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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 Peebles, Dr. Thomas C., House other names/site number OL-346

2. Location

street & number 114 Maple Avenue city, town Pewee Valley state Kentucky county Oldham zip code 40056

N/A not for publication N/A vicinity

3. Classification

Table with 3 columns: Ownership of Property, Category of Property, Number of Resources within Property. Includes checkboxes for private/public ownership and building/site/structure/object categories.

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 does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet. Signature of certifying official David L. Morgan Date 10-9-89 State Historic Preservation Officer, Kentucky Heritage Council State or Federal agency and bureau

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.
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)

Italianate

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone/limestone

walls wood/weatherboard

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

1870

Significant Dates

ca. 1870

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 2.8 acres

UTM References

A

16	63	2	65	0	42	41	0	60
Zone	Easting		Northing					

B

Zone	Easting		Northing					

C

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D

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Crestwood, Kentucky Quadrangle

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary coincides precisely with lot "Pewee Valley 7-2-3" as
drawn in 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 house's historic setting and extant historic
landscape elements.

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11. Form Prepared By

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The Dr. Thomas C. Peebles House (OL-346) is a fine wood-framed Italianate house built about 1870 and situated on a two-and-one-half-acre landscaped property at the west corner of Maple and Elm Avenues in Pewee Valley. It is located within the area included in the Historic Resources of Pewee Valley Multiple Property Listing. The nominated property coincides with the two-and-one-half-acre lot. Behind the house are three outbuildings including an 1870 wood-framed servants house that has been seriously altered and is now non-contributing, a large non-contributing concrete block garage dating from the 1960s, and a non-historic tractor shed which neither adds to nor detracts from the property and has not been included in the building count. The house has been evaluated to meet the integrity standards laid out for individual listing in the Historic Resources of Pewee Valley Multiple Property Listing. It is reasonably intact on both the exterior and the interior with principal features including exterior finish and detailing, fenestration, front porch, original stairway, many original mantels, and much interior woodwork still in place. A large two-story rear addition and the addition of new paneling and a new mantel in one principal downstairs room are the main alterations. The property is in fair condition. It is somewhat overgrown with untended historic foundation plantings obscuring the front entrance to the house.

The two-story house has weatherboard siding and an L-shaped plan. Its shallow-pitched gable roof has a wide overhang and large brackets along the eaves. Two interior brick chimneys are located along the main ridgeline. The projecting front wing has a one-story bay on its front facade. The main front entrance with double paneled doors flanked by narrow sidelights and overlights is protected by a flat-roofed front porch detailed with paired square posts, large sawnwork spandrels, and a row of small brackets at the roofline. Four-over-four double hung windows are capped by very shallow hoods with small bracket supports and flanked by louvered blinds that appear to be original. Wide corner boards have recessed panels, and circular attic vents are located in the gable ends. At the rear, a large two-story weatherboarded addition dating from the 1940s is located at the east corner. A one-story glassed-in sun porch runs along the remainder of the rear facade.

On the interior the six main original rooms (three upstairs and three downstairs) are organized around a central stairwell with a stairway highlighted by a fine newel post. On the first floor, window and door frames are elaborate shouldered surrounds with considerable detailing. A central keystone highlights the arched molding that frames the dining room bay window. Four rooms retain original marble mantels with arched openings and central cartouches. The present hardwood floors, paneled wainscoting in the main parlor and stairhall, and a Colonial Revival-style mantel in the parlor were all added in a 1940s remodeling.

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The property is informally landscaped with rough grass and scattered large shade trees and pines. Foundation plantings have grown up to obscure the front porch. A row of large maple trees planted at the time Maple Avenue was laid out in the 1860s front the property. A winding drive leads from Maple Avenue by the northeast side of the house and out to Elm Avenue. A portion of the drive that once circled in front of the house has been grassed over.

Behind the house the three outbuildings are lined up near the rear property line. Closest to Elm Avenue is the intrusive four-car concrete block garage built in the 1960s. Directly behind the house is the c. 1870 wood-framed gable-roofed servant's house with asbestos shingle siding. The two-room building has been compromised by a large rear addition and a shed-roofed front porch and does not contribute to the property. Adjacent to it on its southwest side is a small, open tractor shed with a corrugated tin roof which does not impact the property and has not been counted. The entire lot has been nominated despite the non-contributing outbuildings because it retains its historic integrity due to the presence of many original landscaping features.

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Statement of Significance

The Dr. Thomas C. Peebles House (OL-346) is a very important residential property individually nominated as part of the Historic Resources of Pewee Valley Multiple Property Listing. The c. 1870 house and grounds are eligible for the National Register under Criteria A and C. The house is an excellent example of the property type residential buildings which was developed as part of the historic context "Suburban Development in Pewee Valley, 1851-1935." Its period of significance dates to 1870, the probable year of its construction.

In terms of Criterion A and the area of significance, suburban development, the Peebles House is important as a manifestation of the rapid suburban development that occurred in Pewee Valley in the years immediately following the Civil War. Located in the area of town laid out in 1866 by Henry Smith, the property provides one of the earliest and most intact extant examples of houses built as part of this important residential development.

In terms of Criterion C and the area of significance, architecture, the house is significant as one of the most outstanding examples of Italianate architecture in Pewee Valley. The floor plan, roofline, fenestration, and exterior and interior detailing make the Thomas C. Peebles House one of the purest and most intact remaining examples of this style in Pewee Valley. This nationally popular style was utilized infrequently in Oldham County but has been identified in the residential property type description as one of the principal styles associated with Pewee Valley's country estates. Although located on a relatively small two-and-one-half-acre property, the scale, style, and detailing the Peebles House very much associates it with Pewee Valley's country estates.

Deed research indicates that this two-and-one-half-acre property was sold by Henry Smith and his wife for \$289.65 in November, 1865 to Charles B. Cotton, one of a group of Pewee Valley residents who were involved in many early land transactions. In July, 1869, Dr. Thomas C. Peebles paid Cotton \$625 for the same lot. The house was probably built by Peebles soon after and was definitely in place by 1879 when it appears with his name on the Beers and Lanagan map of Pewee Valley. Dr. Peebles, of whom nothing is known, owned the house with his wife until 1900. The next owner, Susan Yandell Buckner, retained title for twenty-five years. In the 1950s and 1960s Dr. George Perrine and Dr. H. Burl Mock operated a doctor's office in a portion of the house.

PEEBLES, DR. THOMAS C., HOUSE
Pewee Valley, Oldham County, Ky.

SKETCH MAP

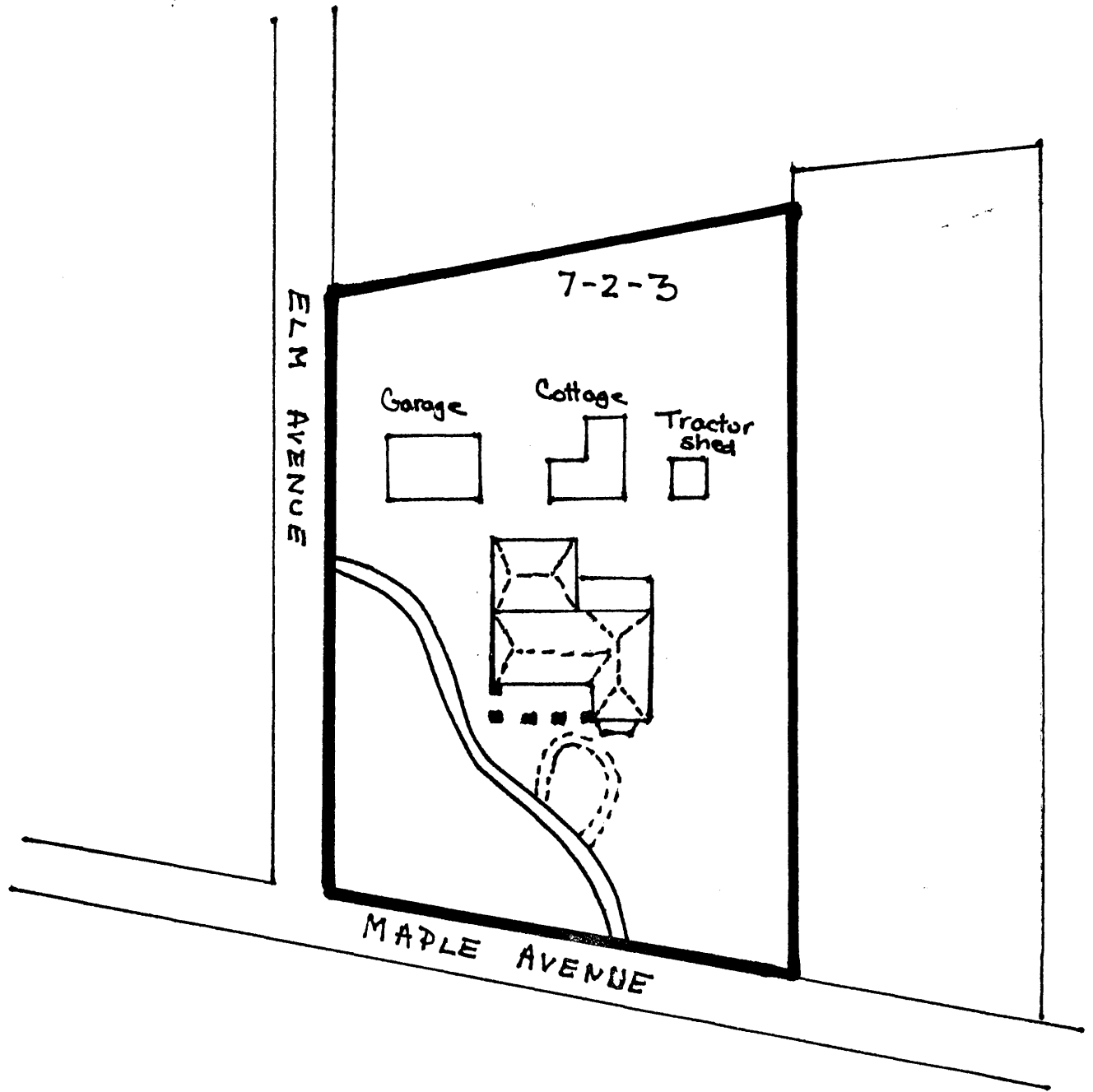
Source: Oldham Co. Plat maps

Scale: 0 ——— 100'

North: ↓

Property Boundary:

Parcel No.: 7-2-3



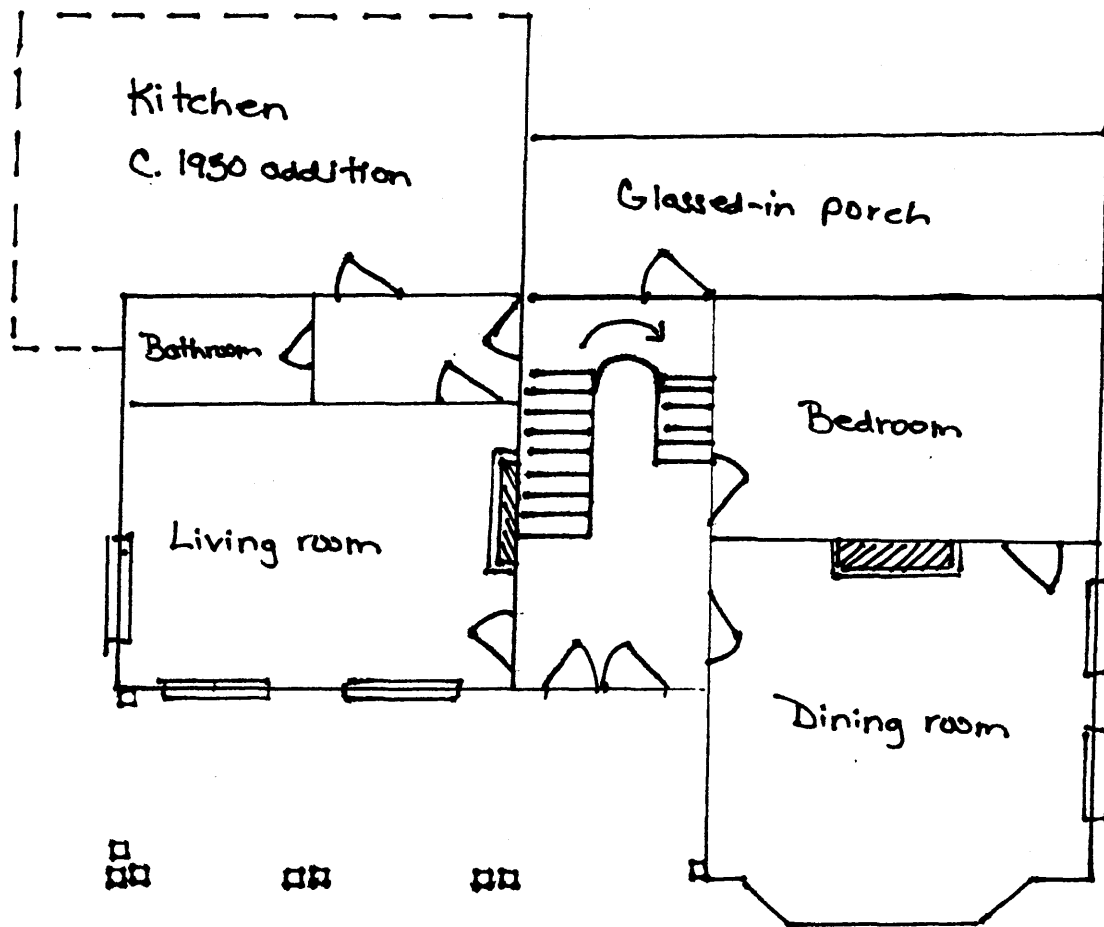
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FLOOR PLAN

Not to scale

North: ↘



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PHOTOGRAPHS

1. Peebles, Dr. Thomas C., 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 the 6 photographs submitted with the nomination. Below, the photographs are listed in order of their photograph numbers, and each is described.)

1. Front facade; photographer facing southwest.
2. Detail of front porch; photographer facing northwest.
3. Rear and southeast side; photographer facing north.
4. Mantel in first-floor north front room; photographer facing southwest.
5. Door in first-floor north front room; photographer facing west.
6. Non-contributing garage (left) and non-contributing servant's cottage (right); photographer facing west.