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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
Merchant's Hotel
AND/OR COMMON
Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
102 East Main Street
CITY, TOWN
Campbellsville
STATE
Kentucky
VICINITY OF

CODE
021
COUNTY
Taylor
CODE
217
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
5
NOT FOR PUBLICATION

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY,
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Mrs. Mary E. Hoffman
STREET & NUMBER
102 East Main Street
CITY, TOWN
Campbellsville
STATE
Kentucky
VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Taylor County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Campbellsville
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 _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Merchant's Hotel is located on the southeast corner of East Main and Columbia Avenue in downtown Campbellsville, Kentucky. Campbellsville (1970 pop. 7,598) is the seat of government for rural Taylor County, situated in the southcentral portion of the state. The hotel lies at the western terminus of the core of the late nineteenth-early twentieth century commercial section of Campbellsville (see photo 1).

Constructed ca. 1910, the Merchant's Hotel is a three-story brick structure resting on a stone foundation. Of note are the polygonal corner tower with conical roof and the recessed arched entrance with similar balcony on the Main Street (north) facade (see photo 2). The main entrance is set behind brick piers forming a rounded-arch colonnade, while the second floor balcony displays segmentally arched openings corresponding to the window arches (see photo 3). A three-bay block on the Main Street elevation is a full three stories; the southwestern section of the building is 2½ stories with pedimented dormers.

The interior, which is currently being refurbished contains most of the original woodwork, consisting of multi-panel doors with transoms and cornice strips. The original mantels have been removed from the lobby, but have been replaced with similar period mantles and the original tile floor remains. The hotel now serves as a private residence with limited rental space.

The nominated acreage consists only of the building and the lot it occupies.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
__1800-1899	X COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
X 1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

ca. 1910

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Merchant's Hotel comprises an essential element within the overall streetscape of downtown Campbellsville, Kentucky. Occupying a key corner location, the hotel serves to anchor the western terminus of the historic commercial section of the town. While the building's height and scale harmonize with the streetscape, its location and various architectural components, i.e. the polygonal tower and the arcades, provide visual relief and diversity from the standard three-story Italianate and turn of the century commercial structures that line Main Street. In addition, the hotel played an important role in the commercial growth of Campbellsville in the early twentieth century, providing lodging and meals for traveling salesmen in the area and serving as the chief hotel in this county seat. The Merchant's Hotel was also a social nucleus for many of the Campbellsville residents.

Taylor County, Kentucky, was created by the General Assembly of Kentucky in 1848. Campbellsville, the county seat of Taylor County, was established circa 1815 by Andrew Campbell, one of the first settlers in this area. It was incorporated on January 3, 1817 and made the county seat by the General Assembly on February 20, 1850.

This building was constructed circa 1910. It was originally built by a corporation of which J. S. Breeding (1858-1933) was the president. This three-story, thirty-two room building was originally built by a group of Campbellsville merchants for the benefit of travelling salesmen who needed a place to stay overnight. In its heyday it was the town's leading hotel. The parlor on the second floor became a popular recreation spot. It contained a noted restaurant, and in many respects it was a social center. It was operated for several years after its most prominent years (1909-1935) by a couple affectionately known as "Uncle Walt" and "Aunt Mag" Hoskins who leased it to operate a rooming house.

By 1949 the hotel had seen its best days as a business establishment. From that time until 1976, it became somewhat dilapidated. However, efforts are presently being made to renovate it.

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ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

(continued)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approximately 1/4 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Campbellsville Quadrangle

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,6 64,6 5,9,0 4,1 3,3 7,6,0

B

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C

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E

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H

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

A rectangular lot on the southeast corner of East Main and Columbia, fronting 70' on East Main and 200' on Columbia.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Calvin P. Jones, Senior Historian/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 State Historic Preservation Officer 9-23-80

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

W. Ray

Luce

DATE

11/25/80

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *Linda Hunt* *McClelland*

DATE

11-24-80

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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