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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic MULTIPLE RESOURCES OF JACKSON, KENTUCKY

and/or common (Contains 1 District & 5 Individual Properties)

2. Location

street & number the Incorporation Limits of Jackson, KY not for publication

city, town Jackson vicinity of

state Kentucky code county Breathitt code

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple Ownership (See Continuation Sheet)

street & number

city, town vicinity of state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Breathitt County Courthouse

street & number Main Street

city, town Jackson state Kentucky

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date August 1985 federal state county local

depository for survey records Kentucky Heritage Council

city, town Frankfort state Kentucky

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Multiple Resource Area Nomination for Jackson, Kentucky, contains one historic commercial district and five individual property nominations. All of the individual nominations are for commercial or institutional buildings located within the general area of Jackson's commercial area.

Jackson is the county seat of Breathitt County. Breathitt County is located in the Appalachian Foothills Cultural Landscape of Kentucky. Like the other counties in this cultural landscape, Breathitt was settled very sparsely during the early settlement years in Kentucky. The county was formed in 1839 and Jackson was incorporated in 1845. Jackson is located in a wide valley of the Kentucky River above its head of navigation. Breathitt County is characterized by rugged steep terrain. Less than 15 percent of the land area is cultivatable. As a consequence, the county remained relatively undeveloped during the 19th century with an economy based on lumbering and subsistence agriculture. Although the mining of coal on an extensive basis since World War II has generated higher income levels than previously, the Appalachian Foothills area of Kentucky continues to have the lowest per capita income of any Kentucky region.

Jackson is centrally located in Breathitt County on the Kentucky River. Incorporated in 1845, it had attained a population of only 54 by 1870. Little more than a crossroads village with a courthouse, it began to experience substantial growth with the arrival of the Lexington & Eastern Railroad. The core of the city is situated on a low ridge on the east side of the Kentucky River. But the limits of the city have been extended across the river to include a narrow strip of land which contains the railroad line, depot, and related residential and commercial development.

A survey of historic resources in Jackson area carried out in the Spring and Summer of 1985 by H. Powell and Company for the Jackson Heritage Council using a matching grant from the Kentucky Heritage Council. Prior to this comprehensive survey, only 3 historic properties in Jackson had been surveyed and none had been listed in the National Register of Historic Places. One property, the Lee's Junior College Administrative Building had been brought before the State Review Board which rejected it on integrity grounds. All of the properties selected for nomination to the National Register have commercial, religious, and transportation functions and are located within the commercial district of the community. All of the buildings associated with Lees's Junior College, the major educational institution in Jackson's history and all of the residential buildings in the community did not meet National Register criteria.

Few of the surveyed residential buildings could be related to historical events significant in the community's history and the few which had architectural interest retained enough integrity to be nominated to the National Register. It is anticipated that some residential buildings presently disqualified because of the fifty year rule or their association with living persons will qualify for the National Register in the next decade.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1892–1935

Builder/Architect See Individual Forms

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Jackson Multiple Resource Area contains properties significant under Criterion A and Criterion C during the period of 1892 to 1935.

Under Criterion A are properties related to the commercial, transportation and governmental history of Jackson. Under Criterion C outstanding local examples of Classical Revival and Early 20th Century commercial architecture are included.

Although Jackson was settled early in the 19th century and became Breathitt County's seat of government when the county was formed in 1845, the community experienced very modest growth until the arrival of the Lexington & Eastern Railroad in 1892. No significant buildings built prior to 1892 remain. Thus, Jackson's built environment is almost entirely twentieth century.

From 1892 until 1912 Jackson was a major trading center serving counties to its east and south which used the Jackson railroad terminus after access to national goods and markets. Although the railroad line was extended through Jackson to Perry and Letcher Counties during the teens, the community continued to prosper and buildings continued to be built throughout the 1920s, often as replacements for those commercial buildings destroyed by the fire of 1915 which wiped out much of the commercial district. Most of the properties in the Multiple Resource Area are related to the evolution of the commercial center of Jackson.

During this period of commercial building, two churches were constructed which represent significant local examples of architectural styles. Also contained within the nomination is the one building associated with the Public Works Programs of the New Deal—the Breathitt County Jail. The Jail is also significant as a well executed example of Colonial Revival architecture.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheets

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property See Individual Forms

Quadrangle name Jackson

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References See Individual Forms

A

Zone	Easting			Northing					

B

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheets

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

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Helen Powell

organization H. Powell & Company, Inc. date August 1985

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city or town Lexington state Kentucky 40502

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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Donald L. Morgan

title State Historic Preservation Officer date Jan. 2, 1986

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

[Signature] date 2/21/86

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: See Continuation Sheet for Testimony date

Chief of Registration

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Jackson Multiple Resource

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Area Nomination

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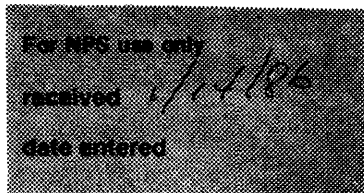
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

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Name Jackson Multiple Resource Area
State Breathitt County, KENTUCKY

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Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Breathitt County Jail

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2. Crain's Wholesale and Retail Store

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3. Jackson Commercial District

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4. L & N Railroad Depot

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5. M.E. Church South

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6. Stacey Hotel

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