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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 Callihan, G. D., House  
other names/site number n/a Site # FD-67

2. Location

street & number 105 West Graham Street n/a not for publication  
city, town Prestonsburg n/a vicinity  
state Kentucky code KY county Floyd code 071 zip code 41653

3. Classification

|   |   |                                     |                    |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Ownership of Property                       | Category of Property                            | Number of Resources within Property |                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | Contributing                        | Noncontributing    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-local       | <input type="checkbox"/> district               | <u>1</u>                            | <u>1</u> buildings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-State       | <input type="checkbox"/> site                   | _____                               | _____ sites        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal     | <input type="checkbox"/> structure              | _____                               | _____ structures   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> object                 | _____                               | _____ objects      |
|   |   | <u>1</u>                            | <u>1</u> Total     |

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of Prestonsburg  
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  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  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

David L. Morgan  
Signature of certifying official David L. Morgan Date 3-30-89  
State Historic Preservation Officer, Commonwealth of Kentucky  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

Andrew Byers Director of NPS 5/18/89  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single Dwelling

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single Dwelling

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**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Late Nineteenth & Twentieth Century

American: Bungalow/Craftsman

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

walls Brick

roof Tile

other Brick, Wood

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

**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    n/a

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance

1931-1932  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

1931, 1932  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation

n/a  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person

n/a  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder

Ellis, Hubbard and Harris, contractors  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

See overview form.

- Previous documentation on file (NPS): n/a
- 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

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

Specify repository:  
Kentucky Heritage Council, Frankfort

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreeage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

A 17 343620 4169920  
 Zone Easting Northing

C         

B           
 Zone Easting Northing

D         

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

See continuation sheet

**11. Form Prepared By**

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organization \_\_\_\_\_ date December, 1988

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city or town Newport state KY zip code 41071

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Callihan, G. D., House, Historic Resources of Prestonsburg

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The G. D. Callihan House is an example of the house type that proved to be the most popular in Prestonsburg during the 1920's and early 1930's, the "semi-bungalow." The house is built of brick in running bond with a side-gabled roof of green tile, an unusual feature for a house of its type. Its front porch has been partly enclosed to form a solarium. The house has remained exceptionally well preserved. Included in the nominated property is the house, its surrounding yard, and a new carport.

The house is sited on a level lot on the south side of West Graham Street between South Front Street and South Arnold Avenue, approximately one block south of the city's downtown business district. The house's environs are residential in character and include a number of bungalows and other 1920's-vintage dwellings, several late Victorian residences, and some modern houses. The Methodist Episcopal Church South occupies the northwest corne of West Graham Street and South Arnold Avenue, diagonally opposite the house.

The G. D. Callihan House stands one-and-a-half stories high is faced with a smooth-faced, dark-red pressed brick in running bond with a vertical course at the water table. Its facade is symmetrical, with a center doorway. The gently-pitched side-gabled roof features prominent and gabled dormers, with quadruple windows, on the front and rear slopes. Its front slope changes pitch as it extends over the front porch. The east half of the porch has been enclosed to form a sunroom. Although this treatment was usually done after the house was built, in this case it appears to have been original, or nearly so. Windows in both the main block and solarium are double-hung wooden sash with six pane upper lights; the dormer windows display nine-pane upper sash over single-pane lower lights. The front entrance displays an original sixteen-pane wooden door. The front porch is carried by square brick posts and has a plain brick balustrade. It is accented by a smooth stone coping and stone column capitals. The rear porch may have been modified; although the roof (with its exposed rafter tails) is clearly original, and the tapered wooden posts probably are as well, the wood decking and latticework appear to be new.

A prominent feature of the house is its roof of highly glazed green Spanish tile with original cap flashing and ridge ornaments. Since it is one of less than half a dozen tile roofs in the city, its presence on a house of comparatively modest stature is all the more surprising. Triangular knee braces accent the roofline.

Alterations to the property, as previously stated, have been minimal. The demolition of the original garage has diminished the integrity of the property as a whole. The house itself, on the other hand, has remained virtually unaltered. The most significant change to its exterior has been the addition of metal storm sash to the prime windows, an alteration that does not measurably detract from the house's appearance.

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The G. D. Callihan House, built 1931-1932, is significant under Criterion C in the context of the architectural resources of Prestonsburg as an excellent example of the bungalow style as exemplified by early twentieth-century builders' guides. The bungalow was the predominant vernacular house style in Prestonsburg during the inter-war period, and the G. D. Callihan House exemplifies the type most common in the city, the so-called "semi"-bungalow. It is distinguished from other examples by its fine state of preservation and for its tile roof. The G. D. Callihan House's place in the context of the city's architectural history is discussed in greater detail in the context statement.

According to local historian Bill Callihan, this house was built by his uncle Grover Darbon Callihan during the Great Depression (1931-32). The house was constructed on land owned by the Callihan family since the nineteenth century. The elder Callihan, a physician, had the house built in stages as his finances allowed. At his death, the house passed to his niece Margaret May. Upon her death in 1978 it became the property of her son David Darwin May, Senior. The present owners purchased the house from May's estate in 1986. The house was constructed by the masonry contracting firm of Tom Ellis, Bill Hubbard, and Joe Harris, bricklayers who built many other houses in the city during the 1920's and 1930's.

The bungalow style, which was extremely well received in California during the early 1900's, enjoyed enormous nationwide popularity during the early twentieth century. Popularized by builder's guides, companies that sold mail-order house plans, and pre-cut home manufacturers such as Sears and Roebuck and the Aladdin Company, it became the predominant mass market house style of the inter-war period. The G. D. Callihan House is a rather late examples of the bungalow style. In many other localities the mode's popularity waned after the late 1920's. However, stylistic lag is typical of Prestonsburg, where a number of other styles from the Queen Anne to the International/Moderne were first introduced to the city after they had ceased to be fashionable elsewhere.

The house is being nominated on the basis of its architectural significance. However, it may possess additional importance for its association with physician Callihan, and future research may one day determine the role he played in the community.

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**10. Geographic Information**

Beginning at a point in the south line of West Graham Street 150 feet, more or less, west of South Arnold Avenue; then proceeding in an easterly direction along the south line of West Graham Street a distance of 60 feet; then in a southerly direction at right angles to said street a distance of 167 feet; then in a westerly direction parallel with said street

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a distance of 60 feet; then in a northerly direction at right angles to said street a distance of 167 feet to its south line: the place of beginning.

The nominated area includes the entire lot, containing the house, carport, and surrounding yard, and excludes other residences to the east, south, and west. This boundary includes all the property visually associated with the house and contributing to its significance. Areas adjacent to the property are described in Section 7.

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Prestonsburg MPS, Floyd County, KY

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Photo 42

Prestonsburg Multiple Properties Submission (same for all photos)

G. D. Callihan House

105 West Graham Street (same for photos 42 through 45)

Prestonsburg, Kentucky (same for all photos)

Margaret Warminski (same for all photos)

February 1988

Negative location: Kentucky Heritage Council, Frankfort, Kentucky (same for all photos)

Streetscape view showing facade, porch and east elevation; driveway at left of house.

Looking southwest from Methodist Church parking lot at northwest corner of South Arnold Avenue and West Graham Street.

Photo 43

G. D. Callihan House

February 1988

View of facade, porch and west elevation, looking southeast from the south side of West Graham Street.

Photo 44

G. D. Callihan House

December 1987

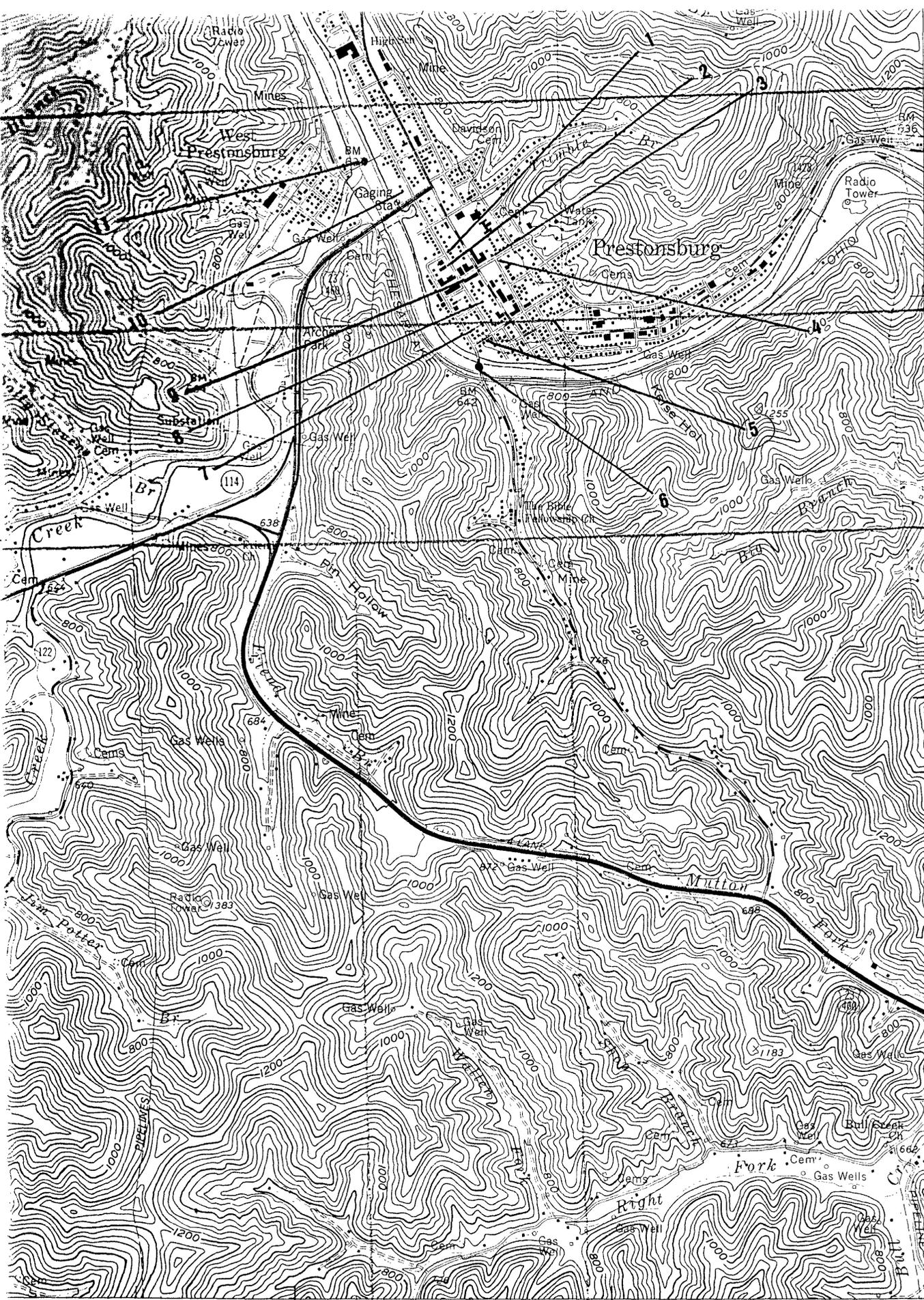
View of rear elevation and back porch, looking east.

Photo 45

G. D. Callihan House

December 1987

View of back yard and new carport, looking east.



#5 Callihan, G.D., House  
 Floyd Co., Ky  
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4171  
 40'  
 4170  
 4169  
 4168  
 4166000m N.

47°30' 342      343      344      345000m E      82°45'      37°37'30"

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Primary highway, hard surface
- Secondary highway, hard surface
- Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
- Unimproved road

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