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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Jennings, Gabriel, House
other names/site number Jennings, Gabriel, House (HK-81)

2. Location

street & number On the north side of KY 70, one mile east of KY 291
city, town Dawson Springs
state Kentucky code KY county Hopkins code 107 zip code 42408

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: [X] private, [] public-local, [] public-State, [] public-Federal
Category of Property: [X] building(s), [] district, [] site, [] structure, [] object
Number of Resources within Property: Contributing (1), Noncontributing (0 buildings, 0 sites, 0 structures, 0 objects, 0 Total)

Name of related multiple property listing: Hopkins County Multiple Properties Listing
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this [X] nomination [] request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property [X] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria. [] See continuation sheet.
Signature of certifying official: David L. Morgan
Date: 10-26-88
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property [] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria. [] See continuation sheet.
Signature of commenting or other official: NA
Date: NA
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
[X] entered in the National Register.
[] determined eligible for the National Register.
[] determined not eligible for the National Register.
[] removed from the National Register.
[] other, (explain:)
Signature of the Keeper: [Signature]
Date of Action: 12/12/88

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

GOVERNMENT/post office

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Double Pen Log

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone/concrete

walls Wood/weatherboard/metal

roof Metal/tin

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Gabriel Jennings House is a one-and-one-half story double pen log residence built ca. 1834 and remodeled ca. 1890. The house sits near the road bed of KY Hwy 70 on a rural lot.

Across the main (south) facade is a shed-roofed porch added ca.1890 with milled posts. The main facade is four bays wide with each pen displaying a window and door. Doors on the main facade are ca.1890 glass and frame. Windows are ca. 1890 one-over-one sash and in the half-story are four light casement windows. To the rear of the house is a ca. 1890 gable-roofed ell with a shed porch on the west facade and engaged shed across the east facade. A small shed addition also appears at the east end of the main block of the rear elevation. The logs were covered with weatherboard ca. 1890 and on the west facade is modern metal siding. The house has exterior end sandstone chimneys and a gable roof covered in metal standing seam.

The interior of the house has been remodeled and no original detailing remains. To the northeast of the house are four mid-20th century non-contributing outbuildings which are excluded from the boundaries.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G NA

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Settlement

Period of Significance

ca. 1850 - ca. 1865

Significant Dates

ca. 1850

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Gabriel W. Jennings House is significant under criterion A for its role in the settlement of the area. By the mid-19th century the house was the center of a small community known as Chalklevel and it served as the post office for the community. The Beckley Jackson House (HK-4) and the Jennings House are the only examples of mid-19th century post offices in the rural areas of the county.

Gabriel Jennings was born in 1795 and moved to Hopkins County in 1826. He purchased a two hundred acre tract in 1829 and a few years later erected this double pen log residence. In 1850, Jennings is listed as owning property worth \$600; he farmed the surrounding area. In addition to being Jennings' residence the house was the center of the Chalklevel community as its post office in the mid-19th century. Chalklevel was a small cluster of homes and stores in the 19th century until most residents left in the mid-1860s and the post office ceased. The Jennings House is the only survivor of this community. The house was bought in 1891 by Joseph Quinn who appears to have remodeled the house at this time. The logs were covered with weatherboard and a rear addition placed on the house. Despite these changes the original form and plan of the house remains extant.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Previous documentation on file (NPS): NA
 preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67)
has been requested
 previously listed in the National Register
 previously determined eligible by the National Register
 designated a National Historic Landmark
 recorded by Historic American Buildings
Survey # _____
 recorded by Historic American Engineering
Record # _____

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Primary location of additional data:
 State historic preservation office
 Other State agency
 Federal agency
 Local government
 University
 Other
Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Less than 1 acre

UTM References

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1	6	4	3	1	9	7	0	4	1	2	5	0	6	0
Zone		Easting						Northing						

C

Zone		Easting						Northing						

B

Zone		Easting						Northing						

D

Zone		Easting						Northing						

Dalton Quad

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

See continuation sheet

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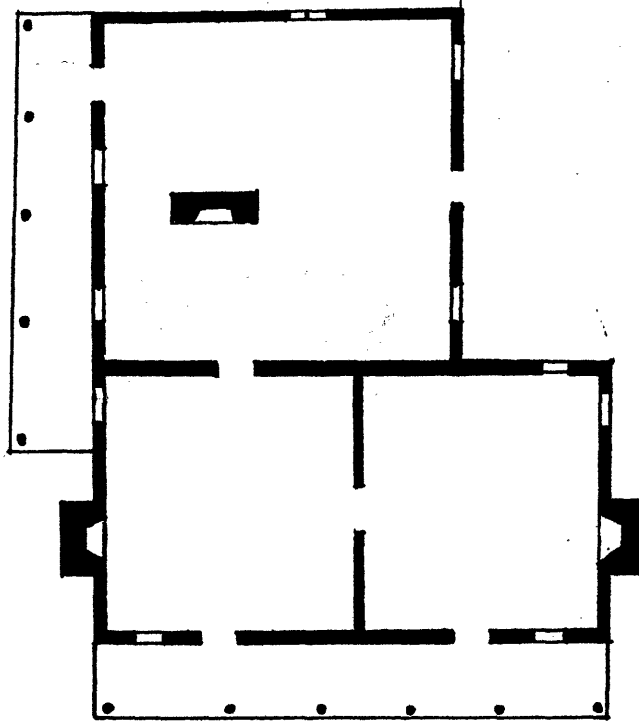
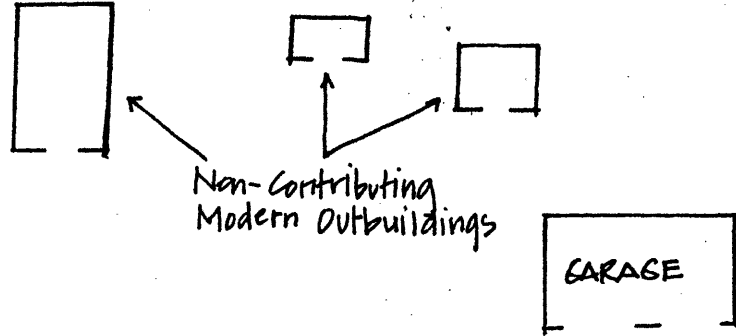
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Verbal Boundary Description: The location for the Gabriel Jennings House is illustrated on accompanying Hopkins County map # 7, lot 7 which is drawn at a scale of 1" = 200' and the accompanying sketch map. The boundary is a rectangular parcel measuring 50' by 100' with the house located in the center of the parcel. The boundary is defined by KY 70 on the south, a driveway on the east, a fence line on the west and a line running 10' from the house foundation on the north. The boundary is drawn to exclude four 20th century outbuildings located to the north and east.

Verbal Boundary Justification: The boundary for the Gabriel Jennings House includes the house and adjacent lot which is historically associated with its period of significance. The boundary is drawn to exclude modern outbuildings.

HK-81. GABRIEL JENNINGS HOUSE



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NOT TO SCALE



Gabriel Jennings House(HK-81)
KY 70
1"=400' ↑
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Photo Key

1. Jennings, Gabriel, House (HK-81)
Location: KY 70, vicinity of Dalton.
Photos: Thomason and Associates
Neg: KY Heritage Council
Date: February 1988
View: Northwest, of main (south) facade.
Photo #: 1 of 4

2. Jennings, Gabriel, House (HK-81)
View: West, of east facade.
Photo #: 2 of 4

3. Jennings, Gabriel, House (HK-81)
View: South, of north facade.
Photo #: 3 of 4

4. Jennings, Gabriel, House (HK-81)
View: Northeast, of west and south facades.
Photo #: 4 of 4