

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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1. Historic Name (s) F.A. Smith House		22. ADD/County Barren River/Hart	
Original Owner George A. Craddock		23. Zoning Classification Magisterial District	
Present Name		24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75')	
3. Owner's Name Mr. Glen Thomas		25. UTM Reference Zone Easting Northing	
4. Owner's Address 204 N. Washington Street, Munfordville		26. Prehistoric Site Historic Site Building X	
5. Location 204 N. Washington Street, Munfordville		27. District Name: Yes No	
6. Open to Public Yes No X		28. Significance Evaluation	
7. Visible from road Yes X No		29. Status National Landmark National Register Landmark Certificate Kentucky Survey Local Landmark HABS/HAER	
8. Ownership Private X Local State Federal		30. <del>Theme</del> Area of Significance: <del>History</del> Military <del>Architecture</del> Architecture <del>Commerce</del> Commerce	
9. Local Contact/Organization		31. Endangered Yes No X	
10. Site Plan with North Arrow		32. ATTACH PHOTO	
11. Architect		Roll No.	
12. Builder		Picture No. 20 & 21	
13. Date Ca. 1835		Direction	
14. Style		33. Tape No. Negative No.	
15. Original Use residence		34. Prepared by: AOJ/PMC	
16. Present Use residence		35. Organization KHC	
17. Condition Interior good Exterior good		36. Date April 1977	
18. Description This substantial brick house built around 1835 is two-story, five-bay with a central fanlit Federal doorway. The one-story porch was a 20th century addition. The interior utilizes a central hall plan and displays an interesting Federal/Greek Revival transitional stairway; some original woodwork including a mantel and cupboard in the rear wing, which was originally one-story.		37. Revision Dates 38. Staff Review	
19. History According to local sources, the house was built by George A. Craddock around 1835 and acquired by Francis Asbury Smith in 1837. <sup>1</sup> Smith, a native of Harper's Ferry (now West Virginia, at that time Virginia) later moved to Munfordville and established a general merchandise store. He later diversified, owning a large meat packing plant, <sup>2</sup> as well as a "petroleum, salt, and oil company" (1865 <u>Kentucky State Gazeteer</u> ). (over)			
20. Significance The house is most associated with Francis Asbury Smith, a prominent businessman in Munfordville in the mid-19th century. During and after the Battle of Munfordville in 1862, the house was also used by General Braxton Bragg, Commander of Confederate forces in the area, as his headquarters. It possesses architectural interest in (over)			
21. Source of Information			

19. History

During and after the September 1862 Battle of Munfordville the house was used by General Braxton Bragg, Confederate Commander, as his headquarters.<sup>3</sup>

Judge David A. McCandless, a member of the Kentucky Court of Appeals acquired the house in the 1920s. It was at that time that the large porch was added.

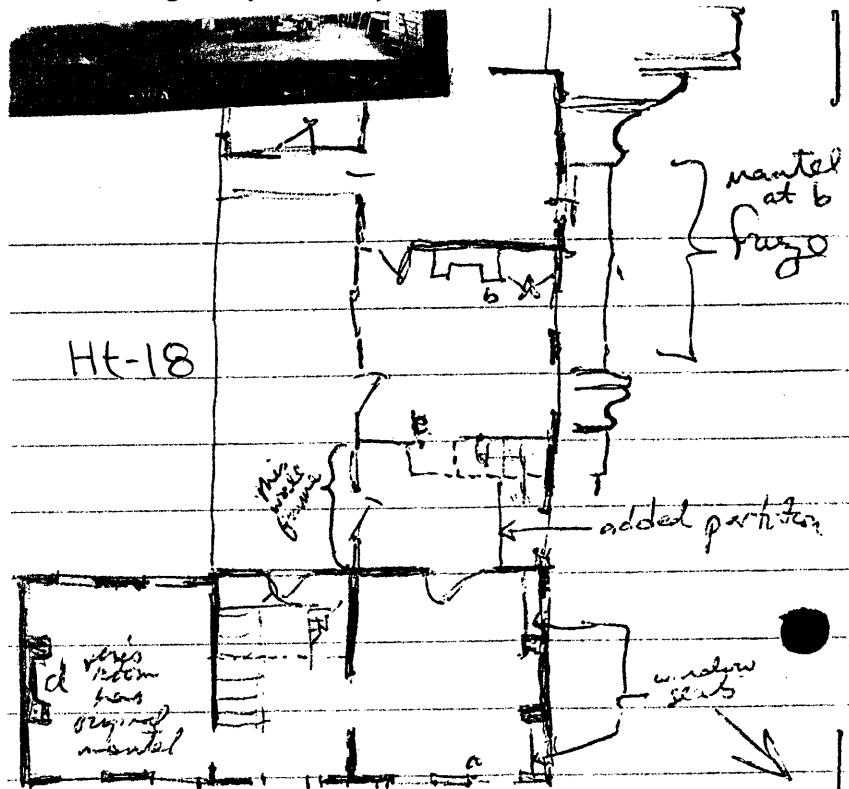
20. Significance

-serving as an example of the transitional Federal/Greek Revival style. The exterior is graced by a fine fanlit Federal doorway and a Federal/Greek Revival transitional stairway on the interior.

<sup>1</sup>From Charles D. Williams, Munfordville

<sup>2</sup>Smith's packing plant burned in 1886 and three years later he moved his family to St. Joseph, Missouri. (Roy A. Cann).

<sup>3</sup>From Colonel H. Engerud, U.S.A., address at Civil War Centennial, 1962.



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