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1. Historic Namers)		22. ADD/County			
Mrs. R.A. (Amanda) Gibney/C.A.	, W.E., and F.E. Johns	BC/Fayette/Lexington			
Original Owner House		23. Zoning Classification  Magisterial District			
2. Present Name					
3. Owner's Name	40	24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75')			
		25. UTM Reference			
4. Owner's Address					
5. Location 388 S. Broadway (NE corn	or of W Maywall St. 12	Zone Easting Northing			
or 130 before 1902	: 288 in 1902)	26. Prehistoric Site Object  Historic Site Structure			
6. Open to Public 7. Visible from road	8. Ownership	Building			
Yes No _X Yes _X No	_ Private	27. District Yes X No			
9. Local Contact/Organization	Local	Name:			
Lexington-Fayette Co. Histori Commission		South Hill Historic Dist			
10. Site Plan with North Arrow	Federal	28. Significance Evaluation			
10. Site rian with North Arrow	11. Architect probably John McMurtry	29. Status Date			
	12. Builder .	National Landmark			
	probably same	National Register x 6-13-78			
•	13. Date ca. 1880  5	Landmark Certificate			
	14. Style	Kentucky Survey			
	A.late Italianate [5]	Local Landmark			
w	1 1	30. Theme			
	B. L.J. 15. Original Use	Primary Architecture			
	residence /	Secondary (Photography)			
	16. Present Use offices 5	Other			
	-	31. Endangered YesNo_X			
ž	17. Condition good	32.			
18. Description 2S brick on rough ston	(being rehabilitated)				
foundations (some basement openings					
have been enlarged); basically larg	Single Pile NA	ATTACH PHOTO			
T-plan, with 2S bay window on front		£.*			
of SW corner parlor wing, central entrance pavilion with recessed	n n				
open vestibule, and IS porch in	Structrual Fabric	* .			
front of N wing; N 2S service ell;	C	• , ,			
shaped hoodmolds, perhaps iron, wit	Oecorative Fabric	₩			
incised patterns on surface and a	n. ————————————————————————————————————				
mand of egg-and-dart molding direct over the openings, are set into wal	work _				
arch into vestibule has chamfered	Roof Form low hipped + gabled				
(see back) An L-shaped house differe		Roll No. LS-VIE, 22, NW (rear), 'Prictime No. 23, E; 24, NE.			
structure is shown on the 1855 map	(labelled "Butler & Mc	Picture No. 23, E; 24, NE.			
Nally"?), ca. 1856 view, and 1871 v	-	Direction			
According to the Transcript (8/12/1		33. Tape No. Negative No.			
had purchased a 2S building on the Maxwell St. from Mrs. Amanda Gibney		34. Presared by: Walter E. Langsam,			
		Architectural Historian			
20. Significance This two-story brick 1 residence, recently renovated for u		35. Organization LFCHC -			
ably designed and built about 188	0 by local architect Joh	May 1981			
McHurtry: (see back) 21. Source of Information City directories,	Canhama	36. Date 1901			
and other early maps and views; Fay	ette Co. Deed Books and	37. Revision Dates 38. Staff Review			
Index 1794-1903; Perrin, Fayette Co					
(1884); St. Louis Trade Review (189	2); Industrial Record (1				
Chinn Photograph Album (ca. 1920-22)	on loan to LFCHC); Lan	caster,			
Back Streets (1956); Walker, thirt of the la	*· 1 10 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17				

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18. (cont.) brick edges, metal foliate corbels and keystone; porch has curved cutout wooden spandrelis but plain (blind) frieze boards, clustered and chamfered posts with cross-shaped cross-section; floor-length windows give onto porch, other windows now l/l-pane sash; low hipped standing-seam metal roof with S-brackets surviving almost entigrely around fairly wide eaves, panelled chimneys; oddly the inner wall of the vestibule has a clapboard surface (probably not original).

The interiors are also basically intact, in spite of recent symphathetic adaptation as offices: the main entrance is round-arched with a shaped outer edge; the door has a pair of glass panels with curved corners and 2 similar solid panels below; most interior 1S frames have low pediments, "ears," and volutes at the bottom, although those in the ell have flat pediments, like the upstairs frames; there is a round-arched curved narrow niche (perhaps originally for a stove, or possibly a statue, on the N side of the rather formal square entrance hall; the stairhall is separate in the center behind a door, with standard octagonal Italianate (rosewood) newel post and railing but no stringers remaining; baseboards are fairly high; curved castiron mantels remain on the front rooms. There seem to be few or no interior alterations, aside from kitchen and bathroom facilities installed, including one in the pantry between the NW room and the ell room (surely the original kitchen, with a window added in the N wall), and a spiral staircase from the SE chamber to the basement, which has been completely altered as a store since at least early in the 20th century.

19. (cont.)
(see also Deed Book 65, p. 373, 8/12/1882). Mrs. Gibney had apparently traded her former 33 x 200' property on Short St. to B.L. Coleman for the corner lot at Broadway and Maxwell in 1878 (see Deed 58-49 and 48-414, 9/14/1878). Mrs. Gibney was listed in the 1877-78 directory as living at (then) 193 W. Short St., with other members of the Gibney family. By 1881-82 (the next available directory) her residence was listed as here on the NE corner of Maxwell and Broadway.

Mrs. Gibney was probably the widow of Dr. R.A. Gibney, who was apparently a physician as well as a member of the important retail grocery firm of Gibney & Cassell (see biog. of his partner William H. Cassell in Perrin, pp. 583-84; Cassell was also mentioned with his later partner Leonard C. Price in Ranck. Review, p. 78; St. Louis Trade Review, pp. Ra & b; Kerr, IV, 193; Cassell's obit., Her. 9/25/1916, 1-5, age 75). Mrs. Gibney died (see her obit., Her., 3/19/1904, 9-7) at the age of 81 at the home of her son-in-law, the Rev. Mark Collis, long time and influential pastor of the Broadway Christian Church (see Survey forms for the church and for his homes at 259 E. High St. and 439 Fayette Park). She was also the mother of two famous New York City physicians, including the "celebrated surgeon" Dr. Homer Gibney (his obit., Her., 2/18/1915, 8-3). Possibly the other brother was Dr. E.B. Johns, who had a rather tragic life: his infant son Willie died in 1893, he was sued for slander, false arrest, and other charges in 1895, and he died an apparent suicide in 1911 (obit., Her., 4/7/1911, 12-3, age 60; and other LPL Newspaper Index refs.). A sister was Mrs. J.T. Vance (see the Sketch of her husband, Her., 2/6/1900; St. Louis Trade Review, p. Ib).

The house was occupied, from at least 1883-84 probably until his death in 1920 (obit., Her., 3/9/1920, 12-4, age 71) by C.A. Johns and other members of the (continued)

Johns family. C.A. (perhaps Charles Al or Albert) Johns was a druggist for over 40 years. He seems to have been located for a number of years at his "Broadway Prescription Store," probably just N of the NW corner of W. Short St. and N. Broadway (a notice in the Trans., 8/25/1885, describes it as next to the Post Office, then on the corner; see Walker, Lex. P.O., passim). In 1888 (Trans., 5/16/1888, 4-3) construction began on a 3S brick building for Johns' pharmacy on the NE corner of Main & Walnut St. (site of part of the First Security Plaza; see Downtown Survey form); the opening almost a year later (Trans., 4/3/1889, 4-2) drew crowds. The structure was illustrated in the St. Louis Trade Review (pp. Ia & b; see also Chinn Album and other old views of E. Main St.) and the business was described there:

### C.A. JOHNS' REPRESENTATIVE PHARMACY

From every point of view the above term fittingly applies to the splendidly appointed drug store of Mr. C.A. Johns, corner of Main and Walnut streets. The house is an ornament to the city and a matter of pride to its citizens. Individually, Mr. Johns enjoys the highest personal and commercial standing, having been from birth a continuous resident of Lexington, and has been in business at his present stand since 1889. The personal and business characteristics for which he is distinguished have won him an enviable measure of prosperity. Mr. Johns' drug store may be fairly classifeld as one of the United States, while the stock, both in variety and extent, ranks equally high. It consists of fine drugs and chemicals, proprietary remedies, toilet accessories, fine perfumes, a full line of druggists sundries and fine brands of cigars. The prescription department is a special feature of reliability, deservedly enjoying the highest confidence of the profession and public.

The Johns family apparently lived on the S side of W Short St. between Broadway and Jefferson St. (possibly near Mrs. Gibney's former residence) until they moved to S. Broadway-perhaps after the death of Mrs. Eliza Thorne Johns, a native of England who had been a resident of Lexington 35 years according to her obituary (Press, 4/14/1881, 1-1, age 89, at home on Short St.). Also making the move about 1882 was W.E. Johns, a leading local photographer on whose photographs a number of the engravings in Ranck's 1884 Guide are based. Perrin (p. 639; see also his military association, p. 450) states that he was born in Lexington in 1843; started business in 1870, moving to his "present gallery" on E. Main St. in 1876, "where he conducts a large and prosperous business, including land-scape and portrait photography in all its branches, and employing 6 workmen." W.E. Johns also received a notice in the 1897 Industrial Record (p. 2b) with his then-partner R.T. Butler, who was known as the photographer of a large number of outdoor scenes around Lexington (see his obit., Her., 3/17/1904, 6-6, age 62).

Mentioned among W.E. Johns' 6 workmen in Perrin was F.E. Johns, as "printer and operator." He seems to have set up in business on his own fairly soon, as the 1892 St. Louis Trade Review gives him a separate notice (p. Ha):

#### F.E. Johns, an Artistic Photographer

Competitors as well as the general public concede that F.E. Johns is one of the leading and most talented photographers of this city and State. His studio, No. 55 East Main street, is the resort of persons critical and discriminating in art matters, attracted by the admirable finish and general perfection of his work. This gentleman is a native of Lexington and is widely known and universally respected. He entered upon his professional and business career twenty years ago and his talents and business gifts have secured gratifying success and recognition.

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Mr. Johns occupies two floors 80 x 100 feet, furnished with every mechanical and scientific appliance for the production of first-class art work and he is a master of the methods and gifts required. His work of every grade and class cannot be excelled and his prices leave no room for complaint or objection. He does all kinds and styles of photo work and never lets a competitor excel his artistic productions or undersell his figures.

F.E. Johns died at the age of 91 in 1943 (obit., Her., 12/25/1943, 9-8; see also the military item in Perrin, p. 446; and Survey form for his long-time home at 154 Woodland Avenue).

The basement of the building was converted, probably between the world wars, into a store (or possibly studio). After changing hands several times in recent years, the building is now in the process of quite sympathetic rehabilitation as law offices (a disfiguring canopy over the outer entrance has been removed, and the exterior may be cleaned or repainted to recreate the original contrast between the brick surface and stone, wood, and possibly castiron trim).

It seems very likely that the building was designed by prominent and prolific local architect-builder John McMurtry (see the monograph on McMurtry by Clay Lancaster, Back Streets and Pine Trees, passim). Among the very few architectural drawings by McMurtry known to exist is a set for the house of Dr. J.C. Lowry at Troy in Woodford Co., Ky. (copies preserved at the University of Ky. School of Architecture Library). The porch shown on the drawings (and existing house) are virtually identical to those on the Gibney-Johns residence, distinguished by the blind frieze boards and the curlicue spandrel trim. The niche in the front hall also seems to be characteristic of McMurtry's late work, as is possibly the form of the door and window frames and the staircase. The incised exterior hoodmolds, however, are not known to occur on his other works.

20. (cont.)
a set of rare surviving drawings for a residence designed by him in nearby Troy,
Kentucky, includes an identical porch with distinctive blind friezeboards and
curlicue spandrels. The Lexington dwelling, which is conspicuously located at
the corner of major east-west and north-south thoroughfares at the edge of the
South Hill Historic District and facing the extensive ground-level parking lot of
the Lexington Civic Center, is still largely intact, with incised hoodmolds, a
recessed and partially enclosed exterior vestibule with an arch to the porch, as
well as interior features such as a characteristic McMurtry niche in the separate
entrance hall.

The house was probably built for Mrs. Amanda Gibney, who was the widow of grocer Dr. R.A. Gibney, one of the founding partners of a leading late 19th-century Lexington wholesale and retail grocery house. The dwelling was acquired in 1882 by C.A. Johns, a well-known and long-time druggist, whose 1889 Richardsonian Romanesque store building, formerly on the northeast corner of East Main and Walnut Streets (now the site of the First Security Plaza), was long a downtown commercial landmark. Among other members of the Johns family, who seem to have lived here almost half a century, were photographers W.E. and F.E. Johns, who specialized in landscape scenes as well as portraits.

\* See also 3555. Broodway, an earlin important Metherty home treasty (See Servey + NK forms).

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Resource	#	FASH-1
Fayette		County

Name of Resource:	16. Date:
Amanda Gibney/C.A. Johns House	Original Building ca. 1880 [ 5 ]
2. Original Owner:	Addition [ ]
F.E. Johns	17. Style:
3. Other Names:	Italianate [ 42 ]
	[ ]
4. Prehistoric Site Building X Object	18. Architect/Builder:
Historic Site Structure Other	attributed to John McMurtry
5. Location:	19. No. of Stories: 2 + basement [2.0]
	20. Original Floor Plan:
388 South Broadway (128 before 1902)	asymmetrical [AP]
6. Owner's Name:	21. Single Pile Double Pile N.A. X
	22. Roof Form & Material: cross Original X
Peter R. Perlman [p]	gable; asphalt shingle Not Original
7. Owner's Address:	23. Structural Material:
388 South Broadway	brick BB 3
Lexington, KY. 40508	
8. Evaluation:	brick with wood trim [W]  25. Foundation Material:
9. Recognition & Date:	
Nat.Landmark Local Landmark LARS (HARR)	rough stone [S]  26. Major Alterations: None
Nat.Register X HABS/HAER WY Inventory	26. Major Alterations: None Moved/Rebuilt Other
Highway Marker KY Inventory  KY Landmark Certificate	
	Additions renovated to offices 1981
10. N.R.Status & Date: ND 1978	27. Special Features: iron hood-molds, elaborat
11. N.R.Group: District Name: South Hill Hist. Dist. [ ]	double brackets on wide eaves  28. Outbuildings:
Mult.Resource Area:	
Thematic Name:	29. Original Function:
12. Historical Theme:	residence [OlA]
Primary: Architecture [ 030 ]	30. Present Use:
Secondary: Art (photography) [ 040 ]	offices [ 02B ]
Other:	31. Condition:
13. Statement of Significance: This Italianate build	
ing was probably designed and built by loca	7 32. Endangered: Yes
architect John McMurtry: a set of rare	No y
surviving drawings by him for a residence	33. Attach Photos:
built in nearby Troy, Ky., includes an	Roll: Photo Nos: No. of Slides:
identical porch with distinctive curlicue	SH-II-A 9,10,11,14
spandrels.	OH II A 7, IV, II, IT
[C]	The state of the s
14. History: This house was probably built for Mr	s.
American distribution of the control	

Amanda Gibney, widow of grocer Dr. R.A. Gibney. It was acquired in 1882 by C.A. Johns, a well-known druggist, who occupied the house, probably until his death in 1920. Among other members of the Johns family also living here were photographers W. E. & F.E. Johns, who specialized in landscape scenes as well as portraits. The basement of the building was converted, probably between the world wars, to a store, or possibly a studio. The recent renovation of the building to offices was sympathetic, having cleaned the exterior, restoring to it the original contrast between brick and painted trim.

repared by: M. Anna

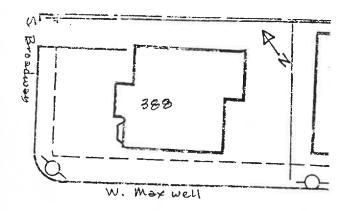


15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: City directories; Sanborn maps and othe 35. Organization: LFCHC (F) early maps and views; Fayette Co. Deed books 36. Date: 6/86 and Index 1794-1903; Perrin, Fayette Co. 37. New Survey (1882); Ranck, Guide (1884); Lancaster, Back Streets and Pine Trees (1956).

Resource # FASH-1

8.	UTM Point of Primary Building: Quadrant:	Zone	Easting	Northing	G.I.S. Mod. Coordi.Accuracy	[
1.	UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R	. eligible	sites only):		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
	A. B	_	D. E.		 	
	c	_	F.		 	

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





45. Description and House Plan: Two story, three bay, common bond brick house with Flemish bond tie courses. Roofline supported by elegant paired brackets. The central pavilion advances to present an enclosed recessed vestibule for the entry, round-arched and with a keystoned hood-mold on the exterior. The door has a large, round-topped pane of glass above twin square panels. Above the entry is a l/l-paned window topped, in the gable-end, by a small quatrefoil attic window. All the street-facing windows have l/l-paned sash, elaborately shaped incised bracketed hoods, and bracketed stone sills. The chimneys are all panelled and have corbelled tops. There is a one story frame addition enclosing the rear entry and some of the basement windows appear to have been enlarged.

The interiors are said to be basically intact, despite the conversion to offices. There is a round-arched curved narrow niche in the entrance hall, the stairhall is separated from this by a door and has an octagonal Italianate rosewood newel post and railing. There is a spiral stairway from the southeast chamber to the basement, probably added when the basement was made a studio or store early in the 20th century.



Resource	#	FASH-33
Fayette		County

Name of Resource:	16. Date:
O'Connor Grocery & Residence	Original Building ca. 1873 [ 5 ]
2. Original Owner:	Addition [ ]
· ·	17. Style:
3. Other Names:	Italianate [42]
o. Other names:	ttarranate [42]
4. Prehistoric Site Building X Object	18. Architect/Builder:
Historic Site Structure Other	
5. Location:	19. No. of Stories: 2 [2.0]
	20. Original Floor Plan:
400-402 S. Broadway (130 before 1902)	
6. Owner's Name:	21. Single Pile Double Pile N.A. X
1	22. Roof Form & Material: hip & Original X
Carpenters' Local No. 1650 [ P ]	gable; asphalt Not Original
7. Owner's Address:	23. Structural Material:
402 South Broadway	brick [B]
Lexington, KY. 40508	24. Exterior Material: [B]
8. Evaluation:	brick with wood trim [ W ]
9. Recognition & Date:	25. Foundation Material:
Nat.Landmark Local Landmark	stone [S]
Nat.Register X HABS/HAER	26. Major Alterations: None
Highway Marker KY Inventory	Moved/Rebuilt Other
KY Landmark Certificate	Additions
16. N.R.Status & Date: ND 1977	27. Special Features: bracketed hood-molds and
11. N.R.Group:	sills at windows & quatrefoil windows in gable
District Name: South Hill Hist. Dist. [ ]	28. Outbuildings: ends
Mult.Resource Area: [ ]	
Thematic Name: [ ]	29. Original Function:
12. Historical Theme:	dwelling & store [ 022 ]
Frimary: Architecture [030]	30. Present Use:
Secondary: [ ]	union hall & store [ 99 ]
Other: [ ]	31. Condition:
13. Statement of Significance: A somewhat rare	good [ G ]
surviving dual-use building. Its massing	32. Endangered: Yes
and its facade still show clearly its	No <u>X</u>
original commercial-plus-residential	33. Attach Photos:
nature.	Roll: Photo Nos: No. of Slides:
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r 0 3	SH-VIII-A <b>D</b>
[ C ]	on vill-A
14. History: From at least 1873-1889 this was	
T. F. O'Connor's Grocery & Residence and	
Mrs. O'Connor continued to live in the	
residence portion until at least 1893.	
From 1890-94 it is listed in city directori	ies
as J.T. Cassidy's Grocery & Saloon. In 189	90,
Mr. Cassidy resided at 431 South Mill St.,	
across Pine Street and one block east. In	
1895, the store was vacant and a Mrs. M.	
Potts occupied the residential side. In	

15.	Source	of h	isto	rical	infor	matio	n an	d/or contact	
	person:	ear	rly	maps	and	city	dir	ectories.	
	Nation	nal	Reg	iste	e Non	inati	lon	form.	

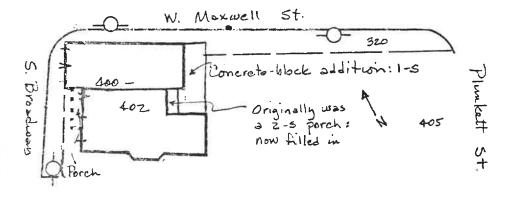
James E. Hawkins.

1902, occupants were V. M. Gondy Co. & Dr.

34.	Prepared by:	M. Anne	Browne		
35.	Organization:	LFCHC		(F)	
36.	Date:	6/86			
37.	New Survey		Resurvey	Χ	

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				40.	Coordl.Accuracy	[
U'TM Points of Boundary (for N. R	. eligible	sites only):				
A. B. C	_ _ _	= :				
Total Acreage in Present Property	7:	43. Acrea	ge included in	propose	ed N.R. boundary:	
	A. B. C. Total Acreage in Present Property	A. B. C. Total Acreage in Present Property:	B. C. F. Total Acreage in Present Property: 43. Acres	A. B. C. Total Acreage in Present Property:  A. D. E. F.  43. Acreage included in part of the property of the	A. D. E. E. F. Total Acreage in Present Property: 43. Acreage included in propose	A. B. C. F. F. T.





Description and House Plan: Two story, six bay brick house with two story bay on south side of house. Bracketed roof, quatrefoil windows in gable ends. Modern concrete-block one story addition at rear on northeast corner. 1/1 paned windows, with bracketed segmental-arched brick hood-molds and bracketed stone sills at windows. Storefront entry has been altered: door and show-windows changed but original bracketed pilasters remain and, although openings for door and windows have been partially filled in with wood, the openings themselves, and therefore the original design intent, are still visible. The two bay, one story porch protecting the doorway to the wider but recessed southern portion of the building, now the Union Hall, retains its square bracketed columns and its lacy jig-saw-cut spandrels. However, on the 1886 Sanborn map this porch appears to have been a full three bays wide.