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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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 Miller, George, House other names/site number OL-367

2. Location

street & number 331 Central Avenue city, town Pewee Valley state Kentucky code KY county Oldham code 185 zip code 40056

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: private (checked), public-local, public-State, public-Federal. Category of Property: building(s) (checked), district, site, structure, object. Number of Resources within Property: Contributing 1, Noncontributing 1 buildings, sites, structures, objects. Total 1. Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of Pewee Valley, Ky. MPL. 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 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 meets (checked) does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet. Signature of certifying official David L. Morgan, State Historic Preservation Officer, Kentucky Heritage Council. Date 10-9-89.

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: entered in the National Register (checked), determined eligible for the National Register, determined not eligible for the National Register, removed from the National Register, other (explain:). Entered in the National Register 11/27/89. Signature of the Keeper, Date of Action.

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian

Other: Folk Victorian

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone/limestone

walls wood/weatherboard

wood/shingle

roof metal

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

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Suburban Development
Architecture

Period of Significance

1873

Significant Dates

ca. 1873

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

Beers and Lanagan. Atlas of Jefferson and Oldham Counties.
Philadelphia, 1879, plate 53.

Oldham County, Kentucky. Deed Books.

Also see the bibliography with the Historic Resources of Pewee Valley,
Kentucky Multiple Property Listing.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): na
 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

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Approximately 2 acres

UTM References

A

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Zone		Easting				Northing			

B

Zone		Easting				Northing			

C

Zone		Easting				Northing			

D

Zone		Easting				Northing			

Crestwood, Kentucky Quadrangle

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary coincides precisely with the lot designated "Pewee Valley
3-1-13A and B" in the Cities Volume of the Oldham County Plat Books.
It is outlined with a heavy black line on an accompanying sketch map.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary of the nominated property includes the entire historic
acreage associated with the house. This boundary has been selected
in order to document the large, landscaped properties that were
historically associated with many of Pewee Valley's residences.

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11. Form Prepared By

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George Miller HouseSection number 7 Page 1Description

The George Miller House (OL-367) is a wood-framed Victorian house built about 1873 and located within the Historic Resources of Pewee Valley Multiple Property area at 331 Central Avenue. The long narrow two-acre lot, historically and presently associated with the house, slopes off gradually toward the southeast side and the rear and retains some of its historic landscaping. The nominated property coincides with this two-acre lot. Outbuildings consist of a historic garage which is non-contributing due to a major remodeling and a small dilapidated shed that neither adds to or detracts from the property and has not been included in the buildings' count. The house is surrounded by much newer non-historic houses on the northwest, the southeast and behind, on the northeast. The house and property are well-maintained and in good condition.

The George Miller House has weatherboard siding, an asymmetrical plan, and is richly detailed with nineteenth century millwork. Although its detailing makes a few references to the Stick style, the house has no clearly identifiable style and is best described as "Folk Victorian" or "Victorian Vernacular." It consists of a very tall two-story front section and a large one-story rear wing that may have been an early addition. The elaborately detailed front section has an unusual gable-on-hip roof. Its slightly projecting front gable wing is trimmed with decorative hexagonal-cut shingles, a solid bargeboard with applied bulls-eye blocks, and a triple window in its gable end. A shallow two-story bay capped by a low balustrade is located below. A hip-roofed wraparound front porch has chamfered posts, sawnwork spandrels, and a small pediment over the entry. A band of hexagonal-cut shingles between the first and second floor windows and one-over-one windows with exterior surrounds trimmed with corner bulls-eye blocks complete the detailing. The one-story rectangular rear wing has a hipped roof, simple window frames, and a shed-roofed full-width rear porch. One historic chimney is located in each section. A rough limestone-block foundation is visible at the rear.

The interior consists of four rooms in the front section, two on the first floor and two on the second, and a rear section, dropped down one step, with a central hall and four rooms opening off it. An attic room in the rear section has been finished by the present owners. The front entrance hall has a fine staircase with an Eastlake-style newel post and a diamond-shaped window half-way up the stairs. Window surrounds in the front section have bulls-eye corners. The original mantel in the living room has been replaced by a non-historic brick mantel. In the rear section windows and doors have simple wood surrounds.

The property is simply landscaped with lawn. Two very large shade trees are located at the front corner of the lot and at the south front corner of the house. A driveway leads from the road and makes a loop at the side of the house. A c. 1920 gable-roofed, weatherboarded garage, now remodeled with a central shed-roofed dormer and a rear deck as a cottage, is situated to the side

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of the house behind the driveway loop. It has been designated non-contributing due to extensive changes. At the rear of the property amidst more shade and pine trees is the small wood-framed shed which has not been included in the buildings' count.

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Statement of Significance

The George Miller House is an interesting residential property in Pewee Valley individually nominated as part of the Historic Resources of Pewee Valley Multiple Property Listing. The c. 1873 house is eligible for the National Register under Criteria A and C. The house is a good example of the property type residential buildings which was developed as part of the historic context "Suburban Development in Pewee Valley, 1851-1935." It has been evaluated to meet the registration requirements established for individual listing in the residential buildings property type. Its period of significance dates to 1873, the year it is believed to have been constructed.

In terms of Criterion A and the area of significance, Suburban Development, the George Miller House is important as evidence of the rapid suburban development that occurred in Pewee Valley in the years immediately following the Civil War. Almost certainly built on speculation by local resident, Jonas H. Rhorer, about 1873, it helps to document a pattern of speculative building that has been identified in Pewee Valley during the 1870s. Rhorer, owner of Pewee Valley's largest estate, The Locust, built several houses on the periphery of his property during the 1870s. In 1876 this parcel was deeded to George Miller who, according to the deed, had been living on the premises for "several years." Nothing is known of George Miller who, with his wife Kate, owned the property until 1914.

In terms of Criterion C and the area of significance, Architecture, the house is important as one of the few intact examples in Pewee Valley of the more modest, less stylistically sophisticated houses identified in the residential buildings property type. This house, with its extensive Victorian millwork and unusual roofline, is an elaborate and rather unique example of the so-called "Victorian Vernacular" or "Folk Victorian" houses that have been identified in La Grange and other parts of Oldham County. It provides an important contrast in Pewee Valley to the more high style country estates built during the same period.

MILLER, GEORGE, HOUSE
Pewee Valley, Oldham Co., Ky.

SKETCH MAP

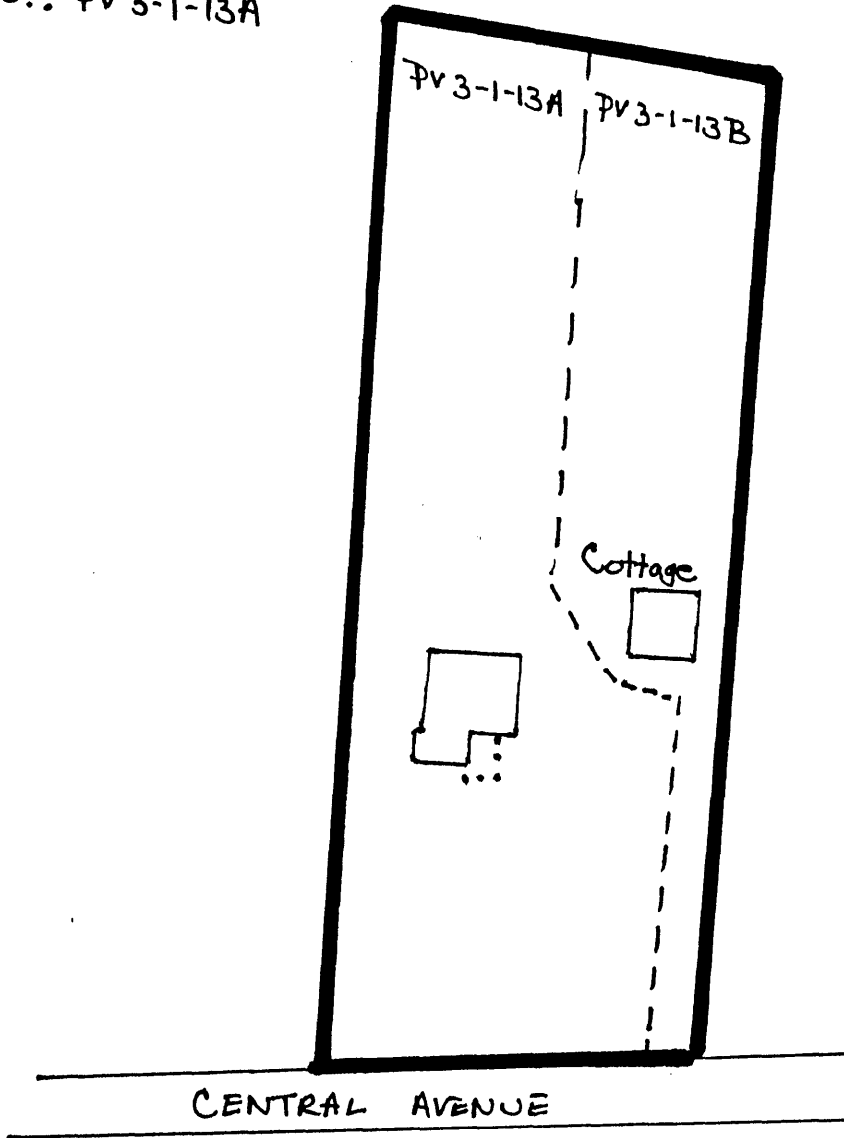
SOURCE: Oldham Co. Plat Maps

Scale: 0 ————— 100'

North: ↖

Property Boundary: —————

Parcel No.: PV 3-1-13A

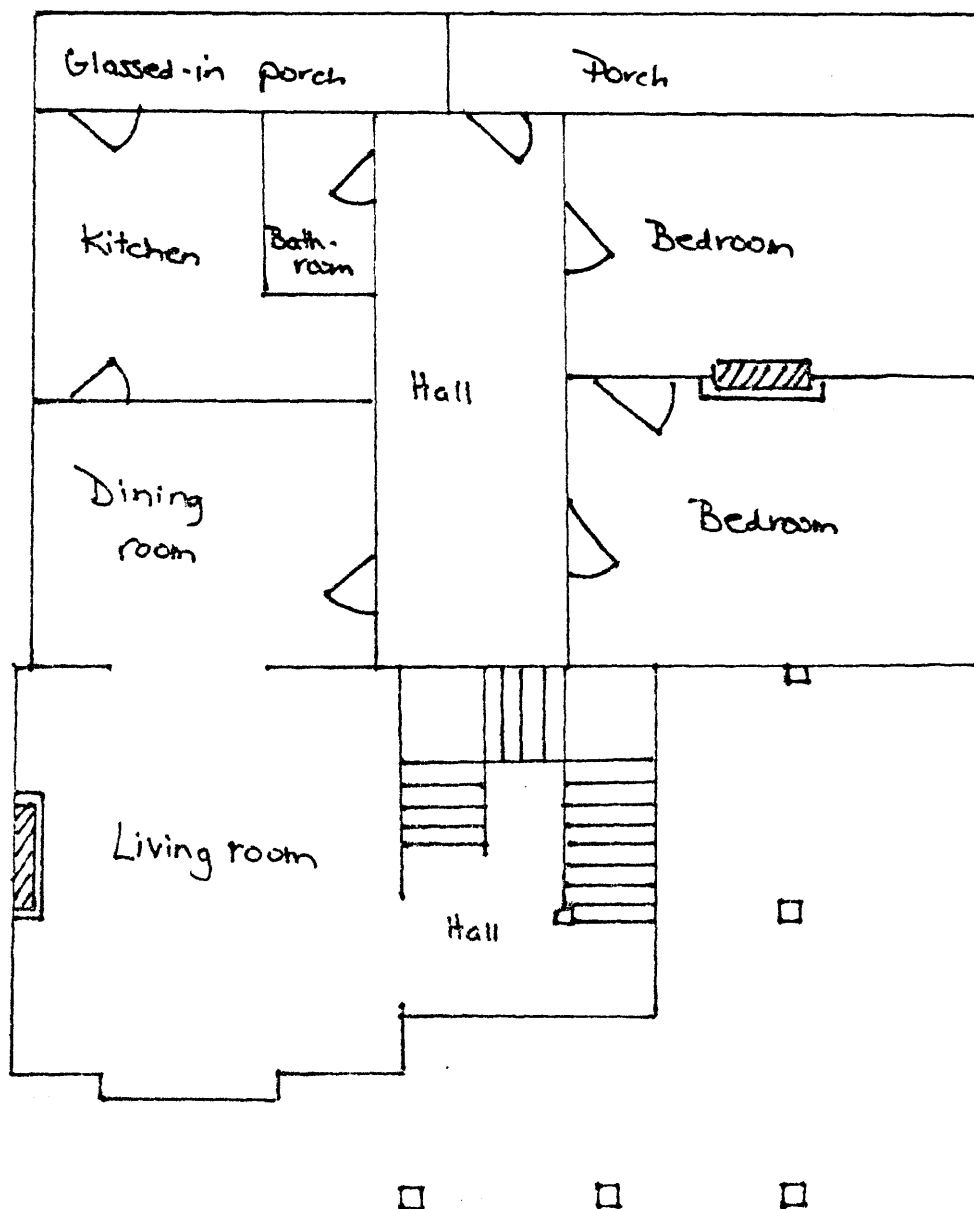


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Floor Plan

Not to scale

North:



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PHOTOGRAPHS

1. Miller, George, House
2. Pewee Valley, Oldham County, Kentucky
3. Photographer: Carolyn Brooks
4. Date: April, 1989
5. Negatives on file with the Kentucky Heritage Council, Frankfort, Ky.

(The above information is the same for all 3 photographs submitted with the nomination. Below, the photographs are listed in order of their photograph numbers and each view is described.)

1. Front facade; photographer facing northeast.
2. Rear and southeast side of house; photographer facing west.
3. Non-contributing cottage; photographer facing northeast.