KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

1. Historic Name (s) Locust Avenue				22. JEFFERSON/Jefferson			
Original Owner John Burks				23. Zoning Classification			
Present Name				Magisterial District			
Clearwater Farm				24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75')			
3. Owner's Name				Louisville East			
John C. Lannert				25, UTM, Reference			
4. Owner's Address				166168	30) 4 2 2	3 7 0 0
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5. Location				26. Prehistoric Site		Object	
6. Open to Public 7. Visible from road				Historic Site Structure			
Ver Ne Ne		8. Ownership Private	Building X 27. District Yes No				
9. Local Contact/Organization		Local	×	Name:	85	No	
Jefferson County Office of	•	State		None.			
		Federal		28. Significance Evaluatio	 n		
10. Site Plan with North Arrow	11. Arc	chitect					
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Fern Valley Rd.		nknown		National Register			
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scription and aerial photo.		Excellent	}			No NOW	
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18. Description The house is a two-story, five bay							
structure of brick which has been painted white						ATTACH	
A two-story brick ell is at the rear and the						рното	
front facade is of flemish bond brickwork. The							
wide front door is flanked by sidelights and							
reeded Ionic pilasters and has a large ellipti-							
cal fanlight. The small porch has paired squar				2			
pillars supporting a flat roof.(continued on							
next page) 19. History Clearwater Farm was once	nari	t of = 1013 =	cro				
¹⁹ History Clearwater Farm was once part of a 1013 acre tract assembled from 1819-1829 by John Burks.							
Tax assesments indicate that Burks probably							
built the house in the early 1820's. After							
Burk's death in 1832, the farm was sold to							
George W. Heafer, who had come to Louisville				Roll No.	~ <u></u>		
from Pennsylvania about 1812. The name "Locust							
Avenue" appeared on the 1879 Atlas of Jefferson				Direction	~	-	
County and was derived from (Continued)							·····
20. Significance The I- house form of the structure is typical						Negative No.	<u></u>
of the vernacular Georgian-Federal houses built				ow, rrepared by:			
in Jefferson County the first half of the nineteenth century; however, the refined and				Mary Jean Kinsman/Research Ass.			
elegant details of the interior give it more				35. Organization Jefferson County Office			
architectural significance than many of the				of Historic Preservation			
other similar structures. (Continued)				36. Date 6 June 1979			
21. Source of Information Jefferson County (KY) Deed Books				37. Revision Dates		38. Staff Rev	iew
Jefferson County							
Tax Assessment Records,		Tax Assessment Records,					

18. (Continued)

A door opens onto the roof which originally had a balustrade. The construction date of the porch is not known. The interior has very fine detailing which includes reeded woodwork with bulls-eye corner blocks, panelled reveals at the windows, and a graceful spiral staircase. Federal type mantels in the parlor and dining room have slender fluted columns and GreekKey or scalloped fretwork designs. There is one outbuilding which is probably original-a brick, two-room slave quarters.

19. (Continued)

locust trees lining the driveway which extended to Shepherdsville Road. A grandson of George Heafer, George Rogers Clark Heafer, Jr., inherited the house and part of the farm in 1883. He changed the driveway to enter the property from what is now Fern Valley Road and built a training track for his trotting horses in front of the house. According to oral tradition the name was then changed to Clearwater Farm. The house remained in the Heafer family until 1922. The Lannert family acquired the farm in 1945 and it is still a working farm.

20, (Continued)

Whether the fine interior was part of the original construction or added after 1832 by George W. Heafer, it represents an awareness of architectural refinement not generally found in early Jefferson County farm houses.

21. (Continued)

History of The Ohio Falls Cities and Their Counties, (L.A. Williams Co. 1882) Vol.II, p.59

Katzmann, Geneva Aline, "The Homes and People of Old Shepherdsville Road" 1958

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The boundary of the nominated site is shown as a red line on the attached aerial photograph. (SCALE - 200 feet to the inch). The area enclosed is approximately 150 feet by 150 feet and contains approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. The nominated site includes the house and slave quarters.