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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES  
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # 224  
Madison County

1. Name of Resource:  
Tevis House

2. Original Owner:  
Napoleon Tevis

3. Other Names:  
Sleepy Hollow

4. Prehistoric Site \_\_\_\_\_ Building X Object  
Historic Site \_\_\_\_\_ Structure \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

5. Location:  
South side of KY 627 or the Boonesborough Road

6. Owner's Name:  
Mrs. Thomas Phelps [ P ]

7. Owner's Address:  
1730 Boonesborough Road  
Richmond, Ky. 40475

8. Evaluation: [ N ]

9. Recognition & Date:  
Nat.Landmark \_\_\_\_\_ Local Landmark \_\_\_\_\_  
Nat.Register \_\_\_\_\_ HABS/HAER \_\_\_\_\_  
Highway Marker \_\_\_\_\_ KY Inventory 1973 \_\_\_\_\_  
KY Landmark Certificate \_\_\_\_\_

10. N.R.Status & Date:

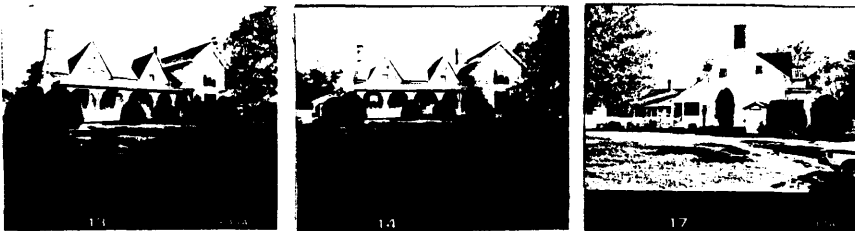
11. N.R.Group:  
District Name: [ ]  
Mult.Resource Area: Madison [ ]  
Thematic Name: [ ]

12. Historical Theme:  
Primary: Architecture [ 030 ]  
Secondary: [ ]  
Other: [ ]

13. Statement of Significance:

See attached.

14. History:  
See attached



16. Date:  
Original Building 1836 c. [ 7 ]  
Addition 1875-1899 [ 5 ]

17. Style:  
Federal [ 2 ]  
Victorian Vernacular [ 4 ]

18. Architect/Builder:  
Unknown [ 1.0 ]

19. No. of Stories: [ 1.0 ]

20. Original Floor Plan:  
Central Passage [ CP ]

21. Single Pile X Double Pile N.A.

22. Roof Form & Material: Original \_\_\_\_\_  
Gable/ Asbestos Not Original X

23. Structural Material:  
Brick [ B ]

24. Exterior Material: [ B ]  
Brick/ Flemish Bond [ ]

25. Foundation Material:  
Stone [ S ]

26. Major Alterations: None \_\_\_\_\_  
Moved/Rebuilt Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Additions Wing on the west side

27. Special Features:  
None

28. Outbuildings: [ ]  
None

29. Original Function:  
Single Dwelling [ 01A ]

30. Present Use:  
Single Dwelling [ ]

31. Condition:  
Good [ G ]

32. Endangered: Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No X

33. Attach Photos:  
Roll: Photo Nos: No. of Slides:  
21 13-22



15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: Madison County: 200 Years in Retrospect, Ellis, Everman, Sears, 1985.  
Survey Form 1974: Mrs. Charles Combs  
Mrs. Thomas Phelps

34. Prepared by: H. Powell & S. Willis  
35. Organization: Madison Co. Hist. Society  
36. Date: 1985  
37. New Survey \_\_\_\_\_ Resurvey X

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. [ ]  
 Quadrant: Richmond North 16 730220 4193160 40. Coordi.Accuracy [ ]

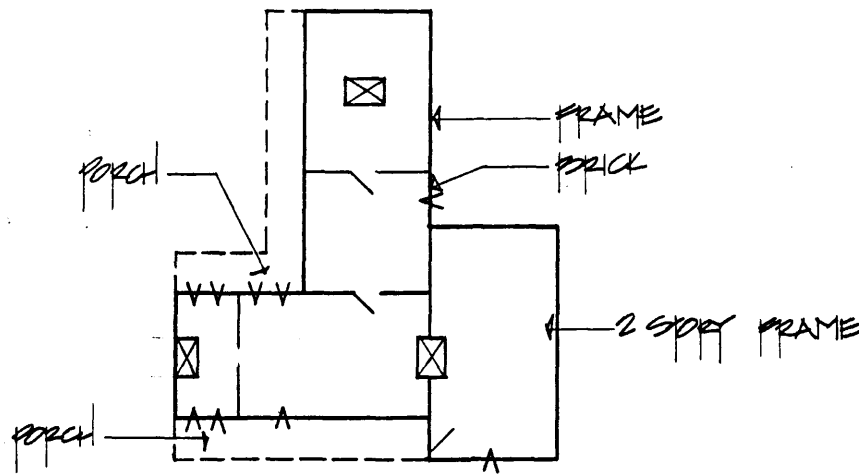
41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):

A. ----- D. -----  
 B. ----- E. -----  
 C. ----- F. -----

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary:

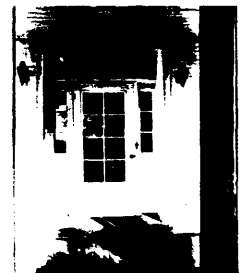
44. Site Plan (and boundary description and justification for N.R. sites):

See attached.



45. Description and House Plan:

The original portion of the Tevis House was a one-story brick structure constructed on a stone foundation. The five-bay front or north facade has Flemish bond while the other facades, including a one-room brick ell, are five-course common bond. The floor plan was central passage flanked on either side by one room with interior end chimneys. The central entrance has a six-light transom and three-light sidelights. Window glazing in the Federal portion of the house is nine over six with reeded window surrounds. In the late nineteenth century, a frame bay was added to the house on its west side. The front facade was also remodeled by the addition of two wall gables. The frame wing projects slightly, giving the house the appearance of a T-plan. A one-story porch with scrolled brackets, overhanging eaves, and wooden posts covers the front facade of the original Federal house. The late nineteenth century remodeling gives the house a High Victorian Gothic Revival look.



KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT  
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name Tevis House Site # Ma 224

Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title MADISON COUNTY MRA

U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTMs if property is ten or more acres.

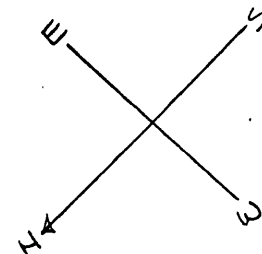
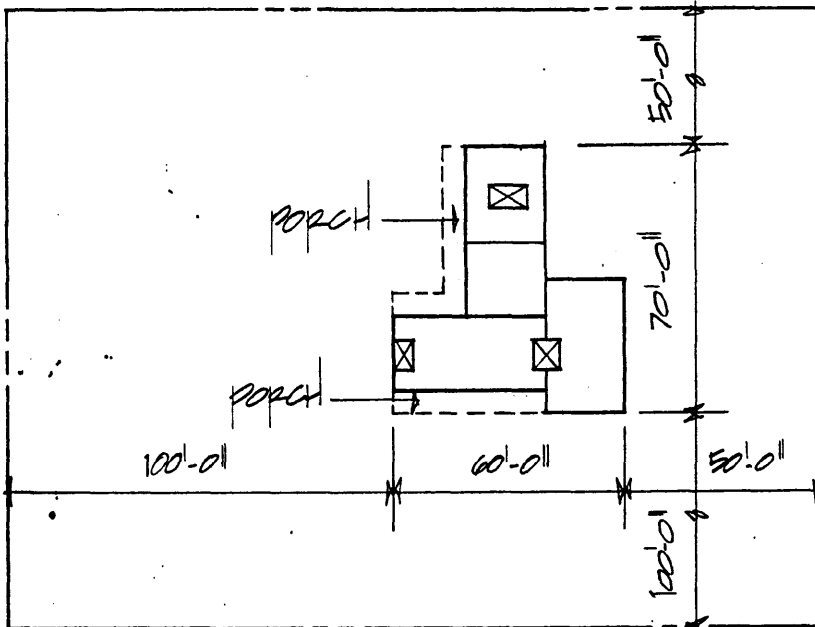
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| A. _____ | D. _____ |
| B. _____ | E. _____ |
| C. _____ | F. _____ |

Verbal Boundary Description

Acreage 1.08

From a point of beginning 50 feet southwest and 100 feet northwest of the northwest corner of the house; then northeast 210 feet to a point; then southeast 220 feet to a point; then southwest 210 feet to a point; then northwest 220 feet to the point of beginning.

Sketch of Site Plan (Showing outbuildings, structures, landscape features and the site boundary as described above.)



SCALE 1" = 50'-0"

Official Courthouse Property Reference:

**Statement of Significance**

The Tevis House is significant under criterion C for the period ca. 1870 to 1900 as an example of how some Madison County houses were updated with wall gables, steeply-pitched roofs, and lengthened chimneys to reflect the Gothic Revival style. Further, the addition of the two-story frame ell updated form of the house from the central passage plan of the early nineteenth century to the T-plan of the late nineteenth century.

**Verbal Boundary Justification**

The boundary was chosen arbitrarily to provide a minimal setting for the house.

The boundary contains one contributing building.

14. History

The Tevis House was built in the first quarter of the nineteenth century either by Robert or by Napoleon Tevis. Napoleon is named in the court order books as one of the road supervisors appointed by the Madison County court in 1829. With his brother Jeremiah, he was also responsible for erecting road signboards. Napoleon Tevis lived here from 1836 to 1846. Since 1846, the home has belonged to Joiah Phelps, W. O. Chenault and wife, Dan Harber, and T. J. Kellems. T. J. Kellems purchased the home in 1903. The current owner is his daughter, Mrs. Thomas Phelps.