

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # Be-365
Boone County

1. Name of Resource:
Gaines, Benjamin R., Farm

2. Original Owner:
Benjamin Gaines

3. Other Names:
None

4. Prehistoric Site Building Object
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location:
3895 Idlewild Road
Burlington, KY

6. Owner's Name:
Luther Smith, est. []

7. Owner's Address:
3895 Idlewild Road
Burlington, Kentucky 41005

8. Evaluation: National Register []

9. Recognition & Date:
Nat.Landmark _____ Local Landmark _____
Nat.Register _____ HABS/HAER _____
Highway Marker _____ KY Inventory 1987
KY Landmark Certificate _____

10. N.R.Status & Date:

11. N.R.Group:
District Name: []
Mult.Resource Area: Boone County []
Thematic Name: []

12. Historical Theme:
Primary: Architecture []
Secondary: Agriculture []
Other: []

13. Statement of Significance:
This property is significant under criterion C as a good example of changes in architectural taste, significant to Boone county in the period 1875-1930. The house is a unique blending locally of late Greek REVival style and early 20th century taste, adding both Folk and High Victorian (Continued) []

14. History:
The house is thought to have been built in 1875 by Benjamin Gaines for his son, Willie Gaines; but the 1883 atlas lists the house as the residence of B. R. Gaines.

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: *owner--oral history

16. Date:
Original Building 1875* []
Addition s: late 19th c./ 1910-15 []

17. Style: Greek Revival
Folk and High Victorian []
[]

18. Architect/Builder: Unknown

19. No. of Stories: one []

20. Original Floor Plan: central passage []

21. Single Pile Double Pile N.A.

22. Roof Form & Material: Original
gable/asphalt shingle Not Original

23. Structural Material:
wood frame []

24. Exterior Material: weatherboard []
wood trim []

25. Foundation Material: []

26. Major Alterations: None
Moved/Rebuilt Other
Additions

27. Special Features: tripartite massing

28. Outbuildings:
eleven: 1870s-early 20th century []

29. Original Function:
farm dwelling []

30. Present Use:
farm dwelling []

31. Condition:
good []

32. Endangered: Yes _____
No

33. Attach Photos:
Roll: Photo Nos: No. of Slides:
13 28-36A
14 1-3

34. Prepared by: Kenneth T. Gibbs

35. Organization: Boone Co. Hist. Pres. Rev. Brd.

36. Date: September 1986

37. New Survey Resurvey _____

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building:	Zone	Easting	Northing	39. G.I.S. Mod.	[]
Quadrant: <u>Lawrenceburg</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>692010</u>	<u>4325405</u>	40. Coordi. Accuracy	[]

41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):

A. -----	D. -----
B. -----	E. -----
C. -----	F. -----

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 163.142 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: 6

44. Site Plan (and boundary description and justification for N.R. sites):

Beginning at a point 225' east of the driveway on Idlewild Road, proceed southwest 800' to the ridge past the barns. Then proceed northwest 800' to the fenceline, turning northeast 300' along the fenceline. Then proceed 600' east southeast along the south side of Idlewild Road to the point of origin. The boundary includes the house, all outbuildings and sufficient acreage to provide an agricultural setting.

Contributing: 12 buildings

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45. Description and House Plan:

The original section of the house, which faces east, consists of a double pile of rooms with a central passage extending partway. The walls between the second pile of three rooms do not line up with those of the central passage, which separates the pair of parlors at the front of the house. The remaining original interior detail features crossette architraves around the openings. The ell originally had a single room, the kitchen.

The earliest additions were the four rooms added periodically to the ell in the late 19th century. Although the windows in the ell have 6/6 sash, the 1/1 sash of the main block are apparently original. Extensive additions and alterations were undertaken in the early 20th century beginning c. 1910-1915. These included enlargening two of the rooms of the second pile (the dining room in the northwest and a chamber in the southwest) in the form of gabled wings, thus giving the house a tripartite configuration. Interior changes included opening the wall of the central passage into the righthand parlor, adding deep cornices and wide frieze boards, replacing the mantels of the front parlors with one of Federal design and another, of marble, of Italianate design, both said to have come from houses in Cincinnati. Exterior changes included adding both front porches and enclosing the rear porch in the angle of the ell. The brackets at the eaves of the main block and side wings so nearly match one another that it is likely these were added following the construction of the end wings; the ell was given modillions rather than brackets.

All 11 outbuildings are of wood frame construction, traditional in form, with standing seam tin roofs. Wall treatments include vertical-board, weatherboard and board-and-batten.

13. Statement of Significance: (Continued)

elements. The property is one of very few instances of this sort of stylistic melding over time identified in Boone County. The property is also significant under criterion A as a good example of a medium to large farmstead in Boone County in the period 1875-1930. The farmstead is an excellent illustration of the specialized agricultural uses of outbuildings in a diversified farm during this period. The farm has maintained good site integrity and effectively conveys the appearance and feeling of a medium to large-sized Boone County farm in this period.

45. Description and House Plan: (Continued)

They were constructed between the 1870s and the 1920s, within the period of significance of the house. All 11 outbuildings contribute to the site integrity and significance of the property by illustrating the agricultural economy of the occupants of the house.

horse barn: rectangular; wood frame; board & batten siding; gable roof with standing-seam metal; multiple entry bays; original shed-roof section on west side; contemporary with house.

2 corn cribs, garage & tool storage: a single, multi-stage building incorporating all these uses; rectangular; wood frame; vertical-board siding; gable roof with standing-seam tin; stone foundation; multiple entry bays; gabled addition on west end; shed-roofed addition on south side; built late 19th century through 1920s.

tobacco & cow barn: rectangular; wood frame; vertical-board siding; gable roof with standing-seam tin; stone foundation; gable-end entry bay on east; built 1910s.

sheep barn: nearly square; wood frame; vertical-board siding; broad, low gable roof with standing-seam tin; stone foundation; east gable-end entry bay and two windows on north and south sides; built 1920s.

shop: square; wood frame; vertical-board siding; shed roof with standing-seam tin; stone foundation, door in southwest front; built early 20th century.

ice house-cistern: square; wood frame; vertical-board siding; gable roof with standing-seam tin; stone foundation; door in east gable-end; early 20th century construction; cistern located underneath ice house (built in slope of bank).

buggy house: rectangular; wood frame; board & batten; gable roof with standing-seam tin; stone foundation; entry bay in east gable-end (hinged dual-leaf door); contemporary with house.

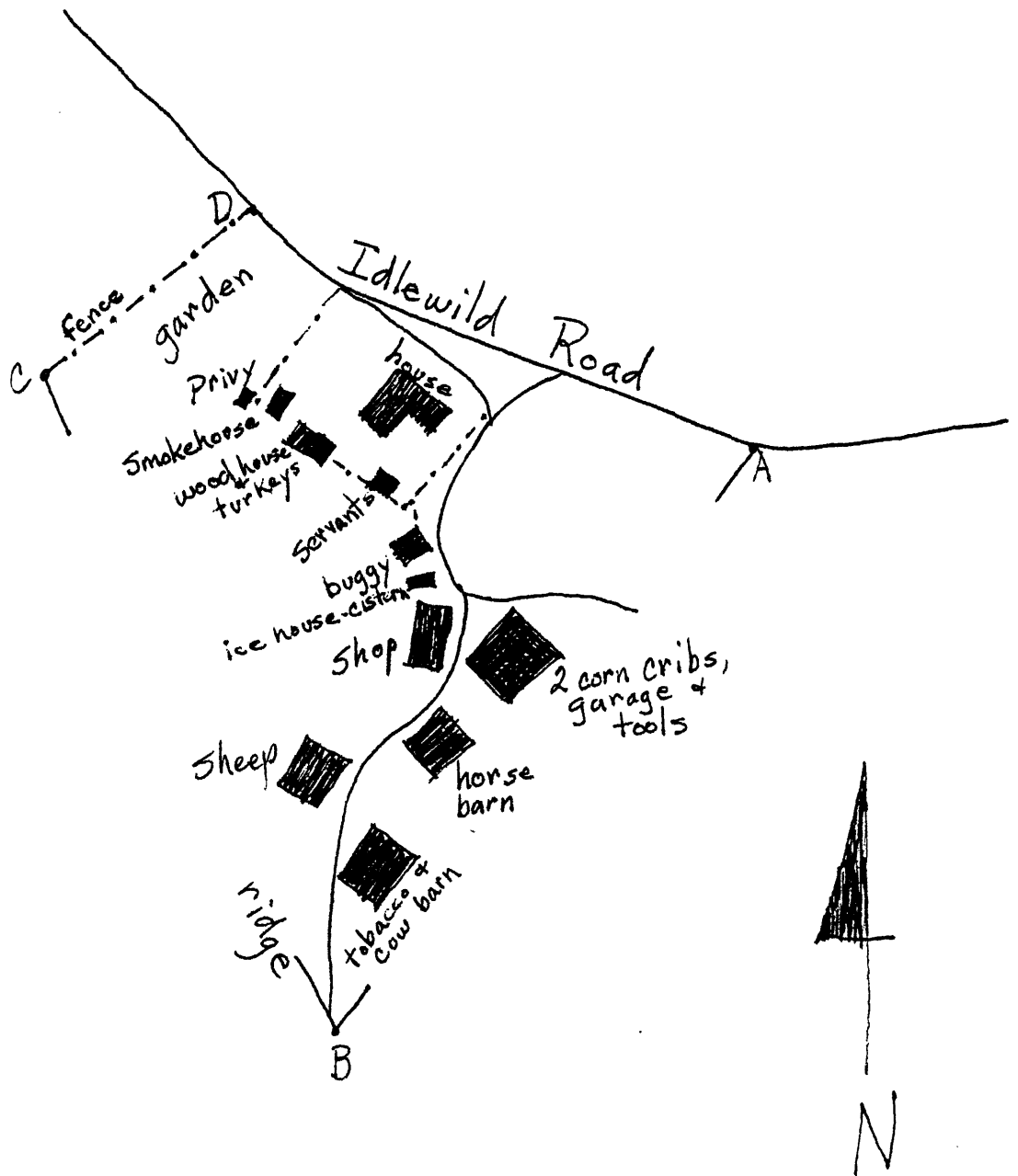
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