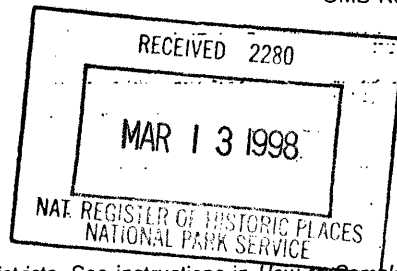


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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form



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1. Name of Property

historic name Robinson, James, House

other names/site number BO-212

2. Location

street & number W. side of S.R. 1856, 1-1/2 mi. N. of S.R. 34  not for publication

city or town Mitchellsburg  vicinity

state Kentucky code KY county Boyle code 021 zip code 40452

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

David L. Morgan David L. Morgan, SHPO and Executive Director 3-9-98  
 Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
Kentucky Heritage Council and State Historic Preservation Office  
 State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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 Signature of commenting official/Title Date  
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 State of Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

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- other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Edson H. Beall Signature of the Keeper 4.9.98 Date of Action

James Robinson House (BO-212)  
Name of Property

Boyle County, KY  
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property  
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property  
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Contributing	Noncontributing	
2	1	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
2	1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing  
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Historic and Architectural Resources of  
Boyle County, KY

Number of contributing resources previously listed  
in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions  
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Current Functions  
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification  
(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN: Queen Anne

Materials  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone  
walls Weatherboard  
roof Asphalt Shingles  
other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
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Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

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- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

c. 1900

Significant Dates

c. 1900

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Robinson, James (Builder)

Narrative Statement of Significance

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- Other

Name of repository:

James Robinson House (BO-212)  
Name of Property

Boyle County, KY  
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than 10 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

Parksville Quadrant

1	116	68#0	5,2,2	4,1,6	9,6,6
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2					

3					
Zone	Easting	Northing			
4					

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

See Continuation Sheet

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

See Continuation Sheet

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A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

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Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Lucille Hart Bruce

street & number State Route 1856 telephone N/A

city or town Mitchellsburg state KY zip code 40452

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Multiple Property Listing

James H. Robinson House (BO-212)

## 7. Description:

The James H. Robinson House (BO-212) is located on the west side of State Route 1856 approximately 1.5 miles north of Mitchellsburg and State Route 34 in southwestern Boyle County. Sited near the roadside, the residence is surrounded by a domestic yard with several deciduous mature trees. The dwelling, constructed around the turn of the twentieth century, is a significant local interpretation of the Queen Anne style in Boyle County. Although historically and currently associated with an agricultural farm, only those buildings within the domestic yard are included with this nomination. These include two contributing and one non-contributing building.

1.) Constructed ca. 1900, the **main residence** (contributing building) is a 1-1/2 story, frame double-pile, center-passage dwelling with weatherboard siding and an asphalt shingle-clad hipped roof. Facing east toward the fronting road, the front facade is divided into three bays, with the recessed central entry flanked on either side by sash windows. A porch fronting half the length of the front facade is supported by spindled wood posts and topped with a shed roof. A central tower with tent roof protrudes above the central entry, flanked on either side by two gables with returned cornices and paired, narrow 1/1 sash windows with plain cornices. All windows are original 1/1 sash with original shutters. A rear porch originally separating the house from three additional rooms (the servant's quarter, kitchen and butler's pantry) was enclosed in an ell in the mid-twentieth century. Additional features include two central interior brick chimneys and a continuous stone foundation.

The thirteen (13) interior rooms are finished with different types of wood, including oak, walnut, poplar, cherry and ash. All floors are poplar while an open-stringer stairway in the central hall is cherry, with a square newel post and turned balusters. trim with bull's eye corner blocks; base blocks; molded base; and four panel doors. Mantels are found in each of the original first story rooms with the NE parlor mantel having plain detail and fluted strip pilasters topped with brackets; the SE mantel having applied pilasters with applied ornament and panels; and the SW and NW room mantels having columns.

2.) Behind (west of) the main residence is a circular-sawn, frame **meathouse** (contributing building), oriented east-west. Sitting on a continuous stone foundation, the building has a front gable roof with standing seam metal and a board and batten siding. Facing east, toward the residence, the front facade has a centered vertical frame entry.

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Multiple Property Listing

James H. Robinson House (BO-212)

3.) Standing along the driveway leading to the main residence is a post-World War II **garage (non-contributing building)**. Facing the residence, the front (south) facade has two open garage bays. The front gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

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Historic and Architectural Resources of Boyle County, KY

Multiple Property Listing

James H. Robinson House (BO-212)

## 8. Statement of Significance:

Located on the west side of State Route 1856, the James H. Robinson Residence (BO-212) is nominated as part of the Multiple Property Listing "Historic and Architectural Resources of Boyle County, Kentucky." The property is significant on a local level under Criterion C, as an intact example of the popular Queen Anne style, adapted by local builders under the guidance of developer, James H. Robinson. The period of significance for the residence is 1900, the year of construction.

The dwelling is significant within the historic context "Domestic Architecture in Boyle County, 1780-1945" within the Postbellum period of architecture in Boyle County. Throughout the county, dwellings from the era follow primarily two popular styles, one being the Queen Anne. In the railroad community of Mitchellsburg, dwellings constructed in this period tend to be vernacular adaptations of popular styles. While most dwellings in the community are simple in appearance and plan, the ornate and fashionable James H. Robinson House suggests the affluence and architectural sophistication of the builder.

Robinson first acquired the property in the late-nineteenth century. The current residence was the third built on the site. A lawyer by trade, Robinson was employed by an uncle who provided his nephew with a \$10,000 cash bonus each Christmas. With much forethought, Robinson saved his yearly bonuses until enough money had accumulated to construct the current residence. The timing of the construction coincided with the forthcoming wedding of Robinson's daughter and great measures were taken to ensure the elegance of the residence, the site of the wedding. An example of Robinson's sense of perfection is evident in the central hall, the room where the ceremony was held. Local tradition claims that the front stairway was re-constructed three times before it met the approval of the lawyer as he wanted his daughter's descent from the second story to be memorable in every aspect (Personal Communication with Mrs. Lucille Bruce, 5 June, 1996). A framed copy of the wedding invitation remains with the house, mentioning the home and reading:

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Robinson  
Announce the marriage of their daughter  
Mary Garnett  
to  
Dr. Charles A. Sanders  
on Tuesday, November 28, 1905, at 2:00  
at home  
Mitchellsburg, Kentucky

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Multiple Property Listing

James H. Robinson House (BO-212)

Currently, the dwelling retains its historic integrity through original materials, design, workmanship, and setting. Even in the late-twentieth century, the residence stands out as one of few examples of the Queen Anne style constructed outside of Danville in Boyle County around the turn of the twentieth century.



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Multiple Property Listing

James Robinson House (BO-212)

## 9. Bibliography:

Bruce, Mrs. Lucille. Personal Communication with Amanda Bradley. 5 June, 1996.

Worsham, Gibson. Kentucky Historic Inventory Survey Form, 1990.

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## 10. Geographical Data

### Verbal Boundary Description:

The James Robinson House (BO-212) is located on the west side of S.R. 1856, between the towns of Mitchellsburg and Perryville. The nominated property, including the domestic lot (bound by plank fencing to the north, west and south and by S.R. 1856 to the east), is outlined by dotted lines on the accompanying Boyle County Property Identification Tax Map 11, within Parcel 16. Located in the Boyle County Property Valuation Administration Office, the tax map has a scale of 1" = 200'.

### Boundary Justification:

The boundary of the nominated property includes the main residence and associated outbuildings that have historically been part of the James H. Robinson House and that contribute to the property's overall historic feeling. The associated acreage to the north, west and south of the domestic yard is not included due to loss of association with the residence through alterations in patterns and use.

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Multiple Property Listing  
James Robinson House (BO-212)

## PHOTOGRAPHS

James Robinson Residence, Boyle County, KY

PHOTOS BY: Amanda Bradley  
Burry & Amos, Inc.  
926 Main Street  
Shelbyville, KY 40065

DATE: August, 1996

Front (east) facade of main residence, facing southwest  
1 of 7

Front (east) and south elevations of main residence, facing northwest  
2 of 7

Rear (west) elevation of main residence, facing southeast  
3 of 7

Center-hall staircase in main residence, facing west  
4 of 7

Mantle in northeast room of main residence, facing west  
5 of 7

Board and batten meathouse, facing west  
6 of 7

Pre-World War II garage, facing north  
7 of 7

(MACKVILLE)

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

ZONE: 16  
EASTING: 680 522  
NORTHING: 4164 966

BO-212  
James Robinson House  
\*Perryville, KY Quad  
in substitution for Tax STATE OF  
Map AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL

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PERRYVILLE 2.4 MI.

57'30"

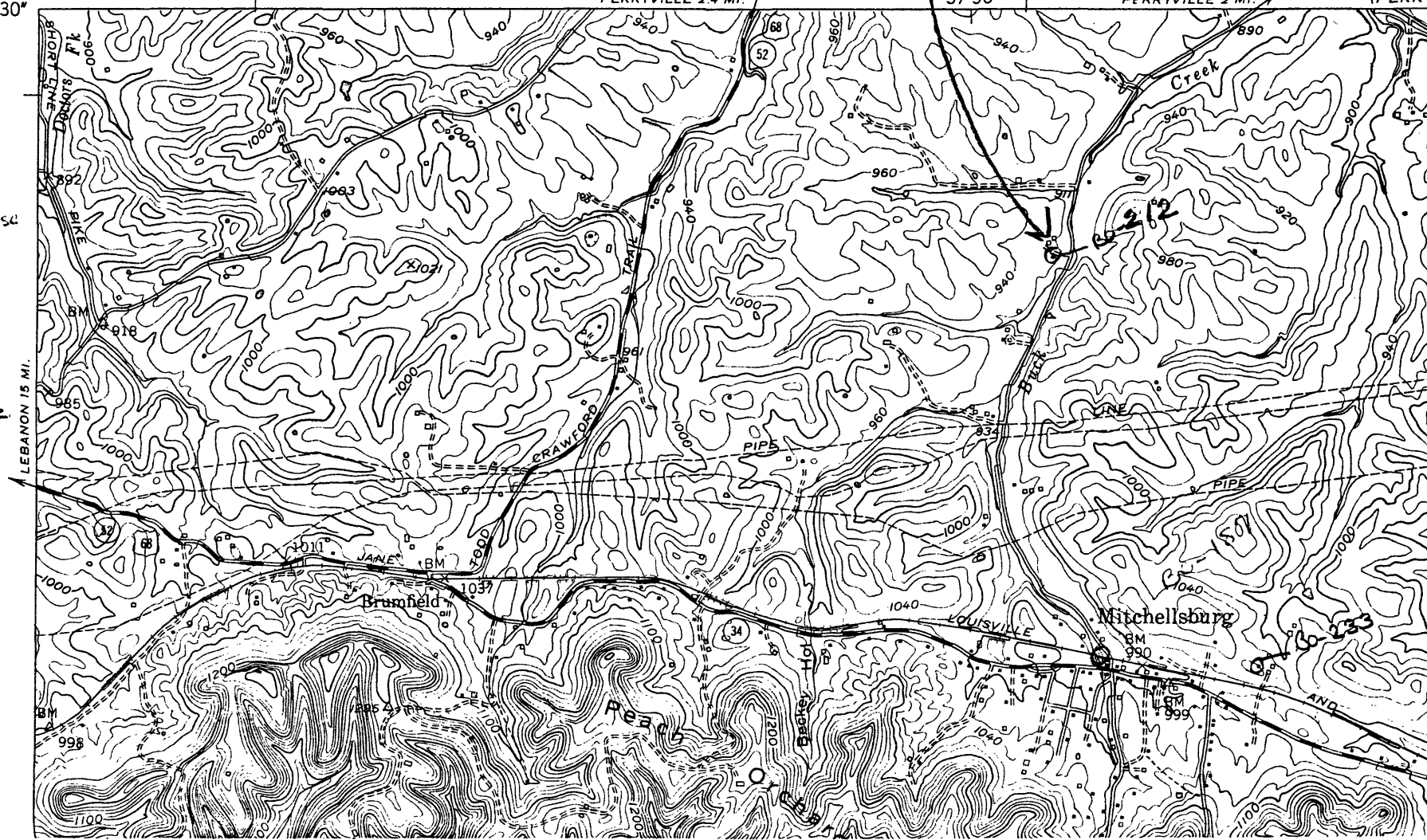
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BO-212

James Robinson House  
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N: 4165950

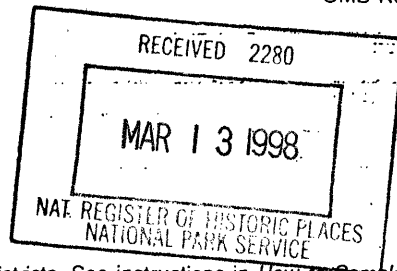
BO-233

James P. Mitchell House  
and Farmstead  
E: 681420  
N: 4163340



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1. Name of Property

historic name Robinson, James, House

other names/site number BO-212

2. Location

street & number W. side of S.R. 1856, 1-1/2 mi. N. of S.R. 34  not for publication

city or town Mitchellsburg  vicinity

state Kentucky code KY county Boyle code 021 zip code 40452

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David L. Morgan David L. Morgan, SHPO and Executive Director 3-9-98  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Kentucky Heritage Council and State Historic Preservation Office

State of Federal agency and bureau

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Signature of commenting official/Title Date

State of Federal agency and bureau

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I hereby certify that the property is:

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- other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Edson H. Beall  
Signature of the Keeper

4.9.98  
Date of Action

James Robinson House (BO-212)  
Name of Property

Boyle County, KY  
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property  
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
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Number of Resources within Property  
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Contributing	Noncontributing	
2	1	buildings
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2	1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing  
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Historic and Architectural Resources of  
Boyle County, KY

Number of contributing resources previously listed  
in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions  
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Current Functions  
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification  
(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN: Queen Anne

Materials  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone  
walls Weatherboard  
roof Asphalt Shingles  
other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

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Applicable National Register Criteria

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

c. 1900

Significant Dates

c. 1900

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Robinson, James (Builder)

Narrative Statement of Significance

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- Other

Name of repository:

\_\_\_\_\_

James Robinson House (BO-212)  
Name of Property

Boyle County, KY  
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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than 10 acres

UTM References

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Boundary Justification

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Multiple Property Listing

James H. Robinson House (BO-212)

## 7. Description:

The James H. Robinson House (BO-212) is located on the west side of State Route 1856 approximately 1.5 miles north of Mitchellsburg and State Route 34 in southwestern Boyle County. Sited near the roadside, the residence is surrounded by a domestic yard with several deciduous mature trees. The dwelling, constructed around the turn of the twentieth century, is a significant local interpretation of the Queen Anne style in Boyle County. Although historically and currently associated with an agricultural farm, only those buildings within the domestic yard are included with this nomination. These include two contributing and one non-contributing building.

1.) Constructed ca. 1900, the **main residence** (contributing building) is a 1-1/2 story, frame double-pile, center-passage dwelling with weatherboard siding and an asphalt shingle-clad hipped roof. Facing east toward the fronting road, the front facade is divided into three bays, with the recessed central entry flanked on either side by sash windows. A porch fronting half the length of the front facade is supported by spindled wood posts and topped with a shed roof. A central tower with tent roof protrudes above the central entry, flanked on either side by two gables with returned cornices and paired, narrow 1/1 sash windows with plain cornices. All windows are original 1/1 sash with original shutters. A rear porch originally separating the house from three additional rooms (the servant's quarter, kitchen and butler's pantry) was enclosed in an ell in the mid-twentieth century. Additional features include two central interior brick chimneys and a continuous stone foundation.

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Multiple Property Listing

James H. Robinson House (BO-212)

3.) Standing along the driveway leading to the main residence is a post-World War II **garage (non-contributing building)**. Facing the residence, the front (south) facade has two open garage bays. The front gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

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Multiple Property Listing

James H. Robinson House (BO-212)

## 8. Statement of Significance:

Located on the west side of State Route 1856, the James H. Robinson Residence (BO-212) is nominated as part of the Multiple Property Listing "Historic and Architectural Resources of Boyle County, Kentucky." The property is significant on a local level under Criterion C, as an intact example of the popular Queen Anne style, adapted by local builders under the guidance of developer, James H. Robinson. The period of significance for the residence is 1900, the year of construction.

The dwelling is significant within the historic context "Domestic Architecture in Boyle County, 1780-1945" within the Postbellum period of architecture in Boyle County. Throughout the county, dwellings from the era follow primarily two popular styles, one being the Queen Anne. In the railroad community of Mitchellsburg, dwellings constructed in this period tend to be vernacular adaptations of popular styles. While most dwellings in the community are simple in appearance and plan, the ornate and fashionable James H. Robinson House suggests the affluence and architectural sophistication of the builder.

Robinson first acquired the property in the late-nineteenth century. The current residence was the third built on the site. A lawyer by trade, Robinson was employed by an uncle who provided his nephew with a \$10,000 cash bonus each Christmas. With much forethought, Robinson saved his yearly bonuses until enough money had accumulated to construct the current residence. The timing of the construction coincided with the forthcoming wedding of Robinson's daughter and great measures were taken to ensure the elegance of the residence, the site of the wedding. An example of Robinson's sense of perfection is evident in the central hall, the room where the ceremony was held. Local tradition claims that the front stairway was re-constructed three times before it met the approval of the lawyer as he wanted his daughter's descent from the second story to be memorable in every aspect (Personal Communication with Mrs. Lucille Bruce, 5 June, 1996). A framed copy of the wedding invitation remains with the house, mentioning the home and reading:

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Robinson  
Announce the marriage of their daughter  
Mary Garnett  
to  
Dr. Charles A. Sanders  
on Tuesday, November 28, 1905, at 2:00  
at home  
Mitchellsburg, Kentucky

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Currently, the dwelling retains its historic integrity through original materials, design, workmanship, and setting. Even in the late-twentieth century, the residence stands out as one of few examples of the Queen Anne style constructed outside of Danville in Boyle County around the turn of the twentieth century.

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## 10. Geographical Data

### Verbal Boundary Description:

The James Robinson House (BO-212) is located on the west side of S.R. 1856, between the towns of Mitchellsburg and Perryville. The nominated property, including the domestic lot (bound by plank fencing to the north, west and south and by S.R. 1856 to the east), is outlined by dotted lines on the accompanying Boyle County Property Identification Tax Map 11, within Parcel 16. Located in the Boyle County Property Valuation Administration Office, the tax map has a scale of 1" = 200'.

### Boundary Justification:

The boundary of the nominated property includes the main residence and associated outbuildings that have historically been part of the James H. Robinson House and that contribute to the property's overall historic feeling. The associated acreage to the north, west and south of the domestic yard is not included due to loss of association with the residence through alterations in patterns and use.

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## PHOTOGRAPHS

James Robinson Residence, Boyle County, KY

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DATE: August, 1996

Front (east) facade of main residence, facing southwest  
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Front (east) and south elevations of main residence, facing northwest  
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Rear (west) elevation of main residence, facing southeast  
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Center-hall staircase in main residence, facing west  
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Mantle in northeast room of main residence, facing west  
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Board and batten meathouse, facing west  
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Pre-World War II garage, facing north  
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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

ZONE: 16  
EASTING: 680 522  
NORTHING: 4164 966

BO-212  
James Robinson House  
\*Perryville, KY Quad  
in substitution for Tax STATE OF  
Map AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL

85°00'  
37°37'30"

DANVILLE 12 MI.  
PERRYVILLE 2.4 MI.

57'30"

PERRYVILLE 2 MI. (PERRY)

BO-212

James Robinson House  
E: 680600  
N: 4165950

BO-233

James P. Mitchell House  
and Farmstead  
E: 681420  
N: 4163340

