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1. Historic Name (s)	^(s) Diamond Fruit Farm		22. ADD/County Jefferson/Jefferson	
Original Owner Valentine Conrad				
Present Name	Valentine Conrad		23. Zoning Classification Magisterial District	
	Dravo House		24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75')	
3. Owner's Name	Paul and Sue T. Fenwick		Jeffersontown 25. UTM, Reference	
	Faul and Sue I. F	ut and sue i. renwick		11
4. Owner's Address	512 Briar Hill Ro	ad 40206	1 6 2 2 1 6 Zone Easting	
5. Location	8101 Six Mile Lan	e/North side Six	26. Prehistoric Site	Object
-	Mile Lane 7/10 mi	.w. of intsn, Kirby	Historic Site	Structure
6. Open to Public	7. Visible from road	8. Ownership	Building X	
Yes No X 9. Local Contact/Organ		Private X	27. District Yes	No
-	County Office of	Local State	Name:	
Historic Pr		Federal	28. Significance Evaluation	
D. Site Plan with North Arrow B44 L10		11. Architect	National Regist	ter
B44 L10		Unknown	29. Status	Date
	1	12. Builder	National Landmark	
		Unknown	National Register	
	\n	13. Date 1st quarter of	Landmark Certificate	
)	19th cen remodeled	Kentucky Survey X	
		14. Style Mid 18005.	Local Landmark	
ľ l		Federal	HABS/HAER	
		15. Original Use	30. Theme Archite	cture
SIX MILE LAN		Residence		
-,	escription (Page	Residence	Secondary	
	d attached aerial	17. Condition	31. Endangered	Yes
photo.		Interior Good		No X
Photo.		Exterior GOOd	32.	
18. Description				
Two-story,	five-bay brick (1	/5 American bond).		АТТАСН
Jack arches both floors, stone foundation, I-				рното
style, center hall plan with two one-story ells				
on rearBoard and batten summer kitchenRemodelled				
mid-century with brackets, Italianate window				
heads. Center window has eyebrow window head over rectangular window. Small pedimented				
over rectangular window. Small pedimented porch, supported by brackets.				
9. History				
Valentine Conrad purchased 132 acres in 1814				
from Levi Carrico of Shelby County. In his				
will (1850), Valentine conveyed this tract,				
describing it as the "tract upon which I now				
reside", to his son William H. Conrad.			Roll No.	
George Seabolt purchased the tract from William Conrad in 1858 for his daughter			Picture No.	
William Con	irad in 1858 for n	(SEE NEXT PAGE)	Direction	
a second s	nd her husband	(OLL NEXT TROL)		
20. Significance An example	of an early Feder	al house, this was	33. Tape No. 34. Prepared by:	Negative No.
the home of	f an important ear	ly potter and later,		
the home of an important early potter and later, a noted farmer. This was the country house of			Research Assis	tant
Valentine Conrad in the first half of the 19th				rson County Offic
century.	probably buil t aft	er Conrad gave up	of Historic Pro	
Unis potte:	ry in Jeffersontow	n (SEE NEXT PAGE)	36. Date 10 Augus	t 1979
21. Source of Informatio	'n		37. Revision Dates	38. Staff Review
Jobson <u>History</u> of Early Jeffersontown				
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Frank S. Dravo.

Frank Dravo (1829-1894) was born in Pennsylvania and was a graduate of Alleghany College. He was associated with his father and brothers in the coal business in Pittsburg. He came to Louisville in 1856 and was a partner in Dravo and Dravo Coal until he began farming on Six Mile Lane. Dravo developed the farm into the largest fruit farm in the County, Diamond Fruit Farm.

Dravo's diary of 1890-93 describes farming activities and the various crops which included truck crops as well as fruit. He also mentions the summer boarders and visitors who came to the farm on the train. An 1882 account describes the farm: "His grounds of the manor place are arranged with a view to utility and beauty and his home is one of the most attractive and handsomely arranged in the county or state."

Margaret Seabolt, Dravo's first wife died in 1878 and he married Anna Seabolt in 1880. Although the farm has recently been sold out of the family, the wife of Frank Dravo's grandson still occupies the house.

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to become a "gentleman farmer." Like Conrad, Frank Dravo was a successful businessman before becoming a successful farmer.

The Italianate details (brackets, window heads) are probably Dravo's additions. The shallow center gable which is common to other houses in this area (JF 212, 220, 217) may also have been a result of mid-century "modernization."

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Frank Dravo Diary - The Filson Club <u>History of the Ohio Falls Cities</u> and their <u>Counties</u> Jefferson County (KY) Will Books Jefferson County (KY) Deed Books

Additional Information Requested by NPS

JF-215 Diamond Fruit Farm/Dravo House 8101 Six Mile Lane

October 15, 1982

Significance

The Dravo house provides an effective example of the evolution of nineteenth-century styles in Jefferson County. The original structure, dating from the first quarter of the nineteenth-century, was federal in style, a two-story, five-bay brick I-house which served as the country house of Valentine Conrad. Conrad, who was an important early potter and later a noted farmer, probably built the house after he gave up his pottery in Jeffersontown.

Like Conrad, Frank Dravo was a successful businessman before becoming an established and successful farmer. The Italianate details (brackets, and window heads) are probably his additions. They are highly characteristic of mid-century "modernizations." The shallow center gable may also date from this period. It is particularly interesting as a feature common to several houses in this area. (JF 212,217,220). Both this element and the addition of brackets and windowheads reflect the transition from the early Federal period to the Italianate detailing popular during the third quarter of the nineteenth century.

Boundary Description

The boundary of the nominated site is shown as a red line on the attached aerial photo. (SCALE: l'' = 200') The site contains approximately .4 acre and includes the house and summer kitchen.