

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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1. Historic Name (s) Taggart House		22. ADD/County Jefferson/Jefferson <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Original Owner John D. Taggart, Jr.		23. Zoning Classification Magisterlal District	
Present Name Wildwood Country Club		24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75') Jeffersontown	
3. Owner's Name Wildwood Country Club, Inc.		25. UTM Reference 1 6 6 2 1 0 3 0 4 2 2 5 8 9 0 Zone Easting Northing	
4. Owner's Address 5000 Bardstown Rd., Louisville, Ky.		26. Prehistoric Site Historic Site Building X	
5. Location 5000 Bardstown Rd., Louisville, Ky. 40218		Object Structure	
6. Open to Public Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. Visible from road Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	27. District Name: Yes No	
8. Ownership Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local State Federal		28. Significance Evaluation	
9. Local Contact/Organization Jefferson County Office of Historic Preservation		29. Status National Landmark National Register Landmark Certificate Kentucky Survey <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1977 Local Landmark HABS/HAER	
10. Site Plan with North Arrow B628 L55		30. Theme Primary Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Other	
11. Architect J.J. Gaffney		31. Endangered Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
12. Builder Unknown		32.	
13. Date ca. 1899		ATTACH PHOTO	
14. Style Queen Anne <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		Roll No. _____ Picture No. _____ Direction _____	
15. Original Use Residence		33. Tape No. _____ Negative No. _____	
16. Present Use Private Club		34. Prepared by: Mary Jean Kinsman Researcher	
17. Condition Interior Good <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Exterior Good <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		35. Organization Jefferson County Office of Historic Preservation	
18. Description The Taggart House is a 2½ story structure with irregular massing and multiple bays. A round turret with a conical roof projects from one corner of the main block. A circular, roofed veranda surrounds the tower and continues into the pedimented portico at the entrance. A sleeping-porch extends from one side above a porte-cochere. The wide eaves (SEE NEXT PAGE)		36. Date 27 August 1979	
19. History The house was built c.1899 for John D. Taggart, Jr., of Louisville. He was a son of John Douds Taggart, a founder of the Fidelity Trust and Safety Vault Company. John Taggart, Jr. was secretary of the firm of Torbett and Castleman, wholesale grocers. The architect, J.J. Gaffney (1863-1946), designed a number of significant structures in Louisville (SEE NEXT PAGE)		37. Revision Dates _____ 38. Staff Review _____	
20. Significance The Taggart house is a handsome structure in a simplified Queen Anne style, which is not often found in Jefferson County houses. The architect, J.J. Gaffney, was well-known in Louisville at the turn of the century. He designed churches, homes, and (SEE NEXT PAGE)		21. Source of Information Johnston, J. Stoddard, ed. <u>Memorial History of Louisville</u> (Chicago; 1896), Vol. I, 516-19. (SEE NEXT PAGE)	

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are underscored by large modillions and simple Tuscan columns support the porch roof. Some alterations have been made on the interior, but some interesting architectural details remain.

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and Jefferson County, including St. James Church on Bardstown Road; Holy Name Church, South Third Street; the Belvoir and Besten apartments on Cherokee Parkway; buildings at Waverly Hills Tuberculosis Sanatorium; and houses in Old Louisville and the Highlands. Taggart died in 1904 and his widow sold the property in 1918. In 1964 the house was acquired by the Wildwood Country Club, which had leased the property for several years.

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commercial buildings, often working in the Arts and Crafts mode, and a number of his most important works still exist.

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Louisville City Directories.

"The House Beautiful," The Courier-Journal, 28 January 1900.