

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

JF-38

1. Historic Name (s) David Farnsley House Original Owner David Farnsley		22. ADD/County Jefferson/Jefferson	
2. Present Name David Farnsley House		23. Zoning Classification Magisterial District	
3. Owner's Name John & Mamie Kaufman		24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75') Louisville, West	
4. Owner's Address 4816 Cane Run Rd., Louisville, Ky.		25. UTM Reference Zone 16 Easting 600220 Northing 4226560	
5. Location 4816 Cane Run Rd., Louisville, Ky.		26. Prehistoric Site Historic Site Building X	
6. Open to Public Yes No X		27. District Name:	
7. Visible from road Yes X No		28. Significance Evaluation	
8. Ownership Private X Local State Federal		29. Status National Landmark National Register Landmark Certificate Kentucky Survey X 1977 Local Landmark HABS/HAER	
9. Local Contact/Organization Jefferson County Office of Historic Preservation		30. Theme Primary Architecture/Exploration Secondary Settlement per. Evoc. Other 8/25/83. Winner	
10. Site Plan with North Arrow 		31. Endangered Yes No X	
See attached boundary description and aerial photo.		32. ATTACH PHOTO	
11. Architect		Roll No. _____ Picture No. _____ Direction _____	
12. Builder		33. Tape No. _____ Negative No. _____	
13. Date See Next Page		34. Prepared by: Mary Jean Kinsman, Researcher	
14. Style		35. Organization Jefferson County Office of Historic Preservation	
15. Original Use Residence		36. Date 24 August 1979	
16. Present Use Residence		37. Revision Dates 31 August 1982 38. Staff Review	
17. Condition Interior Good Exterior Good			
18. Description The Farnsley house is a two-story, log and brick structure. The log section, once clap-boarded but covered with aluminum siding about 1979, was probably built ca. 1812. It contains one room on each story and the original enclosed corner staircase to the second floor is intact. A simple mantel remains in the log section and a fine Federal-type mantel remains in the brick section. The exterior (See next page)			
19. History David Farnsley, member of a family which settled in southwestern Jefferson in the late 1700s, probably built the log portion of his house soon after buying the land in 1812. The brick section was begun in 1832 and finished in 1833 after Farnsley's death. A deposition in a lawsuit to settle his estate gives this information, including the fact that Mrs. Farnsley later married the carpenter, Ebenezer Williams who did much of the			
20. Significance The David Farnsley house is architecturally significant because it represents an unusual form of log and brick construction in Jefferson County. The later brick section was joined to the end of the earlier log pen rather than being built in front of it, which was most often			
21. Source of Information Jefferson Co. (KY) Deed Books Jefferson Co. (KY) Will Books, Louisville Chancery Court, Case #303, Williams vs. Farnsley heirs, 1836 Neville Bullitt, Old Homes and Landmarks of Louisville and Jefferson County, v.2, p. 356-58			

Continuation Sheet

13. log section ca. 1812
brick section 1832-33

18. chimney is of brick. The two-story, three-bay brick section was built in 1832-33. It has an interior chimney in the end wall, jack arches above the windows, and a brick cornice. A storm door has been installed at the main entrance, but the original paneled, double doors remain. There are also paneled reveals and six-panel doors on the interior. Several out-buildings are on the site, including a log barn with half-dovetail notching. The remaining frame structures, including a chicken coop, summer kitchen and privy date from the late 19th and early 20th centuries and are vernacular, farm out-buildings.

19. work on the house.

20. done. The house also retains a number of original interior details. It is also of historic importance as an early residence of the Farnsley family who were prominent in this southwestern part of Jefferson County.

Boundary Description

The boundary of the nominated site is shown as red line on the attached aerial photograph. (SCALE: 1" = 200'). The site contains approximately 3/4 acre and includes the house, log barn, and various frame outbuildings.