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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 Harkins, Joseph D. House

other names/site number n/a #FD-69

### 2. Location

street & number 204 North Arnold Avenue

not for publication

city, town Prestonsburg

vicinity

state Kentucky

code KY

county Floyd

code KY 071

zip code 41653

### 3. 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>2</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
	_____ sites
	_____ structures
	_____ objects
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Historic Resources of Prestonsburg, Kentucky

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.

David L. Morgan  
Signature of certifying official David L. Morgan

3-30-89  
Date

State Historic Preservation Officer, Commonwealth of Kentucky

State or Federal agency and bureau

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.  See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

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Entered in the  
National Register

5/18/89

[Signature]  
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)

Late Nineteenth and Twentieth Century

Revivals: Spanish Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

walls Stucco

roof Tile

other Wrought iron

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    n/a

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance

1924  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

1924  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation

n/a  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person

n/a  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder

n/a  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

See overview form.

- Previous documentation on file (NPS): n/a
- 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

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**

Acreeage of property less than one acre

UTM References

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Zone      Easting      Northing

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

See continuation sheet

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The Joseph D. Harkins House is a well-preserved Spanish Eclectic Revival dwelling dating from c. 1924. It stands one story high and is low and broad in form with polygonal extensions on the north and south elevations. The house's low-pitched roof, clad in polychrome Mission tile, is partly hidden from view by a shaped parapet. A small portico with Tuscan columns and tile floor adjoins the facade. In the rear yard stands a small garage designed to resemble the house. The nominated area includes the house, garage, and surrounding yard.

The Joseph D. Harkins House is sited on the west side of North Arnold Avenue just north of and clearly visible from Kentucky Route 114, one of the city's main traffic routes; a location that affords the house great visual prominence. A driveway extends along the south side of the house's generously-sized lot, the wooded rear section of which slopes down toward the Levisa Fork. Tall hardwood trees stand to the north and east of the house, and young hardwoods and conifers shade its driveway. The house's neighborhood, sometimes called "North Prestonsburg," was developed for the most part during the early-to-mid twentieth century and includes several noteworthy homes of that period intermingled with newer dwellings.

The house is a stylish, large-scale Spanish Eclectic residence dating from c. 1924. The house stands one story high and is horizontally oriented with its low and broad form. The main block is basically square and features a five-bay facade with center doorway. A one-story wing extends across the rear. A small one-story polygonal wing extends from the north side, and a similar, but smaller bay from the south elevation. The hipped roof is very low pitched and is partly concealed behind shaped parapet walls on the north, east, and south elevations. A small portico, set on a tiled terrace, graces the main entrance; it is carried by pairs of tapered Tuscan-style columns. A thin-membered wrought-iron railing encircles its upper deck.

The house is faced with expertly applied rough, swirled stucco and rests on a foundation whose above-grade portion has been faced with wire-cut brick painted white to match the walls. Windows are multi-pane metal casements with brick sills and are set in round-arched spandrels. The arch motif is repeated by the front doorway; its original doors (prime and screen) of stained and varnished oak remain in place. Tiny rectangular windows with wrought-iron grilles are set into the parapet walls. The roof is covered in regularly-laid straight-barrel Mission tile that appears almost sculptural in aspect. Its predominant color is red with a few yellow tiles included at random, and these rich hues offers a striking contrast to the house's white walls.

No significant alterations appear to have been made to the exterior of the house. There is one contributing outbuilding, a stucco-clad two-car garage whose parapeted facade echoes that of the house. It is believed to date from the time of the dwelling's construction.

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The Joseph D. Harkins House, built c. 1924, is significant under Criterion C in the context of the architectural resources of Prestonsburg as a fine and virtually unaltered example of the Spanish Eclectic Revival style of the 1920's. The house is the most distinguished and best-preserved of several examples of the style, with its original fabric, including stucco wall treatment, wrought-iron ornament, stepped and curved parapets, and Mission tile roof, virtually untouched. The Joseph D. Harkins House is also one of several dwellings in Prestonsburg with a garage of complementary design, apparently built at the same time as the house. The house's significance is discussed in greater detail in the context statement.

Joseph D. Harkins was a member of one of Prestonsburg's wealthiest and most prominent families. Like his father before him, he was an attorney. After being admitted to the bar in 1906, he joined the Harkins family law firm. The firm's offices were located in downtown Prestonsburg and in 1914 were moved into a new building commissioned by Walter S. Harkins for that purpose.

The land on which this house sits was originally part of a larger tract jointly owned by several members of the Harkins family and eventually partitioned between them. Joseph D. Harkins acquired this lot on July 8, 1923. On January 1, 1927 he gave his wife Reba B. Harkins a one-half interest in the property. Since this deed mentions the house and garage, both must have been constructed by that time. The house was one of several eventually built by Harkins family members along North Arnold Avenue during this era. It remained in the Harkins family until 1965, when it was sold to the present owner.

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**Section 10. Geographic Information.**

Beginning at a point in the west line of North Arnold Avenue 150 feet, more or less, north of the north line of U. S. 23 and 460; then proceeding in a southerly direction along North Arnold Avenue a distance of 127.87 feet; then in a westerly direction at right angles to North Arnold Avenue to the low water mark of the Big Sandy River, a distance of 350 feet, more or less; then in a northerly direction along said river a distance of 127.87; then in an easterly direction, at right angles to North Arnold Avenue, a distance of 350 feet, more or less, to the west line of said street: the place of beginning.

The boundary includes the entire legal parcel and excludes surrounding properties to the north. Included in the nominated area is all the property visually associated with and contributing to the significance of the house. Areas adjacent to the house are described in Section 7.

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Photo 18

Prestonsburg Multiple Properties Submission (same for all photos)

Joseph D. Harkins House

204 North Arnold Avenue (same for photos 18, 19, 20, 22, 23)

Prestonsburg, Kentucky (same for all photos)

Margaret Warminski (same for all photos)

December 1987

Negative location: Kentucky Heritage Council, Frankfort, Kentucky (same for all photos)

View of facade and south elevation, with driveway at left; looking northwest from east side of North Arnold Avenue.

Photo 19

Joseph D. Harkins House

December 1987

Facade view, looking west from east side of North Arnold Avenue.

Photo 20

Joseph D. Harkins House

December 1987

View of facade and north elevation, looking southwest from west side of North Arnold Avenue.

Photo 22

Joseph D. Harkins House

December 1987

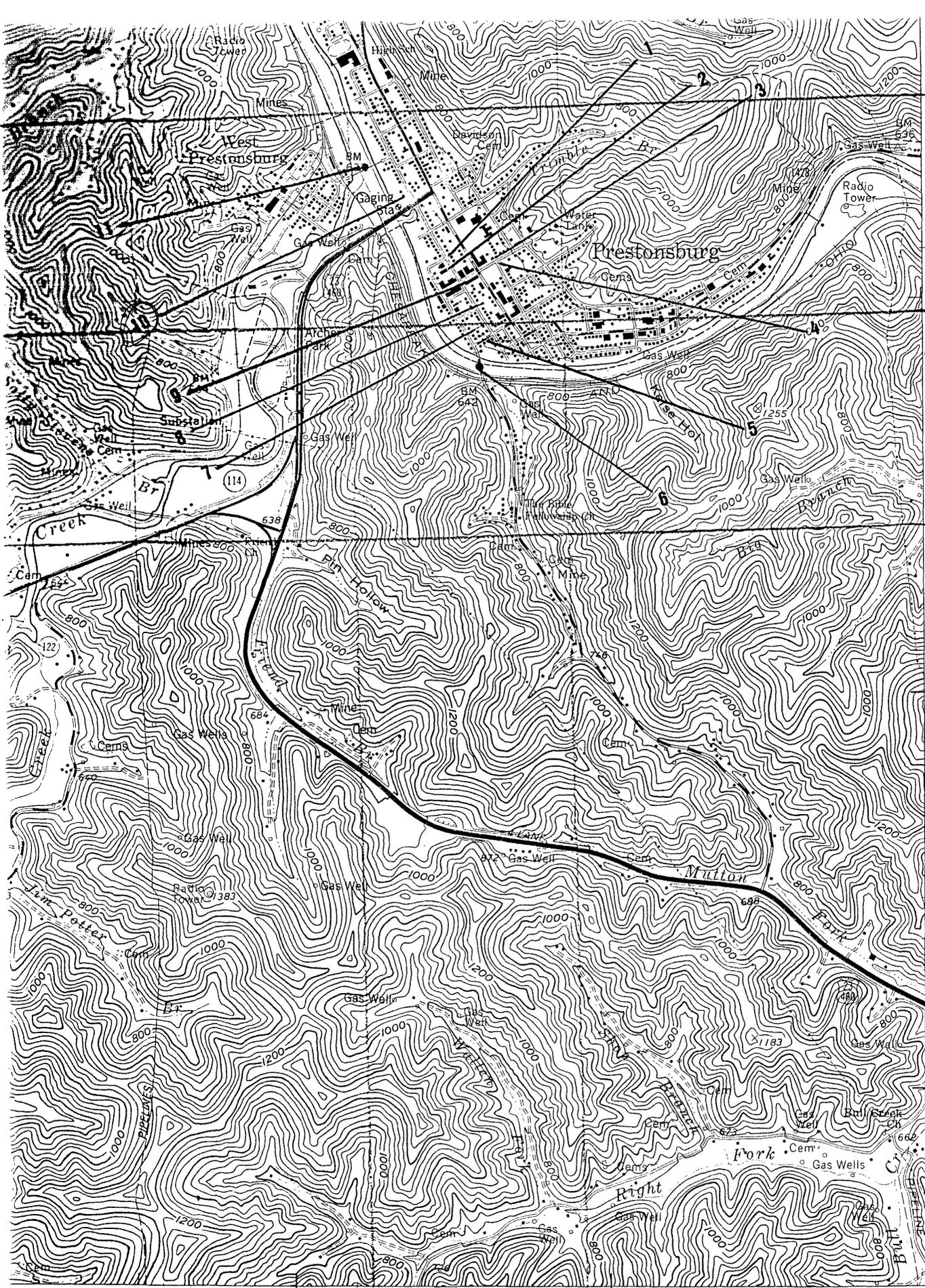
View of rear elevation and back yard, looking north from driveway.

Photo 23

Joseph D. Harkins House

December 1987

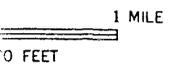
View of side yard and garage, looking west from driveway.



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 Floyd Co, KY  
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Primary highway, hard surface
- Secondary highway, hard surface
- Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
- Unimproved road

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