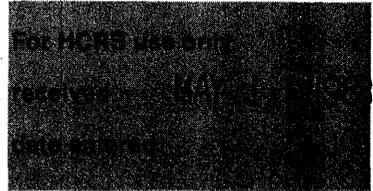


**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 <sup>g</sup> ~~The~~ Innes Houses of Fayette County

and/or common

**2. Location**

3 + 100 E

street & number multiple address (see attached) NA not for publication

city, town Lexington NA vicinity of congressional district

state Kentucky code 021 county Fayette code 067

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name multiple owners (see attached Ky. Historic Resources Inventory forms)

street & number

city, town Lexington NA vicinity of state Kentucky

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Fayette County Courthouse

street & number 215 West Main Street

city, town Lexington state Kentucky

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

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

date January 1980  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Kentucky Heritage Council

city, town Frankfort state Kentucky

## 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 Innes Houses, located on the Russell Cave Pike in the northern part of Fayette County, are indicative of the settlement pattern of this early pioneer family who came into Kentucky from the Old Dominion of Virginia. The four houses, one part stone construction with later additions, one a fine Federal style brick structure and two massive Greek Revival mansions show the progression of living quarters of prosperous landowners in the Bluegrass region from ca. 1800 up to the Civil War.

According to architectural historian, Clay Lancaster, domestic building in stone had a short career in Fayette County. It appeared as early as 1784 and the stone portion of "Malmaison Hall" was probably a stone cabin built ca. 1800. This portion still retains pegged doors and window frames. It was added onto in several sections, the middle section reflecting the Federal period and the front section, the Greek Revival. These additions to the house may have been precipitated by the building of the Federal Innes house and the Greek Revival houses of C.W. and Henry Innes. Why Squire Innes called his house "Malmaison Hall" is unknown but it seems strange to use French which translates into sick or bad house.

As early as the 1790's bricks were being produced and used in building in Central Kentucky. Since settlers of Kentucky had come from the eastern states we find the architecture of these areas reflected in the initial brick houses of Fayette County. Typical of the Virginia tradition, the Innes' built sometime in the early 1800's a story-and-a-half, two room deep brick dwelling. It featured such sophisticated detailing as a Palladian window, arched doors and windows, reeded woodwork, carved mantels and fluted pilasters on the front door frame. This house reflects the short time span between stone cabins and fine brick houses in Central Kentucky.

"The boldness and high-styled quality of the Greek Revival made earlier houses look obsolete. Additions to existing buildings now invariably were carried out in the latest vogue..." says Clay Lancaster in his book, Ante Bellum Houses of the Bluegrass. This is seen in the front addition to "Malmaison Hall". The boldness and high-style of Greek Revival was firmly planted when the Innes brothers, Charles W. and Robert H. built their houses, "Corinthia" (1854) and "Buenna Hill" (1840's). Both houses were designed and built by John McMurtry. In Back Streets and Pine Trees, Clay Lancaster says about McMurtry, "The man whose work is most representative of the nineteenth century architecture of central Kentucky is John McMurtry. He was both architect and builder, and he was locally trained. His working period, which lasted from the mid 1830's until 1890, spanned most of the century, and the style of his buildings alternated easily between classicism and romanticism. The numerous buildings that he erected give an adequate cross section of nineteenth century architecture, and among their numbers are to be found some meriting careful consideration. McMurtry built for the people and institutions which led in the early cultural advancement of the West. Because of his local training, the diversity and extent of his output, and the duration of his active period, the work of John McMurtry assumes the significance of a regional survey."

# 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"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

These four buildings were built for members of the early pioneer Innes family who came into Kentucky from Virginia around 1800. Settling in the northern section of Fayette County on the Russell Cave Pike were Dr. Henry E. and Colonel James Innes. There were the sons of Hugh Innes. Dr. Henry E. Innes was a practising physician and was a surgeon in the War of 1812. He had two sons - Charles W. and Robert H. Innes. Colonel James Innes was a farmer and landowner and his son was Squire J.P. Innes.

Charles W. Innes was born in Fayette County in 1821. In 1842 he married Miss Mary Russell of the pioneer Russell family for whom Russell Cave Pike was named. The place he built and lived in was "Corinthia" which had 560 acres on which he was well-known in the county as a successful breeder of short-horn cattle.

Robert H. Innes, younger brother of Charles W. was born in 1828. In 1849 he married Miss Sophia Flournoy of an early and prosperous Central Kentucky family. His farmstead consisting of 480 acres was called "Euena Hill" and he was also a breeder of short-horn cattle. In Perrin's History of Fayette County, Kentucky it says, "He is the breeder of short-horn cattle, and has at the head of his herd a magnificent bull, 'Second Duke of Cannondale', an animal of unblemished pedigree and faultless proportions, of which its owner is justly proud."

The eldest of that generation of Innes' was Robert and Charles' first cousin, Squire J.P. Innes. Born in 1812, his father was James. According to Perrin, "He chose for his wife Miss Columbia Davis, whose grandfather, William Davis, was among the early settlers when the country was yet full of Indians in what is now the northern part of Woodford County and owned the land for miles around the present town of Midway, ... The residence of Squire Innes, called 'Malmaison Hall' is nine miles from Lexington on the Russell Pike. He owns 1,520 acres of land, which besides other uses supports fifty milch cows."

The Innes estates remained intact until the 20th century but as is inevitable where the law of primogeniture is not recognized, the estates were divided among the 14 heirs and eventually fell out of the family. The 1904 map shows only a Mrs. Innes residing at "Malmaison Hall".

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Perrin, William Henry, ed. History of Fayette County, Kentucky. Chicago: O.L. Baskin & Co. 1882

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property see attached Inventory Forms

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

### UMT References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached Inventory Forms.

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

state NA code NA county NA code NA

state NA code NA county NA code NA

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Richard S. DeCamp, Executive Director

organization Lexington-Fayette County Historic Comm. date November 1982

street & number 253 Market Street telephone 606/255-8312

city or town Lexington 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 Ann Appel*

title *State Historic Preservation Officer*

date 4-25-83

For HCERS use only

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

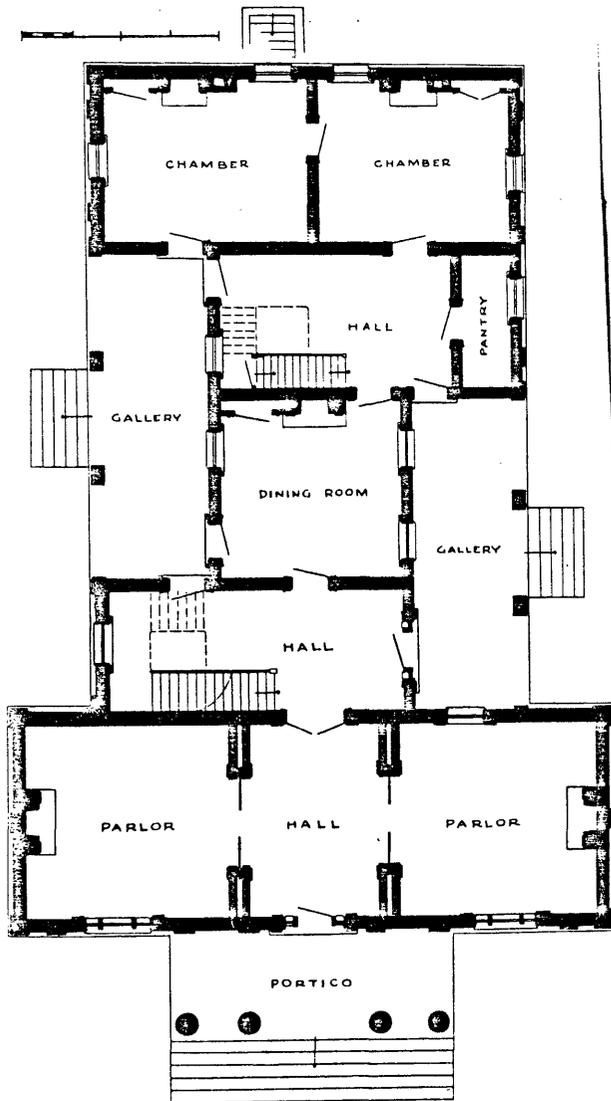
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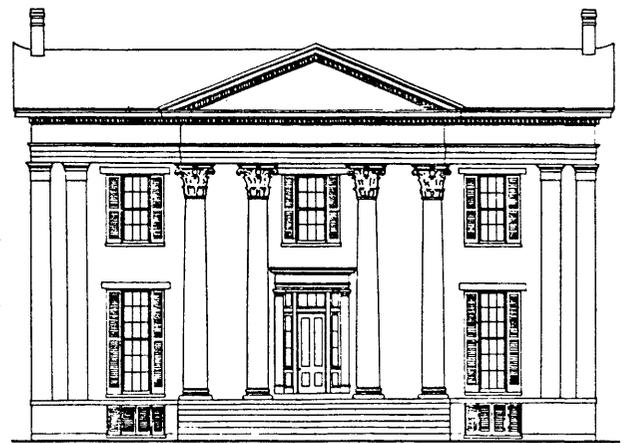
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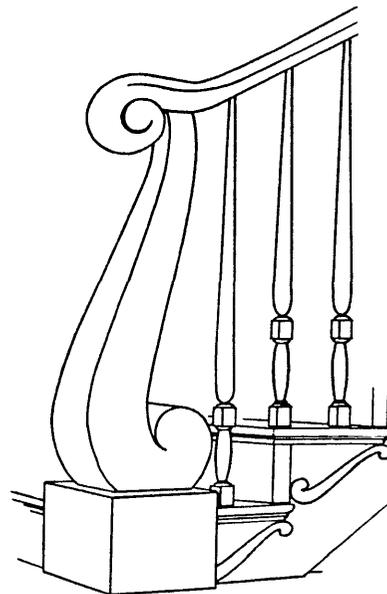
126. Buenna Hill.



129. Principal Floor Plan of Corinthia.



128. Corinthia.



130. Newel Post of Main Staircase, Corinthia.

Innes Family Houses of Fayette County  
Fayette County, Kentucky  
Clay Lancaster, Ante Bellum Houses  
of the Bluegrass. Illustrations  
1961  
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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

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Name Innes Houses of Fayette County Thematic Resources  
State Kentucky

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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|-----|-------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| 241 | 1. Buenna Hill    | Substantive Review                  | for Keeper | accept Patrick Andrus 6/29/83   |
|     |                   |                                     | Attest     | _____                           |
| 2   | 2. Corinthia      | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | Delores Byers 6/29/83           |
|     |                   |                                     | Attest     | _____                           |
| 3   | 3. Innes House    | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | Delores Byers 6/29/83           |
|     |                   |                                     | Attest     | _____                           |
| 4   | 4. Malmaison Hall | Substantive Review                  | for Keeper | Eligible Patrick Andrus 8/30/83 |
|     |                   | <b>DOE/OWNER OBJECTION</b>          | Attest     | _____                           |
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