

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Site No. JE-677

1. Historic Name(s) <u>Gaffney House</u> Original Owner <u>James J. Gaffney</u>		22. ADD/County <u>Jefferson/Jefferson</u> 0 5 16	
2. Present Name <u>Gaffney House</u>		23. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75') <u>Jeffersonville, Ind.</u> 08,6	
3. Location <u>Upper River Road between Longview Ln. and Boxhill Ln.</u>		24. UTM Reference Zone 16 Easting 6161885 Northing 4121401000	
4. Owner's Name <u>Wickliffe, John Jr. and Laura</u>		25. Coordinate Accuracy <input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Owner's Address <u>2704 Shannon Drive, Louisville, 40220</u>		26. Prehistoric Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object Historic Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> * Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
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 <u>Office of Historic Preservation & Archives</u>		27. National Register District Name: 	
10. Site Plan with North Arrow <u>B11 Lot 110</u>		28. Significance Evaluation <u>Meets Nat. Reg. criteria</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		11. Architect <u>J. J. Gaffney</u>	
		12. Builder <u>Unknown</u>	
		13. Date <u>c. 1910-27</u> A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>	
		14. Style A. <u>Arts&Crafts</u> 23 B. <u>"Mannerist"</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	
		15. Original Use <u>Sing. fam. res.</u> 1	
16. Present use <u>Sing. fam. res</u>		29. Status <input type="checkbox"/> Date _____ National Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> 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"/>	
17. Condition <u>Good</u> 2		30. Historic Theme Primary <u>Architecture</u> 0 3 Secondary _____ Other _____	
18. Description <u>See next page</u>		31. Endangered Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
(Continue on Back)		32. Preservation Project Status <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Cost in \$1,000s 	
19. History <u>See next page</u>		33. ATTACH PHOTO Roll No. _____ Picture No. _____ Direction _____	
20. Significance <u>See next page</u>		34. Prepared by: <u>Cheryl Davis</u>	
21. Source of Information <u>See next page</u>		35. Organization <u>Jeff. Co. Office of Historic Preservation & Archives</u> 36. Date <u>83</u>	
		37. Revision Dates _____ 38. Staff Review _____	

GAFFNEY HOUSE - JF 677

18. Description

Three story residence of multi-colored brick built into a hillside overlooking the Ohio River. The first story is below grade level on the river side and only the other two stories are seen from the land side. The house is situated close to the road with a front entrance court of concrete with inset square patterns of red brick. A rough, stone, brick, and mortar wall surrounds most of the site. Stone steps with wrought iron railings lead to the main entrance. The door is behind a wrought iron gate and has a Gibbs surround of sandstone with large voussoirs. Multi-paned metal casement windows also have stone Gibbs surrounds. Colorful art glass panes are in one set of windows, and the garage doors have art glass windows with lily and lotus flower designs. Defining the arches above the garage doors is a stringcourse of stone extending across the facade of the house. The red clay tile roof divides an arrangement of pendants decorated with terra cotta tiles and brick, each displaying a Mayan-like sun design. This influence is also seen in the white wooden hood above the front door. A walled terrace on the lower river side is of stone and brick with a grassy area.

19. History

J.J. Gaffney purchased the land in 1910. The house was built between that time and 1927. Gaffney first appears in the city directory with the Upper River Road address in 1928. Prior to that time he may have used the house as a weekend or vacation home because of its location in the county and on the river.

James J. Gaffney (1863-1946) was a prominent Louisville architect from the late 19th century until his retirement in 1930. He designed churches, commercial buildings, and residences. They include the first building at Waverly Hills Tuberculosis Sanitarium in the Tudor Gothic style, Taggart House (now Wildwood Country Club) in the Queen Anne style, the Byzantine-style St. James Church, Holy Name Church, and the Belvoir and Besten apartments. He made use of details and motifs from many architectural styles, often combining them in buildings reminiscent of the works of early 20th century English architects.

20. Significance

The Gaffney House is a significant example of early 20th century "mannerist" design. Employing classical details, Arts and Crafts, Prairie School, and Mayan motifs, the Gaffney House is an extravagant expression of the eclectic talents of its designer.

21. Sources of Information

Jefferson County (Ky) Deed Books

Louisville City Directories

"J.J. Gaffney, Architect, Dies at age of 83." The (Louisville) Courier-Journal, 1 December 1946.

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

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name Gaffney House Site # JF-677

Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title Jefferson County (Ky.) MRA

U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTM's if property is ten or more acres.

A. 16 616885 4240000 D. _____

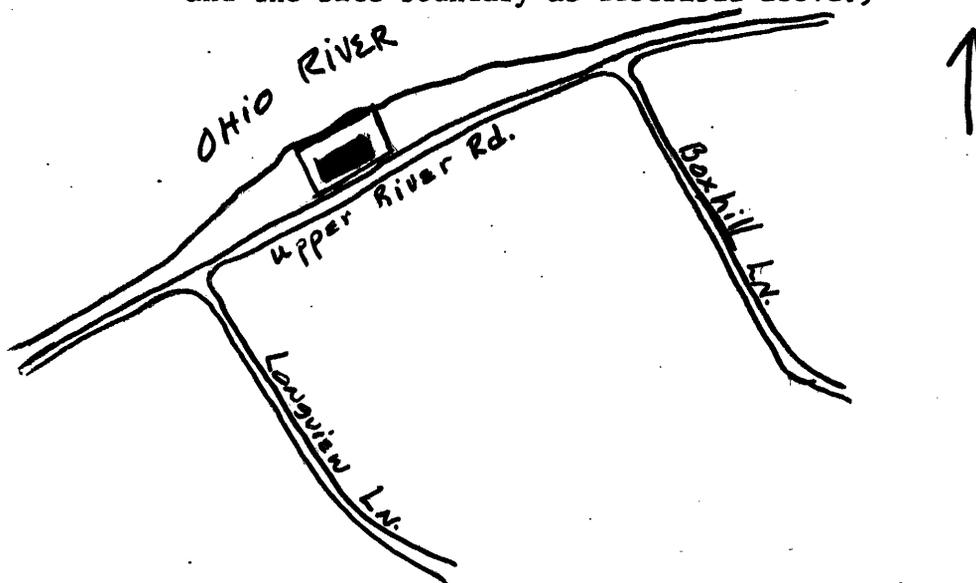
B. _____ E. _____

C. _____ F. _____

Verbal Boundary Description _____ Acreage .44 acre

The nominated property comprises all of Lot 110 in County Block 11 of the Jefferson County Property Valuation Administrator: .44 acre.

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



Official Courthouse Property Reference:

Description as recorded in Deed Book 2274 page 556, August 1947.