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### SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 8	88002654	Date Listed:	1/29/1992

Property Name: Drumanard (Boundary Increase)

County: Jefferson State: KY

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination

documentation.

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Section 5: Resource Count.

Since the listing of the property in 1992, three resources have been removed or altered such that they no longer contribute to the district. One Building, the Gardener's Cottage has been altered, and two Objects, the Statuary and the Pond Fountain found in the formal garden have been removed and no longer contribute to the district. This changes the resource count to: 5 contributing and 2 noncontributing Buildings; and 0 contributing Objects.

Section 7: Description

The architectural category for this nomination should be: Late 19th and Early 20th Century Revivals. Due to the eclectic nature of the main house, the subcategory "Tudor Revival" is hereby deleted.

(See also Fitzhugh House - 83002665)

The Kentucky State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment.

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The Drumanard Historic District (Drumanard) consists of 55 acres of gently rolling land in the vicinity of Harrods Creek, in eastern Jefferson County, Kentucky. The property is located on the north side of Wolf Pen Branch Road just west of the intersection with U.S. 42 and immediately west of the present terminus of I-265 (Gene Snyder Freeway). "Drumanard" is a derivation of the Scottish for "high land" or "hill top."

Drumanard is composed of three groups of resources: a designed historic landscape, an English garden, and a collection of Tudor Revival-style residential buildings (see map). The property contains the following contributing resources:

#### Buildings:

Main dwelling
Garage with chauffeur's apartment
Wellhouse (garden storage shed)
Gazebo
Gardener's cottage
Gardener's garage

#### Structures:

Entry gates Service court wall and gates Interior roadway

#### Objects:

Statuary Pond fountain

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#### Sites:

Designed historic landscape Woods Formal Garden Creek

One non-contributing structure and one non-contributing building, respectively the chain link fence (enclosing the dog run) and the greenhouse, have been identified.

Design Landscape Features

Drumanard features a designed historic landscape authored by Olmsted Associates of Brookline, Massachusetts. This landscape portrays many of the themes promulgated by Olmsted and his firm when conceiving a residential design. Each of these themes will be discussed with respect to its specific use at Drumanard.

Integral to the concept is the impression of restful seclusion which is accomplished through the use of definitive boundaries, an Olmstedian trait. Specifically, this is represented by the presence of a dense woods on the north and west; a substantial border of mature vegetation on the east; and a screened berm enhanced by carefully selected trees on the south.

A pair of convex walls constructed of brick and flanked by finialed piers mark the entrance. A transitional area which is located between these piers and the main building complex is denoted by a quarter-mile-long, tree-lined, curving lane (Photos 1 and 2). This internal roadway leads from the carefully screened entrance to an expansive lawn marked by native vegetation, including dogwood (Cornaceae), redbud (Cercis canadensis), maple (Acer), and oak (Quercus) trees (Photo 3). Transitional areas which afford a note of surprise for the viewer are yet another Olmstedian element.

The lane splits at the approach to a sprawling Tudor Revival style house with the left drive culminating in a circle at the building's entrance (Photo 4). The right drive continues around to the south and east of the house providing visual separation from the main dwelling as well as providing access to the service area which consists

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of a garage, greenhouse, gardens, lawns, and gardener's residence (Photo 5). For the estate's residents this separation insures privacy, an Olmstedian consideration reserved for his country estates.

Landscaping around the house consists of boxwoods and other shrubs of various textures and sizes that enhance the building||s rhythm of exterior features (Photos 6 and 7). Open vistas are provided on the east and north, interrupted only by spectacular examples of individually exhibited trees (Photo 8). The grandeur of these trees has been emphasized by careful maintenance of the property--pruning of lower branches and removal of volunteer offshoots--an Olmstedian concept.

Tree species in this area include sweetgum (Liquidambar styraciflua), hickory (Carya), elm (Ulmacea), and sephora. To the south of the house is a Kentucky coffee tree (Gymnocladus dioica), an uncommon variety for this locality (Photo 9). All of these tree species emphasize the Olmstedian principle of using species native to the general region, particularly in the case of the last example.

Isolating the secondary dwelling from the primary building cluster—and thereby ensuring privacy for the inhabitants of both houses—is a shallow, treed ravine (Photos 10 and 11). This natural feature includes a creek which runs perpendicular to the drive. This small winding waterway leads the eye from the woods in the west across the manicured lawn to a planned meadow and, finally, to the wooded eastern property boundary. The lawns adjacent to the creek include a variety of species of trees which are contemporary with or pre-date the establishment of the estate. The most notable of these are a collection of sycamores, the bark of which provides a spectacular color contrast to the abundant green of the landscape (Photo 12).

#### Domestic Complex

The main building complex is revealed at the top of a rise between the creek and Wolf Pen Branch Road and includes four buildings. The main house is at the center of the rise while the gardener's shed (formerly the wellhouse) and garage lie to the east. A gazebo is north of the house.

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The main house was listed on the National Register in 1983 for its representation of early 20th century Revival architecture, specifically as interpreted by locally-prominent architects Nevin and Morgan. A more detailed and inclusive description is warranted at this time as the outbuildings, which reflect the design of the main house, are being included in this nomination.

The house, constructed in 1929, was based on a design begun in 1926 by the architectural firm of Nevin and Morgan. The asymmetrical plan, executed with a poured concrete foundation, 18" thick brick walls, and a steeply pitched slate-shingled roof, builds from a main block which separates into equal-sized halves. This main block has three bays and a central entry with massive pilasters and volutes. Interior end wall chimneys have decorative corbelling.

Wall dormers are featured on both primary wings and the main block. Those on the former have gables, and the main block dormer is flat-roofed. Windows are 6/6 sash with those on the main block sporting jack arches.

The first floor interior of the main block features a vestibule flanked by two small rooms, a closet and a dressing room. Beyond the vestibule is the hall which completes the right half of the main block. A reception room, ancillary hall, and library constitute the left side of the main block.

The interior of the hall contains a wide stair with simple railing ascending to a landing, the focus of which is a large Palladian window. The stair continues up to the second floor and attic. At the rear of the house is an entry with sidelights.

Flanking the main block are slightly recessed wings, the left of which is a three-bay section with an interior end wall chimney. The first floor interior of this wing contains the living room. Both rooms feature French doors, the second story pair having decorative iron balconette railings. To the left of this wing is a one-story frame and brick sun porch which was originally screened and is now glassed.

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The wing to the right of the main block is slightly smaller and only one-and-a-half stories in height. This wing houses the dining room, pantry, half bath and elevator.

Connected to the right wing and set halfway back its depth is an L-shaped service wing. Rooms in this section include the kitchen, cold pantry, service entry, laundry and servant's rooms--of which there are three and a bath.

The second floor features seven bedrooms, four baths, a sitting room with a linen press, a dressing room, and a storage room. The house includes three staircases and an attic which is floored over the main block. Four chimneys store a total of 17 flues.

The property's major outbuildings echo the architectural fabric of the main house. Clustered to the east are the wellhouse and three-car garage with chauffeur's residence. On the north is the gazebo. Each building is constructed of solid brick walls set on a poured concrete foundation, and each has a slate-shingled roof (Photo 13).

The wellhouse, which has been converted for garden equipment storage, is a round, conical-roofed structure with a single entry having 9 lights over a horizontal panel. Three small 1/1 double hung sash windows are found equi-distantly spaced along the wall. Immediately below the roof cap is a small opening with 8 exposed frame supports shielding a bell.

The wellhouse serves as a corner for a stepped, capped brick wall with finialed entry piers, the entirety of which conceals a parking court. The space provided will readily accommodate 6 cars, with room left to maneuver.

The brick walls identify three sides of this courtyard space with the fourth defined by the garage. This two-story, steeply-pitched, gable roofed, four-bay building includes an interior chimney with decorative corbelling, four roof dormers--two gabled flanked by one shed and one eyebrow. Below the last of these dormers is the entrance to the chauffeur's second floor apartment. The remaining three bays contain multi-panel overhead vehicular doors, each with a horizontal row of lights.

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Further down and across the drive, to the rear of the formal garden, is the octagonal gazebo constructed in a 6/l American bond brick pattern (Photo 14). It features a decoratively corbelled exterior wall chimney servicing a fireplace with stone mantle shelf. Other details include French doors at each break in the brick support walls in front of which are plain cast iron railings. Also, a ball finial with a weathervane caps the roof. The structure is set into a hill. Below grade is a storage room with two round windows and a single entry door corresponding to that on the garage.

Linking the gazebo to the main house is a formal English garden designed by Arthur Cowell of Pennsylvania (Photos 15 and 16). The formality of Cowell's design harmonizes well with the surrounding landscape and is compatible with Olmstedian influences. The garden is symmetrical in plan and is surrounded by a low, stone wall with capped stone piers supporting a plain cast iron railing with center decoration. The garden's focal point is a pond with fountain. Numerous varieties of trees, shrubs and plantings are found throughout the garden.

Along the rear-wall are two large, classical pieces of statuary. Several small pieces are scattered around the garden area. The placement of these statues and other sculptural pieces illustrate Cowell's knowledge of the work of Olmsted's sons in that the statues are integrated in a "restrained, consistent, and understated fashion" (Kramer, 1988).

### Secondary Buildings

Beyond the primary building cluster is a greenhouse constructed in 1972 (Photo 17). This building provides a suitable environment for the plantings' necessary for maintenance of the formal garden and the landscaping around the primary building cluster. The greenhouse is a three-part building. The center section, of frame sheathed in weatherboard and having a gable roof and sash windows, contains the mechanical systems and storage area. This center section is flanked by glassed rooms, the walls of which form Tudor style arches in the end gables. The entire building rests on a raised, poured concrete foundation.

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This utilitarian building is of recent construction and is a type which frequently was a component of a Country Estate building cluster; therefore, it is a compatible but noncontributing element which serves to facilitate continuance of the landscape function.

At the terminus of the curving drive is a gardener's cottage and garage, both of which were built in 1929 (Photos 18 and 19). The cottage is a one-story, frame building with weatherboard siding and an asphalt shingle, gabled roof. It has 8/1 sash windows and rests on a low, poured concrete foundation. It is contemporary with the primary building cluster of buildings and the landscape elements.

The gardener's garage is a shed-roofed, frame building open on the vehicular entry wall (Photo 20). It is a utilitarian building constructed to store tools and machinery used to maintain Drumanard's grounds.

Drumanard functions as a self-contained, cohesive unit with landscaping which provides an elegant backdrop for the Tudor Revival building cluster. In addition, the landscaping establishes a pastoral setting conducive to maintenance of a relaxed, leisure-oriented environment.

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#### PHOTOGRAPHIC KEY

Drumanard Historic District (JF565) 6401 Wolf Pen Branch Road Harrods Creek Vicinity Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky 40027

Photographer Leslee Keys
Repository Jefferson County Office of
Historic Preservation and Archives

Photo

1 View East
Description Wolf Pen Branch Road approach with
entry gates to Drumanard
Date Taken September 1987

2 View Southeast
Description Curving roadway and transitional area;
looking toward Wolf Pen Branch Road boundary
Date Taken January 1987

View west
Description Circular drive and individually exhibited mature trees
Date Taken January 1987

4 View Northeast Description Main Dwelling

Date Taken January 1987

5 View East
Description Interior roadway, wellhouse and garage
Date Taken January 1987

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6	View Description	Northwest Main Dwelling
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	Description	Main Dwelling, rear facade with locust tree
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	Description	Kentucky coffee tree located between main dwelling and service buildings
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	Description	Ravine and creek in foreground; gardener's residence in background
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2	View	Northwest
	Description	Cluster of sycamores near creek in ravine
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3	View	Southeast
	Description	Garage and wellhouse with brick wall
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16	View Description	West Stone wall near formal garden
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17	View Description	North Greenhouse and interior roadway
	Date Taken	January 1987
18	View Description	South Interior roadway and sycamores
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19	View Description	South Gardener's residence
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20	View Description	North Gardener's garage
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State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Drumanard, the Harrods Creek residence of Maj. and Mrs. Alexander MacKenzie Watson, is significant on the local level under Criterion C for its high design aesthetics. It is a representation of the Country Estate property type in the Suburban Development context. The property features a designed historic landscape authored by the nationally-known firm of Olmsted Associates and a formal garden designed by landscape architect Arthur Cowell of Pennsylvania. It includes a Tudor Revival style residential cluster, one of several such examples by the locally-prominent firm of Nevin and Morgan.

Maj. Watson was the great-grandson of Kentucky Governor John J. . Crittenden. He was a career officer in the United States Marine Corps whose duties included responsibility for securing the American Embassy in Peking following overthrow of the dynastic government. In 1921, upon conclusion of distinguished service with the Marine Corps, Maj. Watson moved to Louisville and became active in civic affairs. He served as a director and in 1957 as a vice-president of the United States Trust Company. Also, he participated in a variety of civic, charitable and religious organizations.

Maj. Watson married Mrs. Jessie Clark Strater, widow of prominent local businessman William Edward Strater, a partner in Strater Brothers Tobacco Company and Strater Brothers Grain Company. Edward LaNauze Strater, their son, inherited Drumanard upon his mother's death. He was an author as well as serving as Vice-President and director of the Majestic Theatre Company.

In 1905 the Straters employed the firm of Olmsted Associates to prepare a plan for the designed historic landscaping on their Harrods Creek farm property. This design underwent several evolutions before it was executed more than twenty years later on that 55-acre parcel as part of the Drumanard country estate.

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The character of the Harrods Creek area evolved in the early twentieth century from a series of large farmsteads to a cluster of smaller, yet still substantial, suburban estates. The development of this area reflected a trend which had begun some years earlier to Harrods Creek's southwest and southeast, in Glenview and Anchorage, respectively. This phenomenon was echoed, as well, in the eastern suburbs of Louisville.

Frederick Law Olmsted introduced Louisville and Jefferson County to his nationally-respected theories on landscape architecture in 1888 with the initiation of a parkway system which circulated through the community and culminated in nearly 1,000 acres of designed park land. Throughout the next several decades Olmsted's firm "exchanged correspondence with and/or drew plans for no fewer than one hundred and fifty separate private projects" in the Louisville metropolitan area (Kramer, 1988). Though it is doubtful that all of the firm's designs were actually executed, the amount does reflect the level of interest locally in landscape architecture.

All Olmsted works in Jefferson County documented to have been built are Gardencourt/Norton Sisters Estate, Roseheight/Allen R. Hite Estate, Barnard Hall/Louis Seelbach Estate (JFEC14), Rostrevor/Mrs. Ross Todd Estate, Sunnyview/Frank Fehr Estate, Alloway House/Andrew Cowan Estate (JFEF3037), The John Bates House/Pirtle/Baquie Estate (JF543), P.S. Atherton Estate (JF534), Wyman E. Chess Estate (JF533), Frederick M. Sackett Estate (demolished), Altagate/William S. Speed Estate, Cobble Court/Garnett Cook Estate (JF548), George Garvin Brown Estate (JF569), and Sherley Mansion/Isaac W. Bernheim Estate (JF643) (Kramer, 1988).

Of the properties noted above, those with site numbers represent city or county properties for which at least cursory survey work has been performed. Much of this evaluation concerned the buildings, so that little information has been accumulated, to date, for the designed historic landscapes. A comprehensive Olmsted survey is in the final stages of completion. It is anticipated that this research will assist with future work on these historic properties.

Drumanard is significant as a representative example of Olmstedian philosophy with respect to designed historic landscapes. It is particularly important as one of the few city and county examples of the Country Estate property type with a high level of integrity. Often, property owners subsequent to those who had employed the Olmsteds to prepare the designed landscapes were ignorant of the valuable resources in their stewardship. The Olmstedian impression was lost to uncharacteristic changes or neglect. Therefore, Drumanard, which retains intact all of its principle designed components, is one of the finest local exemplars of the Country Estate property type.

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The Olmsteds were not the only firm to benefit from this interest. Townsend and Fleming of Buffalo and Arthur Cowell of Pennsylvania left their marks on several local estates, as well. A known example of the work of the former firm is Rockledge (JF544) in Glenview. Cowell completed formal gardens for two properties east of Louisville, Ridgeway (JF388) in St. Matthews and the Bingham-Hilliard Estate (JF557) in Glenview.

Though Olmsted Associates had included a formal garden in their plans for the Straters' Harrods Creek property, this was never executed. When Mrs. Strater married Maj. Watson and they chose to impose a country estate on the rural setting, Cowell was selected to design an English garden for the property which would harmonize with the Olmsted Associates' landscape design.

The buildings at Drumanard are representative of one of the revival styles popularized around the turn of the 20th century. Completed in 1929, they were designed by the firm of Nevin and Morgan, one of Louisville's most prominent architectural partnerships whose reputation was based on the use of revival motifs. Other examples of revival styles by the firm include the Bingham-Hilliard Estate (JF557), the Bayless House (JF603), Cook House/Cobble Court (JF548), the Schuster Building (JFEH102), and the Scottish Rite Temple (JFCD248), all of which draw upon Nevin and Morgan's repertoire of revival styles.

In 1963 Edward Strater sold Drumanard to Henry and Mary Peabody Fitzhugh. Mr. Fitzhugh was descended from several prominent families: the Fitzhughs and Lees of Virginia; the Carroll family of Carrollton, Maryland; and the Schoenbergers, significant in the steel industry in Pittsburgh.

The influence of all of these participants illustrates a chapter in Jefferson County's social history. Prominent citizens used their influence to shape not only Louisville and Jefferson County's political and economic destiny, but, through art, architecture and landscape architecture its material and social culture.

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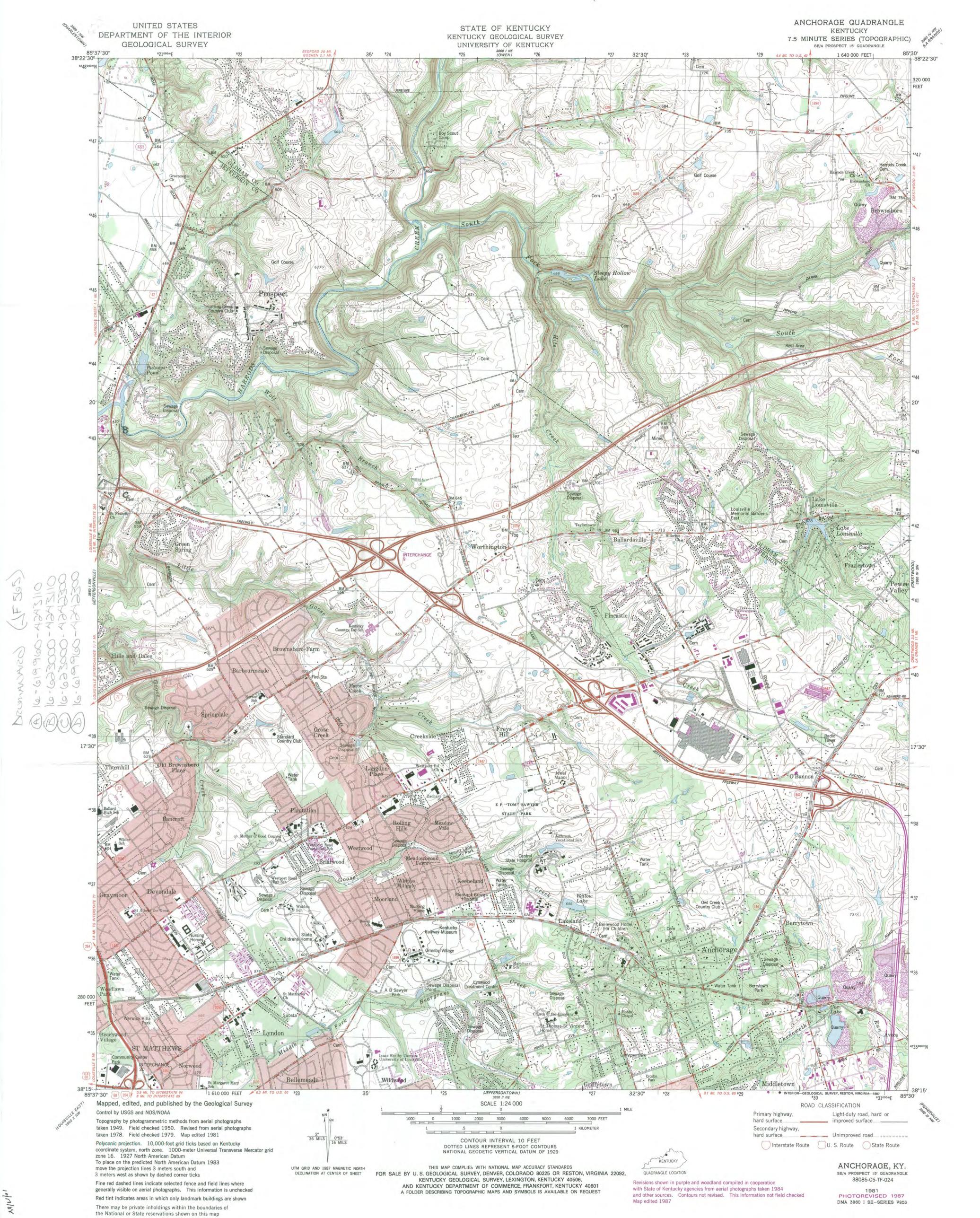
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#### DETERMINED ELIGIBLE FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE

KENTUCKY

DATE DETERMINED

3/22/89

Name

Location

Drumanard (Boundary Increase)
(Louisville and Jefferson County MPS)

Jefferson County

## Also Notified

Kentucky Heritage Council

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, DC

National Park Service, SERO

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)272-3504.

### JEFFERSON COUNTY OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND ARCHIVES

Louisville Gardens, Suite 204 Louisville, Kentucky 40202





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# OFFICE OF THE GOUNTY JUDGE/EXEGUTIVE KY. HERITAGENEST E. ALLEN COLLINGUE Administrative Officer

September 5, 1988

Mr. David L. Morgan, Director Kentucky Heritage Council 12th Floor, Capital Plaza Tower Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

REF: Drumanard (Fitzhugh House), JF565 6401 Wolf Pen Branch Road, Harrods Creek

Dear David,

I am pleased to support the nomination of Drumanard to the National Register of Historic Places. The property is significant as one of only a few intact examples exhibiting the harmony between architecture and landscape architecture. This relationship is strengthened by the historical ties between the locally-prominent architecture firm of Nevin and Morgan and the nationally-known landscape architecture firm of Olmsted Associates.

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to express my support of this project.

Sincerely,

Harvey I. Sloane, M.D.

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22 September 1988

Mr. David L. Morgan, Director Kentucky Heritage Council and State Historic Preservation Officer 12th Floor Capital Plaza Tower Frankfort, KY 40601

REF: Louisville and Jefferson County Multiple Property Listing: Suburban Development Context, Country Estate Property Type Drumanard Historic District, JF565

Dear David,

Pursuant to requirements of the Certified Local Government program, the Jefferson County Historic Landmark and Preservation Districts Commission, at its meeting of 12 September 1988, reviewed the above-referenced National Register nominations. The Commission unanimously recommended that each and all of the components noted be nominated to the National Register.

The Commission appreciates this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Leslee F. Keys Administrator

xc: Stephan Lannert

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6401 Wolf Pen Branch Road Harrods Creek, KY 40027 October 19, 1988

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Mr. David L. Morgan State Historic Preservation Officer 12th Floor Capitol Plaza Tower Frankfort, KY 40601

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Re: Property located at 6401 Wolf Pen Branch Road, historically known as Drumanard/Straiter house/Fitzhugh house - JF 565

Dear Mr. Morgan:

I am the owner of the private residence abovereferenced and have been made aware that the property is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

As the owner of the above-referenced property, please consider this my objection to any of my property being listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Pursuant to information given me, I have had my signature hereto notarized. If you need anything further concerning documenting my objection to listing my property, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Mary Peabody Fitzhugh

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Mary Peabody Fitzhugh, this 197 day of October, 1988.

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#### KENTUCKY HERITAGE COUNCIL The State Historic Preservation Office

February 3, 1989

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Mr. Jerry Rogers, Keeper National Register of Historic Places National Park Service U. S. Department of the Interior 1100 L Street, N.W. Washington, D. C. 20240

RE: Fitzhugh House/Drumanard, Jefferson County, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Please find enclosed a nomination for the property Drumanard, revised according to the return sheet, also enclosed. Revisions resulted in alterations in the building count on the cover of the nomination, as well as changes to continuation sheets 7.2 and 7.7. The name change for the nomination has been indicated by adding "(name change and boundary increase)" to the nomination's name Drumanard. A portion of Drumanard was listed in 1983 under the name Fitzhugh House within the Jefferson County MRA. Since the original listing, the property's historic name "Drumanard" has been discovered. The listing's name change reflects this new finding.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Marty Perry of my staff as necessary. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David L. Morgan, Director

Kentucky Heritage Council and State Historic Preservation Officer

MP/mp

Enclosure



## KENTUCKY HERITAGE COUNCIL The State Historic Preservation Office



November 27, 1991

Mr. Jerry Rogers, Keeper National Register of Historic Places National Park Service U. S. Department of the Interior 1100 L Street, N. W. Washington, D. C. 20240

RE: Drumanard (Site #JF-565)

Louisville/Jefferson County MPL

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 60.6(s), please list the property named above which was determined eligible for listing on March 22, 1989. Attached is the owner's signed and notarized statement withdrawing her original objection.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

David L. Morgan Executive Director

Kentucky Heritage Council and

State Historic Preservation Officer

DLM: MP/bsc

Enclosures

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Telephone (502) 564-7005

#### Memorandum

To:

File - Drumanard (Boundary Increase), Jefferson County, KY

Subject:

Request for Removal Files Jablant

Two separate requests to remove Drumanard (Boundary Increase) were submitted, one in 2010 and one in 2012. The files related to these petitions to remove are filed with the appeals files. Consult the control unit for the appeals file location.

WASO Form - 177 ("R" June 1984)

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

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Mr. David L. Morgan
State Historic Preservation Officer
and Director
Kentucky Heritage Council
677 Commanche Trail
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

REF:

Drumanard

6401 WPB Rd. HC 40027

Dear Mr. Morgan:

By this letter I certify that I am the sole property owner of Drumanard, JF565, which was nominated to the National Register of Historic Places in 1988. This nomination was prepared as a boundary expansion as my house was listed in 1983 as the Strater/Fitzhugh House.

I also certify that I wish to remove the objection to and indicate my support for the listing of Drumanard.

Thank you for your consideration this matter.

Yours truly,

Mary Peabody Fitzhugh

xc: Leslee Keys

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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES april 20, 1995

17/16/91 DATE

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

#### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION PROPERTY Drumanard (Boundary Increase) NAME: MULTIPLE Louisville and Jefferson County MPS NAME: STATE & COUNTY: KENTUCKY, Jefferson DATE RECEIVED: 12/27/91 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/08/92 DATE OF 16TH DAY: 1/24/92 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/10/92 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST: REFERENCE NUMBER: 88002654 NOMINATOR: STATE REASONS FOR REVIEW: APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: REQUEST: N SAMPLE: COMMENT WAIVER: N ACCEPT RETURN ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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### United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

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## **National Register of Historic Places Registration Form**

NATIONAL REGISTER

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

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Drumanard Historic District (Drumanard) consists of 55 acres of gently rolling land in the vicinity of Harrods Creek, in eastern Jefferson County, Kentucky. The property is located on the north side of Wolf Pen Branch Road just west of the intersection with U.S. 42 and immediately west of the present terminus of I-265 (Gene Snyder Freeway). "Drumanard" is a derivation of the Scottish for "high land" or "hill top."

Drumanard is composed of three groups of resources: a designed historic landscape, an English garden, and a collection of Tudor Revival-Style residential buildings (see map). The property contains the following contributing resources:

## Buildings:

Main dwelling
Garage with chauffeur's apartment
Wellhouse (garden storage shed)
Gazebo
Gardener's cottage
Gardener's garage
Greenhouse

#### Structures:

Entry gates Service court wall and gates Interior roadway

#### Objects:

Statuary Pond fountain

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#### Sites:

Designed historic landscape Woods Formal Garden Creek

One non-contributing structure is identified which is the chain link fence enclosing the dog run.

#### Design Landscape Features

Drumanard features a designed historic landscape authored by Olmsted Associates of Brookline, Massachusetts. This landscape portrays many of the themes promulgated by Olmsted and his firm when conceiving a residential design. Each of these themes will be discussed with respect to its specific use at Drumanard.

Integral to the concept is the impression of restful seclusion which is accomplished through the use of definitive boundaries, an Olmstedian trait. Specifically, this is represented by the presence of a dense woods on the north and west; a substantial border of mature vegetation on the east; and a screened berm enhanced by carefully selected trees on the south.

A pair of convex walls constructed of brick and flanked by finialed piers mark the entrance. A transitional area which is located between these piers and the main building complex is denoted by a quarter-mile-long, tree-lined, curving lane (Photos 1 and 2). This internal roadway leads from the carefully screened entrance to an expansive lawn marked by native vegetation, including dogwood (Cornaceae), redbud (Cercis canadensis), maple (Acer), and oak (Quercus) trees (Photo 3). Transitional areas which afford a note of surprise for the viewer are yet another Olmstedian element.

The lane splits at the approach to a sprawling Tudor Revival style house with the left drive culminating in a circle at the building's entrance (Photo 4). The right drive continues around to the south and east of the house providing visual separation from the main dwelling as well as providing access to the service area which consists

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of a garage, greenhouse, gardens, lawns, and gardener's residence (Photo 5). For the estate's residents this separation insures privacy, an Olmstedian consideration reserved for his country estates.

Landscaping around the house consists of boxwoods and other shrubs of various textures and sizes that enhance the building of shythm of exterior features (Photos 6 and 7). Open vistas are provided on the east and north, interrupted only by spectacular examples of individually exhibited trees (Photo 8). The grandeur of these trees has been emphasized by careful maintenance of the property—pruning of lower branches and removal of volunteer offshoots—an Olmstedian concept.

Tree species in this Abea include sweetgum (Liquidambar styraciflua), hickory (Carya), elm (Ulmacea), and sephora. To the south of the house is a Kentucky coffee tree (Gymnocladus dioica), an uncommon variety has this locality (Photo 9). All of these tree species embhasize the Olmstedian principle of using species native the general region, particularly in the case of the last example.

Isolating the secondary dwelling from the primary building cluster—and thereby ensuring privacy for the inhabitants of both houses—is a shallow, treed ravine (Photos 10 and 11). This natural feature includes a creek which runs perpendicular to the drive. This small winding waterway leads the eye from the woods in the west across the manicured lawn to a planned meadow and, finally, to the wooded eastern property boundary. The lawns adjacent to the creek include a variety of species of trees which are contemporary with or pre-date the establishment of the estate. The most notable of these are a collection of sycamores, the bark of which provides a spectacular color contrast to the abundant green of the landscape (Photo 12).

#### Domestic Complex

The main building complex is revealed at the top of a rise between the creek and Wolf Pen Branch Road and includes four buildings. The main house is at the center of the rise while the gardener's shed (formerly the wellhouse) and garage lie to the east. A gazebo is north of the house.

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The main house was listed on the National Register in 1983 for its representation of early 20th century Revival architecture, specifically as interpreted by locally-prominent architects Nevin and Morgan. A more detailed and inclusive description is warranted at this time as the outbuildings, which reflect the design of the main house, are being included in this nomination.

The house, constructed in 1929, was based on a design begun in 1926 by the architectural firm of Nevin and Morgan. The asymmetrical plan, executed with a poured concrete foundation, 18" thick brick walls, and a steeply pitched slate-shingled roof, builds from a main block which separates into equal-sized halves. This main block has three bays and a central entry with massive pilasters and volutes. Interior end wall chimneys have decorative corbelling.

Wall dormers are featured on both primary wings and the main block. Those on the former have gables, and the main block dormer is flat-rooted. Windows are 6/6 sash with those on the main block sporting jack arches.

The first floor interior of the main block features a vestibule flanked by two small rooms, a closet and a dressing room. Beyond the vestibule is the hall which completes the right half of the main block. A reception room, ancillary hall, and library constitute the left side of the main block.

The interior of the hall contains a wide stair with simple railing ascending to a landing, the focus of which is a large Palladian window. The stair continues up to the second floor and attic. At the rear of the house is an entry with sidelights.

Flanking the main block are slightly recessed wings, the left of which is a three-bay section with an interior end wall chimney. The first floor interior of this wing contains the living room. Both rooms feature French doors, the second story pair having decorative iron balconette railings. To the left of this wing is a one-story frame and brick sun porch which was originally screened and is now glassed.

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The wing to the right of the main block is slightly smaller and only one-and-a-half stories in height. This wing houses the dining room, pantry, half bath and elevator.

Connected to the right wing and set halfway back its depth is an L-shaped service wing. Rooms in this section include the kitchen, cold pantry, service entry, laundry and servant's rooms--of which there are three and a bath.

The second floor features seven bedrooms, four baths, a sitting room with a linen press, a dressing room, and a storage room. The house includes three staircases and an attic which is floored over the main block. Four chimneys store a total of 17 flues.

The property's major outbuildings echo the architectural fabric of the main house. Clustered to the east are the wellhouse and three-car garage with chauffeur's residence. On the north is the gazebo. Each toilding is constructed of solid brick walls set on a poured concrete foundation, and each has a slate-shingled roof (Photo 13).

The wellhouse, which has been converted for garden equipment storage, is a round, conical-roofed structure with a single entry having 9 lights over a horizontal panel. Three small 1/1 double hung sash windows are found equi-distantly spaced along the wall. Immediately below the roof cap is a small opening with 8 exposed frame supports shielding a bell.

The wellhouse serves as a corner for a stepped, capped brick wall with finialed entry piers, the entirety of which conceals a parking court. The space provided will readily accommodate 6 cars, with room left to maneuver.

The brick walls identify three sides of this courtyard space with the fourth defined by the garage. This two-story, steeply-pitched, gable roofed, four-bay building includes an interior chimney with decorative corbelling, four roof dormers--two gabled flanked by one shed and one eyebrow. Below the last of these dormers is the entrance to the chauffeur's second floor apartment. The remaining three bays contain multi-panel overhead vehicular doors, each with a horizontal row of lights.

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Further down and across the drive, to the rear of the formal garden, is the octagonal gazebo constructed in a 6/1 American bond brick pattern (Photo 14). It features a decoratively corbelled exterior wall chimney servicing a fireplace with stone mantle shelf. Other details include French doors at each break in the brick support walls in front of which are plain cast iron railings. Also, a ball finial with a weathervane caps the roof. The structure is set into a hill. Below grade is a storage room with two round windows and a single entry door corresponding to that on the garage.

Linking the gazebo to the main house is a formal English garden designed by Arthur Cowell of Pennsylvania (Photos 15 and 16). The formality of Cowell's design harmonizes well with the surfounding landscape and is compatible with Olmstedian influences. The garden is symmetrical in plan and is surfounded by a low, stone wall with capped stone piers supporting a plain cast iron railing with center decoration. The garden's focal point is a pond with fountain. Numerous varieties of trees, shrubs and plantings are found throughout the garden.

Along the rear-wall are two large, classical pieces of statuary. Several small pieces are scattered around the garden area. The placement of these statues and other sculptural pieces illustrate Cowell's knowledge of the work of Olmsted's sons in that the statues are integrated in a "restrained, consistent, and understated fashion" (Kramer, 1988).

#### Secondary Buildings

Beyond the primary building cluster is a greenhouse constructed in 1972 (Photo 17). This building provides a suitable environment for the plantings' necessary for maintenance of the formal garden and the landscaping around the primary building cluster. The greenhouse is a three-part building. The center section, of frame sheathed in weatherboard and having a gable roof and sash windows, contains the mechanical systems and storage area. This center section is flanked by glassed rooms, the walls of which form Tudor style arches in the end gables. The entire building rests on a raised, poured concrete foundation.

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This utilitarian building, though of recent construction, is a type which frequently was a component of a Country Estate building cluster; therefore, it is a contributing element which serves to facilitate continuance of the landscape function.

At the terminus of the curving drive is a gardener's cottage and garage, both of which were built in 1929 (Photos 18 and 19). The cottage is a one-story, frame building with weatherboard siding and an asphalt shingle, gabled roof. It has 8/1 sash windows and rests on a low, poured concrete foundation. It is contemporary with the primary building cluster of buildings and the landscape elements.

The gardener's garage is a shed-roofed, frame building open on the vehicular entry (mall (Photo 20). It is a utilitarian building constructed to store tools and machinery used to maintain Drumanard's grands.

Drumanard functions as a self-contained, cohesive unit with landscaping which provides an elegant backdrop for the Tudor Revival building cluster. In addition, the landscaping establishes a pastoral setting conducive to maintenance of a relaxed, leisure-oriented environment.

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#### PHOTOGRAPHIC KEY

Drumanard Historic District (JF565) 6401 Wolf Pen Branch Road Harrods Creek Vicinity Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky 40027

Photographer Repository

Leslee Keys

Jefferson County Office of

Historic Preservation and Archives

Photo

1 View East

Wolf Pen Branch Road approach with Description

entry gates to Drumanard

September 1987 Date Taken

2

Southeast Curving rodway and transitional area; looking toward Wolf Pen Branch Road boundary Description

Date Taken

3 View west

Circular drive and individually exhibited Description

mature trees

Date Taken January 1987

4 View

Northeast Description Main Dwelling

January 1987 Date Taken

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Interior roadway, wellhouse and garage Description

January 1987 Date Taken

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	Date Taken	January 1987
7	View	South
	Description	Main Dwelling, servant and service wing Non-contributing chain link fence with hedge
	Date Taken	January 1987
8	View	South
	Description	Main Dwelling, rear facade with locust tree
	Date Taken	September 1987
9	View	Northead
	Description	Kentucky coffee tree located between main dwelling and service buildings
	Date Taken	September 1900
0	View	East
	Description	Ravine and creek
	Date Taken	September 1987
1	View	Northeast
	Description	Ravine and creek in foreground; gardener's residence in background
	Date Taken	January 1987
2	View	Northwest
	Description	Cluster of sycamores near creek in ravine
	Date Taken	January 1987
3	View	Southeast
	Description	Garage and wellhouse with brick wall
	Date Taken	January 1987

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14	View Description	North Gazebo
	Date Taken	September 1987
15	View Description	West Formal Garden with wall; gazebo at left
	Date Taken	side of photo January 1987
16	View	West
	Description	Stone wall near formal garden
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17	View	No.
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18	View	South
	Description	Interior roadway and sycamores
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19	View	South
	Description	Gardener's residence
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20	View	North
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Drumanard, the Harrods Creek residence of Maj. and Mrs. Alexander MacKenzie Watson, is significant on the local level under Criterion C for its high design aesthetics. It is a representation of the Country Estate property type in the Suburtan Development context. The property features a designed historic landscape authored by the nationally-known firm of Olmsted Associates and a formal garden designed by landscape architect Arthur Cowell of Pennsylvania. It includes a Tudor Revival style residential cluster, one of several such examples by the locally-

Maj. Watson was the great-grandson of Kentucky Governor John J. . Crittenden. He was a career officer in the United States Marine Corps whose duties included responsibility for securing the American Embassy in Peking following overthrow of the dynastic government. upon conclusion of distinguished service with the Marine Corps, Maj. Watson moved to Louisville and became active in civic affairs. as a director and in 1957 as a vice-president of the United States Trust Company. Also, he participated in a variety of civic, charitable and religious organizations.

Maj. Watson married Mrs. Jessie Clark Strater, widow of prominent local businessman William Edward Strater, a partner in Strater Brothers Tobacco Company and Strater Brothers Grain Company. Edward LaNauze Strater, their son, inherited Drumanard upon his mother's death. He was an author as well as serving as Vice-President and director of the Majestic Theatre Company.

In 1905 the Straters employed the firm of Olmsted Associates to prepare a plan for the designed historic landscaping on their Harrods Creek farm property. This design underwent several evolutions before it was executed more than twenty years later on that 55-acre parcel as part of the Drumanard country estate.

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The character of the Harrods Creek area evolved in the early twentieth century from a series of large farmsteads to a cluster of smaller, yet still substantial, suburban estates. The development of this area reflected a trend which had begun some years earlier to Harrods Creek's southwest and southeast, in Glenview and Anchorage, respectively. This phenomenon was echoed, as well, in the eastern suburbs of Louisville.

Frederick Law Olmsted introduced Louisville and Jefferson County to his nationally-respected theories on landscape architecture in 1888 with the initiation of a parkway system which circulated through the community and culminated in nearly 1,000 acres of designed park land. Throughout the next several decades Olmsted's firm "exchanged correspondence with and/or drew plans for no fewer than one hundred and fifty separate private projects" in the Louisville metropolitan area (Kramer, 1988). Though it is doubtful that all of the firm's designs were actually executed, the amount does reflect the level of interest locally in landscape architecture

All Olmsted works in Jefferson County documented to have been built are Gardencourt/Norton Sisters Estate/ Roseheight/Allen R. Hite Estate, Barnard Hall/Louis Seelbach Estate (JFC14), Rostrevor/Mrs. Ross Todd Estate, Sunnyview/Frank Fehr Estate, Allemay House/Andrew Cowan Estate (JFEF3037), The John Bates House/Pirtle/Equie Estate (JF543), P.S. Atherton Estate (JF534), Wyman E. Chess Estate (JF533), Frederick M. Sackett Estate (demolished), Altagate/William S. Speed Estate, Cobble Court/Garnett Cook Estate (JF548), George Garvin Brown Estate (JF569), and Sherley Mansion/Isaac W. Bernheim Estate (JF643) (Kramer, 1988).

Of the properties noted above, those with site numbers represent city or county properties for which at least cursory survey work has been performed. Much of this evaluation concerned the buildings, so that little information has been accumulated, to date, for the designed historic landscapes. A comprehensive Olmsted survey is in the final stages of completion. It is anticipated that this research will assist with future work on these historic properties.

Drumanard is significant as a representative example of Olmstedian philosophy with respect to designed historic landscapes. It is particularly important as one of the few city and county examples of the Country Estate property type with a high level of integrity. Often, property owners subsequent to those who had employed the Olmsteds to prepare the designed landscapes were ignorant of the valuable resources in their stewardship. The Olmstedian impression was lost to uncharacteristic changes or neglect. Therefore, Drumanard, which retains intact all of its principle designed components, is one of the finest local exemplars of the Country Estate property type.

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The Olmsteds were not the only firm to benefit from this interest. Townsend and Fleming of Buffalo and Arthur Cowell of Pennsylvania left their marks on several local estates, as well. A known example of the work of the former firm is Rockledge (JF544) in Glenview. Cowell completed formal gardens for two properties east of Louisville, Ridgeway (JF388) in St. Matthews and the Bingham-Hilliard Estate (JF557) in Glenview.

Though Olmsted Associates had included a formal garden in their plans for the Straters' Harrods Creek property, this was never executed. When Mrs. Strater married Maj. Watson and they chose to impose a country estate on the rural setting, Cowell was selected to design an English garden for the property which would harmonize with the Olmsted Associates' landscape design.

The buildings at Drumanard are representative of one of the revival styles popularized around the turn of the 20th century. Completed in 1929, they were designed by the form of Nevin and Morgan, one of Louisville's most prominent architectural partnerships whose reputation was based on the use of revival motifs. Other examples of revival styles by the firm include the Bingham-Hilliard Estare (JF557), the Bayless House (JF603), Cook House/Cobble Court (JF548), the Schapter Building (JFEH102), and the Scottish Rite Temple (JFCD248), all of which draw upon Nevin and Morgan's repertoire of revival styles.

In 1963 Edward Strater sold Drumanard to Henry and Mary Peabody Fitzhugh. Mr. Fitzhugh was descended from several prominent families: the Fitzhughs and Lees of Virginia; the Carroll family of Carrollton, Maryland; and the Schoenbergers, significant in the steel industry in Pittsburgh.

The influence of all of these participants illustrates a chapter in Jefferson County's social history. Prominent citizens used their influence to shape not only Louisville and Jefferson County's political and economic destiny, but, through art, architecture and landscape architecture its material and social culture.

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

#### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION CITZHUGH HOUSE Drumanard DCT 1 7 1988 (Louisville and Jefferson County MPS) Jefferson County Working No. KENTUCKY Fed. Reg. Date: Substantive Review Date Due: \_\_\_ resubmission REJECT nomination by person or local government wner objection Federal Agency: appeal ☐ NR decision appeal sample request Substantive Review: Reviewer's comments: This is an excellent nomination - form has to be seturned, however, for issue regarding Datus of greenhouse - see convent on leverse also, please clarify issue of name of property. see continuation sheet technical corrections cited below Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below 1. Name 2. Location 3. Classification Present Use Status Ownership Category Accessible Public Acquisition 4. Owner of Property 5. Location of Legal Description 6. Representation in Existing Surveys □ no Has this property been determined eligible? yes yes 7. Description Check one Check one Condition unaltered original site deteriorated excellent moved altered good ruins \_ fair unexposed Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance summary paragraph completeness clarity alterations/integrity

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