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MULTIPLE NOMINATION HISTORIC DISTRICT SUMMARY FORM

MRA/THEMATIC NOMINATION TITLE: Multiple Resources of Greenup, Kentucky NATIONAL REGISTER

HISTORIC DISTRICT NAME: Front Street District

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OWNER OF PROPERTY: See Continuation Sheets

(On Continuation Sheets list all properties by address which are included within the district and provide the names and addresses of their owners.)

DESCRIPTION:

Condition: [X] excellent, [] deteriorated, [] good, [] ruins, [X] fair, [] unexposed. Check one: [X] unaltered, [X] altered. Check one: [X] original site, [] moved. date

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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SIGNIFICANCE

Period: [] prehistoric, [] 1400-1499, [] 1500-1599, [] 1600-1699, [X] 1700-1799, [X] 1800-1899, [] 1900-. Areas of Significance: [] archeology-prehistoric, [] archeology-historic, [X] agriculture, [] architecture, [] art, [] commerce, [] communications, [] community planning, [] conservation, [] economics, [] education, [] engineering, [] exploration/settlement, [] industry, [] invention, [] landscape architecture, [] law, [] literature, [] military, [] music, [] philosophy, [] politics government, [] religion, [] science, [] sculpture, [] social/humanitarian, [] theater, [] transportation, [] other (specify)

Specific dates: 1840-1890. Builder/Architect: Unknown

Statement of Significance (In one paragraph)

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Acreeage of nominated property: 2.98

Quadrangle name: Greenup

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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DISTRICT MAPS ATTACHED:

- 1. District Boundary Map Showing Contributing & Noncontributing Properties.
2. District Map Showing Location & Direction of Numbered Photographs.

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<u>Site Number</u>	<u>Owner and Address</u>	<u>Property Owned</u>
	Mike West 500 Front Street Greenup, Ky. 41144	500 Front Street
	Harold Gillum 504 Front Street Greenup, Ky. 41144	504 Front Street
	M. J. Hargett 508 Front Street Greenup, Ky. 41144	508 Front Street
GpG-8	Clifford Enyart 512 Front Street Greenup, Ky. 41144	512 Front Street
GpG-12	Y. E. Cales 602 Front Street Greenup, Ky. 41144	602 Front Street
	Mrs. William Diamond 604 Front Street Greenup, Ky. 41144	604 Front Street

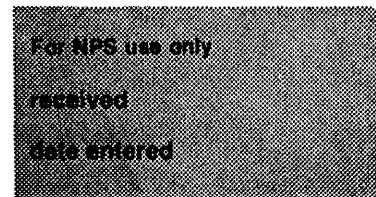
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Summary

Greenup was established in 1803 as Greenupsburg, the county seat of Greenup County. Located along the south bank of the Ohio River near the mouth of the Little Sandy River, Greenup is one of the oldest towns in the northeastern portion of the state of Kentucky. The town was laid out in a grid pattern with the courthouse square at the center.

The Front Street District is located one block west of the courthouse square and one block north of Main Street. Front Street is also called Water Street on many of the maps because the houses located on the south side of the street have an impressive view of the Ohio River from their front porches and second stories. The contributing buildings and structures span a time period from 1840 to 1890.

The Front Street District contains six contributing buildings, three contributing structures, four non-contributing structures, and one contributing object. The non-contributing structures are garages and small storage facilities built after the period of significance. See the map of the district in Figure 1 for the locations of the non-contributing structures.

The district is a one and one-half block area bounded by Front Street on the north and Elizabeth Street on the south. Laurel Street bounds the district on the west. The eastern boundary is approximately 135 feet east of Hickory Street.

General Description-

Front Street is approximately eighteen feet wide with a sidewalk on the south side, but no curbs or gutters. On the north side is a narrow, grassy strip which is the top of a steep bluff which descends approximately fifteen feet to the Ohio River. The top of the bluff and bank have no trees of any size, but there are occasional large trees, most of which are water maples, in the front yards of the houses on the south side of the street.

The front facades of the houses between Laurel and Hickory Streets have a setback of thirty feet while the houses east of Hickory Street have a setback of only ten feet. The rear yards extending to Elizabeth Street average 100 feet in depth. The two houses east of Hickory Street, at 602 and 604 Front Street, are the oldest houses in the district dating from the mid-nineteenth century. They appear on a map of Greenupsburg published in the mid-1870's. The houses at 504 and 510 Front Street first appear on the Sanborn Insurance Map for Greenupsburg in 1886. By the time the 1893 Sanborn Map was published,

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all the houses in the district were in place.

All the buildings in the district are residential in use and all are occupied. There are no vacant lots. The majority of the buildings within the district are two stories and were originally weatherboarded when they were built in the late nineteenth century. There are two brick residences, one of which dates from the mid-nineteenth century and the other from the late nineteenth century. The floor plans and the roof configurations occur in the following combinations: one T-plan with a hip roof, two central passage plans with gable roofs, three T-plans with gable roofs. The most common alterations to buildings include remodeling of front porches, enclosures of rear porches, addition of metal awnings, and alteration of window glazing. Aluminum siding has been placed over the weatherboarding on the houses at 604, 508, and 500 Front Street. All of the houses still have a front porch and have retained their visual orientation to the river.

Architectural and Historical Description

The residences in the Front Street District were built between 1840 and 1890. The following paragraphs summarize the stylistic and spatial features of the major houses within the district in chronological order.

The two earliest houses within the district are located at 602 and 604 Front Street. The residence at 604 Front Street is a two-story house originally clad in weatherboarding with a five-bay facade and stone foundation. The central passage plan is one-room deep with interior gable-end chimneys. Despite the application of aluminum siding, salient features evocative of the Greek Revival style can be seen in the space for sidelights adjacent to the central doorway, the boxed cornice, and the square proportions of the windows.

The Kouns-Womack House (Gp-G-21) at 602 Front Street was built circa 1840 by John C. Kouns and displays more overt references to the Greek Revival style. Kouns was an officer with the First Kentucky Regiment under Andrew Jackson during the War of 1812. Kouns came to Greenup and established a tavern called the Kouns House in 1827. The Kouns House, which was torn down in the 1970's, stood on Front Street west of the Front Street District. The tavern served as a meeting place for the politicians and lawyers who came by river to Greenup during the session of the circuit court. Circa 1860, Kouns built a second house at 208 Jefferson Street (Kouns-Hoffman House, Gp-G-14) and

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sold the house at 602 Front Street to Archer Womack.

The Kouns-Womack House is a one and one-half story brick residence with a central wall gable on the front facade. The central doorway is flanked on either side by a pair of windows. The door itself is framed by a transom and sidelights. Upstairs, there is a central three-part window. There are lintels above the windows. Alterations to the Kouns-Womack House since the mid-nineteenth century include the addition of two weatherboarded shed-roofed dormers flanking the front gable, a balustraded front porch, and the addition of weatherboarding to a portion of the east side facade.

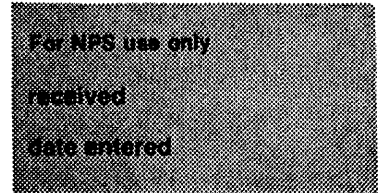
The Halbert House (Gp-G-8) at 510 Front Street first appears on the 1886 Sanborn Map. It was built by George Halbert who came to Greenup from Lewis County in the 1860's to practice law. Halbert was a member of the Kentucky Senate from 1878 to 1882. The house was later owned by William Biggs. Virtually intact on the exterior, the Halbert House is a two-story brick T-plan with Italianate features. The low-hipped roof has overhanging eaves with dentils in the cornice. The long, narrow windows are used in pairs on the main facade and are capped with arched hood moldings. The one-story wrap-around porch has a hipped roof, overhanging eaves, and small brackets along the porch cornice. The slender columns are flanked by curved brackets. An iron hairpin fence delineates the front yard.

The three remaining residences in the district at 500, 504, and 508 Front Street present fewer stylistic details than the preceding houses. They were built between 1886 and 1893 and are all T-plans with gable roofs. The houses at 500 and 504 Front Street are two stories, while 508 Front Street has only one story. Windows are long and narrow and are occasionally used in pairs or in squared bay windows. The three houses have stone foundations and centralized brick chimneys. All were originally clad in weatherboarding, but aluminum siding has been applied over the weatherboarding on 500 and 508 Front Street.

The district, of course, is closely related to the surrounding environment. Archeological remains, such as trash pits, wells, and structural remains, which may be present, can provide information valuable to the understanding and interpretation of the district. Information concerning use patterns, social standing and mobility, as well as structural details are often evident only in the archeological record. Therefore, archeological remains may well be an important component of the significance of the district. At this time, no investigation has been done to discover these remains, but it is probable that they exist, and this should be considered in any development of the properties in the district.

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Significance

The Front Street District represents one of Greenup's most intact groupings of domestic architecture spanning an era from 1840 to 1890. Despite the fact the Greenup was located away from the major population centers of the state, the architectural fabric demonstrates an awareness of national architectural styles in the mid- to late-nineteenth century and contrasting reactions to the styles among builders in the design of residences.

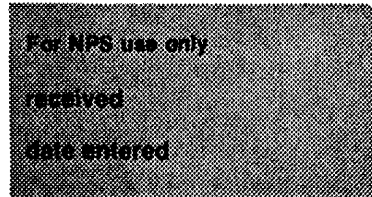
In the Front Street District, one can see the Kouns-Womack House, built by John C. Kouns, a prominent tavern owner and politician. Through his business contacts on the Ohio River and travel to the legislature, he was apparently aware of the Greek Revival style popular nationally prior to the Civil War. He built his brick, central passage residence at 602 Front Street, ornamenting the entrance with sidelights and a transom, placing a wide cornice beneath the eaves, and putting lintels over the windows. Next door, at 604 Front Street, is a house with a floor plan and construction date similar to that of the house built by Kouns. The house at 604 Front Street represents a more conservative, traditional reaction to the Greek Revival style involving the central doorway and window proportions.

For the period after the Civil War, there is the Halbert House at 510 Front Street. Halbert, a lawyer and legislator, used the Italianate style as a model. He built a brick, T-plan residence with a low hip roof, overhanging eaves, elongated windows, and a wrap-around porch. The weatherboarded houses at 500, 504, and 508 Front Street are also designed as T-plans. Though they are contemporaries of the house built by Halbert, their major concession to architectural style is their elongated windows.

The contrasting reactions and interpretations of architectural styles contributes to a distinct sense of place. Greenup's position on the Ohio River exposed its more prominent citizens to national trends which were cautiously accepted and used by other citizens. Despite some alterations to porches and exterior materials, the Front Street District has also maintained a sense of place through the preservation of its visual relationship with the Ohio River.

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Boundary

Starting at a point in the southeast corner of the intersection of Laurel and Front Streets or the northwest corner of the lot of 500 Front Street, or point A; then east 390 feet along the north property lines of 500, 504, 508, 510, 602, and 604 Front Street to the northeast corner of the lot of 604 Front Street, or point B; then south 190 feet along the east property line of 604 Front Street to the southeast corner of the lot of 604 Front Street, or point C; then west 390 feet along the south property lines of 604, 602, 510, 508, 504, and 500 Front Street to the southwest corner of the lot of 500 Front Street, or point D; then north 190 feet along the west property line of the lot of 500 Front Street to the northwest corner of the lot of 500 Front Street, or point A, the point of beginning.

To the north is the Ohio River; to the east are houses built in the 1960's and 1970's; to the south are the rear yards of the commercial properties fronting on Main Street; to the west are vacant lots and the rear yards of commercial buildings which front on the courthouse square.

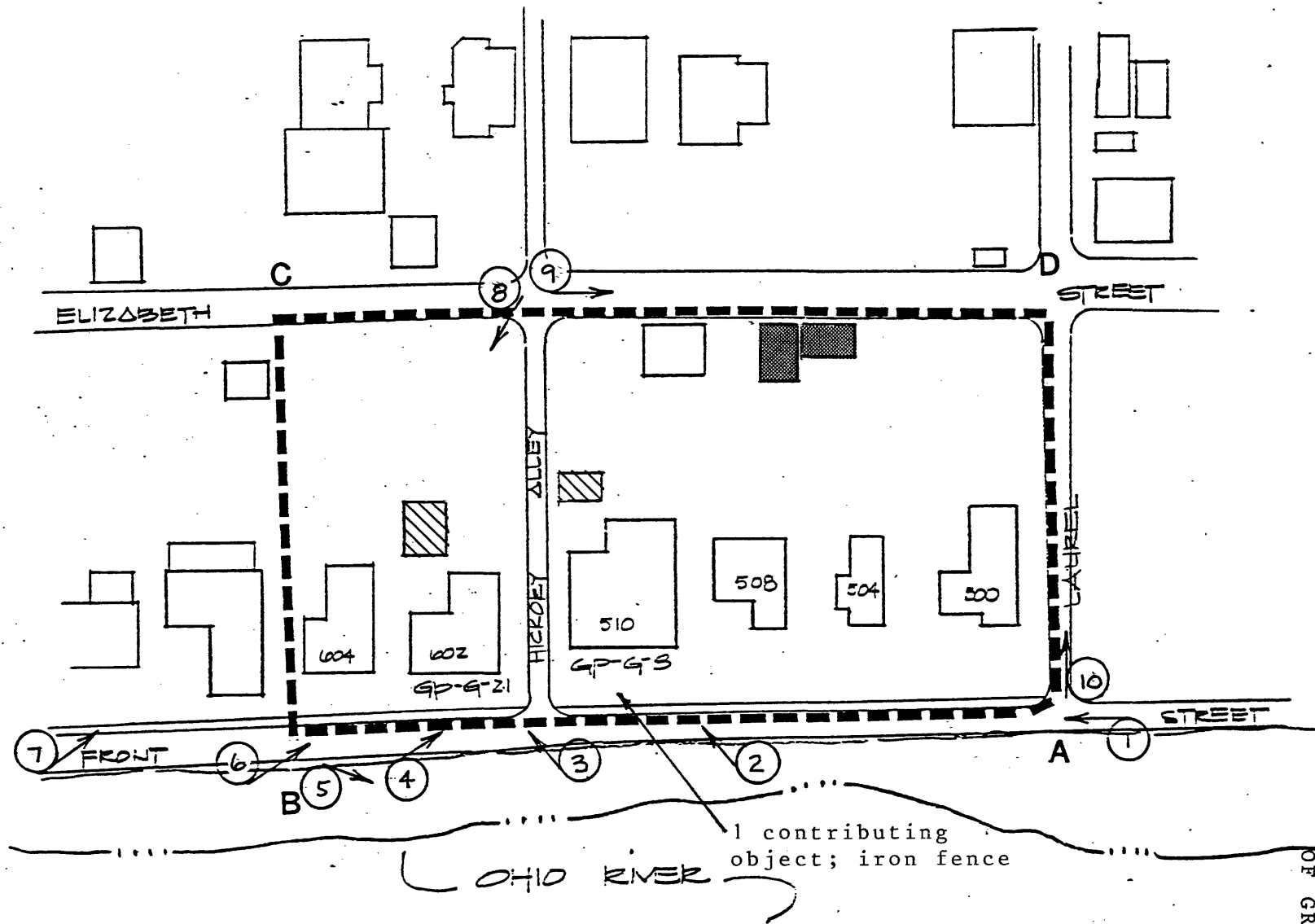





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-  CONTRIBUTING BUILDING
-  NON-CONTRIBUTING BUILDING
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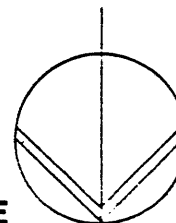


FIGURE 1
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