

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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Site No. _____

1. Historic Name(s) **St. Camillus Academy**

Original Owner **Sisters of Divine Providence**

2. Present Name **St. Camillus Academy**

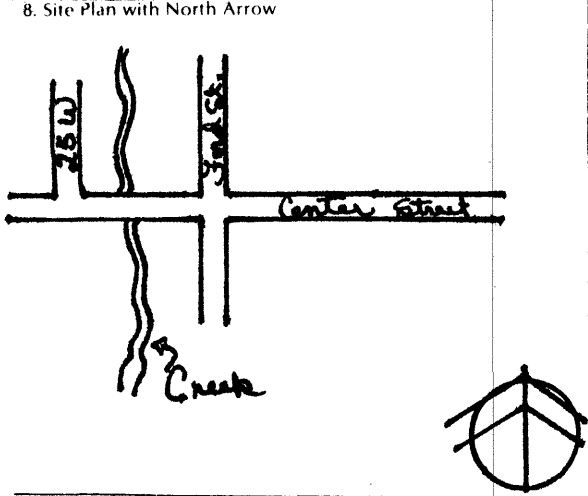
3. Location **Center Street**

4. Owner's Name **Sisters of Divine Providence of Kentucky**

5. Owner's Address **St. Anne Covent, Route #8, Melbourne, Kentucky 41059**

6. Open to Public Yes No X

7. Ownership Private X Local State Federal



9. Architect/Builder **David E. Davis (1915)**
Robt. E. Crowe (Cincinnati)

10. Date **1915 - 1921** A. 6 B.

11. Style A. **Prairie Style** Q B.

12. Original Use **School** U

13. Present Use **Residence & School**

14. Condition **Good** B

15. Stories, No. of **2 1/2** G

17. Single Pile _____ NA X
Double Pile _____

18. Floor Plan **N/A**

19. Structural Fabric **Brick** A. C B.

20. Decorative Fabric **Stone** A. H
Tile B. N

21. Roof Form & Material **Hipped Gable**

22. Foundation Material **Stone**

23. Outbuildings **None**

24. Alterations Additions X
Moved Wall Treatment

16. Description
2 & 1/2 story brick bldg. in stretcher bond, on raised basement. Primary facade is 7 bays with each end bay projecting. Entrances in 2nd and 6th bays, with original pointed arch obscured by later addition of brick and frame entry vestibules having narrow Gothic lights. Grouped windows are 1-over-1 with single-pane transom and stone sills on the 1st & 2nd floors; stone lintels on 1st and basement floors. Tile gable roof with dormers; projecting end bays with pyramidal roof. Dormers have easement windows, plain bargeboards, and applied tracery. Brick (stretcher bond) addition of 2 & 1/2 stories at each facade. Addition has flat sloping roof. (continue on Back)

25. History
See Attachment

26. Significance **St. Camillus Academy is significant under Criteria A & C. It is significant under Criterion A because of its association with the establishment of Catholic mission churches & schools in southeastern KY during the period from 1915 to 1925. It is significant under Criterion C by virtue of its being designed by two well-known ecclesiastical**

27. Source of Information
**Sister Catherine Regina
Elementray School Principal**

28. ADD/County **Knox/Whitley**

Cumberland Valley A.D.D.

29. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75') **Corbin**

30. UTM Reference **16 759550 4093240**

Zone Easting Northing

31. Coordinate Accuracy

32. Prehistoric Site Object
Historic Site Structure
(Building) Other

33. National Register District Name:

34. Significance of Evaluation **National Register Criteria** D

35. Status _____ Date _____

National Landmark

National Register

Landmark Certificate

Kentucky Survey

Local Landmark

HABS/HAER

36. Historic Theme
Primary **Architecture**

Secondary **Education**

Other

37. Endangered Yes _____ No _____

38. ATTACH PHOTO

Roll No. **3**

Picture No. **19**

Direction _____

39. Prepared by: **Helen Powell**

40. Organization **Carman & Powell, Inc.**

41. Date **1984**

42. Revision Dates _____ 43. Staff Review _____

26. (Continued) architects David E. Davis and Robert E. Crowe.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

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Historic Property Name St. Camillus Academy Site # _____

Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title MULTIPLE RESOURCES OF CORBIN

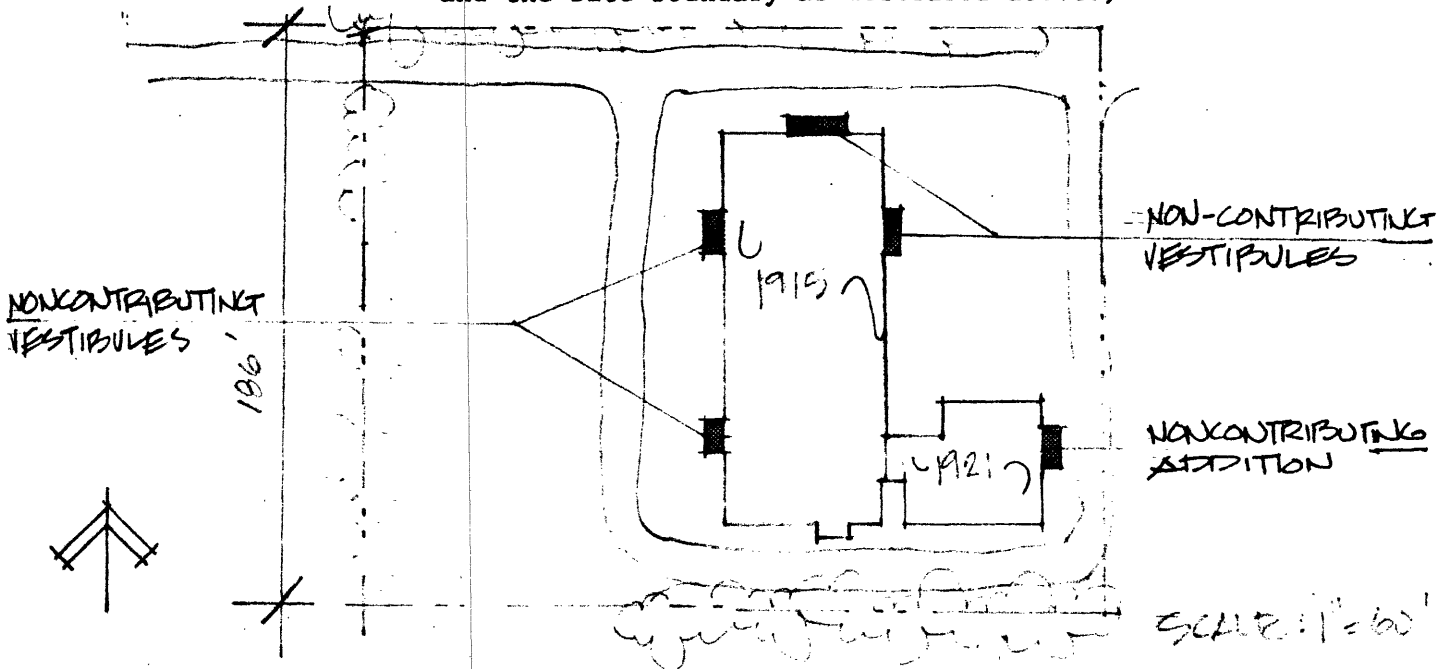
U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTM's if property is ten or more acres.

A. _____ D. _____
B. _____ E. _____
C. _____ F. _____

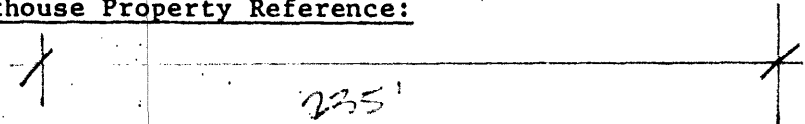
Verbal Boundary Description Acreage 1.0

From the northwest corner of the 1915 building, then 36 feet north and 115 feet west to the point of beginning; then 186 feet south along a row of spruce to a point; then 235 feet east along a row of maples to a point; then 186 feet north with the east edge of the driveway to a point; then 235 feet west along a row of maples to the point of beginning.

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



Official Courthouse Property Reference:



Architects of St. Camillus

The first building of St. Camillus School was designed by David E. Davis (1865-1932) in 1915. Davis was the son of Welsh immigrants who settled in Newport, Kentucky. He attended Ohio Mechanics Institute in Cincinnati and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston. In Boston, he came under the influence of Richardson for whom he worked.

Davis returned to Covington and designed a number of buildings for Bishop Maes. Included in these is the front of the basilica of the Cathedral of the Assumption in Covington which was patterned after Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. Other works include Kenton County Infirmary, Covington; Woodward Flats, Covington; St. Augustine Church, Covington; and St. Patrick Cathedral, Maysville.

Robert E. Crowe (1881-1944) was the architect for the St. Camillus Annex completed in 1921. Crowe was a partner with Edward S. Schulte whose career in ecclesiastical architecture was chronicled in the autobiography The Lord is My Client. The firm of Crowe and Schulte designed the following buildings in Cincinnati: St. Monica Church, St. Cecelia Church, The Fontbonne, and Wurlizer Building.

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Sisters of the Divine Providence. Melbourne, Kentucky.

History of the Sisters of the Divine Providence and St. Camillus Academy

The first American Foundation of the Sisters of the Divine Providence of Kentucky was established in 1889. While abroad in the autumn of 1888, Bishop Camillus Paul Maes of Covington, Kentucky, at the request of the Superior General at Saint-Jean-de-Bassel, Moselle, France, visited the Mother house there to make arrangements for the coming of the first Sisters to the United States.

Three Sisters arrived in Covington on August 23, 1889. As provisions for their future home had not been completed, the Sisters took up temporary residence with the Sisters of St. Francis at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Covington.

On September 7, 1889, the historic old mansion, then popularly known as the Jones Mansion, located on a six-acre tract of land in Newport, Kentucky, was purchased as the site of the first foundation of the Sisters of the Divine Providence. Formal ownership of the property was transferred to the Sisters by Bishop Maes on July 29, 1896. This early home became known as Mt. St. Martin Convent.

The pioneer Sisters opened their first school in America at Mt. St. Martin, November 4, 1889. Over the years the Sisters responded to requests from areas as far east as Rhode Island, west to Nebraska, north to Minnesota, and generally centered their work in northern and eastern Kentucky.

In 1913, the Right Reverend Abbot Ambrose Reger, then Father Ambrose and the pastor of Sacred Heart Church, requested Mother Mary Lucy, then Provincial of the Sisters of the Divine Providence, to take over the Sacred Heart Parish grade school in Corbin. Accordingly, on September 8, 1913, St. Camillus Academy was opened to elementary and high school pupils in the residence on Laurel Street, rented by the Sisters from Dr. Parker. The increasing number of pupils made it imperative to build. With the authorization of the Most Reverend Camillus Paul Maes, who selected the site, thirty-five acres of ground were purchased for \$5,100 by the Sisters, and the building was begun. The new academy, whose erection and installation came to approximately \$84,272, was completed and blessed in May of 1915.

Constantly growing, there was soon need for further expansion. Still in debt for the first building, the Sisters were reluctant to invest larger sums. Reverent Father Ambrose, in 1920, approached His Excellency, the Most Reverend Ferdinand Brossart, and obtained permission to launch a drive under the auspices of what he designated the St. Camillus Circle. Father Ambrose placed the drive with the Wards Company of Chicago and realized ultimately about \$10,000, including gifts from friends of the Sisters. With this fund in trust upon which the congregation of Divine Providence paid four percent interest, the annex to St. Camillus Academy was built in 1921 at a cost of \$15,560.

Thus, St. Camillus Academy, a day and boarding school, attended by both non-Catholic and Catholic youth of southern Kentucky, has amply justified the hopes of its pioneer founders, the Most Reverend C. P. Maes and Mother Mary Lucy.