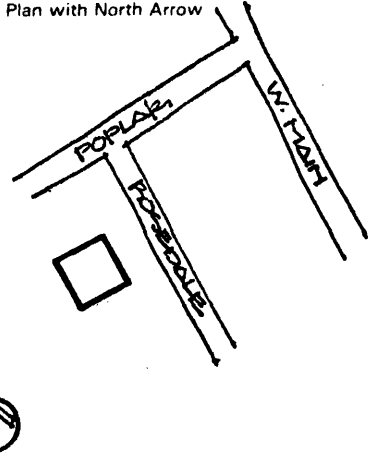
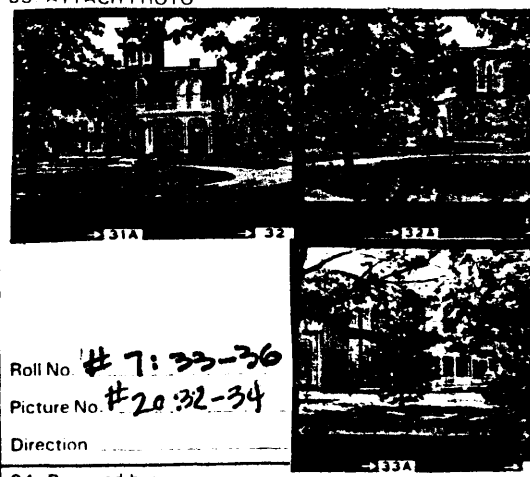


KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Site No. SW 42

1. Historic Name(s) Blair Park		22. ADD:County Bluegrass/Madison	
Original Owner Singleton P. Walters		23. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75') Richmond North	
2. Present Name Blair Park		24. UTM Reference 116 737180 4181780	
3. Location 108 Rosedale^{St.}, Richmond, Kentucky		Zone Easting Northing	
4. Owner's Name Earl D. Jones		25. Coordinate Accuracy <input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Owner's Address 108 Rosedale, Richmond, KY 40475		26. Prehistoric Site Object Historic Site Structure Building X 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 Madison County Historical. Society		27. National Register District Name: Multiple Resources of Richmond	
10. Site Plan with North Arrow 		28. Significance Evaluation National Register Pending <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
11. Architect		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"/>	
12. Builder		30. Historic Theme Primary Architecture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secondary Law <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
13. Date 1887 A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>		31. Endangered Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
14. Style A. Italian Villa <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>		32. Preservation Project Status <input type="checkbox"/>	
15. Original Use Single Family Res. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Actual Cost in \$1,000s <input type="checkbox"/>	
16. Present use Single Family Res.		33. ATTACH PHOTO 	
17. Condition Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Roll No. # 7: 33-36 Picture No. # 20: 32-34 Direction	
18. Description (See Attached)		34. Prepared by: Helen Powell Carman and Powell, Inc.	
(Continue on Back)		35. Organization Professional (P)	
19. History (See Attached)		36. Date 9-30-82	
20. Significance Best Italian Villa in city of Richmond; builder was instrumental in bringing Central Univ. to Richmond		37. Revision Dates 38. Staff Review	
21. Source of Information R.A. Edwards The Founding of Walters Collegiate Inst. Beers 1876			

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name Blair Park Site # SW 42

Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title Multiple Resources of Richmond

U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTMs if property is ten or more acres.

A. _____ D. _____

B. _____ E. _____

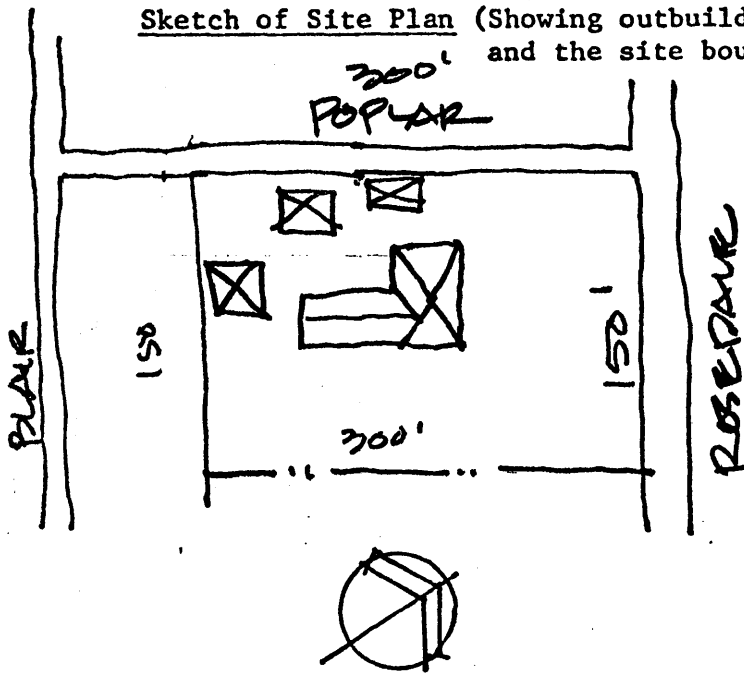
C. _____ F. _____

Verbal Boundary Description

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Starting at the south corner of the intersection of Rosedale and Poplar streets; ~~west~~^{south} along the right of way of Poplar 300 feet to a point; then southeasterly 150 feet to a point; then northeast 300 feet to a point; then 150 feet northwest along the right of way of Rosedale to the point of beginning and containing a residence, carriage house, and servants' quarters.

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



RESIDENCE
FORMER CARRIAGE
HOUSE
SERVANTS QUARTERS

NOT TO SCALE

Official Courthouse Property Reference:

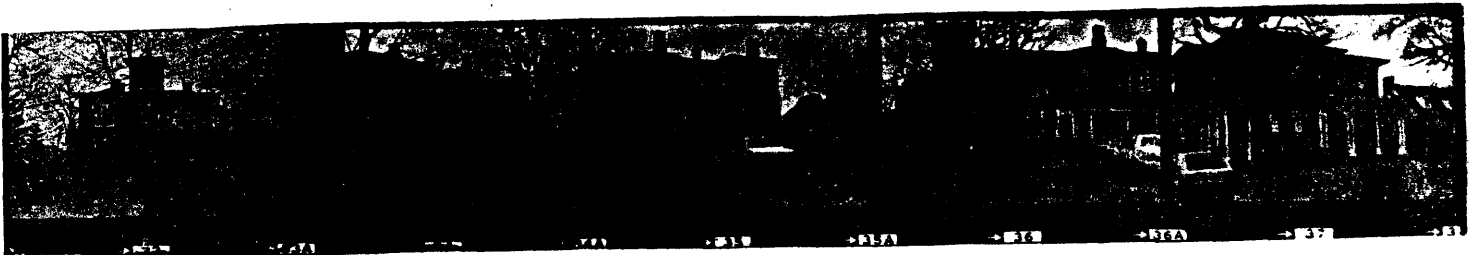
1855: 9/126; 28/206; 45/23. Madison County Courthouse

DESCRIPTION OF BLAIR PARK

Blair Park is an imposing two story, five bay brick residence in the Italian villa style. The original estate has been subdivided so that it no longer fronts on West Main Street. A three story tower contributes to the asymmetrical picturesque qualities of the facade.

The roofline is a low hip with projecting eaves supported by brackets. The long slender windows are grouped in pairs. The first story windows display segmental arches while the second story windows have round arches. Both have decorative eyebrow moulding.

The entrance is recrossed beneath a one story decorative ironwork porch and balcony. The porch and columns resemble an arcade.



HISTORY OF ROSEDALE/BLAIR PARK

Rosedale was built on a site originally occupied by the double log house of Col. David Irvine. Col. Irvine's daughter Sarah married Addison White from Virginia and they lived on the site until they moved to Huntsville, Alabama.

Rosedale was built as a sixty acre estate by Singleton P. Walters, the man who was largely responsible for the establishment of Central University (now Eastern Kentucky University) at Richmond. After the Civil War, the Assembly of Northern Presbyterian Churches dominated the only Presbyterian institution of higher learning in Kentucky, Centre College in Danville. Because of the differences in philosophy, the southern faction of the Presbyterian Church wanted to found another Presbyterian college in Kentucky. Walters told the Richmond delegates to the Kentucky Synod in 1872 that Richmond should subscribe more than any other community to secure the location of the college. Walters personally provided the financial backing for the subscription. In 1874 Central University was established in Richmond.

Walters was on the first Board of Trustees of Walters Collegiate Institute during the five year interim between the departure of Central University in 1901 and the establishment of the State Normal School in 1906. Walters Collegiate Institute was a private secondary school sponsored by the Presbyterian church.

Walters was a farmer, trader, businessman, financier, bank president (First National Bank which became Richmond National and now is Madison National Bank.) Walters financed the Richmond branch of the L & N railroad from Stanford to Richmond in 1870.

Walters was married twice. His first wife was Minerva Kirkendall (1825-1857) and his second wife was Hattie Walters (1847-1913). Walters's daughter married William R. Letcher who was the cashier at the First National Bank. After Mrs. Letcher received her inheritance in 1885, Letcher devoted himself to the race horse business. A half mile race track was built near the house. The Letchers added an ell to the house in 1887 making it a twenty room house. Eventually Letcher lost his fortune and moved to Cincinnati in 1896.

Col. James Caperton, a lawyer (see Woodlawn), bought the house and grounds at a public sale in 1905. Caperton named it Blair Park after his ancestral home in Virginia. Col. Caperton died in 1909, but his wife Katherine Phelps Caperton and his daughter Mary James Caperton (Mrs. Paul Burnam) lived at Blair Park until 1919 when they bought Amberly on West Main Street.