

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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1. Historic Name (s) Central Kentucky Lunatic Asylum Commonwealth of Kentucky Original Owner		22. ADD/County Jefferson/Jefferson <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>																												
Present Name River Region Hospital		23. Zoning Classification Magisterial District																												
3. Owner's Name Commonwealth of Kentucky		24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75') Anchorage																												
4. Owner's Address Finance Department, Frankfort, Ky.		25. UTM Reference <table border="1" style="width:100%; text-align:center;"> <tr> <td>1</td><td>6</td><td>6</td><td>2</td><td>6</td><td>4</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>4</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>7</td><td>4</td><td>4</td><td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">Zone</td> <td colspan="4">Easting</td> <td colspan="4">Northing</td> </tr> </table>		1	6	6	2	6	4	0	0	4	2	3	7	4	4	0	Zone				Easting				Northing			
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5. Location Lakeland Drive, Anchorage		26. Prehistoric Site Historic Site Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>																												
6. Open to Public Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		7. Visible from road Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>																												
9. Local Contact/Organization		8. Ownership Private <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/>																												
10. Site Plan with North Arrow 		11. Architect Unknown																												
		12. Builder																												
		13. Date Ca. 1874-1910																												
		14. Style (see next page)																												
		15. Original Use Mental Hospital																												
		16. Present Use Mental Hospital																												
17. Condition Interior Good <input type="checkbox"/> Exterior Good <input type="checkbox"/>		27. District Name: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>																												
18. Description The main building has a central core of 3 stories with towers. There are wings on either side of the main block. The structure is of red brick with stone trim in stringcourses and crenellations. The windows in the main block have segmental arches with a brick molding. The windows are all small paned. A columned porch and railing highlight the facade. The door and probably the porch have been changed, (see next page)		28. Significance Evaluation																												
19. History The Central Kentucky Lunatic Asylum was the fourth mental institution established by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, which had begun to provide care for the insane in 1824 with the establishment of the Eastern Lunatic Asylum in Lexington. The Central Asylum was begun in 1870 as the State House of Reform for Juvenile Delinquents on this site near Anchorage. In (see next page)		29. Status <table border="1" style="width:100%;"> <tr> <td>National Landmark</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Date</td><td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>National Register</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td></td><td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Landmark Certificate</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td></td><td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kentucky Survey</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td></td><td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local Landmark</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td></td><td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HABS/HAER</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td></td><td>_____</td> </tr> </table>		National Landmark	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date	_____	National Register	<input type="checkbox"/>		_____	Landmark Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>		_____	Kentucky Survey	<input type="checkbox"/>		_____	Local Landmark	<input type="checkbox"/>		_____	HABS/HAER	<input type="checkbox"/>		_____			
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20. Significance Central Kentucky Lunatic Asylum is a significant element of the Commonwealth's concern for the well-being of its mentally ill inhabitants. Its founding was a result of the social and humanitarian reforms in the nineteenth century and its continuing operation reflects the ongoing provision for state (see next page)		30. Theme Primary <u>Social/Humanitarian</u> Secondary <u>Architecture</u> Other _____																												
21. Source of Information Courier-Journal, 17 January 1874, p. 4 Col-1.		31. Endangered Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>																												
		32. ATTACH PHOTO																												
		Roll No. _____ Picture No. _____ Direction _____																												
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		34. Prepared by: Elizabeth F. Jones																												
		35. Organization Jefferson County Office of Historic Preservation																												
		36. Date 17 October 1979																												
		37. Revision Dates January 18, 1982																												
		38. Staff Review																												

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Main building - Tudor Revival
Goodwood Hall - Classical Revival

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as the door is a paneled door with lights. It has an elliptical fanlight and sidelights.

Goodwood Hall is a rectangular, symmetrical brick building with a projection in the center. This projection is a vestibule. It has pilasters on each corner and a large fanlight above the door. The first story windows have round arched fanlights above and a brick stringcourse. The upper story has rectangular windows under an entablature and dentil molding.

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1873 the legislature converted the facility to an asylum and renamed it the fourth Kentucky Lunatic Asylum. The name was changed to the Central Kentucky Lunatic Asylum in 1874. The central core of the main building dates from ca. 1873-74. The architect is unknown, although John Andrewartha, a Louisville architect who designed the City Hall (NR 1976) was consulted in 1874 on extensions and additions to the hospital. The main building has been enlarged several times by the addition of wings. These appear to be of twentieth-century construction. Goodwood Hall, the only other building being nominated, dates from ca. 1910. Other buildings have been erected over the years. Now known as River Region Hospital, the institution is still a treatment facility for the mentally ill maintained by the State.

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care of the insane. The two buildings nominated also have significance as examples of nineteenth and early twentieth-century institutional architecture of a high caliber.

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Souvenir of the Central Kentucky Asylum for the Insane. Louisville, 1900.
Annual Report of Central Kentucky Asylum for the Insane, 1899.
Acts of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, 1873, 1874.

Boundary Description

The boundary of the Central Kentucky Lunatic Asylum site is the perimeter of each of the two nominated buildings - the Main building and Goodwood Hall. See attached aerial photo. Main building - A. Goodwood Hall -B.