

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name May-Fitzpatrick House
other names/site number Fitzpatrick House Site #FD-5

2. Location

street & number 39 South Arnold Avenue
city, town Prestonsburg
state Kentucky code KY county Floyd code 071 zip code 41653

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: [X] private, [ ] public-local, [ ] public-State, [ ] public-Federal
Category of Property: [X] building(s), [ ] district, [ ] site, [ ] structure, [ ] object
Number of Resources within Property: Contributing 1, Noncontributing 0 buildings, 0 sites, 0 structures, 0 objects, Total 1

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of Prestonsburg
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this [X] 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 [X] meets [ ] does not meet the National Register criteria. [ ] See continuation sheet.
Signature of certifying official David L. Morgan
State Historic Preservation Officer, Commonwealth of Kentucky
Date 3-30-89

In my opinion, the property [ ] meets [ ] does not meet the National Register criteria. [ ] See continuation sheet.
Signature of commenting or other official
Date
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
[X] entered in the National Register.
[ ] determined eligible for the National Register.
[ ] determined not eligible for the National Register.
[ ] removed from the National Register.
[ ] other, (explain:)
Signature of the Keeper
Date of Action 5/18/89

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single Dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single Dwelling  
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**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian: Queen Anne  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone  
walls Weatherboard  
Wood Shingle  
roof Composition Shingle  
other Wood  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G    n/a

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1905

Significant Dates

1905

Cultural Affiliation

n/a

Significant Person

n/a

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

See Overview Form

- Previous documentation on file (NPS): n/a
- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
  - previously listed in the National Register
  - previously determined eligible by the National Register
  - designated a National Historic Landmark
  - recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
  - recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

- Primary location of additional data:
- State historic preservation office
  - Other State agency
  - Federal agency
  - Local government
  - University
  - Other

Specify repository:  
Kentucky Heritage Council, Frankfort

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreeage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description

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Boundary Justification

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May-Fitzpatrick House, Historic Resources of Prestonsburg

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The May-Fitzpatrick House is a large and imposing two-and-a-half story Queen Anne frame dwelling whose T-plan massing is typically Victorian but whose stylistic finish reflects the growing popularity of the Colonial Revival movement at the turn of the century. Notable features of its exterior include a classically-detailed veranda and leaded glass windows. The house was built in 1905. Non-contributing rear additions date from 1970 and 1980. Included in the nominated area are the house, its additions, and surrounding yard. There are no outbuildings.

The May-Fitzpatrick House is sited on the east side of South Arnold Avenue one block south of the city's downtown business district. This block, residential in character, includes a diverse array of dwellings dating from the late nineteenth century through the present day. It is anchored on the north by the Harkins Law Office Building and on the south by the Methodist Episcopal Church South. The house occupies a generously-sized level lot and is partially concealed from view by a tall hedge that defines the front property line. Mature hardwood trees shade the house's front lawn and side yard.

Like many turn-of-the-century residences, the May-Fitzpatrick House is eclectic in character. Its T-plan massing is typical of the late Victorian era, but its overall simplicity and refined classically-inspired detailing suggest the ascendant Colonial Revival. Shallow projecting pavilions adjoin the facade culminating in a pedimented gable, and south elevation. The former pavilion culminates in a pedimented gable. The body of the house is sheathed in wood clapboards, while fishscale-pattern wood shingles adorn the gables. Bands of shingles also encircle the second story.

The house is grand in scale, standing two and a half stories high, crowned with a steep pyramidal roof with lower pedimented gables, and a series of pedimented roof dormers accented by low-relief carving. The roof was originally clad in slate shingles but is now surfaced with Supra-Slate, a synthetic material that closely resembles it. The metal ice guard hooks attached around its edges, however, are original elements. Gutters and spouting are fabricated of copper. Several tall, massive, interior chimneys, exhibiting paneled brickwork, add interest to the roofline. A one-story block with flat roof adjoins the rear.

The focal point of the exterior is the Neo-Classical wooden veranda with projecting pedimented porch and spindled balustrade. It is supported by slender, paired Tuscan colonnettes, resting on squat, paneled piers. Windows are double hung 1-1 wood sash, single or paired, and a variety of treatments are employed. The first and second stories feature tripartite focal windows consisting of a large central panel framed by narrow sidelights. Delicate tracery accents the upper sash as well as the gable windows and the side lights of the focal windows. The main entrance features a double-leaf door with oval panels of clear glass. The May-Fitzpatrick House has been exceptionally well preserved, and remains in excellent condition.

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The May-Fitzpatrick House, built 1905, is significant under Criterion C as an excellent example of the Queen Anne style of architecture in its late form, exhibiting the influence of the nascent Colonial Revival movement. It is noteworthy in the context of the architectural resources of Prestonsburg as the city's finest surviving example of Victorian high-style architecture, unique in its large scale and refined Colonial Revival detailing. Exceptional details include its veranda, complex roofscape, and leaded glass windows. The exterior of the house has been carefully preserved.

According to its owners, the house was built in 1905 by a man named Colonel May of Tazewell County, Virginia. Little has so far been learned about May, and his relationship to others in Floyd County with the same last name is unclear. Local tradition states the design of the house is copied from a house in May's home town in Virginia.

May owned the house only briefly. Soon after its construction, he sold it to Prestonsburg resident Henry D. Fitzpatrick, Senior. Fitzpatrick was proprietor of the Pure Food Grocery in West Prestonsburg during the early-to-mid twentieth century. He was also involved in banking, and eventually succeeded his father H. H. Fitzpatrick as vice-chairman of the board of trustees of The Bank Josephine. Fitzpatrick served in the state Senate from 1927 to 1937 and was a member of the Board of Regents of Eastern Kentucky University, where a building was named for him. After Fitzpatrick's death, the house passed to his son Henry D. Fitzpatrick II, who still lives in the house.

The significance of the May-Fitzpatrick House is discussed in greater detail in the context statement. In sum, the house provides a marked contrast to the city's comparatively few other surviving examples of Victorian-era domestic architecture, all of which are vernacular in origin, modest in stature, and, in most cases, greatly altered. Its aesthetic qualities, sophisticated design, and exemplary state of preservation are unmatched among the city's buildings of that era.

The May-Fitzpatrick House is being nominated on the basis of its architectural quality. However, it may also possess significance for its association with either Colonel May or, what is more likely, with the elder Henry D. Fitzpatrick. Future research may one day document the role played by these men in the community and warrant an amendment on that basis.

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Two additions were made to the house during the past decade. Adjoining the east elevation of the rear block is an enclosed porch constructed c. 1980 of the same vintage, with lattice panels suspended between brick piers, and a pergola-like roof. The porch, placed unobtrusively behind the house, is not visible from South Arnold Avenue and was designed to harmonize with the scale and materials of the original house. A two-story "carriage house," connected to the main house by the rear porch and a covered passageway, was completed in 1980. Of wood-frame construction, it is veneered with pink brick and stands two and a half stories high with a Supra-Slate-covered mansarded roof and leaded-glass casement windows. The carriage house consciously imitates some of the features of the dwelling house, in particular the hip roof with snow guards, and tall, paneled chimneys. The first story is used as a garage, with apartment above. Although the carriage house, like the rear porch, is clearly non-contributing, it does not significantly diminish the integrity of the property as a whole because of its placement toward the rear of the yard.

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**10. Geographic Information**

Beginning at a point in the east line of South Arnold Avenue 400 feet, more or less, south of West Court Street; then proceeding in an easterly direction along the north line of the property known as 39 South Arnold Avenue a distance of 100 feet, more or less, to said property's northeast corner; then in a southerly direction (parallel to South Arnold Avenue) along the east line of said property to its southeast corner, a distance of 150 feet, more or less; then in a westerly direction along the south line of said property a distance of 100 feet, more or less, to the southwest corner of said property, and the east line of South Arnold Avenue; then in a northerly direction, with the west line of said property and the east line of South Arnold Avenue, a distance of 150 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning.

The nominated area includes the entire legal parcel and excludes surrounding properties to the north, east and south. The boundary includes all the property visually associated with the house and contributing to its significance.

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Photo 31

Prestonsburg Multiple Properties Submission (same for all photos)

May-Fitzpatrick House

39 South Arnold Avenue (same for photos 31 through 35)

Prestonsburg, Kentucky (same for all photos)

Margaret Warminski (same for all photos)

February 1988

Negative location: Kentucky Heritage Council, Frankfort, Kentucky (same for all photos)

Streetscape view showing facade and south elevation, looking northeast from the west side of South Arnold Avenue

Photo 32

May-Fitzpatrick House

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Facade view, looking east from Ford Street; new "carriage house" addition at right of photo.

Photo 33

May-Fitzpatrick House

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Detail view of wooden shingles of variegated patterns in facade pediment, and attic window with segmentally-arched pediment

Photo 34

May-Fitzpatrick House

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Detail view of veranda and front entrance, showing pedimented entry porch, double front doors with oval-shaped glass panes, and sandstone front steps

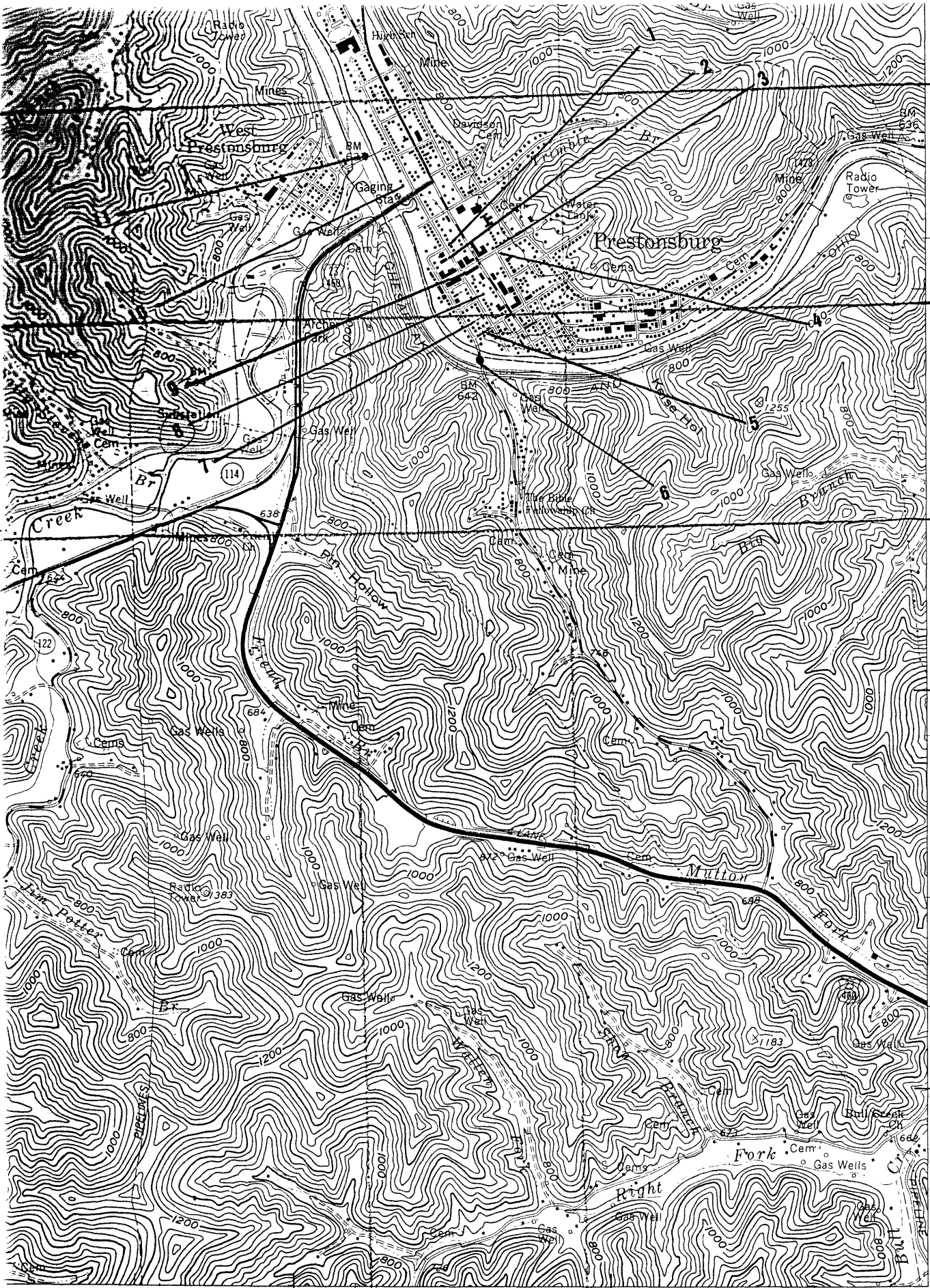
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May-Fitzpatrick House

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View of north and rear elevations, showing one-story rear block and new breezeway with trellis roof. New "carriage house" at left of picture. Looking west from the west side of South Lake Drive.





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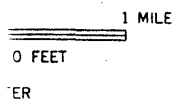
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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- Secondary highway, hard surface
- Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
- Unimproved road



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