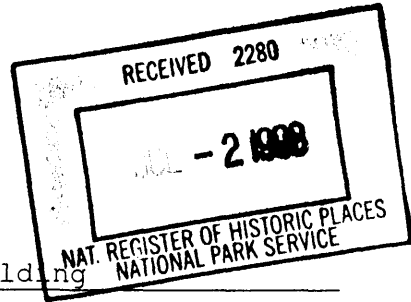


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM



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1. Name of Property

historic name Masonic Hall/Federal Commissary Building
other names/site number Second Baptist Church (LV-S-10)

2. Location

street & number Main and Charlotte Streets not for publication N/A
city or town Smithland vicinity XX
state Kentucky code KY county Livingston code 139 zip code 42081

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this XX nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property XX meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide XX locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

David L. Morgan, Executive Director
Kentucky Heritage Council & SHPO

David L. Morgan
Signature of certifying official

6-22-98
Date

Kentucky Heritage Council/State Historic Preservation Office

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register
 See continuation sheet.
 determined eligible for the
National Register
 See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the
National Register
 removed from the National Register
 other (explain):

Patrick Andrews

8/13/98

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

private
 public-local
 public-State
 public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

building(s)
 district
 site
 structure
 object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Caught In The Middle; The Civil War Years on the Lower Ohio River

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions social Sub Meeting Hall
Current Functions Religion Sub Church

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Other/Commercial

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone roof asphalt walls brick

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

 D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
 B removed from its original location.
 C a birthplace or a grave.
 D a cemetery.
 E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
 F a commemorative property.
 G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance Military History

Period of Significance 1861-65

Significant Dates N/A

Significant Person N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder N/A

9. Major Bibliographical References

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.

previously listed in the National Register

previously determined eligible by the National Register

designated a National Historic Landmark

recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #

recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary Location of Additional Data

State Historic Preservation Office

Other State agency

Federal agency

Local government

University

Other

Name of repository: Kentucky Heritage Council

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	<u>16</u>	<u>375060</u>	<u>4111150</u>

Verbal Boundary Description:

A part of lot 49, Original Town of Smithland. Beginning at corner Lot 49, corner of Main and Charlotte Street, running West with Main Street 60 feet to a stake corner of Smedley's lot; thence South one hundred (100) feet to a stake in

line of Lot No. Fifty (50); thence with said line 60 feet to Charlotte Street; thence with said street one hundred (100) feet to the beginning.

Boundary Justification

This partial lot contains the subject property and have been historically associated with it.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title James E. Jacobsen, Historic Preservation Consultant

organization History Pays! date May 30, 1998
street & number 4215 Northwest Drive telephone (515) 274-3625

city or town Des Moines state IA zip code 50310

Property Owner

name Ottie W. and Lila Guess

street & number P.O. Box 265 telephone _____

city or town Smithland state Ky zip code 42081

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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7. Narrative Description:

The Masonic Lodge/Federal Commissary Building (LV-S-10) is located on the south side of Court Street, west of Charlotte Street, and is just one block east of the Ohio River. This two-story brick commercial building faces north, and stands in what was once the downtown of Smithland.

The building has a rectangular footprint and is oriented north and south along its longer axis, which measures 40x60 feet. A small single-story gabled rear addition of recent date covers the rear of the building, measuring 20 feet in depth.

Several facade features date the building to the middle of the 19th Century, these being the half-round front attic light, the star bolt wall anchors and the two second-story flat pilasters which are stepped out from the wall, rising to the top of the second-story. These separated the original front windows.

The building's existing fenestration pattern is original to the building as built. The first-story windows are capped with half-round brick arched while those on the second floor were capped with flat stone lintels. The latter have been shortened to half of their original length. These taller upper windows reflect the long-term use of that floor as a fraternal hall.

On the main facade, the central window, if present, has been infilled. There was no central upper front window, its place being taken by the commemorative Masonic plaque. The west front window is now a door which leads nowhere. The lower front left-side window has been bricked in. On the east side wall, three upper windows have been completely filled in. On the west side, it is likely that the windows on each end are infilled. The south or rear wall has just one small window on the second story.

A double entryway centered on the front has the same round-arched cap, now filled with a single half-round light transom. The roof is a combination hip/gable form with the gable in the front. What appears to be the front steeple has its own gable roof and it retains the church bell of the First Baptist Church.

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8. Significance Statement:

Located at the southwest corner of Court and Charlotte Streets, the Masonic Hall/Federal Commissary Building (LV-), constructed in 1860, is nominated as part of a Multiple Property Listing entitled "Caught in the Middle, The Civil War Years on the Lower Ohio River, 1861-65," within the context of "Federal and Confederate Military Operations On and Along the Lower Ohio River, 1861-65; The War on the Land." This property is locally significant as a Non-military Property Having Civil War Historical Associations property type and meets the National Register Criterion A for its use throughout the Federal Military garrisoning of Smithland, Kentucky, as a Commissary office and warehouse. As such it is a rare surviving example of commercial building having such an association.

The property meets those registration requirements set forth in the associated historic context because it is directly associated with the Civil War. The building retains the integrity aspects of location, design, and the cumulative aspects of feeling and association. The building still looks like a mid-19th century combination fraternal hall and commercial building.

O. N. Layman built the building as a Masonic Hall and storefront in 1860 and this building continued to house the Masons until they moved to a newly constructed building in the 1960s or 1970s. The building was used for community meetings including Temperance gatherings prior to its Civil War use. After the war it reverted to its original owners. The First Baptist Church was displaced from its building by 1887 (its church building was lost to the Ohio River in 1912). This church occupied the basement of this building and used it as a church from 1887 until 1913 when they built their present building. In 1889 this congregation secured a \$500 Congressional appropriation to pay for unpaid rent for the wartime use. Those funds were received while the congregation occupied this building. No major structural changes were made by this church body in this building. In more recent years the building was used as a restaurant. Since 1980 it has housed the Second Baptist (mission) Church. That congregation recently added the rear community hall addition.

Capt. S. R. Wetmore was the garrison's acting Assistant Commissary of Subsistence as of November 21, 1861 when his operations were inspected by Capt. John C. Cox, A.A.C.S. who found all supplies "under good storage and entirely protected from the weather being within a substantial warehouse with good fastenings." A Lt. Helm was the Assistant Commissary as of September 1862. Lt. J. R. Sedbury, Company G, 48th Kentucky held the post until he was relieved by Lt. William J Gelston, 34th New Jersey Volunteers, on November 17, 1864. Second Lieutenant James Cogan held the position as of March 7, 1864, he being finally relieved by Capt. George E. Sutherland, Company B, 13th U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery who was acting Assistant Commissary of Subsistence on May 1, 1865.

The Commissary Department operations at the post were reported "in an excellent condition" as of May 7, 1865, although the value of stored goods totaled just \$3,100. The post was recommended for closing at the end of August 1865 and it was closed by the end of December, 1865.

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Other Documentation, Photographs:

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Photographer: Mr. James E. Jacobsen

Date of Photographs: August 1997

Negative Location: Kentucky Heritage Council

Photo Number:	View/Description:
1	Main facade, view south
2	East side, view west
3	West side, view east

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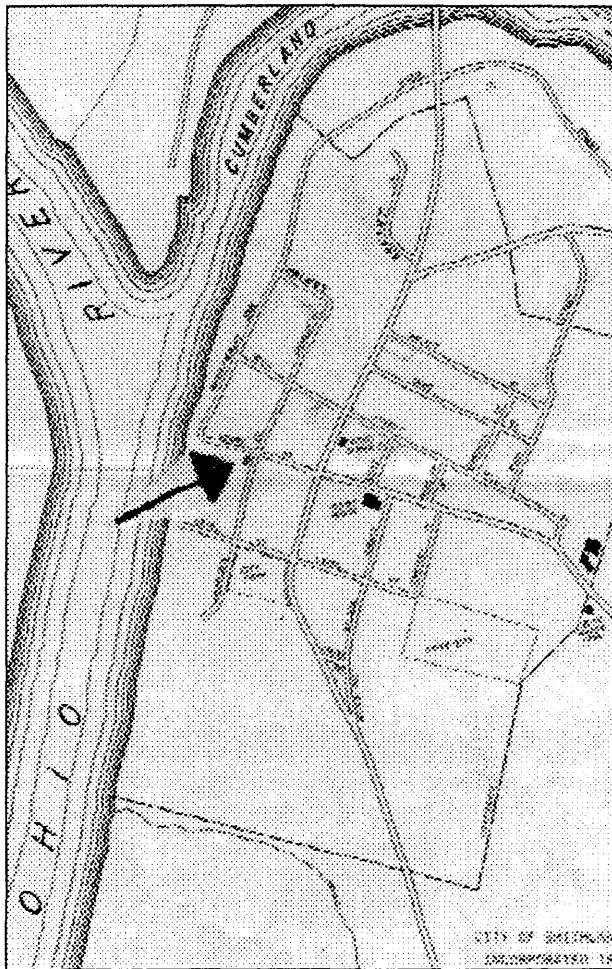
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10. Geographical Data:



Arrow Locates property (north to top of map)
Court Street is now called Main Street