

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

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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 Helm-Engleman House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Engleman Lane

not for publication

city, town 1 mile N of Hubble vicinity of Stanford

congressional district

state Kentucky

code 021

county Lincoln

code

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<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 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	N/A 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 checked="" 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 Mr. and Mrs. John Tobe

street & number 609 Teakwood Drive

city, town Lexington

vicinity of

state Kentucky 40502

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Lincoln County Courthouse

street & number Main Street

city, town Stanford

state Kentucky

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title KY Historic Resources Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date May, 1972 federal state county local

depository for survey records Kentucky Heritage Council

city, town Frankfort

state Kentucky 40601

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 Helm-Engleman House is situated on a rolling, well-drained 460 acre tract in the outer Bluegrass region of central Kentucky, 35 miles southwest of Lexington and ten miles north of Stanford. The house occupies a fertile, intensively cultivated upland that overlooks the Hanging Creek and Dix River valleys.

Built c.1800 in the Federal style, the Helm-Engleman House is a single pile, central passage brick farmhouse with original two-story brick ell. The main block exhibits a symmetrical five-bay front elevation and gabled side elevations with returns. All of the elevations, including the ell, are laid in Flemish bond; the front elevation having Queen's closers. The main block rests on a slightly raised rubble limestone foundation.

Stylistically, the front elevation is characterized by a central passage with shouldered Greek Revival architrave entrance. The four-pane transom window is deeply recessed and surmounts a paneled soffit. Although the two-over-two windows are not an original feature, the reeded and pegged sashes are of the period. One distinguishing feature is the unique variation employed on the dining room windows, which are wider than all the other bays. (A historical photograph, probably taken after the porch was added in 1890, indicates the sashes were nine-over-six, and those on the dining room twelve-over-eight.) Other details include two basement windows with segmental brick lintels and a standing seam metal roof with three interior end chimneys.

Among the significant elements found on this house are the ribbed sandstone keystones employed on both the front and north elevations. The keystones serve a structural need while enhancing the simplicity of the otherwise traditional jack arch lintels.

The two-bay, two-story brick ell, which is attached to the north side of the main block's rear elevation, is lower than the front block and rests on a shallower foundation. However, the similarity in fenestration and uninterrupted bonding of the Flemish masonry with the front block strongly suggest the ell is a contemporary unit. It is not known, however, whether the small six-over-six windows on the ell are original. Two side passages, one to the dining room and one to the kitchen, also mark this facade. Between the two passages is a basement entrance with segmental lintel.

The interior of the house is characteristically simple, with its center passage and attached kitchen ell. The first floor passageways have paneled soffits and architraves and pegged, six panel doors. All of the rooms have chair rails and narrow baseboards; the floors are primarily white ash and poplar. The main staircase consists of a spindled balustrade with what appear to be Victorian acorn type finials on the landing and newelport. Highly stylistic is the full length, Federal style china cupboard in the formal dining room. The reeded pilasters, lighted doors, and butterfly shelves all suggest early nineteenth century craftsmanship. Adjacent to the cupboard is a highly unusual fireplace mantel that is anachronistic to the period (Photo #7). All of the other mantels on the front block are more representative of the Federal style (Photo #8). Like the first floor, the second floor is divided into three compartments. The fittings are original and the master bedroom features a Federal press similar to but less stylistic than the one described in the dining room.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates c.1810-1820

Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Helm-Engleman House, built ca.1810-1820, is an important expression of Federal vernacular architecture in Lincoln County, Kentucky. It is significant for the excellence and integrity of its period craftsmanship and for its distinctive variations in traditional design elements. The two-story, center passage house is distinguished by an original brick ell and Flemish bond masonry on all four elevations. Equally significant are the reeded keystones employed in the window lintels and the unusually wide window bays exhibited on the dining room. These original features are singularly important as they have not been observed on other Federal style houses in Lincoln County.

Lincoln County is one of Kentucky's three original counties, having been formed by the Virginia legislature in 1780. Joseph Helm (1755-1831) was among the earliest settlers in the county, having purchased property along Hanging Fork Creek in the late 1790s. It is not known precisely when the house was built, but by virtue of its detailing and construction the house probably dates to the ca. 1810-1820 period.

In 1836 Christian Engleman (1805-1874) purchased the house and farm at auction from the heirs of Joseph Helm. Engleman's father, Simon Engleman, had emigrated from Germany in the early 1790s and purchased a farm adjacent to Helm's farm overlooking Hanging Fork Creek. In 1827 Christian Engleman married Joseph Helm's daughter, Eliza Helm; in 1835 Engleman filed suit against the heirs of Joseph Helm, forcing them to put the farm up for auction.

Regrettably little is known about Joseph Helm and Christian Engleman. Engleman was apparently a farmer by occupation and was also active in Lincoln County politics. He was appointed Justice of the Peace in 1829 and served two terms in the Kentucky legislature from 1851-1855. Both he and Joseph Helm are buried in the family cemetery.

Christian Engleman and his second wife Levisa raised a family of eight children on the farm. One of the daughters, Eliza Ann, married Christopher Harris, and the property remained in the Harris family until recently purchased by John Tobe. Vacant for almost sixteen years, the house is currently being restored.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Dunn, Shirley. Historic Homes and Old Buildings in Lincoln County, Kentucky, By the Author, 1971.

Courthouse data provided by John E. Tobe.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1.14 acres

Quadrangle name Stanford

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification The nominated property occupies a 1.14 acre tract that encompasses the house and domestic yard space. Beginning at a point where the gravel driveway and the yard intersect, being the southeast corner of nominated property, proceed west 250' until reaching fencerow, thence proceed north 200' along said fencerow, thence

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

state _____ code _____ county _____ code _____

state _____ code _____ county _____ code _____

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Kentucky Heritage Council

date October, 1982

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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

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Mary Curran Appel

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 12/13/82

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

Ken Mc Donogh
Keeper of the National Register

date 1/27/83

Attest: Patrick Andrews
Chief of Registration

date 1/26/83

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Attached to the rear of the dining room is a step-down kitchen, which was partitioned during the 1901 remodeling. The kitchen is largely intact, with its limestone fireplace, Greek mantel, and pegged walnut cabinets and woodwork. A narrow stairwell affords the only access to the servant's quarters on the second floor of the ell. This single ell space is unaltered, having the original fireplace, walnut presses, and chair rail.

None of the original or nineteenth century dependencies remain within the nominated area. A mobile home and vertical board shed are located approximately 75 feet northeast of the house. A large tobacco/livestock barn occupies the perimeter of the farmyard but is outside of the nominated area. The Helm-Engleman family cemetery lies approximately 200 feet south of the house and adjacent to a cultivated field.

ALTERATIONS: The Eastlake style frame porch and side portico were added c.1890 and are important features. Within the past twenty years a concrete block foundation was built to reinforce these elements. Attached to the rear elevation is a single story, three-room frame addition built in 1901. Its narrow two-over-two windows, metal roof, and slapboard siding are relatively intact. The original rear bays on the front block were probably filled with brick at the time the wing was added in 1901.

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proceed east 250' along the north side of yard area until reaching gravel driveway,
thence proceed south along the west side of gravel driveway until reaching the point
of beginning.