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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 Tuliphurst
other names/site number OL-332

2. Location

street & number 115 La Grange Road
city, town Pewee Valley
state Kentucky code KY county Oldham code 185 zip code 40056

3. Classification

Table with 3 columns: Ownership of Property, Category of Property, and 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
State Historic Preservation Officer, Kentucky Heritage Council
Date 10-9-89

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:)
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)

Gothic Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone/limestonewalls wood/board-and-battenroof asphaltother 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
Education
Business

Period of Significance

1854 - 1904

Significant Dates

ca. 1854

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

Butler, Noble
Dulaney, Woodford Hector

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

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 # _____

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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 Approximately 5 acres

UTM References

A

16	63	1	96	0	4	2	40	5	30
Zone	Easting				Northing				

B

Zone	Easting				Northing				

C

Zone	Easting				Northing				

D

Zone	Easting				Northing				

Crestwood, Kentucky Quadrangle

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary coincides precisely with lots "Pewee Valley 6-4-4-12 and 6-4-4-15" 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 acreage still 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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Tuliphurst (OL-332) is an important Gothic Revival house located on a five-acre lot within the area of the Historic Resources of Pewee Valley Multiple Property Listing. The nominated property coincides with the five-acre lot. Built in two principal stages, about 1854 and about 1865, the one-and-one-half-story wood-framed house sits on five acres facing on La Grange Road and the railroad tracks. The present L-shaped lot is a flat area containing much of the historic landscaping immediately surrounding the house. A large portion of the at some time almost twenty-five acre property is now part of a surrounding subdivision along Dogwood Lane immediately to the northeast and east. Two non-historic houses are also located immediately to the south of the property on a portion of the original front acreage. The house has been altered many times over the years but still retains a strong sense of its historic identity, particularly on the exterior. The house and grounds are in excellent condition. The only existing outbuilding at Tuliphurst is a non-historic shed that has not been included in the inventory count because it neither adds to nor detracts from the property.

The asymmetrically planned house has board-and-batten siding and a steeply-pitched gable roof. The earliest c. 1854 portion of the house is a smaller one-story two-room hall-and-parlor plan structure now fronted by a screened-in porch that faces northeast toward Dogwood Lane. A central chimney and a large gable-roofed dormer near its north end rise from its roofline. The present one-and-one-half-story, rectangular-plan front wing was added at right angles to the original house some time shortly after 1864 when Woodford Dulaney purchased the house. Its ornate Gothic Revival style treatment consists on the front facade, of a projecting central gable-roofed front entrance vestibule with a round-arched window above the door, flanking gable-roofed wall dormers which extend beyond the plane of the house and are supported by scroll brackets, and large floor-to-ceiling four-over-four double hung sash windows with original louvered blinds. A delicate bargeboard in the gable ends and dormers is extended around the eaves and hangs from the hoods that surmount the windows and front door. Sawn-work pendants hang from the center of the dormer and vestibule gables and sawn-work finials project above. A brick chimney rises from the rear wall of this c. 1865 wing.

The construction chronology of the remainder of the house is somewhat less clear. A one-story, one-room wing with a fieldstone block foundation on the southwest side of the house was probably also built by Dulaney in the late nineteenth century. This room may have originally been a separate structure attached to the house by a porch which has since been enclosed and incorporated into the house. Beyond this to the rear is a second filled-in porch area that leads to what was probably once a detached kitchen. A large one-story bedroom wing was added on the rear northeast side beyond the hall-and-parlor house about

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1978. At the same time an attached garage was added to the rear.

The interior of the house reflects its additive formation. There is no clear plan, and ground floor rooms are on several different levels. The two front rooms are double parlors with a fine parquetry floor laid in a basketweave pattern and said to have been constructed of wood imported from Italy. A fine staircase of contrasting light and dark woods in the corner of the south parlor is believed to have been installed some years after the wing was constructed. The chimneypiece in the north parlor consists of the original simple mantel with an overmantel added by the present owners. The crown molding is also a recent addition. Upstairs are two bedrooms separated by a small hall.

To the rear of the c. 1865 wing is the original 1854 house consisting of two rooms, each with an exterior door and heartwood pine floors. A staircase in the east room that led to the loft space above has been removed. The mantel and overmantel in what is presently the dining room are recent replacements of a much simpler original. The original mantel in the one-room wing on the south side is Tudor-arched. Although there have been many changes made to the interior of the house, it still retains much of its original fabric and detailing and its historic character.

The level, L-shaped property is bounded on the northeast and northwest by Dogwood Lane and La Grange Road respectively. The driveway from La Grange Road which serves both as access to the house and to two adjacent non-historic houses bounds the lot on the southwest. A modern house is located at the rear of the property to the southeast. A second driveway, probably not original, enters the property from Dogwood Lane and loops around in front of the house. A great sweep of lawn extends from La Grange Road to a large beech tree located in the driveway loop in front of the house. Many other large shade trees to the sides and rear of the house give a somewhat wooded appearance to the back of the property. The remains of an extensive formal garden that dates back at least to the early 1900s is located to the southeast of the house. The only outbuilding is a small recently built shed that neither contributes to nor detracts from the property.

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Tuliphurst (OL-332) is an extremely significant residential property nominated as part of the Historic Resources of Pewee Valley Multiple Property Listing. The Gothic Revival style house built in two principal stages in c. 1854 and c. 1865 is eligible for the National Register under Criteria A, B, and C. The house is an outstanding example of the property type residential buildings which was developed as part of the historic context, "Suburban Development in Pewee Valley, 1851-1935." It has been evaluated to meet the registration requirements established for individual listing in the residential buildings property type. Its period of significance extends from 1854, when the first portion of the house is believed to have been built to 1904 when W. H. Dulaney died and by which time the important historic additions and alterations to the house had been made.

In terms of Criterion A and the area of significance, Suburban Development, Tuliphurst is important as a manifestation of the suburban residential development that occurred in Pewee Valley both before and after the Civil War. The c. 1854 core of the house is probably the earliest remaining structure to document Pewee Valley's initial period of suburban development. The c. 1865 portion of the house represents the important period of post-Civil War rapid development. The house has additional significance as the purported location of a gathering of early residents at which the name "Pewee Valley" was coined by Tuliphurst's owner, Noble Butler.

In terms of Criterion B, the house is significant in the areas of education and business for its associations with its two first owners. Noble Butler and Woodford H. Dulaney. Noble Butler (1810-1882) was a noted teacher and writer who was involved with education in Louisville for more than forty years. Butler, who received an honorary Master of Arts degree from Harvard University in recognition of his contributions to education, was a professor of Greek and Latin in the early years of Louisville College, now the University of Louisville, during the 1840s. Later he taught at several different private schools in Louisville as well as writing his English Grammar, a textbook which was widely distributed in Kentucky and elsewhere. Other textbooks he authored included Butler's Readers and Practical and Critical Grammar. Butler, who purchased much of the Tuliphurst property in 1854, is believed to have built the small two-room cottage soon after. He was clearly a leader of the early group of suburban residents and, as mentioned above, is widely credited with conferring the name "Pewee Valley" upon the community. Also while living in Pewee Valley he chronicled the arrival in the area of the first group of suburban residents in a quaint little publication entitled "Antiquitates Peweeji" which survives today in a reprinted format.

Woodford Hector Dulaney (1822-1904) who purchased the then fourteen-acre property from Butler in 1864 for a summer home enlarged the house with the front

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and side additions probably beginning about 1865 when the Civil War ended. By the time of his death the property had grown to almost twenty-three acres. Dulaney came to Louisville in 1841 and soon made a sizable fortune in dry goods and real estate. He was a prominent businessman who became president of the Elizabethtown and Paducah Railroad and, in 1874, president of the Cumberland and Ohio Railroad Company. For many years he was director of the Bank of Kentucky, and he served as president of the Kentucky Board of Managers for the Chicago World's Fair.

In terms of Criterion C and the area of significance, Architecture, the property is important as Pewee Valley's and probably Oldham County's best extant example of Gothic Revival residential architecture. The house is an excellent example of the picturesque country villa advocated by Andrew Jackson Downing as a suitable suburban residence. It is a fine representation of the type of architecture associated with Pewee Valley's early country estates.

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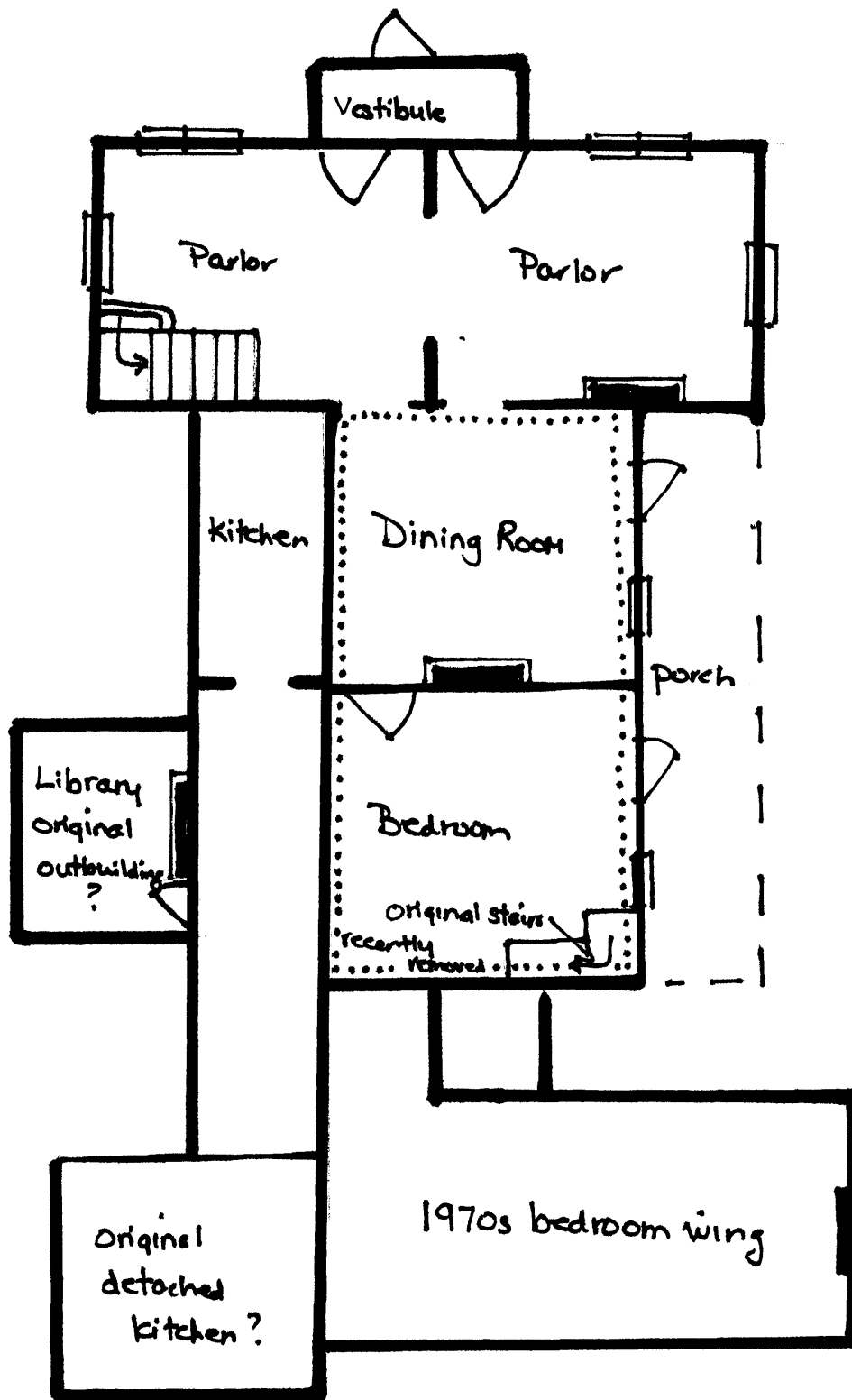
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TULIPHURST

Approximate Floor Plan

Not to scale

North: ↗

1854 house:

Railroad

LA GRANGE ROAD

DOGWOOD ROAD

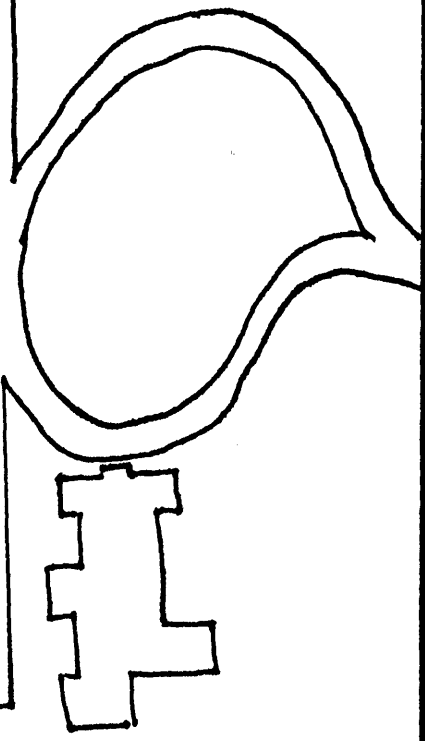
PV 6-4-4-15

PV 6-4-4-14

PV 6-4-4-13

Remains of
fornel garden

PV 6-4-4-12



TULIPHURST

Pewee Valley, Oldham Co., Ky.

Sketch Map


Source: Oldham Co. Plat Book

Scale: 0 |-----| 100'

North: ↗

Property Boundary: **—————**

Parcel No: PV 6-4-4-12

Non-contributing building: 

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PHOTOGRAPHS

1. Tuliphurst
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 all 3 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 southeast.
2. Northeast side; photographer facing south.
3. Rear and southwest side; photographer facing north.