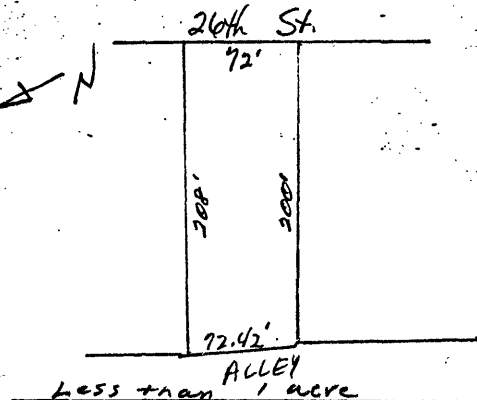


HISTORIC RESOURCES OF WEST LOUISVILLE: ADDITION
 KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Site No. WP- 277

1. Historic Name(s) <u>Thornburgh House</u> <i>West Louisville 111911</i>		22. ADD/County <u>JF</u> <table border="1"><tr><td>0</td><td>5</td><td>6</td></tr></table>	0	5	6																									
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Original Owner <u>John Thornburgh</u>		23. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75') <u>New Albany</u> <table border="1"><tr><td>G.I.S. Mod.</td><td>1</td><td>3</td><td>3</td></tr></table>	G.I.S. Mod.	1	3	3																								
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3. Location <u>376 N. 26th St.</u>		25. Coordinate Accuracy <input type="checkbox"/>																												
4. Owner's Name <u>Benjamin & Karen Steffan</u>		26. Prehistoric Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>																												
5. Owner's Address <u>376 N. 26th St. / Louisville, KY</u>		27. National Register District Name: <table border="1"><tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr></table>																												
6. Open to Public <u>Yes</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>No</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. Visible from road <u>Yes</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>No</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	8. Ownership <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal																												
9. Local Contact/Organization <u>Louisville Landmarks Commission</u> <u>727 W. Main St. / Lou., KY 40202</u>		28. Significance Evaluation <u>Meets NR Criteria</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>																												
10. Site Plan with North Arrow <u>Block 46</u> <u>Lot 44</u>		29. Status <table border="1"><tr><td>Date</td><td> </td></tr><tr><td>National Landmark</td><td> </td></tr><tr><td>National Register</td><td> </td></tr><tr><td>Landmark Certificate</td><td> </td></tr><tr><td>Kentucky Survey</td><td> </td></tr><tr><td>Local Landmark</td><td> </td></tr><tr><td>HABS/HAER</td><td> </td></tr></table>	Date		National Landmark		National Register		Landmark Certificate		Kentucky Survey		Local Landmark		HABS/HAER															
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11. Architect		31. Endangered <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>																												
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13. Date <u>ca. 1832</u> A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>		Actual Cost in \$1,000s <table border="1"><tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr></table>																												
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15. Original Use <u>residential</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		34. Prepared by <u>M. A. Allgeier</u> Director of Research																												
16. Present use <u>residential</u>		35. Organization <u>Louisville Landmarks Commission</u>																												
17. Condition <u>good</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		36. Date <u>8-30-83</u>																												
18. Description The facade fenestration consists of a first floor central entrance with small window above and two flanking windows, both floors. The cornice is extended but not longer has brackets. The roof is standing seam metal. There are no windows on the sides of the front section of the house. The L extends back on the north side of the house. This portion of the house has very irregular (OVER)		37. Revision Dates <input type="checkbox"/> 38. Staff Review <input type="checkbox"/>																												
19. History In 1832, John Thornburgh purchased a two-acre tract of land which included this lot for \$160. Two years later he sold the two-acre tract to William Smith for \$1055. Nothins is known of any of the early owners of the Thornburgh House, or of the occupants. Apparently (OVER)																														
20. Significance The Thornburgh House is one of the oldest frame residences in Louisville. The Squire Earick House in Portland (National Register, 1980) is thought to have been (OVER)																														
21. Source of information <u>Caron Annual Directories of the City of Louisville.</u> <u>Jefferson County Courthouse, Deed Books.</u> <u>1884 Atlas of the City of Louisville.</u>																														

18. (cont.) fenestration. The interior of the house is nearly intact. A cherry banister of simple design rises from the first to second floor in the central hall. The front windows were shortened in ca. 1940, but they retain their original frames. The chimney on the south side of the house is standard and once carried mantels on both floors. The chimney on the north side is very narrow and was probably used for a stove. The rooms in the L have shorter floor to ceiling height. There is a step down from the front to the rear section on the second, indicating that the rear section is an addition, but the clapboard on the exterior shows no evidence of any additions.

19. (cont.) the house was rented by most of the owners. In early deeds, 26th St. was the "road which leads from Shippingport to the mouth of the Salt River,...between Louisville and Portland."

20. (cont.) built sometime before 1820, and a portion of the Bullock-Clifton House (National Register, 1982) was built in 1834. Other than these, no other frame residences survive from the same period. This is a very modest residence and is an important local example of the I-type residence, so rare in the city in any building material, particularly in frame. The house is largely intact, with some alterations to the facade fenestration.