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November 28, 2016

Honorable Madonna Flood, Chair
Planning/Zoning, Land Design, and Development Committee
C/O Louisville Metro Council
601 W. Jefferson Street
Louisville, KY 40202

Dear Ms. Flood,

I am writing to confirm that pursuant to Section 101 (16 USC 470a) of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the house known as the Bishop Smith house located at 2833 Tremont Avenue has been determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, the federal government's official list of properties worthy of preservation. The site is included in the Kentucky Historic Sites Inventory as JFEH-4461, a copy of which is attached.

Considering that status, we would like to extend our assistance to the owners of the historic Bishop Smith house as they move forward in their planning efforts for this historic property. The KHC regularly works with professionals and property owners who wish to list their properties in the National Register of Historic Places and thereby realize the benefits it provides.

As you may know, listing in the National Register provides access to state and federal historic rehabilitation tax credits for certified work which can include modern updates to plumbing, electrical, and HVAC systems as well as more routine maintenance such as re-roofing the house with a compatible material. These benefits can be explained in more detail if the property owner wishes to set up a meeting with our office. Initial information can be found at our website at: <http://www.heritage.ky.gov/incentives/>

For more information concerning the significance of this property or to find out more concerning the benefits of National Register listing, please contact Rachel Kennedy of my staff at rachel.kennedy@ky.gov or at 502-564-7005, ext. 124.

Sincerely,

Craig A. Potts
Executive Director and
State Historic Preservation Officer

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and the Kentucky Heritage Council 1966-2016**

KENTUCKY INDIVIDUAL BUILDING SURVEY FORM

(KHC 2011-1)


COUNTY Jefferson

RESOURCE # JFEH-4461

EVALUATION N / Eligible: member of a group

SHPO EVALUATION _____

DESTROYED _____

<p>1. NAME OF RESOURCE (how determined): 1 / Original owner or builder Bishop Smith House</p> <p>2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 2833 Tremont Drive Louisville, KY 40205</p> <p>3. UTM REFERENCE: Quad Name: Louisville East Date: 1994 Zone: 16 Method: G / GPS Unit Easting: 615408 Northing: 4230172</p> <p>4. OWNER/ADDRESS: Mr. Urton 2833 Tremont Drive Louisville, KY 40205</p> <p>5. FIELD RECORDER/AFFILIATION: Janie-Rice Brother and Jennifer Ryall/Univ. of KY</p> <p>6. DATE RECORDED: 3-8-11</p> <p>7. SPONSOR: Louisville Metro/H.U.D.</p> <p>8. INITIATION: 5 / Other (specify) Louisville 20th C. Project</p> <p>9. OTHER DOCUMENTATION: <input type="checkbox"/> Survey <input type="checkbox"/> HABS/HAER <input type="checkbox"/> KY Land <input type="checkbox"/> Local Land <input type="checkbox"/> NHL <input type="checkbox"/> NR</p> <p>10. REPORT/NR REFERENCE:</p> <p>11. ORIGINAL PRIMARY FUNCTION: 01: Residential - A: Single Dwelling</p> <p>12. CURRENT PRIMARY FUNCTION: 01: Residential - A: Single Dwelling</p> <p>13. CONSTRUCTION DATE: Estimated 7: 1825-1849 Documented:</p> <p>14. DATE OF MAJOR ADDITIONS/MODIFICATIONS (specify): 0: Undetermined orig. floor plan altered, front and rear porches may be later addns., dormers likely addns., octagonal kitchen addn.</p> <p>15. CONSTRUCTION METHOD AND MATERIAL: Original/Primary: B0 / Brick Subsequent/Secondary: W3 / Frame, type unknown</p> <p>16. DIMENSIONS: Height: B: 1-1/2 Story Width: 6 bay (5 orig.) Depth: ~3 piles Acreage:</p>	<p>17. PLAN: First: U / Undetermined/not applicable Second: H / Central passage, double pile</p> <p>18. STYLISTIC INFLUENCE: First: 1:1: Georgian Second: 6:5: Bungalow/Craftsman</p> <p>19. FOUNDATION: Type: 2 / Continuous Material: B / Brick</p> <p>20. PRIMARY WALL MATERIAL: Original: E / Brick, common bond Replacement:</p> <p>21. ROOF CONFIGURATION AND COVERING: Configuration: A / Gable, side Covering: 5 / Asphalt shingle</p> <p>22. CONDITION: E / Excellent-fully utilized</p> <p>23. MODIFICATION: 2 / Moderate alteration</p> <p>24. ARCHITECT/BUILDER:</p> <p>25. PHOTOGRAPH FILE:</p> <p>26. WINDOWS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Replacement Type: Wood Sash Sash Configuration: orig. 6/1, wooden casements, later/repl. 6/6 wooden d.h.</p> <p>27. OUTBUILDINGS: Yes Number and type: 1 – carriage house</p>
	
	<p>COMMENTS/HISTORICAL INFORMATION: According to the current owner of this house, Mr. Urton, it may have been built around 1830 by an Episcopalian Bishop Smith. The house was once used as a music school for girls. Brick walls are approximately 16.5" thick. The farm once extended from Tyler Avenue to Gardiner Lane and would have encompassed the Hoock Subdivision also surveyed for this project as well as others. There was a gravel drive to the house. Urton bought the house in 1964 for \$42,000 and originally had 2.6 acres. (cont – see cont. sheet)</p>

28. SUPPORT RESOURCES:

SITE PLAN KEY	FUNCTION	CONSTRUCTION DATE	METHOD/MATERIAL
1 001	cistern 18J	4: 1900-1924	PO / Poured Concrete
2 002	carriage house 19G	4: 1900-1924	B0 / Brick
3 003	pool	A: 2001-Present	00 / Und./NA

29. SITE PLAN (Complete if #27 was answered or if you are using sub-numbers):



JFEH-4461.001

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JFEH-4461.003

30. MAP (Scan or attach copy of map showing exact location of resources):



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Comments/Historical Information (cont.): Urton sold off one lot at Lancashire & Tremont. The previous owner sold off the two front lots in the 20th century. The house has a central hall plan with two rooms at the front and two rooms at the rear. At the rear portion of the central hall (beyond a wall with door at the center of the hall) is a simple Federal stair. The woodwork in the rear portion of the house also seems much simpler than the front portion. The plan of the house has obviously been altered. Rear fenestration has been altered. At the left gable end of the house is an octagonal, late 19th century, kitchen addition. In the parlor at the front/right of the house a chimney stack has been closed. The rear/right room is without a stack. In the front/left parlor is a chimney stack. This room has a mantle with swags and fluted pilasters, urns, and rosettes and dentils. In the rear/left room (dining room) is a 20th century fireplace. The house has casement windows (with fluted surrounds with bulls eye inset panels beneath windows) beside the stack for this fireplace. The house rests on a full basement finished with new carpeting and two-paneled doors. Windows are 6/6 d.h. in one part of the basement. There are three bedrooms and one bathroom upstairs. Ceilings follow the roofline and the upstairs is not heated. The house is five bays with W-W-D-W-W fenestration. Windows are mainly 6/1 wooden d.h. with bulls eye stone lintels and stone sills. Shutters did not appear original. The front door is paneled with three light sidelights and seven light transom above. It has bulls eye detailing and fluted pilasters. The front fenestration is sheltered by a full width front porch with four Tuscan column supports, wooden balustrade, and wooden floor; the front porch rests on a brick pier foundation. On the front slope of the main roof is a hipped roof, weatherboard-sided dormer with three 6/6 d.h. windows. Side and rear windows have plain wooden lintels. The half-glass, half-paneled rear door is simpler but retains a seven-light transom, three-light sidelights, and bulls eye detailing. The roof has a wide, wooden-bracketed eave overhang. At the left gable end of the house are two interior, brick chimneys. At the right gable end is a single interior, brick chimney. On the rear slope of the roof are two hipped roof dormers – one with two windows. Rear fenestration appears to be altered from five bays to three. There is a shed roof screened rear porch (with wooden, Doric column supports on wooden piers) on a brick basement foundation. Several doors enter the basement at the rear of the house. One is sheltered by a pentice (turned porch) with asphalt shingle roof. The house is associated with a cistern, carriage house, and swimming pool. This house is considered eligible.



(Above-left) This is a NW/SW elevation showing the façade and right gable end of the house. (Above-right) This is a NW (façade) elevation of the house showing the octagonal, weatherboard-sided kitchen addition at its left gable end.

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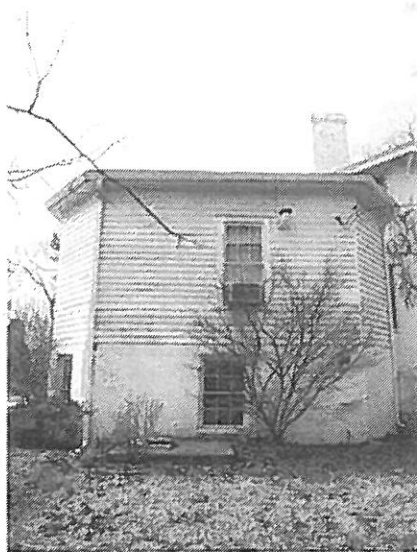


(Above-left) This is a NE/NW elevation showing the left gable end, kitchen addition, and façade of the house. (Above-right) This is a SE/NE elevation showing the rear and left side of the house. (Below-left) This is a SE elevation showing the rear of the house. (Below-right) This is a SW/SE elevation showing the right gable end and rear of the house.



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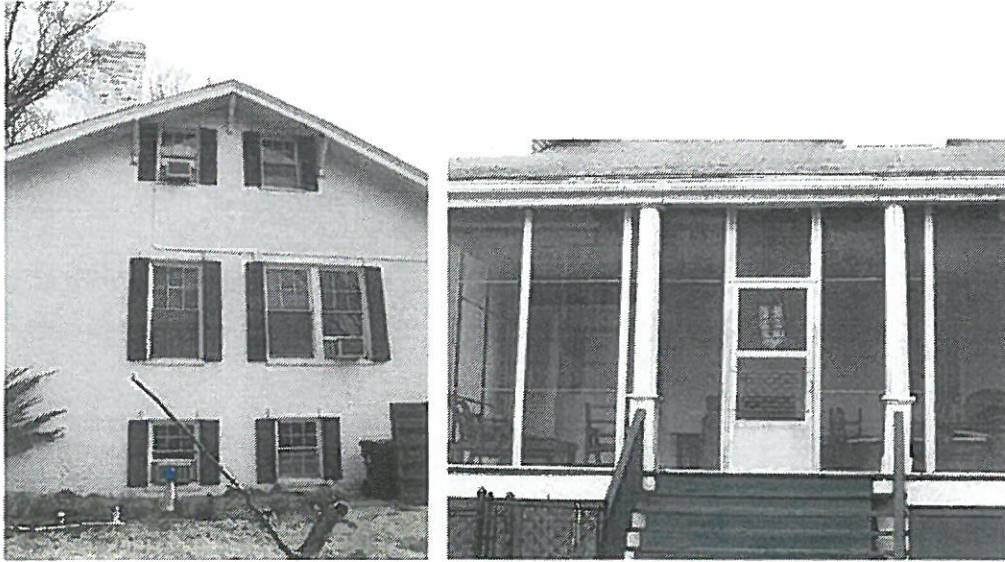


(Above-left) This is a detail photo showing the front corner formed by the left gable end of the house and the octagonal kitchen addition. Note the full basement and its windows. (Above-right) This is a detail photo of the weatherboard-sided kitchen addition. (Below-left) This is a detail photo of the two interior, brick chimneys at the left gable end of the house. (Below-right) This is a detail photo of the hipped roof dormer on the front slope of the roof.

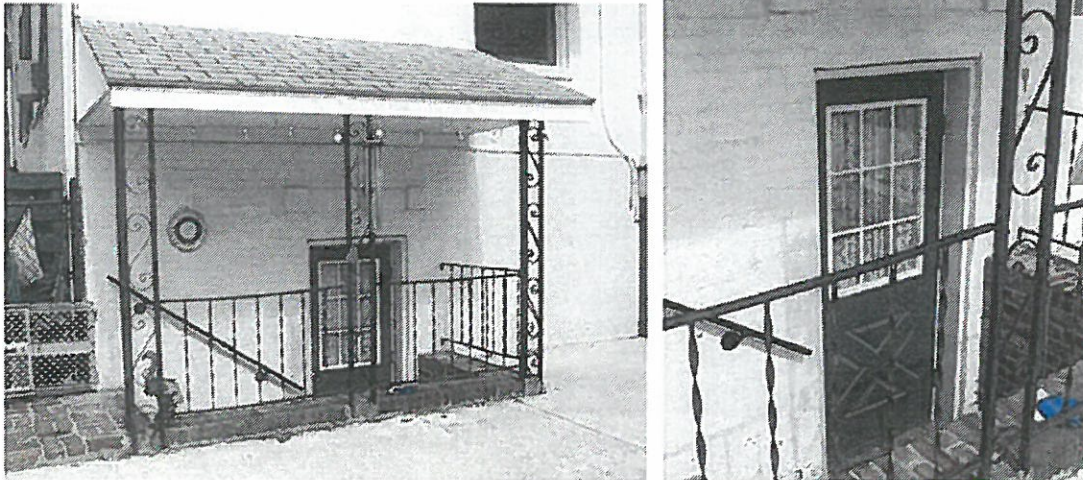


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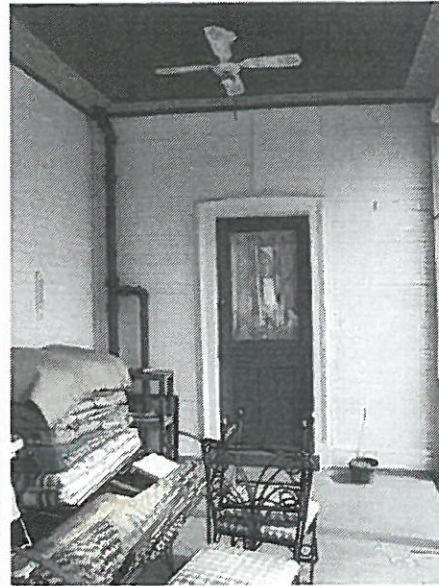


(Above-left) This is a detail photo taken at the right gable end of the house. (Above-right) This is a detail photo of the shed roof rear screened porch addition. (Below-left) This is a detail photo of one of the rear basement entrances (sheltered by a pentice (turned porch) with decorative metal supports). (Below-right) Another detail of this entrance.

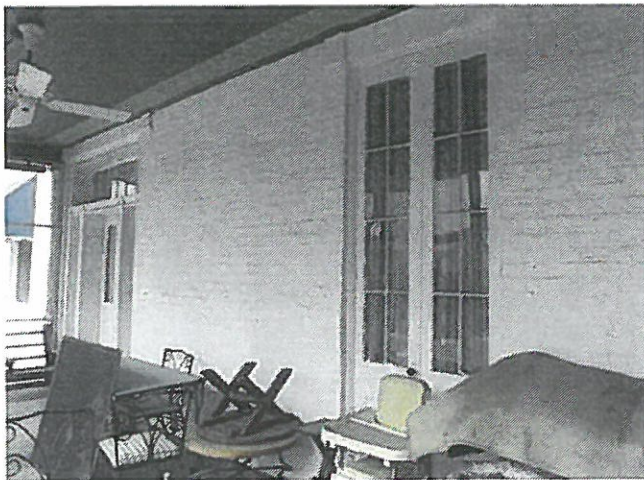


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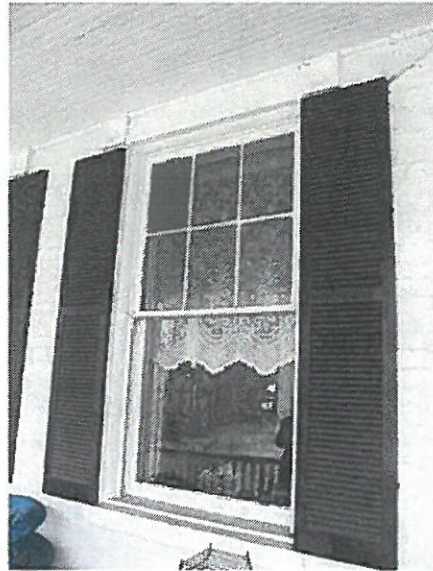


(Above-left) This is a detail photo of another basement entrance below the kitchen addition. (Above-right) This is a secondary rear entrance sheltered beneath the rear, screened porch. (Below-left) This is a photo of the rear elevation beneath the screened porch; note the casement windows in the opening at the right. (Below-right) This is a detail photo of the original rear entrance with seven-light transom and three-light sidelights.



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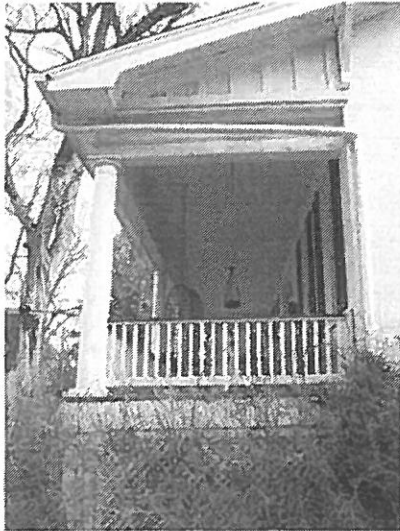


(Above-left) This is a photo of the two windows at the right side of the façade, sheltered by the front porch. (Above-right) This is a detail photo of one of the 6/1 wooden d.h. façade windows sheltered by the front porch. (Below-left) This is a detail photo of the shed roof front porch. (Below-right) This is a detail looking NW out from the front porch.

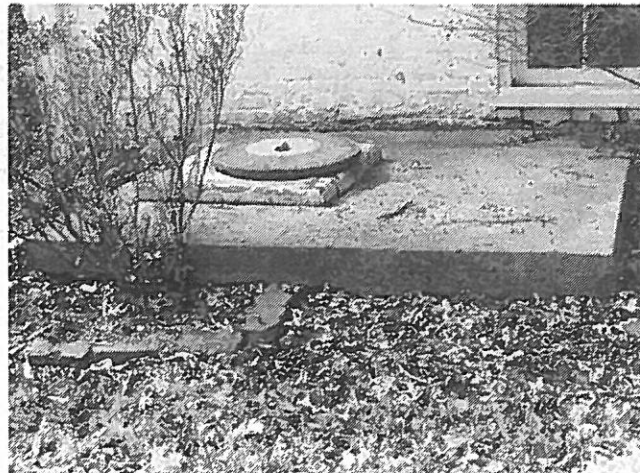


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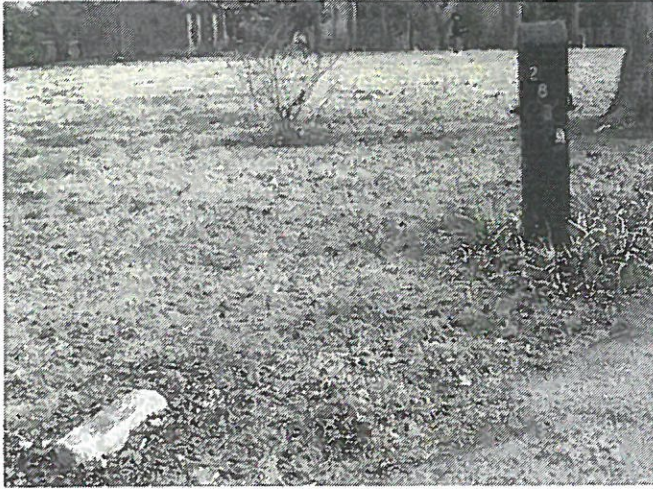


(Above-left) This is a detail taken at the right side of the house looking at the front porch. (Above-right) This is a detail photo of the front entrance and front porch. Also note the dormer on the front slope of the roof. (Below-left) This is a detail photo of the front entrance with seven-light transom and three-light sidelights. (Below-right) This is a photo of the associated (1) cistern. The cistern is poured concrete with an above-ground portion and lid.



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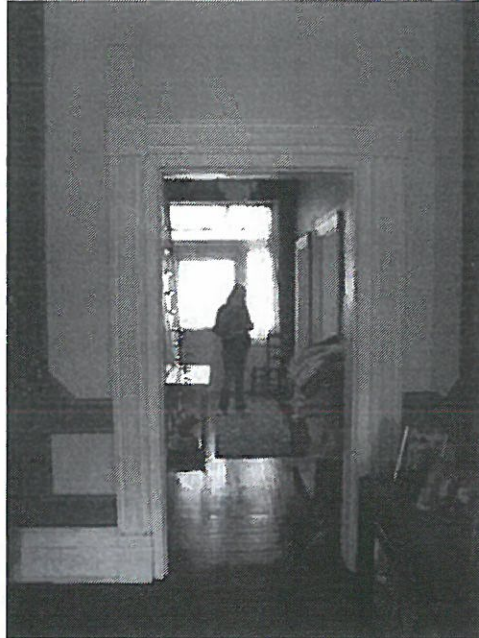
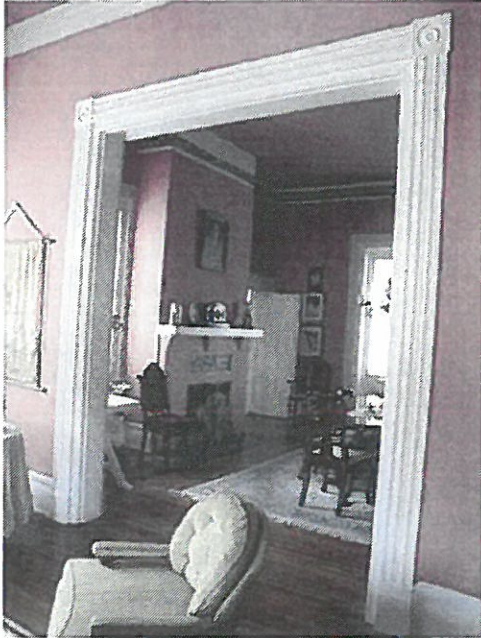


(Above-left) This is a photo taken from Tremont Drive and showing part of a cast concrete gatepost at the left side of the driveway. (Above-right) This is a photo taken at the right side of the house looking NW to the front yard. (Below-left) This is a photo taken at the left side of the house looking NW to the front yard. (Below-right) This is a detail photo of an original mantle in the front/left parlor.

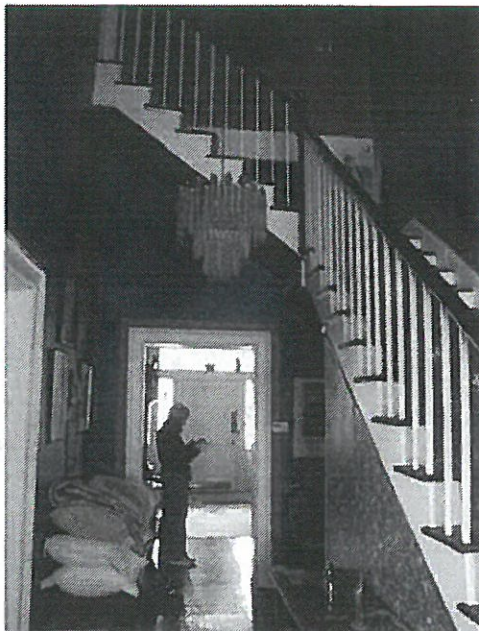
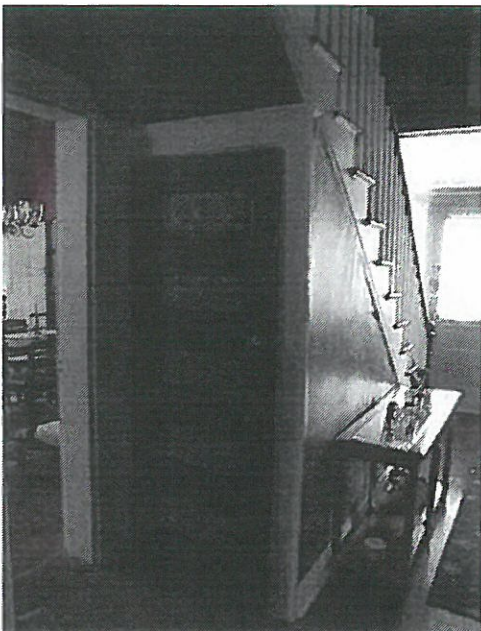


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(Above-left) This is a photo looking from the front parlor into the rear/left room of the house. Note the fluted surround with bulls eye details. (Above-right) This is a detail photo taken in the front portion of the hall looking toward the rear of the house. (Below-left) This is a detail photo taken at the center of the hall looking toward the rear of the hall where the stairs are located. (Below-right) This is a detail photo looking from the rear of the hall toward the front and showing the stairs.

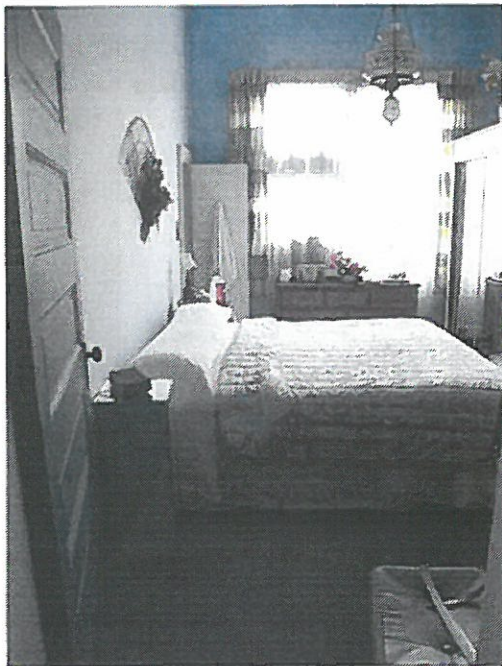


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(Above-left) This is a photo showing the rear rooms of the house. (Above-right) This is a photo showing the far rear/right bathroom. (Below-left) This is a photo showing the rear bedroom in the first story of the house at the right side. (Below-right) This is a detail photo of the original flooring in the house.

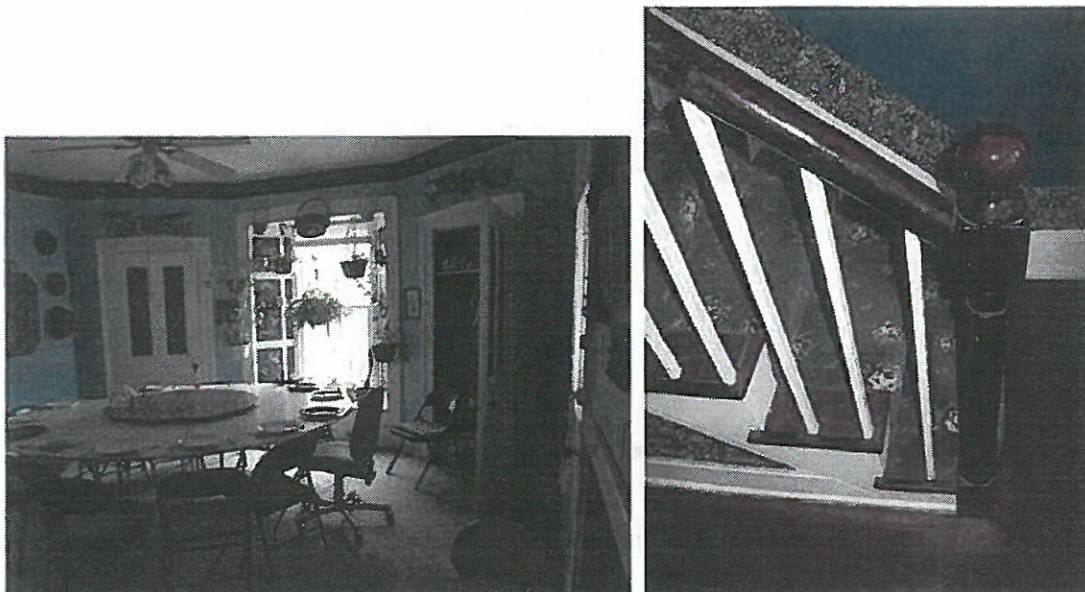


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(Above-left) This is a photo showing the wooden casement windows with bulls eye panels beneath; these are located in the exterior walls at the gable ends of the house; this one is located in the rear/right dining room. (Above-right) This is a detail photo showing the interior of the later, octagonal, kitchen/dining room addition. (Below-left) This is another photo of the octagonal addition. (Below-right) This is a detail photo of the simple, wooden stair at the rear of the central hall of the house.



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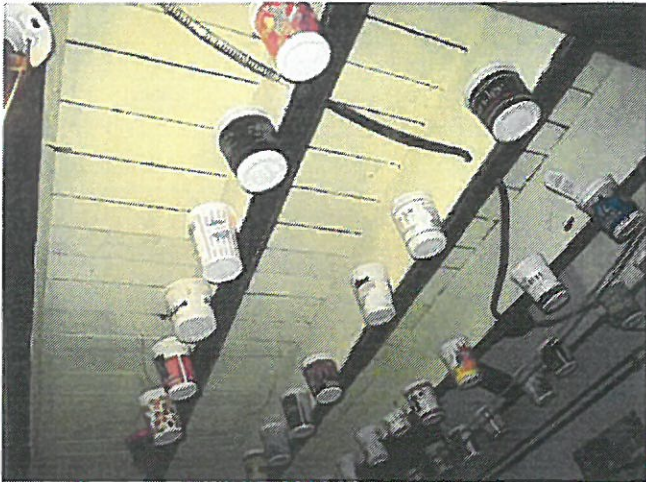


(Above-left) This is a photo of the twentieth century fireplace/mantle in the rear/left dining room. (Above-right) This is a detail photo looking down the stairs into the basement of the house. (Below-left) This is a photo taken in the basement. (Below-right) This is a detail photo of one of the original, paneled basement doors.



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(Above-left) This is a photo of the floorboards and floor joists visible in the basement. (Above-right) This is a detail photo of what the current owners said are original wall paintings in the central hall of the house. (Below-left) This is a detail photo of one of the upstairs bedrooms. (Below-right) This is another photo of the upstairs bedroom.



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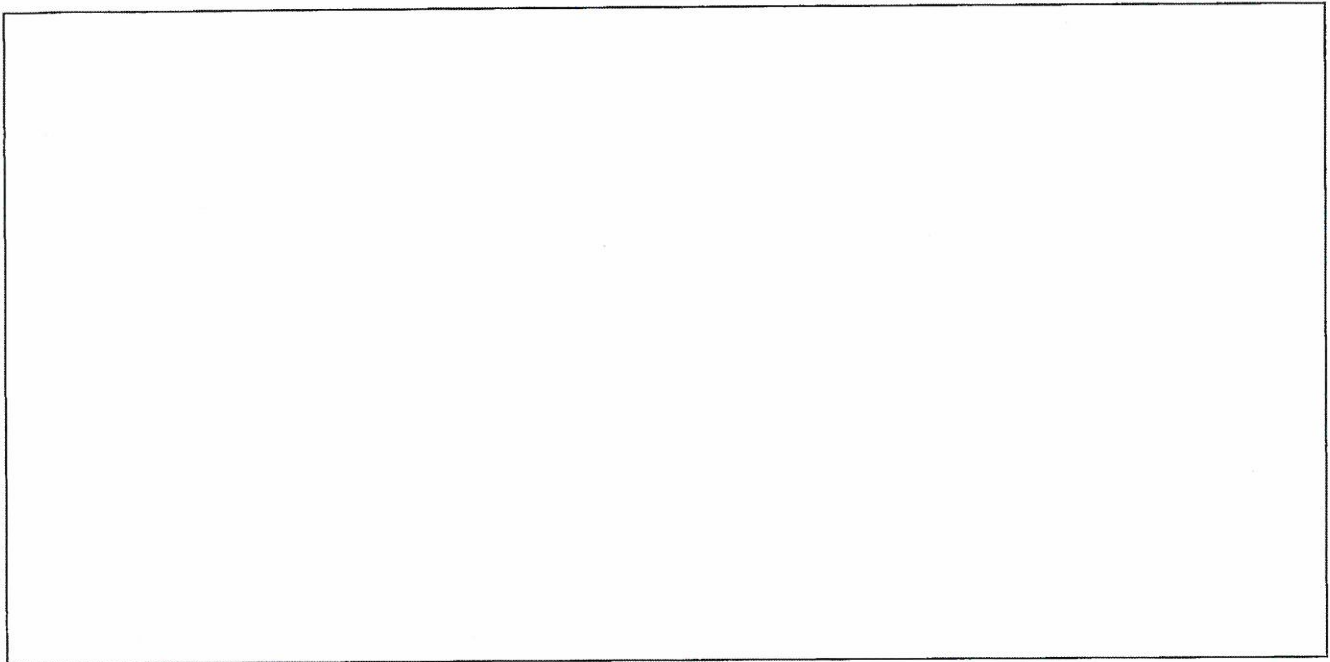
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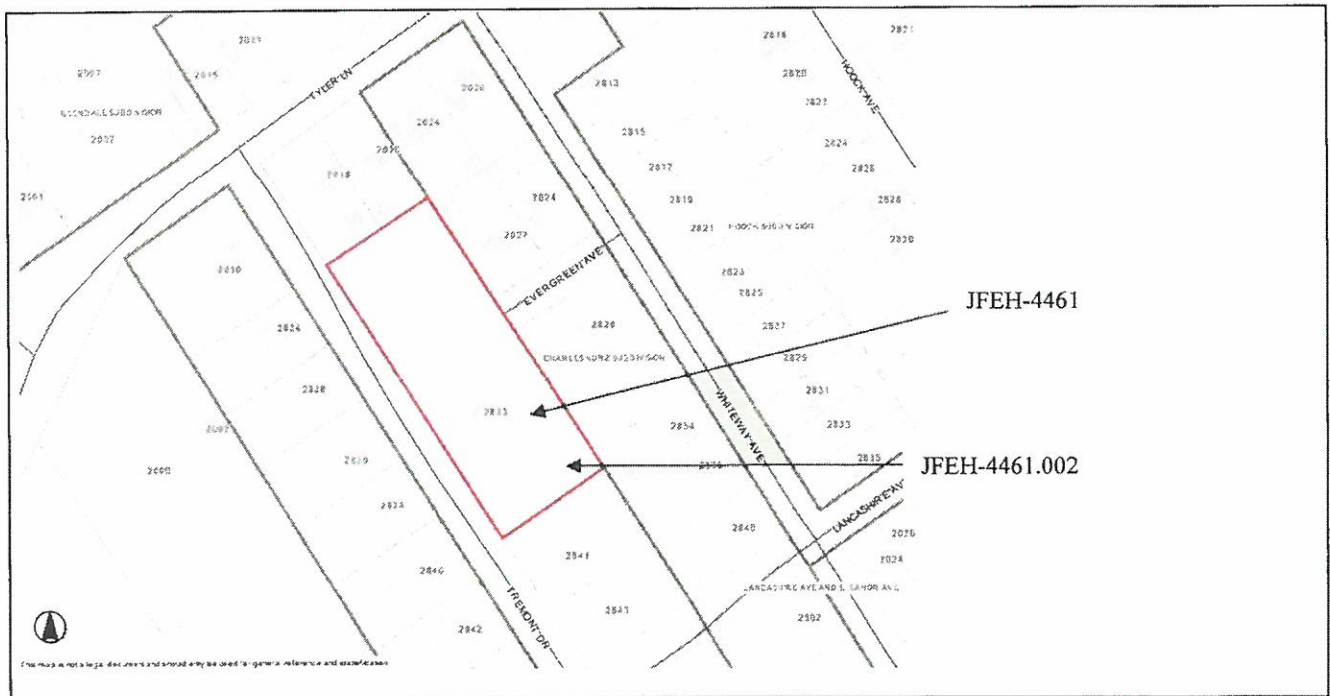
(Above) Both photos above are of upstairs bedrooms. (Below) This is a photo showing the associated (2) carriage house – see outbuilding form JFEH 4461.002 - and the associated (3) pool.



19. SITE PLAN



20. MAP (Scan or attach copy of map showing exact location of resources):

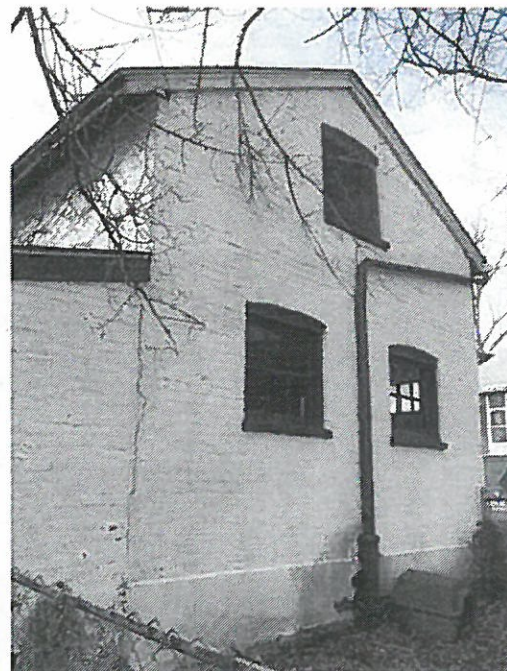


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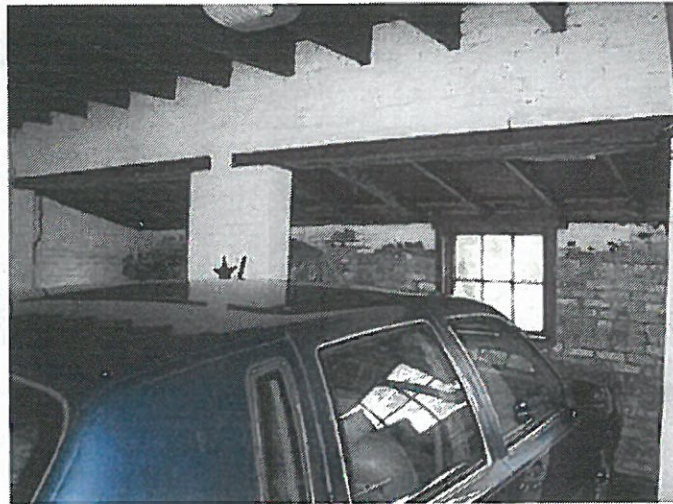
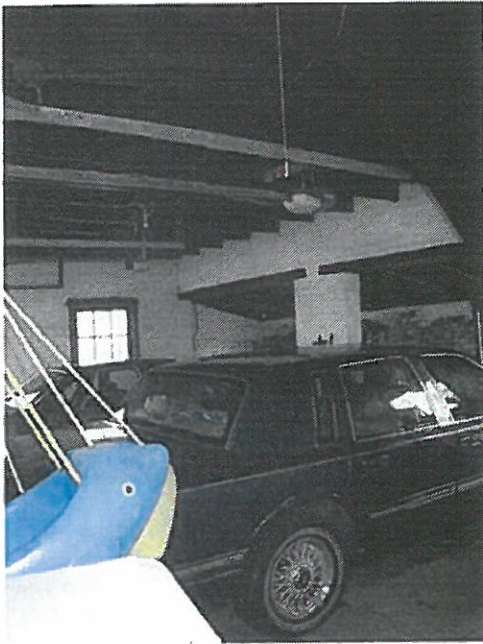


(Above-left) This is a SW/SE elevation showing the right gable end and rear of the carriage house. Also note the rear human scale door and rear, shed roof brick addition. (Above-right) This is the same elevation of the carriage house taken from a slightly different angle. (Below-left) This is a SE/NE elevation of the carriage house showing the rear and left gable end. (Below-right) This is a detail photo showing the right gable end of the carriage house. Note that the windows in the rear and gable ends of the carriage house are six-light wooden casement windows (hinged).



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(Above-left) This is a detail photo looking from the front entrance toward the rear/left corner. Note that when the addition was built on, portions of the original exterior rear wall were removed and stabilized with steel I-beams. (Above-right) This is a detail photo of the original exterior wall looking toward the single story, brick rear addition. (Below-left) This is a detail photo of the roll-up garage doors installed in façade openings. (Below-right) This is a detail photo of the paneled, human scale front entrance.

