

1. Historic Name (s) **Judge Kirby House**
 Original Owner **Joseph Hite**

Present Name

3. Owner's Name **Margaret Burton Spatz**

4. Owner's Address **4104 Kirby Lane**

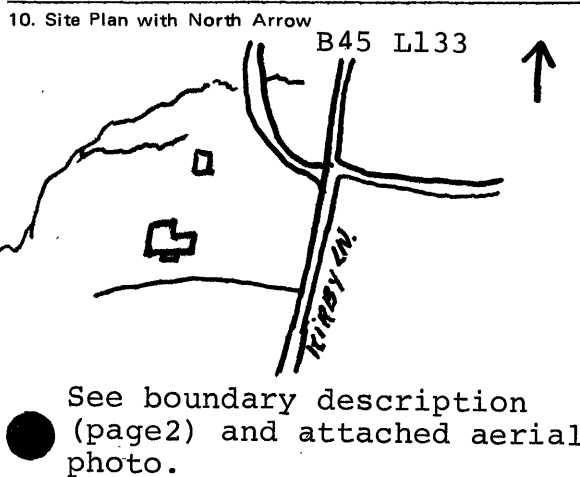
5. Location **West side Kirby Lane north of Watterson Trail**

6. Open to Public
 Yes No

7. Visible from road
 Yes No

8. Ownership
 Private
 Local
 State
 Federal

9. Local Contact/Organization
Jefferson County Office of Historic Preservation and Archives



11. Architect **Unknown**

12. Builder **Unknown**

13. Date **First 1/4 19th C.**

14. Style **Federal**

15. Original Use **Residence**

16. Present Use **Residence**

17. Condition
 Interior Good
 Exterior Good

22. ADD/County **Jefferson/Jefferson**

23. Zoning Classification
 Magisterial District **37**

24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75')
Jeffersontown, Kentucky

25. UTM Reference
 Zone **16** Easting **6 2 2 7 7 0** Northing **4 3 3 8 1 7**

26. Prehistoric Site
 Historic Site
 Building Object Structure

27. District
 Name: Yes No

28. Significance Evaluation

29. Status
 National Landmark
 National Register
 Landmark Certificate
 Kentucky Survey
 Local Landmark
 HABS/HAER

30. Theme
 Primary **Architecture**
 Secondary
 Other

31. Endangered
 Yes
 No

32. ATTACH PHOTO

Roll No. _____
 Picture No. _____
 Direction _____

18. Description **This two-story, five-bay, brick I-house has a center hall plan, a low gable roof and rear ell. Executed in 1/5 American bond, there are jack arches above the windows and a transom over the door. The house was remodeled during the mid-nineteenth century. At that time the windows were enlarged, and the central gable and large paired brackets were added. The basic structure, however, remained**

19. History **Joseph Hite probably built this house in the first quarter of the nineteenth century. The youngest of the three pioneer Hite brothers, Joseph came to Kentucky in 1781 and lived with his brother Isaac. Joseph Hite first appeared in the county tax records in 1789. He married in 1795. In 1830 he conveyed 325 acres of land to his son, John Hite, but retained a life interest in it. This tract was**

20. Significance **The Kirby house is significant as an early nineteenth-century, Federal-style farmhouse built in the center-passage, I-style form. It is one of several similar I-houses in this area of the county - all of which were built in the early nineteenth century and remodeled in mid-century. (JF-215, JF 217, JF 220. The houses are re-**

21. Source of Information
Joblin, Louisville Past and Present 1875
Jefferson County Court Minute Order Book 4x357

33. Tape No. _____ Negative No. _____
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35. Organization **Jefferson County Office of Historic Preservation**
 36. Date **9 August 1979**

37. Revision Dates **9-28-82** 38. Staff Review

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intact. A stone springhouse also stands on the property.

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described in Joseph's will in 1831 as "where Joseph now resides, including the dwelling house and outbuildings." John Hite sold the farm to William Conrad in 1837. Conrad and his brother, Valentine, (JF217) had owned a pottery in Jeffersontown from 1800 to 1837. After Conrad's death in 1856 his son William P. Conrad inherited "the Mansion where Conrad lived and died." In 1910 Judge Samuel B. Kirby, Jr. bought the house. The adjacent county road is named for Judge Kirby.

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markably similar in the remodeling details - all have central cross gables, brackets and two of them appear to have had window alterations. These houses reflect the influence of the Italianate and Gothic Revival styles in Kentucky during the second half of the nineteenth century. This influence was often expressed by the addition of Italianate and Gothic details to earlier Federal-style farmhouses.

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Jefferson County (KY) Will Books
Jefferson County (KY) Deed Books
Jeffersontown Minute Book
Jobson History of Early Jeffersontown
Who's Who in Louisville 1926
Bullitt, Old Homes in Louisville & Jefferson County

Boundary Description

The boundary of the Kirby house nomination is shown as a red line on the attached aerial photo. (SCALE: 1" = 200') The nominated site contains approximately 3/8 acre and includes the house and springhouse.