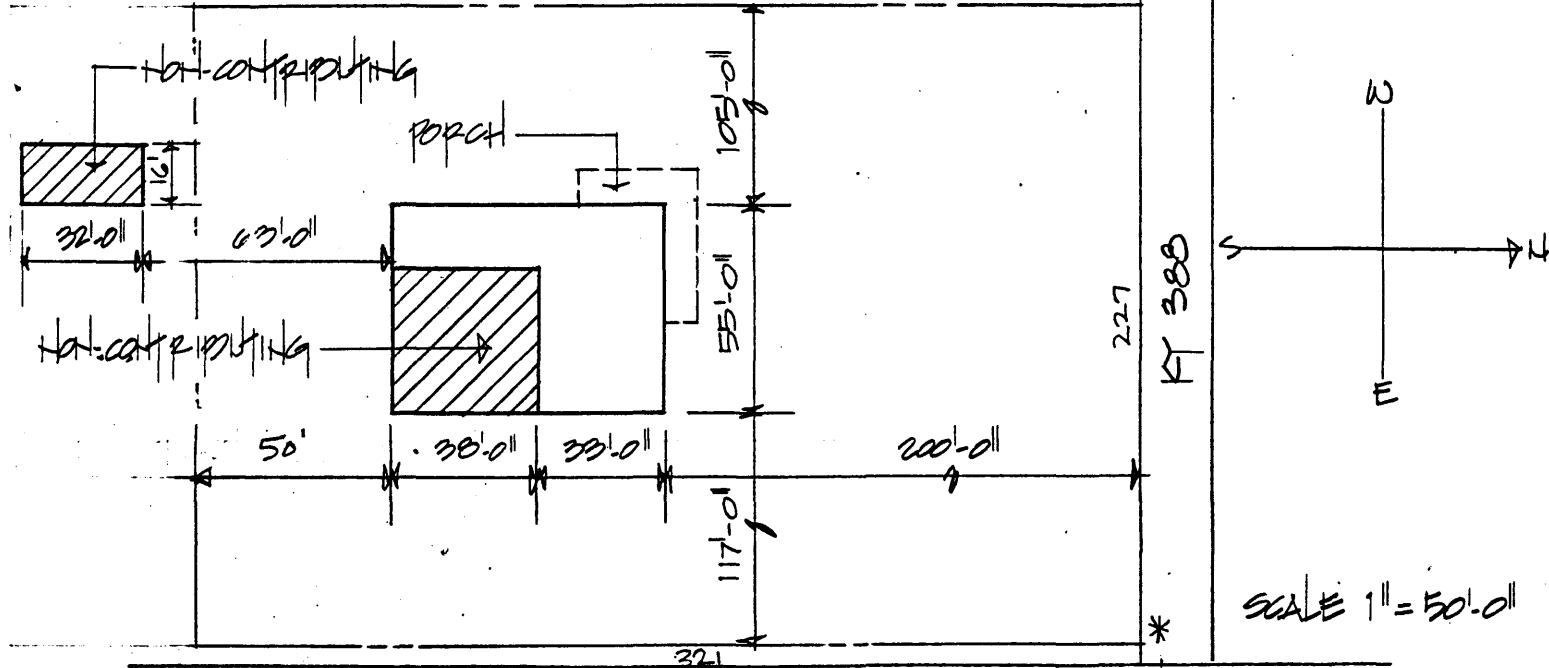
B. _____ E. _____

C. _____ F. _____

Verbal Boundary Description _____ Acreage 1.67

From a point of beginning 200 feet north and 117 feet east of the north east corner of the building; then south 321 feet to a point; then west 227 feet to a point; then north 321 feet to a point; then east 277 feet to the point of beginning.

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



Official Courthouse Property Reference:

POINT OF BEGINNING

Statement of Significance

The Whitney Cobb House is significant under criterion C for the period from 1850 to 1870 as an example of how elements such as wall gables and bargeboards from the Gothic Revival style were used in Madison County to update an early nineteenth century double-pile, central passage house.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The boundary was chosen arbitrarily to preserve the Whitney Cobb House's setback from the road on the north and to provide a minimal setting for the house. The boundary excludes a non-contributing building on the south.

The boundary contains one contributing building.