

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic William Hickman House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 31 West Hickman Street not for publication

city, town Winchester vicinity of ~~Congressional District~~

state Kentucky code 021 county Clark code

3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>na</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<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 Clark County Bank

street & number West Lexington Avenue

city, town Winchester vicinity of state Kentucky

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clark County Court House

street & number Court Square

city, town Winchester state Kentucky

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Kentucky Historical Res. Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date November 29, 1973  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Kentucky Heritage Council

city, town Frankfort state Kentucky

## 7. Description

### Condition

excellent  
 good  
 fair

### Check one

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

### Check one

unaltered  
 altered

original site  
 moved date \_\_\_\_\_

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Hickman House is located at the north east corner of West Hickman and South Maple Streets in the City of Winchester, Kentucky. According to deeds found in the Clark County Courthouse, the house and lot were purchased in November 22, 1814, by William Hickman. A deed in 1812 lists a lot only existing when purchased by John Couchman. The building was only partially completed when William Hickman purchased it in 1814. The main block of the house was started and an out building begun for use as a kitchen. These buildings are simple in design and detail. The house has an "I" plan with 2½ stories. This section is all brick with flemish bonding on the west facade only, while the rest of the building has a common bond design. The structure has two main entrances. One on the Hickman Street side with a door entering into the central hall. The second located on now South Maple Street with access into the south west room flanking the central hall. The reason for the dual entrances is traced back to John Couchman who started the structure and intended this part to be a tavern. The Maple Street facade is located on what was the old Winchester-Lexington stage coach route. With the gable side turned onto Hickman, the building deceives you and appears to be a side hall plan from Maple.

The small kitchen building constructed simultaneously with the main house is a single pen two story brick structure. This outbuilding was built at an elevation 3 feet below the main house and parallel with the Maple Street facade and walk. This response to site and slope is what makes the building, as a whole, so interesting. The additions constructed in the 1870's and 1930's tie the kitchen and main house together without disregarding the slope of the site. These additions create an intermediate floor between kitchen and house while creating much needed floor space. The total effect of this construction is an eight floor building. 3 levels on the ground, 3 levels on the second floor and a bi-level attic. Each level is defined on the Maple Street facade as the building descends down Maple away from Hickman.

On the exterior, the building is tied together with a cornice which had been remodeled in the 1930's into a colonial revival design. The cornice is decorated with a dental motif. The total plan of the building, in it's present form, is an elongated "L" with the bend filled in.

The interior of the building has retained the character of each construction phase. The 1814 block is simple in decoration with mantles having fluted motif and thresholds and window openings paneled with black walnut now painted over. The main stair case ascends to the attic unobstructed. The 1870 addition joining the two original buildings has little detail and the wall thickness drops from the original 15" to 9". A gallery on the second floor houses early gothic revival windows taken from the Presbyterian church once adjacent to the property.

In the 1930's a room was constructed that filled in the "L". This room has dark carved woodwork and paneling. The room is a great contrast to the light clean rooms of the late and early nineteenth century structure. During this phase a sun room and porch were also added. The porch guards the Hickman Street entrance in a colonial revival style.

Note should be taken that the interiors maintain distinct characteristics of various construction phases. Wide ash flooring remains in second floor rooms while formal first rooms were changed to oak paneling in the 1930's. Windows and sashes are original throughout the house and original panes are still intact in second floor windows. A restoration is in the process at this time which has taken into account the character and quality of this fine structure.

# 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1814–1815 **Builder/Architect** John Couchman

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Hickman House is an outstanding example of Federal Architecture that has been transferred into a new form and style through 115 years of growth. The 1814 federal building has design and space characteristics which alone would make this structure worthy of registration. Combining this early structure with additions built in 1870 and 1930, the total form expresses concern for site and slope which otherwise is disregarded in many of this building's contemporaries. The distinct environment captured in each construction phase is intact. These rooms become a living key to history and decoration. The totally enclosed rooms of the early portion contrasted with a beautiful well thought out 1930's panelled library. The building has always been a fine example of Winchester architecture and life style. I must stress always, because the building was never vacant.

On November 22, 1814, William Hickman purchased this property from John Couchman who intended the building to be a tavern. William Hickman was a cabinet maker who had a shop adjacent to this property that now bears the name of Hickman Addition. After his death in 1865, the house passed onto his daughter, Lucy Hickman Taliaferro. They occupied the property until 1908 when the house was sold to Mr. S. T. Davis whose first wife was Susan Hickman McKinley, great granddaughter of William Hickman.

Finally, in the 1940's the property was sold to Mrs. Witt who sold it to the present owners.

The Clark County Bank is in the process of restoring the structure to use as a conference center.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Clark County Deed Books. Deed Book 11, p.363 and Deed Book 252, p.247.  
 Winchester Sun. March 11, 1982 and September 15, 1964. Winchester, Kentucky.  
 Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky, Clark County. KY Heritage Council & Clark County  
 Historical Society; Unigraph Incorporated, Evansville, Ind., 1979, p. 146.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property .385

Quadrangle name Winchester

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UMT References

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**Verbal boundary description and justification** A line going north from Hickman Street along Maple to a point 210 feet away. From that point east 55 feet south 105 feet. West 50 feet and south 105 feet to the origin.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Eugene H. Doren, Project Director

organization Winchester Main Street Project date August 30, 1982

street & number 28 Wall Street telephone 744-7019

city or town Winchester state Kentucky 40391

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

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 *Mary Ann Appel*

title *State Historic Preservation Officer* date *October 11, 1982*

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the  
National Register

date *11/2/82*

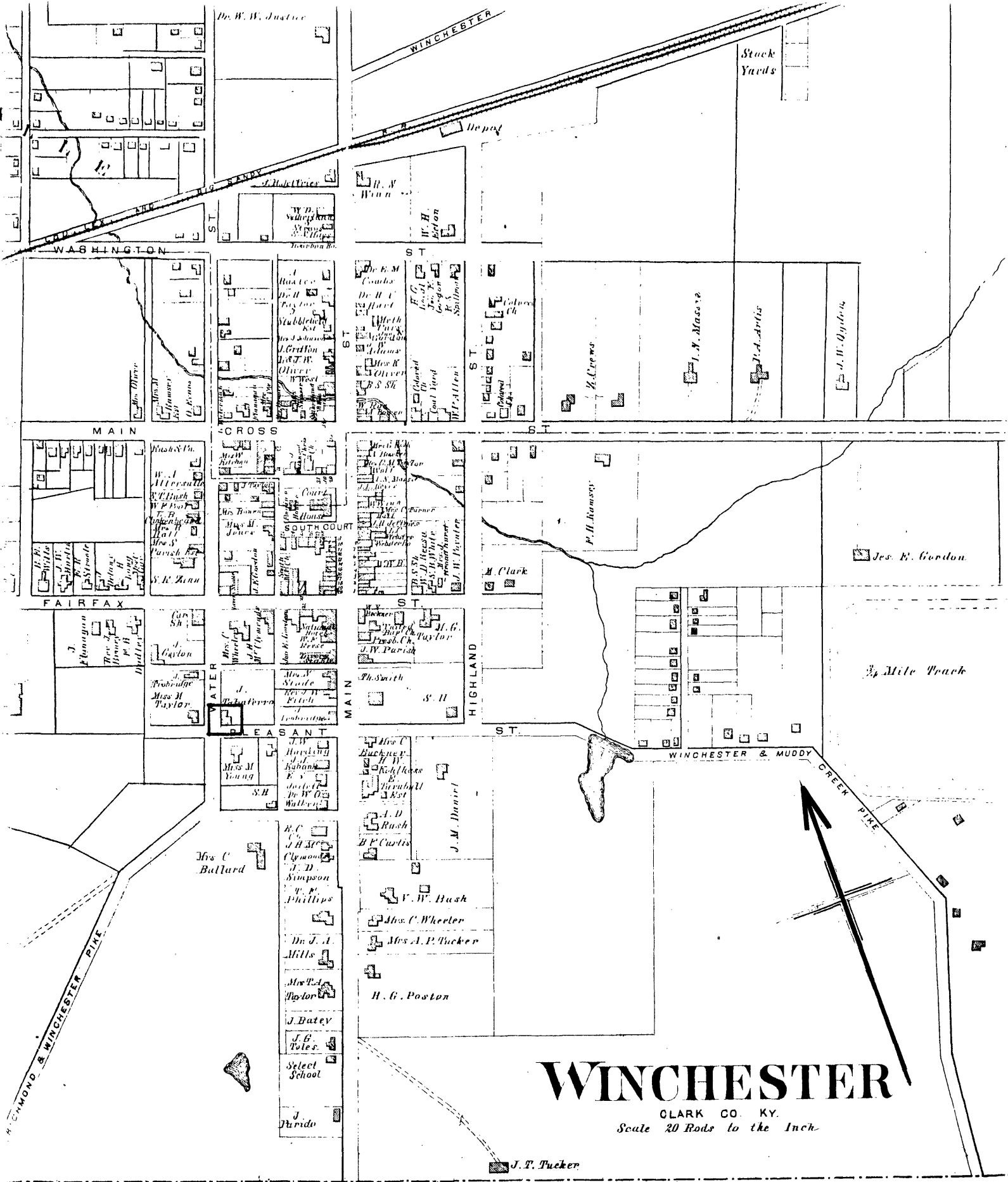
*Alvina Byers*  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration





# WINCHESTER

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Scale 20 Rods to the Inch.

J. T. Tucker