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Burnside Historic District

Description

Location: Along the 500 block of Lakeshore Drive in Burnside, KY

Ownership: Multiple

Classification: District

Description: The Burnside Historic District is composed of four frame homes which remain along Lakeshore Drive above the original location of Burnside. The homes are sited along a hill overlooking the Cumberland River and are oriented towards Lakeshore Drive. This area is located on the southwestern edge of Burnside two blocks from the commercial area along Highway 27. Adjacent to the district is a mix of altered 19th century and mid-20th century homes. All of the buildings are used as private residences and are sited on large wooded lots set back from the street.

The four homes in the district represent the most intact grouping of buildings associated with the historic residential area of Burnside. These homes are significant for their degree of architectural integrity and original setting and location. Adjacent to the houses are modern homes and older structures which have been altered. The four homes in the district were constructed in the late 19th and early 20th century on large residential lots. Together they give an indication of the original historical and architectural character of Burnside before the majority of the community was destroyed in 1951.

Acreage: Approximately 2.7 acres.

Verbal Boundary Description: The Burnside Historic District is outlined on the accompanying map of Burnside, Kentucky. The boundary includes all of the property encompassed by lots 508, 510, 512 and 514 Lakeshore Drive.

References: (Burnside Quadrangle) A. 16/713270/4095970 В. 16/ UTM 713234/4095905 C. 16/713340/4095950 D. 16/713320/4095840

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Burnside Historic District - Individual Property Descriptions

1. 508 Lakeshore Drive, French House: The French House is a two-story frame house constructed ca. 1890. It is built as a variation of the Queen Anne style in a modified T-form. In 1886 Alonzo French moved to Burnside and established the Burnside Manufacturing Company which made red cedar faucets and posts. In 1918 French sold the business and became a retail coal agent for the Stearns Coal and Lumber Company. The house is asymettrical with a large one-story porch and Tuscan columns facing the street facade. Windows are one-over-one sash and there are belt courses with fish scale shingles. Also present on the house are stick bracing and drop pendants at the eaves, pressed metal roof shingles and stained glass windows.

2. 510 Lakeshore Drive, Horton House: This two-story frame home was built in 1889 and has been occupied by the Horton family since the early 20th century. The house was built in a T-form plan with a one-story porch on the street facade. The porch has Tuscan columns and exposed rafters beneath the eaves. The house also features one-over-one sash windows with shutters, the original Eastlake style front door and exposed purlins under the eaves. An unusual detail is the vent window in the gable field in which is carved the building date of 1889.

3. 512 Lakeshore Drive, Kiser House: Beneath the weatherboard exterior of this two-story home is a ca. 1880 log core which represents an early Burnside residence. The house was constructed by Dr. L. B. Cook who operated the first drug store in Burnside. The log portion was covered with weatherboard ca. 1900 and additions added to the house. The structure now displays an ell-form plan with a gable roof. The exterior features include gable returns on the eaves, decorative vent windows and interior chimneys. Alterations to the house have occurred in recent years such as the wrought iron porch posts and added bay window on the street facade.

4. 514 Lakeshore Drive, Jumonville House: This one-and-one-half story frame house was constructed ca. 1900 and features a jerkinhead roof with an inset balcony on the main facade. The house has a weatherboard exterior and one-over-one sash windows. The one-story porch on the street facade features Tuscan columns. The jerkinhead roof form is also present on the other facades of the residence. NPS Form 10-900-a (7-81)

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The Burnside Historic District

Statement of Significance

Burnside developed in the late 19th century as an important manufacturing and shipping center on the Cumberland River. The community stood at the head of navigation on the river and was the final port for steamboat traffic. In addition to being a riverport Burnside was also sited along the Cincinnatti and Southern railroad. Because of the availability of transportation Burnside became a leading manufacturing center of the county in the late 19th century. The majority of products produced by these companies were lumber goods such as fence posts and boxes. Coal was also distributed through the transportation facilities of the community.

In 1894 the community had a population of 500 with many commercial buildings and factories. Some of the best homes were constructed along the hillside on Lakeshore Drive which overlooked the river. The prosperity of the community resulted in many fine homes being built along the river and hillside in the late 19th century. With the demise of the steamboats in the early 20th century, Burnside ceased to develop and construction ended. In 1951 the impoundment of Cumberland Lake resulted in the destruction of most of the community. One of the areas which did survive were the homes on the hillside overlooking the river. The remaining homes along Lakeshore Drive represent the finest historic residential architecture in the community.

Because of alterations and recent construction only a small section of the homes along Lakeshore Drive are readily defined as a district. This area of four homes represents the most cohesive grouping of buildings on their original lots which reflect the residential character of Victorian Burnside.

