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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Exterior: The Meng House, built ca. 1832, is two-story frame Greek revival structure. The exterior facades are typically Greek Revival in scale and proportion. The south or principal front is divided into five bays in an "AABAA" pattern, the dominant feature of which is a two-story Doric portico. Four stucco-over-brick columns support a Doric entablature composed of a well defined triglyph, metope, and guttae motif. Crowning the composition is a triangular pediment with a central 6/6 sash window flanked by sidelights and transom.

A simple balustrade with plain balusters and handrail adjoins the columns on the first floor. Square pedestals approximately three feet on a side support the columns of both porticos. The absence of formal bases is typical of the Greek Doric order. Brick foundation walls and steps between the piers were constructed ca. 1930.

The windows are double-hung with six lights per sash. The original louvered shutters have been removed for painting purposes. The central doorway displays eight panels and is flanked by sidelights and transom.

The west facade is similar to the south in that it is dominated by a matching 2-story Doric portico. However, the window and door arrangement is broken into an "ABA" pattern with a door on either end of the veranda.

The east facade is similar to the west except for the absence of the portico. Four windows on both floors are crowned by the roof gable which duplicates the pediments of the south and west facades. The only exterior addition is attached to the north facade. Two stories in height, the wing houses the kitchen with bathrooms above.

A standing-seam terme roof covers the house and, like other exterior surfaces, is well maintained. Chimneys with corbeled caps flank either side of the south portico.

<u>Interior</u>: The Meng House features a floor plan typical of this style: two rooms on either side of a central hall on both floors.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Meng House, significant as an excellent example of Greek revival architecture, is also recognized as a landmark in the town of Union.

The date of construction has traditionally been accepted as 1832, and local historians credit Zachariah Herndon as the builder and first owner of the structure. Four generations of the Meng family have since occupied this house.

The Meng House is an example of Greek revival architecture. Among its more prominent features are the Doric porticos on the south and west facades and the tripartite windows in the center of each gable. The Meng House is one of the last well-preserved structures of this architectural style and era remaining in Union.

In a statement submitted by officials of the City of Union, the importance of this structure to the community was emphasized:

"The conservation of this excellently preserved example of Greek revival architecture becomes more imperative when consideration is given to the number of such homes that have been eliminated in the past few years in the Union area, either through deterioration and lack of maintenance or to make way for 'progress' (?)."

At present there are plans to purchase the Meng House and adapt it for use as a Senior Citizens Center for the city and county residents.

Statement submitted by Donald J. Klinger, Project Coordinator, City of Union, January 20, 1976.

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