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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES  
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # Be-55  
Boone County

1. Name of Resource:  
Prospect Farm
2. Original Owner:  
J. C. Jenkins
3. Other Names:  
J. C. Jenkins house
4. Prehistoric Site ☐ Building ☒ Object  
Historic Site ☐ Structure ☐ Other
5. Location:  
6279 Petersburg Road, Prospect Hill  
Petersburg, KY 41080
6. Owner's Name:  
John Rivard [ ]
7. Owner's Address:  
6279 Petersburg Road  
Petersburg, KY 41080
8. Evaluation: National Register [ ]
9. Recognition & Date:  
Nat.Landmark ☐ Local Landmark ☐  
Nat.Register ☐ HABS/HAER ☐  
Highway Marker ☐ KY Inventory 1977 ☐  
KY Landmark Certificate ☐
10. N.R.Status & Date:
11. N.R.Group:  
District Name: [ ]  
Mult.Resource Area: Boone County [ ]  
Thematic Name: [ ]
12. Historical Theme:  
Primary: Architecture [ ]  
Secondary: Agriculture [ ]  
Other: [ ]
13. Statement of Significance:  
The house is significant under criterion C as an excellent example of the Italianate style, significant to Boone County in the period 1855-1910, and as an excellent (and only) example of the Italian Villa style, which used Italianate elements but featured a tower. The house is also an excellent (Continued) [ ]
14. History:  
J. C. Jenkins was described in the 1883 atlas: "Proprietor of 'Prospect Farm.' Breeder of Short-Horned and Jersey Cattle, Trotting Horses, Cotswold Sheep, and Chester White Hogs." He bought Boone County Distilling Co., Petersburg, from William Thornton Snyder in 1862, co-owning with William Appleton; they sold the distillery to Freiburg & Workham (Workum), the owners indicated in the 1883 atlas.

16. Date:  
Original Building 1857\* [ ]  
Addition 1960 [ ]
17. Style:  
Italianate [ ]  
Eclectic [ ]
18. Architect/Builder:  
Jackson Rice (carpenter)/J. C. Jenkins
19. No. of Stories: two [ ]
20. Original Floor Plan: irregular [ ]
21. Single Pile ☒ Double Pile ☐ N.A. ☐
22. Roof Form & Material: Original ☒  
gable Not Original
23. Structural Material:  
wood frame [ ]
24. Exterior Material:  
weatherboard [ ]
25. Foundation Material:  
dressed stone [ ]
26. Major Alterations: None ☐  
Moved/Rebuilt Other ☐  
Additions ☒
27. Special Features:  
hilltop site; three-stage tower
28. Outbuildings:  
livestock barn [ ]
29. Original Function:  
farm dwelling [ ]
30. Present Use:  
farm dwelling [ ]
31. Condition:  
excellent [ ]
32. Endangered: Yes ☐  
No ☒
33. Attach Photos:  
Roll: 2 Photo Nos: 7-14 No. of Slides:  
10 9-15

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: \*John Brady Walton, "Early History of Petersburg and Vicinity," typescript. Boone County Recorder "Historical Edition," 4 Sept. 1930 Loder Diary

34. Prepared by: Kenneth T. Gibbs
35. Organization: Boone Co. Hist. Pres. Rev. Bd.
36. Date: September 1986
37. New Survey ☐ Resurvey ☒

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building:	Zone	Easting	Northing	39. G.I.S. Mod.	[ ]
Quadrant: Lawrenceburg, IN-Ky	--	-----	-----	40. Coordi.Accuracy	[ ]

41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):

A.	16	685040	--	4325810	--	D.	16	684760	--	4325800	--
B.	16	684935	--	4325555	--	E.	16	684870	--	4325925	--
C.	16	684810	--	4325630	--	F.	--	-----	--	-----	--

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: 12 acres

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

The boundary of the nominated property is delineated by the polygon whose vertices are marked by the following UTM reference points: A 16 685040 4325810; B 16 684935 4325555; C 16 684810 4325630; D 16 684760 4325800; E 16 684870 4325925.

The boundary includes the house and its outbuildings and acreage sufficient to both provide a historical setting and preserve several important sightlines: 1) to the northwest, across the 200' drop of a steep hillside to the town of Petersburg, the Ohio River and Indiana; 2) to the east, down Petersburg Road; 3) to the south and southeast, to the top of the ridge behind the barn.

The boundary D-E-A follows the south side of Burlington Pike.

Contributing: 2 buildings

Noncontributing: 2 buildings

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45. Description and House Plan:

The J. C. Jenkins house holds a commanding site atop Prospect Hill overlooking Petersburg and the Ohio River to the west. Features that take advantage of the site (verandas, a tower, projecting bays, open balconies and porches) were rendered in a variety of styles unique in the county. Despite the stylistic flamboyance, the house has a simple cross-gable form, in which the central bay of five bays projects on either side (north and south).

The main entrance, in one of the angles of the cross-gable on the north front, is emphasized with a three-stage tower embellished with as many styles: a Greek Doric portico at the base, Italianate round-arch windows at the second level and Gothic pointed-arch windows at the third story. The cross-gable of the main (north) front is enriched with a double, open, fretwork porch, and the western gable-end, facing Petersburg, the Ohio River and Indiana, features a two-story semioctagonal bay decorated with Moorish and Italianate elements. The pair of porches flanking the cross-gable at the rear (south) of the house are more simply designed: shed-roofed with square posts, found in contemporary Greek Revival structures. The mid-20th century addition on the east end of the house does not detract significantly from the overall design and character of the house. This addition is a one-story, frame block, with basement garage reached by a drive on the north whose gabled roof is on axis with the roof of the main mass of the house.

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13. Statement of Significance: (Continued)

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local example of the broad trend in 19th century architecture of eclectic mixing of picturesque styles and forms. The property is also significant under criterion A as a good example of a large farm in Boone County in the period 1855-1938.

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45. Description and House Plan: (Continued)

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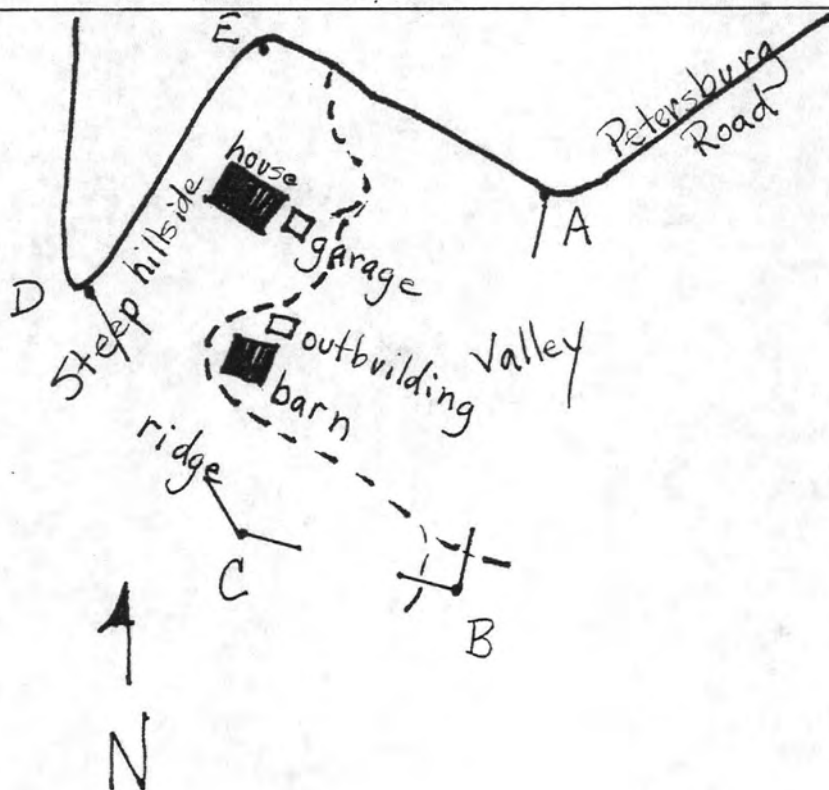
The livestock barn, a frame structure with vertical-board sheathing, is contemporary with the house; gabled with a shed-roofed wing on the east, it has a silo on the north end. Near the north end of the barn is a small pyramidal-roofed outbuilding made of concrete block. Both this building and the frame garage at the east end of the house are noncontributing since their dates of construction, the 1950s or 1960s, post-date the period of significance.

The stock barn contributes to the significance of the house in that it is contemporary with the house and illustrates the agricultural, land-based economy of the original occupants of the house and the role of the house as the operational center of a stock farm.

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44. Site Plan: (Continued)

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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

Section number \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic GroupName Boone County MRA  
State KENTUCKY

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

51. Norman, L.C., House

Entered in the  
National RegisterKeeper Melores Byers 2/6/89

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

52. Parker, Richard, House

Entered in the  
National RegisterKeeper Melores Byers 2/6/89

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

53. Peters House

Entered in the  
National RegisterKeeper Melores Byers 2/6/89

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

54. Prospect Farm

Substantive Review

for Keeper Patrick Andrews 2/6/89

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

55. Rabbit Hash General Store

Substantive Review

for Keeper Patrick Andrews 2/6/89

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

56. Ransom House

Entered in the  
National RegisterKeeper Melores Byers 2/6/89

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

57. Rogers, James, House

Entered in the  
National RegisterKeeper Melores Byers 2/6/89

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

58. Ryle's Super Market and  
Oddfellows BuildingEntered in the  
National RegisterKeeper Melores Byers 2/6/89

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

59. Terrill, George H., House

Entered in the  
National RegisterKeeper Melores Byers 2/6/89

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

60. Uitz, Ephraim, House

Substantive Review

for Keeper Patrick Andrews 6/14/90

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Prospect Farm  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Boone County MRA  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: KENTUCKY, Boone

DATE RECEIVED: 12/28/88 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/10/89  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 1/26/89 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/11/89  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 88003265

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: Y LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 2/6/89 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Historically & architecturally significant late 19th/early 20th  
century farmstead*

RECOM./CRITERIA accept AEC  
REVIEWER Patricia Andrews  
DISCIPLINE Historian  
DATE 2/6/89

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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CLASSIFICATION

\_\_\_count      \_\_\_resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

\_\_\_historic      \_\_\_current

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DESCRIPTION

\_\_\_architectural classification  
\_\_\_materials  
\_\_\_descriptive text

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SIGNIFICANCE

Period      Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates      Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

\_\_\_summary paragraph  
\_\_\_completeness  
\_\_\_clarity  
\_\_\_applicable criteria  
\_\_\_justification of areas checked  
\_\_\_relating significance to the resource  
\_\_\_context  
\_\_\_relationship of integrity to significance  
\_\_\_justification of exception  
\_\_\_other

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

\_\_\_acreage      \_\_\_verbal boundary description  
\_\_\_UTMs      \_\_\_boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

\_\_\_sketch maps    \_\_\_USGS maps    \_\_\_photographs    \_\_\_presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

















Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000206