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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name 301 La Grange Road other names/site number OL-323

2. Location

street & number 301 La Grange Road N/A not for publication city, town Pewee Valley N/A vicinity state Kentucky code KY county Oldham code 185 zip code 40056

3. Classification

Table with 3 columns: Ownership of Property, Category of Property, and Number of Resources within Property. Includes checkboxes for private/public ownership and building/site/structure/object categories.

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of Pewee Valley, Ky. MPL Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet. Signature of certifying official David L. Morgan Date 10-9-89 State Historic Preservation Officer, Kentucky Heritage Council State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet. Signature of commenting or other official Date State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is: entered in the National Register. determined eligible for the National Register. determined not eligible for the National Register. removed from the National Register. other, (explain:). Entered in the National Register 11/27/89 Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/Trade ← specialty store

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/Trade ← business

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian

Other: Commercial Vernacular

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone/limestone

walls wood/weatherboard

roof asphalt

other concrete

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Suburban Development
Architecture

Period of Significance

1905

Significant Dates

ca. 1905

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Smith, William Henry

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Kentucky Actuarial Bureau. Insurance Map of Pewee Valley, Kentucky. April, 1927.

Marker, Louise and Virginia Chaudoin. Interview by Carolyn Brooks at Herdt's Garage. January, 1989.

Oldham County, Kentucky. Deed Books.

Smith, Katie. Telephone interview by Carolyn Brooks. July 15, 1989.

Also see bibliography with the Historic Resources of Pewee Valley, Kentucky Multiple Property Listing.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS): na

preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested

previously listed in the National Register

previously determined eligible by the National Register

designated a National Historic Landmark

recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____

recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

State historic preservation office

Other State agency

Federal agency

Local government

University

Other

Specify repository:

Kentucky Heritage Council

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Less than 1 acre.

UTM References

A 16 632260 4241140
Zone Easting Northing

B _____
Zone Easting Northing

C _____

D _____

Crestwood, Kentucky Quadrangle

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary coincides precisely with lot PV 7-2-13 as drawn in the Oldham County Plat Books. It is outlined with a heavy black line on an accompanying sketch map.

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Boundary Justification In order to encompass several mature shade trees, a grassed verge along Tulip Avenue, and a small graveled parking area historically associated with the building, the boundary was selected to coincide with the small 80 foot by 160 foot lot on which the building sits.

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11. Form Prepared By

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The property at 301 La Grange Road (OL-323) is a simple two-story wood-framed commercial building constructed about 1905. It exhibits little styling, but in its building materials and technology and in its plan and finish, it resembles many basic commercial buildings of the Victorian era. It is located at the east corner of La Grange Road and Tulip Avenue within the area of the Historic Resources of Pewee Valley Multiple Property Listing. The building is situated in Pewee Valley's small historic commercial center but has been isolated from the extant collection of historic commercial buildings across the railroad tracks by new construction along La Grange Road. To its southwest, at the opposite corner of Tulip Avenue, is a c. 1910 building (OL-324) originally housing a wagon works and later a garage. To its northeast, are a string of 1960s and 1970s commercial buildings. This building at 310 La Grange Road sits close to the west corner of a small lot which has little landscaping. It is surrounded by a gravel parking lot to its rear and northeast side and fronts closely on La Grange Road. A large shade tree is located at the south rear corner, and a strip of grass and some smaller trees run along the Tulip Avenue side. The property boundary coincides with the 80 foot by 160 foot lot. The building was completely and sensitively renovated in 1977 and is in good condition.

The nominated resource at 310 La Grange Road is a rectangular building with weatherboard siding, a high limestone block foundation, and a gable roof. The front facade, which faces on La Grange Road, consists of a first floor storefront and a second floor lighted by three windows. The storefront, very little changed from its original appearance, has double recessed doors topped by a transom and flanked by large multi-paned showcase windows. Second floor windows, which continue around the sides and rear of the building, are large one-over-one double hung sash. Two interior brick chimneys rise from the building's northeast side.

Several alterations were made to the structure during its 1977 renovation. The present full-width front stoop with a limestone block foundation, a poured concrete floor, and concrete steps that lead up from either side is a replacement of the original wooden steps that led straight down from the entrance. Two small replacement stoops and stairs of similar construction have been built at an original entrance at the rear of each side. Several small, high, first-floor windows have been filled in. Beaded tongue-and-groove boards in the transom area above the large storefront windows have been replaced by weatherboards. A small one-story shed-roofed addition, probably dating from the 1950s, is located at the rear.

On the interior, the building consisted historically of a large first-floor retail space and a second-floor living space. Today the second floor has been adapted for offices, and the first floor has been somewhat subdivided. The building retains its basic layout and some of its original detailing including

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the historic stairway to the second floor and much of the second floor woodwork. Ceilings have been lowered, and new drywall has replaced the original plaster walls.

All exterior and most interior changes were necessitated by the extremely dilapidated condition of the building prior to the 1977 work. Because such important original features as the storefront, including windows and doors, the second floor windows, the weatherboard siding, the interior staircase, and the second floor plan were retained, 301 La Grange Road still projects a strong sense of its historic character.

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The nominated property at 301 La Grange Road (OL-323) is one of a very few historic commercial properties within the area of the Historic Resources of Pewee Valley Multiple Property Listing. The ca. 1905 store building is eligible for the National Register under Criteria A and C. The property is a good example of the property type commercial buildings which was developed as part of the historic context, "Suburban Development in Pewee Valley, 1861-1935." It has been evaluated to meet the registration requirements established for individual listing within the commercial buildings property type. Its period of significance dates to about 1905, the year it is believed to have been built.

Based on deed research and an interview with a descendant of the first owner, 301 La Grange Road is thought to have been built for Thomas D. McAllister sometime shortly after he purchased the property in 1905. When the property next changed hands, in 1911, it was under lease, indicating that a business was being operated on the premises. McAllister, a local man who later moved to Bardstown, Kentucky, presumably had the structure built for commercial rental. William Henry Smith, a local builder, grandson of Henry S. Smith, and father-in-law of Thomas McAllister, constructed the building. The longest lived business in the building was a sweet shop which occupied the ground floor for about twenty years. Before 1912, when a Masonic hall was included in W. N. Jurey's new store (OL-326), a Masonic hall is said to have been located on the upper floor of this building. A 1927 fire insurance map indicates that by then, and perhaps originally, the second floor was residential.

In terms of criterion A and the area of significance, Suburban Development, 301 La Grange Road is important as documentation of the early twentieth century suburban development that occurred in Pewee Valley following the 1901 arrival of the interurban railroad. The construction of the store, which was built for commercial rental, coincided with a small building boom that accompanied the opening of the interurban. The store building is one of only five extant and intact commercial buildings in the community and as such helps to interpret the small but essential role that commerce played in the context of the suburban development of Pewee Valley.

In terms of Criterion C and the area of significance, Architecture, 301 La Grange Road is important as one of only a very few wood-framed commercial buildings remaining in Pewee Valley and Oldham County. As such, its building materials, building technology, plan, and detailing provide important information about commercial buildings of the period built in the small towns and crossroads settlements in the area. Despite some recent alterations, the building is of particular interest because, unlike so many historic commercial buildings, it retains its original storefront. As more research is done on Oldham County's historic commercial buildings, its significance will be placed in even better perspective.

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Fewee Valley, Oldham Co., Ky.

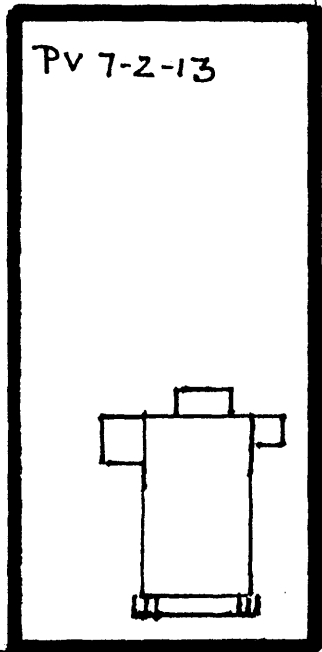
SKETCH MAP

Source: Oldham County Plat Maps

Scale: 0 ————— 150'

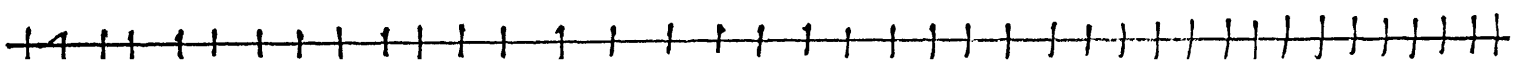
North: ↙

Property Boundary: 



TULIP AVENUE

LA GRANGE ROAD



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PHOTOGRAPHS

1. 301 La Grange Road
2. Pewee Valley, Oldham County, Kentucky
3. Photographer: Carolyn Brooks
4. Date: April, 1989
5. Negatives on file with the Kentucky Heritage Council, Frankfort, Ky.

(The above information is the same for the 2 photographs submitted with the nomination. Below, the photographs are listed in order of their photograph numbers, and each view is described.)

1. Front facade and northeast side; photographer facing south.
2. Front facade and southwest side; photographer facing east.