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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Linn, Will, House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
103 North Sixth Street
CITY, TOWN
Murray
STATE
Kentucky
VICINITY OF
1
COUNTY
Calloway
CODE
021
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
1
CODE
035

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY,
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Murray Art Guild
STREET & NUMBER
103 North Sixth Street
CITY, TOWN
Murray
VICINITY OF
STATE
Kentucky

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Calloway County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
Main Street
CITY, TOWN
Murray
STATE
Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN
STATE
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE 1929

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located at 103 North Sixth Street in Murray, Kentucky, the Will Linn house is situated one block northwest of the courthouse square and downtown business district. Murray (pop. 13,700; 1970 census) is the seat of government for Calloway County and the second largest town in the far western section of Kentucky known as the Purchase. Murray is centrally located in the county approximately twelve miles west of Kentucky Lake, which with Lake Barkley forms the Land Between the Lakes, a major resort area in western Kentucky.

Originally situated on the northwest corner of Main and Sixth Streets (diagonally across Sixth from the Edwin S. Diuguid house, listed in the National Register 17 May 1976), the Will Linn house (see photo 1) was moved to the rear (north end) of the lot in 1929 when a gas station was built on the corner site. The house has occupied its present location facing eastward towards the center of town for the past fifty-one years.

Constructed in 1899-1900, the Linn house is a 2½-story frame residence reflective of the Queen Anne style. Key architectural features are the shingled porch entry with balustrade above, the one-story wrap-around porch on the north corner, the pedimented gables with fish-scale shingles, and the small cupola (see photos 2 & 3). Classical detailing typical of turn-of-the-century architecture is present in the straight-headed sash windows, simple cornice, corner boards, and the varied, arched window treatments in the south and east gables. The new brick foundation dates from the 1929 move at which time the brick chimneys were plastered. Two small stained glass windows remain. The asymmetrical plan (see floor plans) consists of an entrance hall with side stairs along the north wall, living room and dining room on the south side, a bedroom on the north side, and a kitchen and pantry to the rear. The house was one of the first three in Murray to have water pumped into the kitchen (the other two, now demolished, belonged to Linn's brother and father) and was originally designed to have three bathrooms although these were never installed. The kitchen has been remodelled and the pantry converted into a bathroom. An enclosed two-story porch is at the rear of the building. Original oak woodwork remains throughout the house including mantels with tile hearths and surrounds and iron grate covers, molded and incised door and window trim, a panelled oak staircase, and a massive built-in oak cabinet in the dining room (see photos 4-8).

The nominated acreage consists only of the city lot on which the house is located.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Built 1899-1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT George Aycock, Builder

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Will Linn house is one of the most noteworthy domestic structures in Murray, Kentucky.¹ Most of the town's nineteenth century houses in the vicinity of the courthouse square have been demolished, thereby increasing the value of this 2½-story Queen Anne dwelling to downtown Murray. The Linn house is distinguished by its asymmetrical plan highlighted on the exterior by the wrap-around porch, fish-scale shingles, cupola, and classical detailing. As one of three houses built at the turn of the century for locally prominent attorney Lilburn C. Linn and his sons Conn and Will, the Will Linn house is the only one remaining.²

Will Linn, who erected the house in 1899-1900, practiced law in Murray with his father and brother. His father, Lilburn C. Linn, had served two terms as Calloway County sheriff and also as circuit judge for the Third Judicial District which in 1892 included Trigg, Lyon, Christian, and Calloway counties. The town of Linn Grove (now Lynn Grove) in Calloway County was named after Judge Linn. Will's brother Conn Linn served two terms as Calloway County attorney in the early twentieth century.

In 1906, Will Linn sold the house to B. F. Schroader, later county attorney, and moved to Oklahoma. At the time of his death, Linn was a district judge in Oklahoma.

The house remained in the Schroader family until 1971 when it was purchased by the Murray Art Guild. The Art Guild has carefully maintained the house and uses it for displaying the works of local artists.

1

See Edwin S. Diuguid house listed 17 May 1976; also Murray State University Historic Buildings, listed 3 August 1978.

2

The Linn houses were noted as being among the first in Murray to have their own water supply pumped into the houses by a windmill owned by Lilburn Linn.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Kentucky State Gazeteer and Business Directory, 1896.

Johnston, A. E., comp. "History of Calloway County, Kentucky." Murray, Kentucky: The (Murray) Ledger and Times, 1931.

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED (continued)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approximately 2.8 acres

UTM NOT VERIFIED

QUADRANGLE NAME Murray

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1, 6 | 3, 8, 3 | 3, 2, 0 | 4, 0 | 5, 2 | 3, 1, 0

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

A rectangular lot measuring 150' x 102'; fronting 102' on North Sixth St. /Reference: #150437 Calloway County PVA office./

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Charlotte Schneider, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Kentucky Heritage Commission

DATE

August 1980

STREET & NUMBER

104 Bridge Street

TELEPHONE

(502) 564-3741

CITY OR TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Donna C. Hopkins

TITLE

Acting SHPO

DATE

10-22-80

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

12/4/80

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

Donna C. Hopkins
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

12-4-80

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Additional information provided by Patricia A. Clark, Murray Art Guild, Murray, Kentucky.