

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Site No. Ch H 174

1. Historic Name(s) <u>(Christian County Multiple Resource Area)</u> <u>Addition: The Frank K. Yost House (Hilltop)</u>		22. ADD/County <u>Pennyrite/Christian</u>	
Original Owner <u>Frank K. Yost</u>		23. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75') <u>Hopkinsville</u>	
2. Present Name <u>"Hilltop"</u>		24. UTM Reference <u>16 457540 4079480</u>	
3. Location <u>1131 East 7th St.</u>		Zone Easting Northing	
4. Owner's Name <u>Nancy Bagby</u>		25. Coordinate Accuracy	
5. Owner's Address <u>Same</u>		26. Prehistoric Site Object Historic Site Structure Building Other	
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"/>	8. Ownership Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Local Contact/Organization		27. National Register District Name:	
10. Site Plan with North Arrow		28. Significance Evaluation	
		29. Status 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"/> _____	
11. Architect <u>John T. Waller</u>		30. Historic Theme Primary <u>Architecture</u> Secondary <u>Industry</u> Other _____	
12. Builder <u>Forbes Manufacturing</u>		31. Endangered Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
13. Date <u>1908</u> A. <input type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>		32. Preservation Project Status	
14. Style A. Arts-and-Crafts <input type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>		Actual Cost in \$1,000s	
15. Original Use <u>Residence</u> <input type="checkbox"/>		33. ATTACH PHOTO	
16. Present use <u>Residence</u> <input type="checkbox"/>		Roll No. _____ Picture No. _____ Direction _____	
17. Condition <u>Excellent</u> <input type="checkbox"/>		34. Prepared by: <u>Kit Garrett</u>	
18. Description <u>This two-and-one-half story residence utilizes both sandstone and wood to create a lively exterior display of varied textures and colors. The red sandstone used to veneer both the first story and the projecting porch was quarried on the lot. The second story, in turn, is sheathed in wooden shingles, providing a contrast of surface materials which continues as</u> (Continue on Back) (cont.)		35. Organization <u>Pride, Inc.</u>	
19. History <u>Frank K. Yost purchased three lots on East 7th Street in 1905, and soon thereafter, hired John T. Waller a prominent local architect, to design a residence on the site. Forbes Manufacturing, another local firm, completed construction of the two-story, sandstone-veneered structure in 1908. Following the death of Frank K. Yost in 1937, (cont.)</u>		36. Date <u>5-23-83</u>	
20. Significance <u>Representing a prime example of turn-of-the-century architectural styling, the Frank K. Yost House provides a unique addition to the East 7th Street streetscape (cont.)</u>		37. Revision Dates 38. Staff Review	
21. Source of Information <u>Christian Co. Deed Books.</u> <u>Wm. T. Turner, City-County Historian.</u> <u>Turner, Wm. Gateway II. Hopkinsville: Southern Printing, 1981.</u>			

The Frank K. Yost House  
1131 East 7th Street

#### Description (cont.)

smooth stone lintels and a stringcourse are juxtaposed against the rough sandstone of the facades.

Three gables highlight the main facade, while paired windows--many with multi-paned sash--embellish the remainder of the building. The richness of this exterior display effectively complements the interior of "Hilltop"--as the Yost family called the residence. Here rich woodwork and an elaborate center-hall stair again reflect the Yosts' prestige, wealth and refined tastes.

John T. Waller--Hopkinsville's most noted architect at the time--designed the Yost House, and it was constructed at a cost of \$6454.40 by Forbes Manufacturing.

#### History (cont.)

the house and land passed to Yost's children, Frank A. and Margaret; however, their mother Nell continued to reside in the house until her death in 1943. From 1943 until 1970, Frank A. Yost occupied the family home. In 1970 the house was sold to the present owners, William M. and Nancy Bagby, for \$21,500.

#### Significance (cont.)

The juxtaposition of wood shingles and textured sandstone reflects a quality craftsmanship and integrity of design which attests to the superior abilities of local architect John T. Waller, and Forbes Manufacturing, the builder.

Completed in 1908, this fascinating residence also provides visual evidence of the personal success of the original owner, Frank K. Yost. Between 1914 and 1916, Yost served as Mayor of Hopkinsville, becoming a prominent figure on the local political scene. It was, however, in the world of business that he achieved his greatest success. Yost served as president of the Hopkinsville Milling Company until as late as 1937, when his son, Frank A. Yost, assumed the position.

Founded in 1874 as the Crescent Milling Company, this local industry has played a vital role in the economy of Hopkinsville and Christian County for over one hundred years. In 1908 it became the Hopkinsville Milling Company, and remains in operation today under that name. It is the last operating flour mill in Christian County.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT  
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name The Frank K. Yost House - Hilltop Site # \_\_\_\_\_  
Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title Christian County Multiple Resource Area

U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTM's if property is ten or more acres.

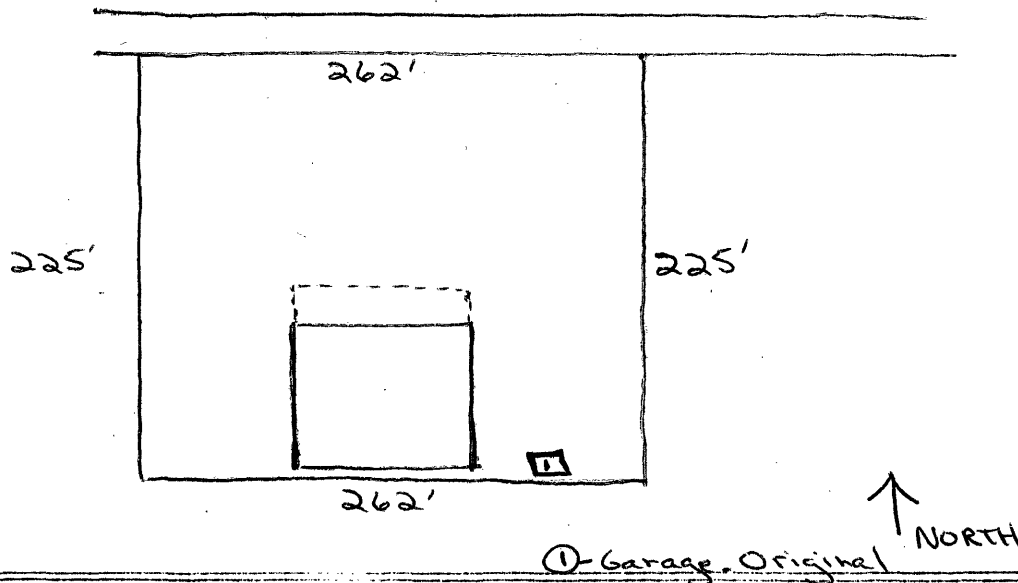
A. \_\_\_\_\_ D. \_\_\_\_\_  
B. \_\_\_\_\_ E. \_\_\_\_\_  
C. \_\_\_\_\_ F. \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal Boundary Description \_\_\_\_\_ Acreage 1.3 acres

This property is located on the south side of East 7th Street with boundaries as follow: beginning at the northwest corner of said lot, the boundary runs 262 feet in an easterly direction along East 7th; thence south 225 feet; thence west 262 feet; thence north 225 feet to the beginning.

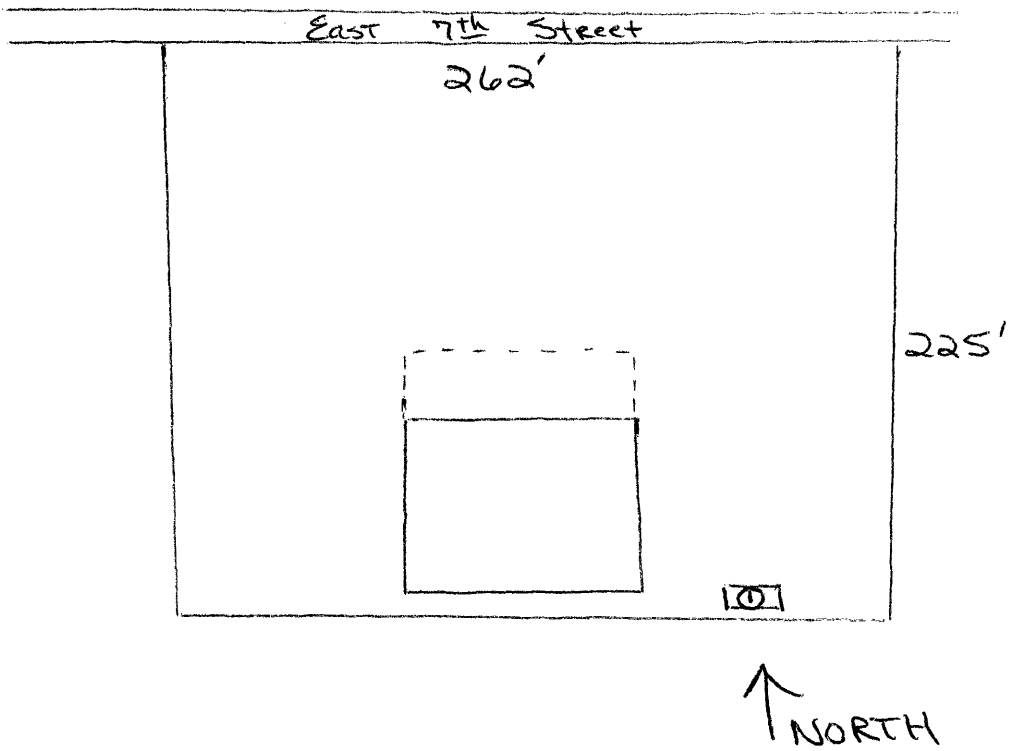
These boundaries represent the same property lines found in the original purchase of this site by Frank K. Yost in 1905. They remain the same today.

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



Official Courthouse Property Reference: to Estate

Christian County Deed Books. 342 x 183  
196 x 379



① Small garage on grounds.  
Built @ same time  
as main house.

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Area Addition: Frank K. Yost House  
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Map 2 of 2  
Boundary Map



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map 1 of 2 - Topo Map