KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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1. Historic Name (s) Barber/Barbour House		22. ADD/County	
•		•	Jefferson/Jefferson
Original Owner Philatus S. Barber			23. Zoning Classification Magisterial District
	Rosewell		24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75')
3. Owner's Name			Jeffersonville, Indiana
	William . & Lucie	B. Blodgett	25, UTM Reference
4. Owner's Address	6415 Transylvania	Avenue, Harrods	1 6 6 1 9 2 9 0 4 2 4 3 9 1 0
Creek, Kentucky 5. Location 6415 Transylvania Avenue, Harrods		Zone Easting Northing 26. Prehistoric Site Object	
	Creek, Kentucky	Avenue, Harrous	Historic Site Structure
6. Open to Public	7. Visible from road	8. Ownership	Building X
Yes No	X Yes No X	Private	27. District Yes No X
9. Local Contact/Org		Local	Name:
	County Office of	State	
	reservation	Federal	28. Significance Evaluation
Site Plan With Nort	th Arrow B204 L74	11. Architect Unknown	29. Status Date
•	Ť	12. Bullder	29. Status Date National Landmark
	•	Unknown	National Register
▼Q'è	air	13. Date	Landmark Certificate
PO RANSILIANIA /		Ca. 1851-1853	Kentucky Survey X 1977
A. A.		14. Style	Local Landmark
	•	Greek Reviva	HABS/HAER
//29		15. Original Use	30. Theme
//2		Residence	Primary Architecture
Will I		16. Present Use	Secondary
75		Residence	Other
1A/House	cent/includes	17. Condition	31. Endangered Yes
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18. Description			1
Two-story brick structure with three bays, a			ATTACH
stone foundation and water table. Slightly pro-			РНОТО
jecting center bay and corner pilasters. The			
one-story porch has paired Corinthian columns,			
modillions, and a balustrade on the roof. The			
entrance has a round arch and the double doors			
curve with the arch. Windows are 6/6 panes and			
have stone sills and lintels. (SEE NEXT PAGE) 19. History			
Rosewell was built on land once a part of the			
"seminary land" owned by Transylvania Seminary,			
of Lexington, Kentucky. A town was platted in			
the late 1700s and lots were sold or leased.			
However, the town never developed and by the			Roll No.
1820s most of the seminary lands had been sold in			Picture No.
large tracts to individuals. In 1850 Philatus			Direction
	and Lyman D. Barber	(SEE NEXT PAGE)	
20. Significance Rosewell is a handsome structure which is			33. Tape No. Negative No.
basically Greek Revival with certain details			34. Prepared by:
that indicate a transition to the Italianate			Mary Jean Kinsman Researcher
style. There are very few Greek Revival houses			35. Organization Jefferson County Offic
	Jefferson County a	of Historic Preservation	
unique among them.			36. Date 25 September 1979
21. Source of Information			37. Revision Dates 38. Staff Review
Jefferson County (KY) Deed Book			
Bullitt, Neville. Old Homes and Landmarks of			
Louisvill	e and Jefferson Cou		
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The north, or rear facade is identical. A two-story wing extends off the east side. The central hall has a round-arched inner vestibule at each end, double parlors on the west side, and a three-flight stairway rising from the center of the east side. There is a brick smokehouse east of the main house.

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bought 201 acres of the land including the present site of Rosewell. In 1853 P.S. Barber bought adjoining land. The house is believed to have been built about 1851. A structure at this site and the name, P.S. Barber, appear on the 1858 Bergmann Map of Jefferson County. Barber and his wife, Cecilia, owned the house until 1859 when they sold it to H.H. Buffenmeyer of Louisville.

The design of Rosewell has been attributed to Henry Whitestone, one of Louisville's most prominent nineteenth century architects. Whitestone was in Kentucky by 1852, working with Isaiah Rogers on the Capital Hotel in Frankfort, and in Louisville by early 1853. However, no documentation has been found to support this oral tradition.