

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Amos Shinkle Summer Residence

and/or common

2. Location

street & number U.S. Route 25, Dixie Highway not for publication

city, town South Ft. Mitchell vicinity of

state Kentucky code 021 county Kenton code 117

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>NA</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<u>NA</u> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Vacant: For Sale

4. Owner of Property

name Robert Gould

street & number Milford Shopping Center, 726 Mohawk Trail

city, town Milford vicinity of state Ohio 45150

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kenton County Courthouse

street & number Third and Scott Streets

city, town Covington state Kentucky

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Kentucky Historic Inventory (KEFM-4) has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1975 federal state county local

depository for survey records Kentucky Heritage Council

city, town Frankfort state Kentucky 40601

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Amos Shinkle Summer Residence, built in 1866 and considerably transformed in the mid-1930s, is located seven miles south of Covington on the Old Dixie Highway in South Fort Mitchell, Kentucky. Originally situated in a quiet, rural environment, the Shinkle House has, for most of the twentieth century, existed in an increasingly suburban setting. Within the last decade, however, Interstate 275 and its interchange with Dixie Highway were constructed along the south and west grounds of the estate. While the introduction of this modern transportation feature has altered its historic setting, the property still retains a significant degree of site integrity. Moreover, the close proximity of the expressway to the Shinkle House has allowed it to become one of the most visually prominent landmarks in northern Kentucky.

The Shinkle Summer Residence, now prostyle in appearance, was a mid-Victorian Italianate style structure when built in 1866. The main facade, which faces Dixie Highway, consists of a classical front and three symmetrical bays, the most stylistic bay being the central entrance with vestibule and recessed doorways with transom and sidelights. The right and left windows on the front facade have four over four sash, whereas the center window on the second story has larger two over two sash. Both of the middle bays are articulated with decorative keystones.

All of the bays on the principal elevations have the arched Italianate style sandstone lintels. The six bay south elevation features a side entrance while the two bay north facade exhibits a wooden bay window on the first floor. The recessed and rear portions of the ell are less stylistic and feature the rectangular six over six windows with flat stone lintels. Decorative star shaped anchor irons are found on all of the exterior walls. The entire house is laid in common bond and rests on a cut limestone foundation.

During the 1930s the Shinkle House underwent extensive remodelling, making it better suited for entertainment purposes and conforming more to the popular image of an antebellum southern plantation. A colossal two-story Corinthian portico was placed across the main facade, the roof being integrated into the main block. Simultaneously, the Italianate cornice was extended into a classical entablature and the portico was continued around the house by means of pilasters at the corners and between the parlor windows. Thus the entire building, except for the rear and inner part of the ell, is unified and given a grand appearance by means of this effective device.

The interior arrangement reflects the ordered appearance of the exterior design. A narrow central front hall is distinguished by a long, steep staircase with ornamental stringers extending along the south wall and curving into a landing at the rear of the hall. There are currently single room parlors that flank the hallway, although it is possible the south parlor was originally two rooms. To the rear of the south parlor is a crosshall with simple service stairwell and large kitchen beyond. During the 1930s remodelling, the interior mantels and woodwork were stripped to plain heavy bolection moldings. More recently, a large one-story family room was attached to the rear of the ell, incorporating a square brick smokehouse. Enclosing the rear patio and yard area is a low brick wall.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1866, c.1935

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Amos Shinkle Summer Residence, located south of Covington on the Old Lexington Pike, is significant as a manifestation of nineteenth century "suburban" summer living and for its association with Amos Shinkle, financier, businessman, and civic leader. Built circa 1866 and modified in the 1930s, the Shinkle Summer Residence is the only known building in Kentucky occupied by the family as a place of residence.¹ Shinkle's long and remarkable career, which spanned almost fifty years, helped transform Covington from a growing river trading community into Kentucky's second largest city and industrial center. While instrumental in the founding of numerous businesses and organizations, Shinkle is best known for his successful efforts in supervising the completion of the Covington and Cincinnati Suspension Bridge (National Historic Landmark, 1975).

Amos Shinkle, born in Brown County, Ohio, in 1818, came to Covington in 1846 where he entered the coal business. He subsequently expanded his sphere of operations, owning and building a fleet of Ohio River steamboats. During the 1850s and 1860s Shinkle served as Director and President of the Covington and Cincinnati Bridge Company. It was largely through his able supervision that this Roebling engineered bridge was successfully completed and opened on New Year's Day, 1867.

Shinkle's numerous commercial achievements included the founding of the First National Bank of Covington and the Champion Coal and Tow Boat Company (1864). He was elected President of the Covington Gas Light Company and served as Director of the Kenton Insurance Company. In addition to his business activities, Shinkle accepted many social and civic responsibilities, serving on Covington City Council and the Board of Education. Shinkle also founded the Protestant Children's Home, endowed the construction of the First Methodist Church, and built at least thirty dwellings in the community. At his death in 1892, Shinkle's estate was reported to have been worth two million dollars.²

After his retirement in 1864 at the age of 46, Shinkle built his summer residence seven miles south of Covington on the Old Lexington Pike (now Dixie Highway). It was during the post-Civil War period that seasonal residency in the country became quite fashionable. Many wealthy industrialists built their summer "retreats" as an escape from the heat and congestion of the city proper. Amos Shinkle's Summer Residence stands today as one of the last remaining nineteenth century summer houses in northern Kentucky.

Shinkle's will, executed in 1886, specified that "the farm on Lexington Pike, and all the stock, horses, and carriages" were to remain in the family.³ Eventually the summer residence passed to Bradford Shinkle, Amos' son and himself a successful businessman and financier. Bradford Shinkle kept the Lexington Pike residence in addition to owning a summer house in Watch Hill, Rhode Island.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5.1 acres

Quadrangle name Covington

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

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B

Zone				Easting				Northing						

C

Zone				Easting				Northing						

D

Zone				Easting				Northing						

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Zone				Easting				Northing						

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G

Zone				Easting				Northing						

H

Zone				Easting				Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

Beginning at a point near the intersection of Lookout Farm Drive and Dixie Highway, proceed northwest 529' along the southwest right-of-way of Lookout Farm Drive. Then turning southwest proceed 572' along the southeast right-of-way of Shinkle Road.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

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date January 1983

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city or town Frankfort

state Kentucky 40601

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Mary Curran Opel

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date March 22, 1983

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the National Register

date 4/28/83

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

United States Department of the Interior
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During the twentieth century the Shinkle Summer Residence was absorbed into the urban expansion of northern Kentucky. Around 1935 it was converted into a place of entertainment and modified into its present Classical Revival appearance. Now a lone survivor on this section of Dixie Highway, the Shinkle House and grounds are currently for sale.

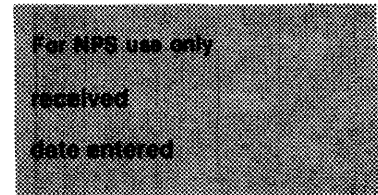
¹Shinkle's Covington residence, a Victorian Gothic Mansion built in 1869, was demolished in 1925.

²Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, 16 December 1892.

³Kenton County Courthouse, Probate Records.

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Perrin, W. H., Kentucky: A History of the State. Louisville: F. A. Battey & Company,
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Information provided by George F. Roth, Cincinnati, Ohio, February, 1983.

10. GEORGRAPHICAL DATA: Item Number 10 Page 2

Then proceed east 115', turning southeast for 152' along the Shinkle driveway. Then proceed southeast 352' along the west property line, turning east for 93'. Then proceed east-northeast 295' along the front of the property to the point of origin. The 5.1 acre tract includes the main house, driveway, and grounds, Areas outside of the nominated area to the north and east have non-historic resources while two major high-ways border the property to the south and west.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name Amos Shinkle Summer Residence Site # KEFM-4

Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title _____

U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTMs if property is ten or more acres.

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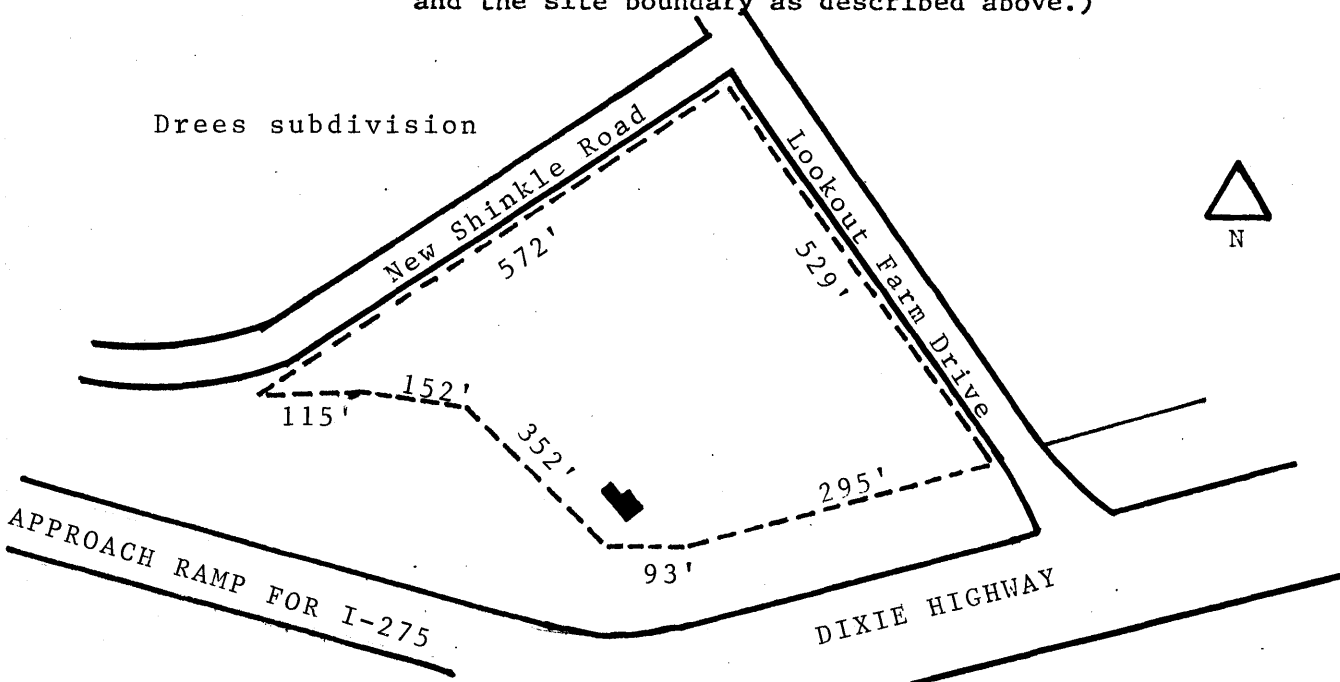
B. _____ E. _____

C. _____ F. _____

Verbal Boundary Description Acreage 5.1

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Sketch of Site Plan (Showing outbuildings, structures, landscape features and the site boundary as described above.)



Official Courthouse Property Reference: