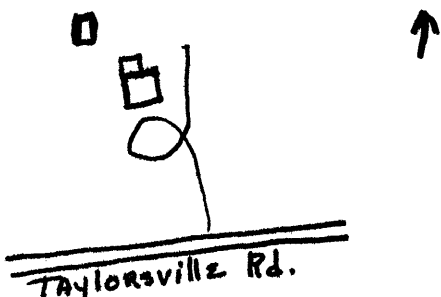


1. Historic Name (s) <b>Rockdale</b> Original Owner <b>Joseph A. Sweeney</b>		22. ADD/County <b>Jefferson/Jefferson</b>																							
Present Name <b>Rockdale</b>		23. Zoning Classification Magisterial District																							
3. Owner's Name <b>Richard S. &amp; Patricia W. Harris</b>		24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75') <b>Jeffersontown</b>																							
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6. Open to Public Yes      No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		7. Visible from road Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No																							
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9. Local Contact/Organization <b>Jefferson County Office of Historic Preservation</b>		28. Significance Evaluation																							
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		13. Date (See next Page)																							
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18. Description Two-story, three-bay brick structure with a hipped roof and four central interior chimneys with corbelled tops. The extended eaves and tall front door with narrow sidelights reflect the mid-century transition toward the Italianate style. However, Rockdale's floor plan is a rigidly symmetrical double-pile plan. The interior woodwork is plain. A decorative one-story (see next page)		32.																							
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21. Source of Information Jefferson County (KY) Deed Books, Will Books, Tax Records, Minute Order Books. (see next page)		33. Tape No. _____ Negative No. _____																							
		34. Prepared by: <b>Mary Jean Kinsman Researcher</b>																							
		35. Organization <b>Jefferson County Office of Historic Preservation</b>																							
		36. Date <b>12 October 1979</b>																							
		37. Revision Dates <b>November 5, 1982</b>																							
		38. Staff Review																							

## 13. Continued

1839-40/stone house ca. 1790s.

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porch was once a feature of the facade. It was removed in the 1960s but traces of its outline remain (see attached xerox copy of photograph.) Behind the brick house is a one-and-one-half story, single-pen stone house with one exterior chimney. The remains of a stone springhouse are also on the site. A one-story wing was added to the rear of the main house in the 1970s but does not detract from the original structure.

## 19. Continued

and they frequently bought and sold tracts among themselves. Thus, it is extremely difficult to trace specific house sites. It is thought that Edward Tyler, Jr. (later known as Edward, Sr. after his father's death in 1802) built the stone house on this site in the 1790s and lived there until he sold the land in 1837. Other Tyler houses were in this area and two still exist (JF-259 and 298).

Joseph A. Sweeney (also spelled Sweeny) was a minister of the Christian Church who came to Kentucky from Rockingham County, Virginia. He died in 1877 leaving his estate to his seven children. A son John T. Sweeney bought the farm from his father. He married a great-granddaughter of Edward Tyler, Sr. The house was owned by members of the Sweeney family until 1968.

## 20. Continued

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The stone structure is the original house on the site and was probably built by Edward Tyler, Jr. in the 1790s. It is significant both as an example of early stone construction and because of the association with the Tyler family. (see JF-259).

## 21. Continued

Tyler's Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine, July, 1948. Jobson, Robert C. A History of Early Jeffersontown. . . . (Baltimore: 1977), p. 52

Boundary Description

The boundary of the Rockdale nomination is shown as a red line on the attached aerial photo. (SCALE: 1" = 200') The nominated site contains approximately 9000 sq. ft. and includes the main house and stone house. There are no significant outbuildings.