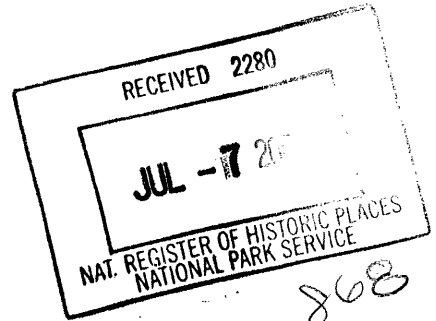


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REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property:
historic name: Addison W. Lee House
other names/site number: (JF-803)

2. Location:
street & number: 4218 Upper River Road
city or town: Louisville state: Kentucky code: KY
county: Jefferson code: 111 zip code: 40202
vicinity: X not for publication: NA

3. State/Federal Agency Certification:
As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ___ nationally ___ statewide X locally. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

David L. Morgan / 6-5-2000
Signature of Certifying Official Date
David L. Morgan, SHPO and Executive Director, KHC
State Historic Preservation Office/KY Heritage Council/
State or Federal Agency and Bureau Date

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of Commenting or Other Official Date

State or Federal Agency and Bureau Date

4. National Park Service Certification:
I, hereby certify that this property is: _____
Signature of the Keeper/Date:

- Entered in the National Register.
- See continuation sheet.
- Determined eligible for the National Register.
- See continuation sheet.

Edson H. Beall 8/2/00

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___ Determined not eligible for the National Register.
___ Removed from the National Register.
___ Other (explain):

5. Classification

Ownership of Property:

private
___ public-local
___ public-State
___ public-Federal

Category of Property:

building(s)
___ district
___ site
___ structure
___ object

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	___	buildings
___	___	sites
___	___	structures
___	___	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing:

6. Function or Use:

Historic Functions:

Current Function:

Domestic/single dwelling

Domestic/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Late 19th and Early 20th Century Revivals/ Colonial Revival

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Materials:

foundation: Concrete

roof: Asphalt

walls: Wood/weatherboard

other: _____

Narrative Description: See Continuation pg. 7-1.

8. Statement of Significance:

Applicable National Register Criteria:

A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations:

A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

B removed from its original location.

C a birthplace or a grave.

D a cemetery.

E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

F a commemorative property.

G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance: Community Planning and Development Period of Significance: 1928-1940
Significant Dates: 1928

Significant Person: Addison W. Lee
Cultural Affiliation: NA
Architect/Builder: Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance: See Continuation pg. 8-1.

9. Major Bibliographical References: See Continuation pg. 9-1.

Previous documentation on file(NPS):

- 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 # _____.

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

10. Geographical Data:

Acreage of Property .81 acres

UTM References:

Zone Easting 16 Northing 615890 4238980 Jeffersonville, IN, Quad

Verbal Boundary Description: See Continuation pg. 10-1.

Boundary Justification: See Continuation pg. 10-1.

11. Form Prepared By:

name/title Karen E. Hudson organization Cultural Resource Analysts, INC street & number 143 Walton Ave telephone (606) 252-4737
city or town Lexington state KY zip code 40508

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Property Owner:

name: River Fields, Inc.

street & number: 643 West Main Street telephone: (502)583-3060

city or town: Louisville state: KY zip code: 40202

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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The Addison W. Lee House (JF-803) is located at 4218 Upper River Road, Jefferson County, Kentucky. The Colonial Revival home, constructed in 1928, is cited on the second of four lots. The entire property consists of .81 acres. It is the only structure on the property. It is surrounded by a lushly landscaped yard and has an excellent view of the Ohio River.

The Lee home is a 2-story three-bay frame Colonial Revival style structure. It has two interior-end chimneys with clay pots, a concrete foundation and weatherboard siding. A flat roof porch, supported by four square posts, stretches across the full-width of the home. There is a balustrade on both the first level as well as the roof of the porch. The home rests over a concrete basement. A garage is located under one-side of the home. Various window types are located throughout the home including--4/1 and 5/1 double-hung sash windows and casement windows, all of which have drip molding. The front door is flanked by sidelights and topped by a fanlight. The original six-panel door is in tact. Other than the addition of a small shed-roofed porch on the rear elevation, there are no other alterations on the exterior.

On the interior, the central passage plan is unaltered. There are hardwood floors and plaster walls. On the first floor, the main rooms are entered through segmentally arched openings. All of the original mantels are intact. An open straight-flight of stairs leads to the second floor, which is also unaltered. Even the original kitchen cabinets, bathroom hardware, and a laundry shoot to the basement are intact.

The most significant aspect of this home is that, other than a small porch addition on the rear, there has been no changes since its construction in 1928.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Addison W. Lee House (JF-803) is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion B, for its association with Addison W. Lee, a significant figure in Jefferson County's aviation history.

In 1924 the Consolidated Realty Company surveyed the Riviera Subdivision on Upper River Road in Jefferson County, Kentucky. The subdivision was approved in 1926 (Plat Book 5, Page 22-23). On September 16, 1926, Addison W. Lee purchased lot 97 in the Riviera Subdivision from the Consolidated Realty Company. Lee constructed the Colonial Revival home in 1928. He retained ownership until 1940 when he sold the property to Claude and Frances Graham. Apparently, the Riviera Subdivision was not a successful venture for there were no other homes constructed prior to the mid-twentieth century.

While Addison W. Lee was president of the Louisville Gas and Electric Company, he is best known for his contributions to Jefferson County's aviation history. The Lee terminal airport building at Standiford Field, which opened in 1950, was named after Addison W. Lee. A bronze plaque on the building commemorated Lee's contributions, it read: "The guiding spirit in the development of Bowman Field. He was a pioneer in aviation in this community, and, as first chairman of the air board, served continuously from October 16, 1928, to the date of his death on May 1, 1949."

Lee constructed his Colonial Revival home on Upper River Road in 1928, the same year that he began his service on the Jefferson County air board. This is significant for it reflects important

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social and cultural trends in vogue at the time.

Although smaller in acreage than many of the other country-places in the area, the Addison W. Lee home fits within the definition and period of significance for the country estate property type as defined in the Suburban Development in the Louisville and Jefferson County Historic context.

The completion of the Louisville, Harrods Creek and Westport Railroad in 1875 first opened the door to the development of the River Road area. The scenic river views along the Ohio River northeast of Louisville, serviced by an adjacent and convenient transportation spine, provided an ideal setting for a country-place. The area served as a magnet for the city's wealthy who, like their counterparts in other urban centers around the country, were eager to resettle in tranquil, scenic country environments then coming into vogue.

In "Country Estates of River Road," Brooks documented many of the grand estates constructed during the first phase of the development of River Road. Many of the first period estates were constructed as summer homes by Jefferson County's elite. A second phase of development, however, began with the 1904 conversion of the railroad to an electric interurban line, which provided hourly service to Louisville. This marked the period of year-round country-place construction. According to Brooks, it is this era that most extensively characterizes the River Road area. It is also this era that the Lee home represents. The 1928 construction date also places the Lee home at the end of the country-estate era, for the 1929 stock market crash and the ensuing depression, is generally considered to mark the end of the country-place era in Jefferson County.

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Lee built his country-place in 1928, the same year that he began his long and successful service on the Jefferson County air board. Lee's decision to construct his home on the fashionable suburban fringe of Louisville is not the only characteristic of the home that reflects his business and social success, so does the style he chose to echo in its architecture. Following World War I, urban America expanded its cultural field--both outward to embrace a wider range of European areas and inward to recognize the achievement of early American Art. For example, in 1924 the Metropolitan Museum of Art opened an American wing, the first institutional sanctioning of the country's indigenous culture. The opening of this museum collection, along with others in Philadelphia and Boston, provided the impetus for a wave of personal collecting in America. The first issue of *Antiques* magazine appeared in Boston in 1922. Buying American decorative arts became fashionable, patriotic, and a good way to show one's bloodlines. The 1920s was the decade of mobility, of the automobile, the tramway, and the train. Moreover, between 1910 and 1920, many American cities underwent their greatest growth by annexation--experiencing a 25 percent increase in population in suburban areas. This extraordinary displacement of the population upset many American's sense of belonging. Not surprising, many embraced the traditions of their ancestors and the Colonial Revival style became a popular mode in which to build ones home. By building a Colonial Revival home, owners were able to identify more closely with their roots.

Addison W. Lee was a successful Jefferson County community leader. He served as the president of the Louisville Gas and Electric Company and as chairman of the Jefferson County air board. He was probably not unlike many Americans of the era, who though they

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wanted the modern conveniences which Lee was so instrumental in bringing to Jefferson County, electric and air travel, for example, they also longed for a sense of belonging and a connection with the past. Lee turned to the same methods to connect to his ancestors that many of Jefferson County's socially connected had before him-- He constructed a Colonial Revival home on River Road in Jefferson County's urban fringe.

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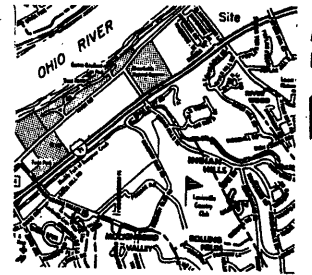
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

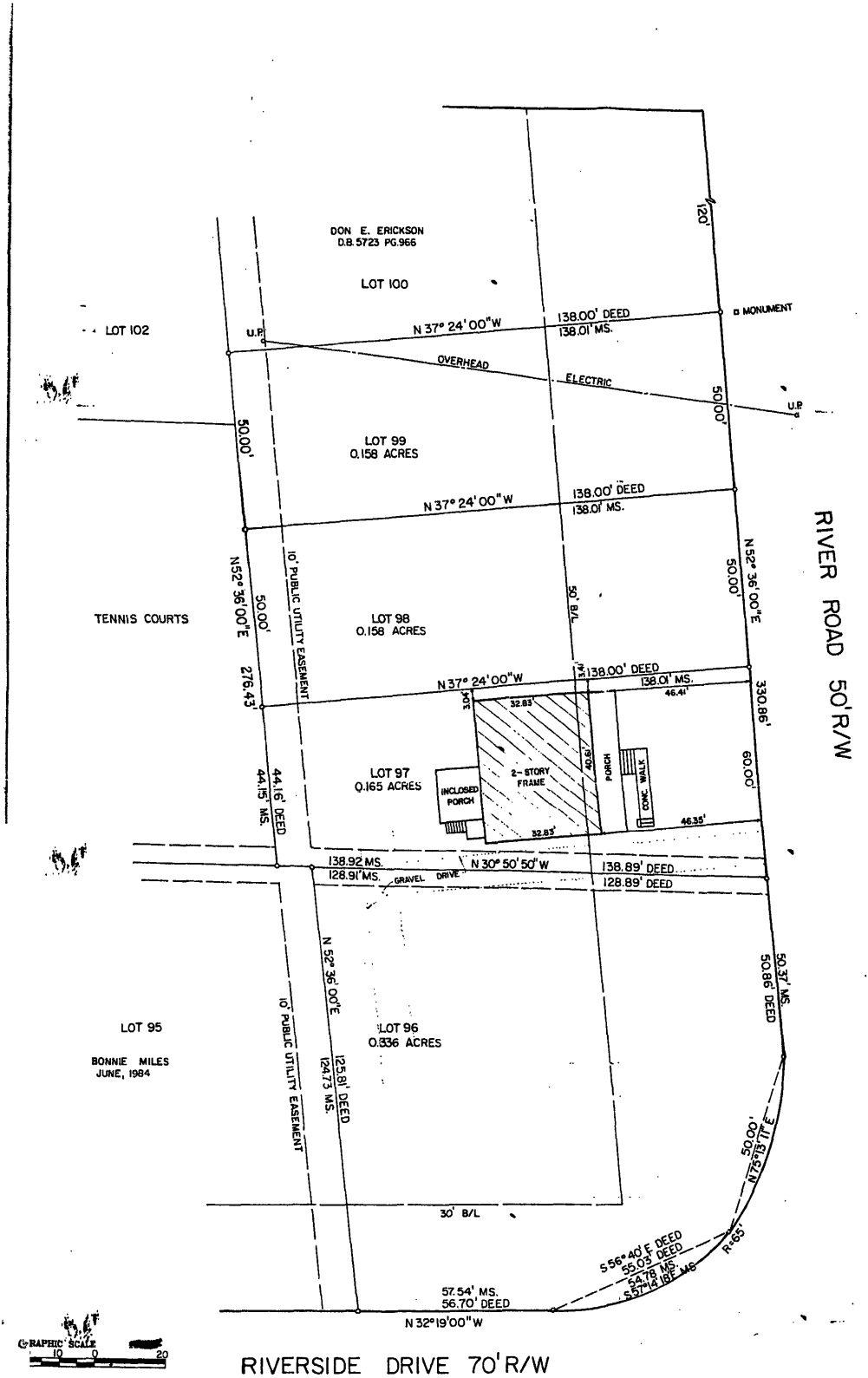
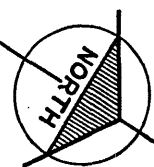
Lots 96, 97, 98, and 99 Riviera Subdivision shown on accompanying plat.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The four lots, .81 acres, proposed for listing in the National Register is the area which today contains historic resources associated with Addison W. Lee's tenure.

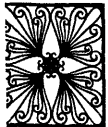


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 PLAN ACCORDING TO FIRM FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP,
 COMMUNITY-PANEL NO. 210120-0080-0



Miller, Whyry
 INCORPORATED
 Landscape Architects • Engineers • Planners

INDWARD HOUSE:
 87 South Fourth Street
 Louisville, Kentucky 40202



LAND SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE
 I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN AND SURVEY WAS MADE UNDER MY SUPERVISION AND
 THAT THE ANGLES AND LINE MEASUREMENTS AS WITHHELD BY MONUMENTS SHOWN
 HEREON ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, THE SAME
 BEING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF GOOD SURVEYING PRACTICE.
 SURVEYOR: *Marvin L. Goehard* DATE: 9/16/97
 RLS# 717

OWNER: MER. H. WHITEHEAD, JR. & ELENOR R. WHITEHEAD
 DEED BOOK(S): 383 PAGE(S): 89
 LOCATION: LOTS 95, 97, 98, & 99, RIVERA SUBDIVISION
 TAX BLOCK(S): 217 (TAX LOTS)
 DATE: 7-16-97 SCALE: 1"=80' NO. _____

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Facade

Photo 2
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Right elevation and grounds

Photo 3
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Right elevation looking toward river, Ohio river in background

Photo 4
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Rear elevation showing porch addition

Photo 5
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Left elevation

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Basement garage

Photo 7
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Stairs

Photo 8
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Kentucky Heritage Council
Segmentally arched alcove

Photo 9
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Segmentally arched opening

Photo 10
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Fireplace

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Bathroom