

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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1. Historic Name (s) Genoa		22. ADD/County Pennyrite/Christian	
Original Owner Winston Jones Davie		23. Zoning Classification Magisterial District	
2. Present Name Genoa		24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75') Herndon	
3. Owner's Name David L. Burkhart		25. UTM Reference Zone 16 Easting 452520 Northing 4063650	
4. Owner's Address Rt. 4, Hopkinsville 42240		26. Prehistoric Site Historic Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Location W. side Palmyra Rd., 1 m. N. Rt. 117		27. District Name: Building Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
6. Open to Public Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. Visible from road Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	28. Significance Evaluation	
9. Local Contact/Organization		29. Status National Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> National Register <input type="checkbox"/> Landmark Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky Survey <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> HABS/HAER <input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Site Plan with North Arrow		Date 2-16-78	
11. Architect		30. Theme Primary Politics Secondary Architecture Other Agriculture	
12. Builder		31. Endangered Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
13. Date mid-19th C. 1847-49		32. ATTACH PHOTO	
14. Style Greek Rev.		Roll No. 17	
15. Original Use dwelling		Picture No. _____	
16. Present Use dwelling		Direction _____	
17. Condition Interior <input type="checkbox"/> Exterior good		33. Tape No. _____ Negative No. _____	
18. Description 2-story, 5-bay frame; central hall, double pile; 4 ext. end chimneys (brick); transom and sidelights on both doors, up and down. Aluminum siding; gabled roof; original double portico.		34. Prepared by: CMT-KTG	
19. History W. J. Davie 1824-1867 1st Commissioner of Agriculture, 1876-79; Ky. Legislator from 1850; agriculture writer; banker. Built in 1849 by W. J. Davie as wedding present to wife. After 1942 rear ell torn down. A cistern in floor of cellar. Davie lost a fortune in Civil War and land was lost by family in the Depression. Davie published and wrote in 1878 "Kentucky: It's Resources and Present Condition." (cont.)		35. Organization KHC	
20. Significance After the Civil War, when men like Winston J. Davie suffered financial losses, farmers began to combine agriculture and political interests. A graduate of Yale, Davie founded the Church Hill Grange (Ch-159) and served in the Kentucky Legislature in 1850. By the 1870s when the county figured prominently in state politics, Davie, an active (cont.)		36. Date Spring 1977	
21. Source of Information William Turner, survey Dec. 3, 1970 Battle, H. and Perrins W. H. Counties of Todd and Christian, Kentucky. Chicago, Illinois: F. A. Battey Publishing Co., 1884 pp. 512, 513, 111, 112. Pritchard, Edward "Popular Political Movements in Kentucky 1860-1900." Senior Thesis, Princeton University 1935.		37. Revision Dates _____ 38. Staff Review _____	

History (cont.)

Which was intended to entice capitol investment into the state.

Son (?) another W. J. Davie was active in Farmers and Alliance and Industrial Union in 1880s and 1890s.

Winston J. Davie, son of Ambrose Davie (early settler from North Carolina) Winston graduated Yale 1845, studied law, but worked in agriculture, milling and banking instead. 1850 elected to legislature. 1853 candidate for congress Governor McCreary made him Comm. of Agriculture. Married twice, 1845 to Sarah Phillips, 1861 to Addie Kalfub.

Significance (cont.)

member of the Farmers Alliance, was appointed the First Commissioner of Agriculture, serving from 1876-1879. He is also remembered as an author and banker. In 1849 he built this house for his first wife. The scaled Greek Revival house is double pile in plan with a central stair passage. The two central doors are sheltered by the original double portico.

