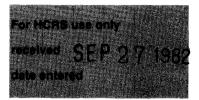
United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

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 Wesley, Roberts, Houses and/or common 2. Location

street & number	r 113-115 N	orth Main Stre	et			not for public	ation
city, town	Cynthiana	vi	cinity of	congressional	district		
state	Kentucky	code 021	county	Harrison		code	097
3. Clas	sification						
Category district X_ building(s) structure site object	Ownership public X private both Public Acquisition N/A in process being consider	n Accessib yes: r	cupied in progress le	Present Us agriculta X commer educatio entertain governm industria military	ure cial onal nment nent	museum park X private re religious scientific transport other:	_
4. Owr	ner of Pro	perty					
name	Jerry Casey						
street & number	113 North Main	Street					
city, town	Cynthiana	<u>یے میں ایک اور بی منظمی ہے</u> اکر کا کر	cinity of		state	Kentucky	
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courthouse, regi	istry of deeds, etc.	Harrison Cou	nty Court	house			
street & number		South Main S	treet				
city, town		Cynthiana			state	Kentucky	
6. Rep	resentatio	on in Exi	sting	Surveys	;	in a start i	
title _{Survey}	of Historic Site	s in Kentucky	, has this pro	perty been deter	mined ele	egible?X_ yes	no
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7. Description

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Condition		Check one
excellent	deteriorated	<u>X</u> unaltered
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fair	unexposed	

Check one <u>___X</u> original site ___ moved date _

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Wesley Roberts Houses, situated at the northern end of Main Street, represent the best examples of vernacular townhouse architecture constructed in the first quarter of the Nineteenth Century in the then young town of Cynthiana.

Both are two-story, double-pile brick buildings with two-story frame ells and exhibiting three-bay facades with side entrances. Flemish bond brick work enhances the facades of both houses with the remainder done in common bond brick work with rows of headers every five or eleven rows. Gabled roofs with dual stack interior gable-ended chimneys with one 6/6 pane gable window on No. 113 and one 1/2 pane gable window on No. 115.

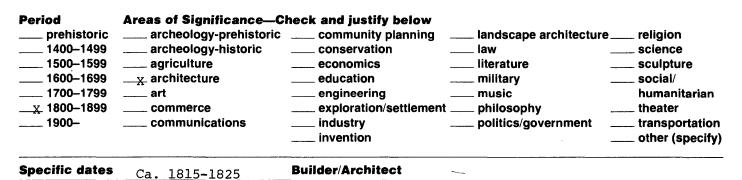
No. 115 features an ornate "frontispiece" consisting of a triangular dentilled pediment with a five-pane fanlight window completed by shouldered architecture doortrim. 6/6 pane straight-headed windows with limestone lintels and sills pierce the first floor, while 4/4 rectangular windows accented by limestone lintels and sills puncture the second floor facade. The facade is further accentuated by a three-brick row table course and two-story frame pilasters. The townhouse is completed by a modillioned boxed cornice, and an asbestos shingle roof with a shed dormer of three 2/2/2 pane windows.

No. 113 exhibits a plainer entranceway, set off by a limestone lintel. 6/6 pane straightheaded windows with limestone lintels and sills pierce the first floor, while four 6/6 pane windows with wooden pegged frames and jackarches delineate the second floor facade as opposed to the three-bay upper floor facade of No. 115. A three brick row table course also enhances the facade of this building. A boxed cornice with returns and a tin roof complete the townhouse.

Both houses have the same interior floor plans with open two-run stairways. No. 115 exhibits more ornate interior embellishments such as an elliptical pedimented arched opening and fluted door and window trim, while No. 113 has plain door and window trim.

The townhouses are in a very good state of repair, and are structurally unaltered.

8. Significance



Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Wesley Roberts Houses, built ca. 1815-1825, are significant for their historical associations with the development of Cynthiana, located in the north central section of the Bluegrass Region of Kentucky. The dwellings are architecturally important as the best examples of vernacular townhouses common to this area, and are significant for the excellence of their construction and detailing.

Wesley Roberts was one of the early settlers of the community, and several deeds show that he acquired considerable property in Cynthiana. From various deeds, it can be surmised that the two buildings were constructed in the first quarter of the Nineteenth Century.

The houses are situated at the northern end of Main Street, known as the Cynthiana-Falmouth Pike, which is the major northerly road in the county.

In 1882, No. 115 was acquired by Dr. Henry McDowell, a practicing physician in Cynthiana since 1858. The first floor of the building served as his office, while the upper level was living quarters for his family. Dr. McDowell was active in community affairs, and served as President of the Board of Trustees for the Cynthiana City School. In 1885, he was a member of the school board.

Architecturally, the houses are similar to townhouses constructed in the first quarter of the Nineteenth Century in Lexington, thirty-three miles to the south; Georgetown, twenty-one miles to the southwest; Millersburg, twelve miles to the east; and Paris, fifteen miles to the south. All are located in the central bluegrass region of Kentucky, blessed with some of the most fertile land in the state, and the first settlement areas in the Commonwealth.

The present owner is currently sympathetically restoring the townhouses. One of the buildings will be his family's home, while the other will be used for apartments.

9. Major Bibliographical References

 Beers, D.G., Atlas of Bourbon, Clark, Fayette, Harrison, Fayette, Jessamine & Woodford Counties, Kentucky. Philadelphia: D.G. Beers & Co., 1877.
Collins, Lewis. <u>Historical Sketches of Kentucky</u>. Maysville, Ky. Lewis Collins, 1847.
Harrison County Deed Book II.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property <u>less than 1/2 acre</u>

Quadrangle name <u>Cynthia</u> UMT References	na	Quadrangle scale <u>1:24,000</u>		
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Verbal boundary description and justification The buildings are situated with no set back on No. Main St. with a street frontage of 77 ft., and extend westward for 145 ft. A Standard Oil Service Station is located on the north side of the houses, and a ca. 1950, two-story brick house on the south side.

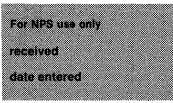
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11. Fo	rm Prepai	ed By			
name/titie	William Gus Johr	nson, Archit	ectural His	torian	
organization	Harrison County	<u>Heritage Co</u>	mmission	date Ma	y 1982
street & numbe	Box 366			telephone	(606) 234-3641
city or town	Cynthiana			state	Kentucky
12. St	ate Histor	ic Pres	ervatio	n Offic	er Certification

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 1982 title date For HCRS use I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register the National F date

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