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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Site No. JF 685

1. Historic Name(s) Temple Bodley Summer House		22. ADD/County Jefferson/Jefferson	
Original Owner Temple Bodley		23. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75') Louisville West	
2. Present Name		24. UTM Reference 16   6,055,000   4,222,900	
3. Location at end of gravel road, off Riva Ridge Rd., SW of Palatka Rd.		Zone Easting Northing	
4. Owner's Name Donald R. & Geraldine Fromme		25. Coordinate Accuracy	
5. Owner's Address 7540 Riva Ridge Rd., Louisville, Ky. 40214		26. Prehistoric Site Object Historic Site Structure Building * Other	
6. Open to Public Yes ___ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. Visible from road Yes ___ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8. Ownership Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local State Federal	
9. Local Contact/Organization Jeff. Co. Office of Historic Pres. & Archives		27. National Register District Name: N/A	
10. Site Plan with North Arrow		28. Significance Evaluation	
		11. Architect Unknown	
		12. Builder Unknown	
		13. Date c. 1899 add. c. 1902   5   B.   6	
		14. Style A. Shingle style   15   B.	
		15. Original Use Residence   1	
		16. Present use Residence	
		17. Condition Good   2	
		18. Description See attached page	
		No. Stories 2   c	
		Single Pile ___ NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Double Pile ___			
Floor Plan Asymmetrical   M			
Structural Fabric Frame A.   d   B.			
Decorative Fabric Weatherboard A.   J   Shingle B.   Q			
Roof Form Gable end		29. Status National Landmark National Register Landmark Certificate Kentucky Survey Local Landmark HABS/HAER	
30. Historic Theme Primary social/humanitarian   2   5   Secondary urban history   3   4   Other		31. Endangered Yes ___ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
32. Preservation Project Status		Actual Cost in \$1,000s	
33. ATTACH PHOTO		Roll No. _____ Picture No. _____ Direction _____	
34. Prepared by: Mary Jean Kinsman		35. Organization Jeff. Co. Office of Historic Pres. & Archives	
36. Date 84		37. Revision Dates 38. Staff Review	
19. History See attached page		38. Staff Review	
20. Significance See attached page			
21. Source of Information see attached page			

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## 18. Description

Two-story frame structure with weatherboard and shingle exterior, stone foundation, and gable roof. Irregular massing, intersecting roof planes, rambling porches, and varied window openings contribute to the informal, country-house appearance. The garage is a recent addition. The site is a one-acre tract on the level top of a hill, once part of a 200 acre tract of cleared acreage and wooded hillsides adjacent to Iroquois Park.

## 19. History

Temple Bodley, a prominent Louisville attorney, civic leader, and author, built this summer house about 1899--a time when many well-to-do Louisvillians sought refuge from the city's summer heat by moving to the high knobs south of the city or the eastern bluffs along the Ohio River. A graduate of the University of Louisville School of Law, Bodley was in private practice from 1875 until he retired in 1903. He is probably best remembered for his devotion to civic affairs, especially his support for the establishment of Louisville's public parks in the early 1890s and his astute observations and commentary on the city leaders involved in that worthy endeavor. He donated a portion of his land near Iroquois Park to be added to that park, and from 1893 to 1897 he was a member of the Board of Park Commissioners. Other civic activities included membership on the board of the Waverly Hills Tuberculosis Sanatorium (JF-75-77) during construction of the first buildings there. After his retirement in 1903, Bodley (a great-greatnephew of Gen. George Rogers Clark) devoted his time to a long held interest in Kentucky history and wrote several books, including George Rogers Clark: His Life and Public Services and A History of Kentucky Before the Louisiana Purchase.

A manuscript collection of Bodley papers contains many references to the "summer place" or "farm" near Iroquois Park and to family activities as they moved from their winter residence in Louisville out to the farm for the spring, summer, and fall months each year. These records, along with city directory listings, indicate that the summer house was also a year-round residence for a number of years in the early 1900s. Although the Bodleys owned a house on West Oak Street in Old Louisville, they often rented a house in town for the winter and did not take up primary residence on Oak Street until 1917. After Bodley's death in 1940, the farm remained in the family until 1954 when it was sold.

20. Significance

The Bodley Summer House is significant for its associations with Temple Bodley, one of Louisville's prominent 19th century civic leaders and as a reminder of the "summer house" phenomenon in the knobs of southern Jefferson County. Bodley's fondness for his summer place and for the time he spent there is well-documented in his private papers and correspondence. It remains the only structure in the county which was an important and significant element in the life of this public-spirited citizen of the community.

21. Sources of Information

Jefferson County (Ky.) Deed Books

Temple Bodley Papers and Letterbooks, Manuscript Department, The Filson Club, Louisville, Kentucky.

Information from James W. Stites, Jr., November 1984

"Louisville's Log Cabin Colony," The (Louisville) Courier-Journal  
18 October 1896.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT  
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name Temple Bodley Summer House Site # JF 685

Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title Jefferson County, Ky. MRA

U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTMs if property is ten or more acres.

A. 16 605500 4222900 D. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_ E. \_\_\_\_\_

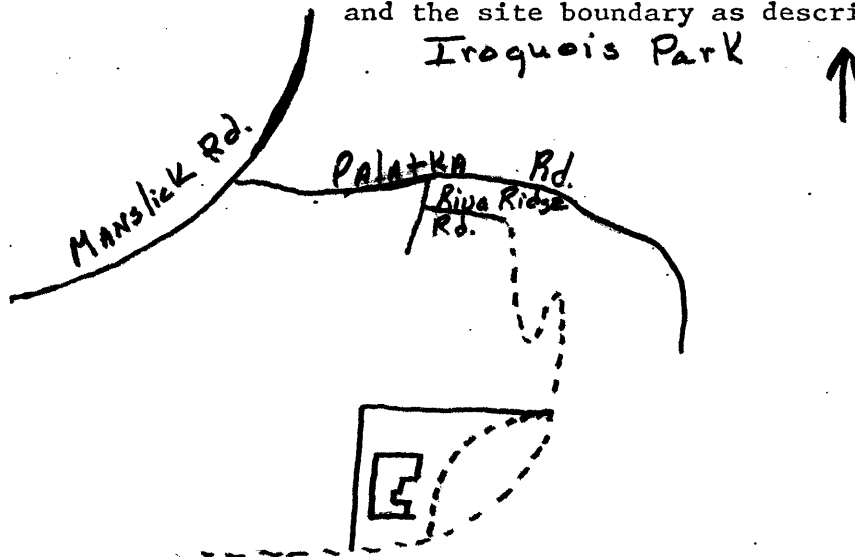
C. \_\_\_\_\_ F. \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal Boundary Description

Acreage 1.009

The nominated property comprises all of Tract D as shown on the attached plat.

Sketch of Site Plan (Showing outbuildings, structures, landscape features and the site boundary as described above.)



Official Courthouse Property Reference:

Description as recorded in Deed Book 5452, page 128, October 1984.

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Kinkead house

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Bruce right of way

Bodley

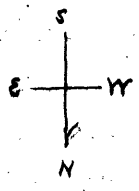
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conveyed to Hagan

Bot of H Ernst

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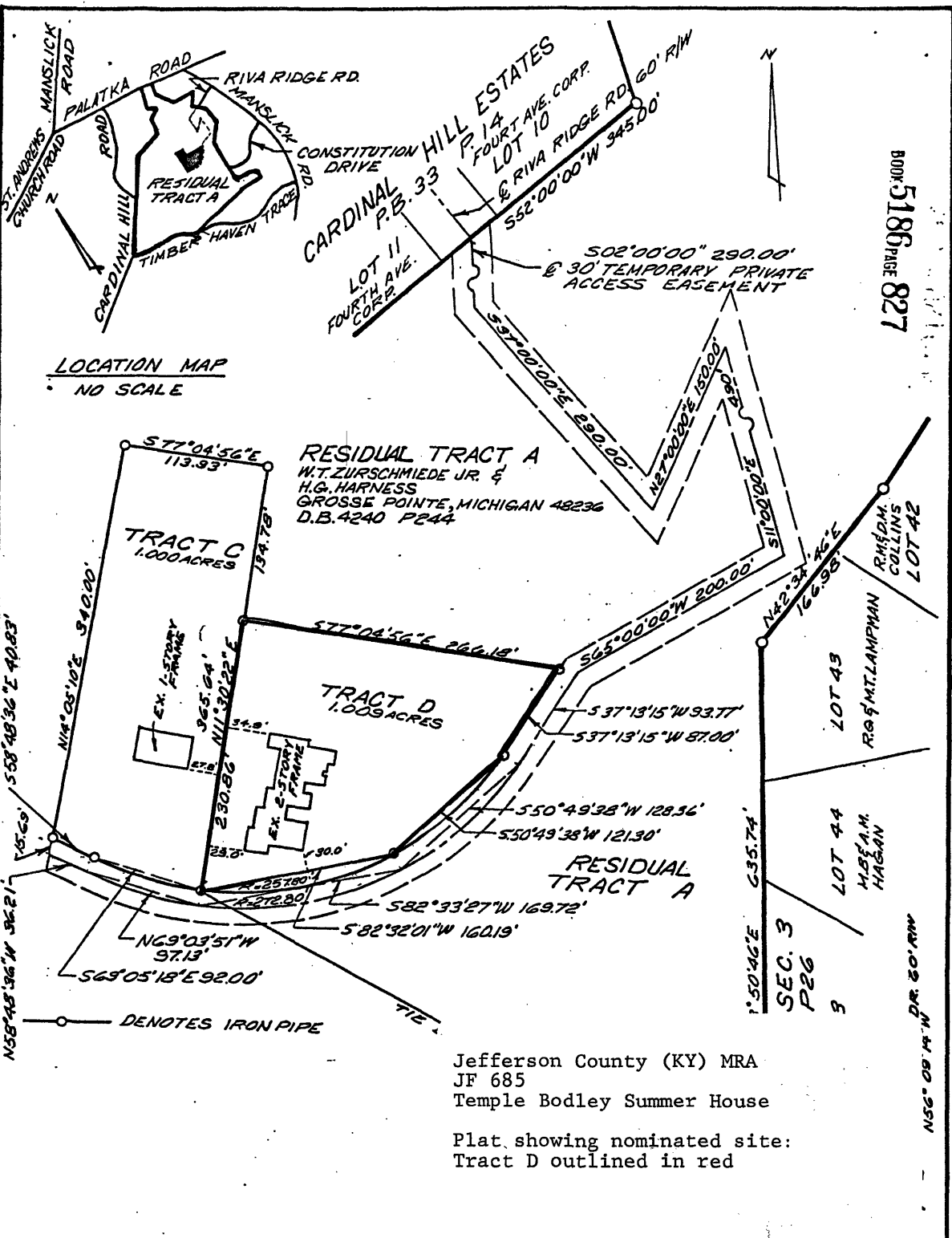


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Jacob Park  
(from Bodley)

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Sketch map of Bodley tract drawn by  
Temple Bodley, n.d.



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LOCATION MAP  
NO SCALE

RESIDUAL TRACT A  
W.T. ZURSCHMIEDE JR. &  
H.G. HARNESS  
GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN 48236  
D.B. 4240 P244

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Plat showing nominated site:  
Tract D outlined in red

Approved this 15th day of September, 1980

LOUISVILLE AND JEFFERSON COUNTY  
PLANNING COMMISSION

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MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT  
FOR: W.T. Zurschmiede, Jr. & H.G. Harness  
LOCATION: Manslick Road, Jefferson Co., KY  
DATE: 9-8-80 JOB NO. 539-MP2  
SCALE: 1" = 100'

HERP  
LOT 67  
C.C.F.V.L.  
STAFFORD