

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

DEC 29 1988

Site No. WSS-35

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1. Historic Name (S) St. Catherine of Sienna Convent Original Owner		22. ADD/County Lincoln Trail/Washington 115	
2. Present Name same		23. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75') St. Catherine G.I.S. Mnd.	
3. Location s side 150 w of Springfield		24. UTM Reference 16 653320 4174640 Zone Easting Northing	
4. Owner's Name St. Catherine of Sienna Convent and Academy		25. Coordinate Accuracy <input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Owner's Address Springfield, Kentucky		26. Prehistoric Site Object Historic Site Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building Other	
6. Open to Public Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	7. Visible from road Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	27. National Register District Name: N/A _____	
8. Ownership Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/>		28. Significance Evaluation NR N	
9. Local Contact/Organization		29. Status Date National Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> _____ National Register <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Landmark Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Kentucky Survey <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Local Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> _____ HABS/HAER <input type="checkbox"/> _____	
10. Site Plan with North Arrow		30. Historic Theme Primary Architecture C Secondary Religion W Other _____	
11. Architect Frank Brewer		31. Endangered Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
12. Builder unknown		32. Preservation Project Status N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	
13. Date 1904 A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>		Actual Cost in \$1,000s _____	
14. Style A. Classical Rev. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>		33. ATTACH PHOTO	
15. Original Use religious H		34. Prepared by: G. Worsham	
16. Present use convent		35. Organization G. Worsham, Architect	
17. Condition excellent A		36. Date 4/85	
18. Description 3 1/2 story five part brick structure with projecting pedimented pavilions in center and at ends. Brick w/stone trim, arched windows on center pav. E-shaped plan with orig chapel in center wing. New chapel added on east side in 1922-30.		37. Revision Dates 38. Staff Review	
(Continue on Back)		39. Roll No. 35 40. Picture No. 36-39 41. Direction _____	
19. History Building completed on this site in 1905. Designed by Bardstown architect Frank Brewer, who is responsible for several local buildings. Housed academy and convent. Chapel wing begun 1922. Historic chapel moved from former convent site to garden in 1936. (over)		42. 21. Source of Information architect. History files at St. Catherine Motherhouse	
20. Significance Significant under criterion C as an important motherhouse of order founded in Washington Co. Important architect-designed complex by regional		43. 27. Revision Dates 44. Staff Review	

19. History (continued): The Dominican sisters in the United States were first settled at a site several miles to the south, known as St Rose Farm, in 1823. An academy was conducted by the sisters from 1823 to 1851, known as St Magdalen Academy. In the 1830s a large convent and school were built. Additions, including a Gothic chapel in 1847. In 1851 the name of the convent and Academy was changed to St. Catherine of Sienna. In the early 1890s a new and much larger convent and school was built on the same site but was destroyed by fire in the early 20th century, and the entire complex then relocated to the present site on the Bardstown Road. It is the motherhouse of the American order.

The other structures on the site include Bertrand Hall, an addition to the Academy portion of the motherhouse building, 1938, Sahsbury Infirmary, 1961, Lourdes Hall, a building to house the college, 1965, Lourdes Hall includes a gymnasium, offices, and classrooms.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name St. Catherine of Sienna Convent Site # WSS-35

Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title Washington County Multiple Resource Area

U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTMs if property is ten or more acres.

A. 16 653320 4174640 D. _____

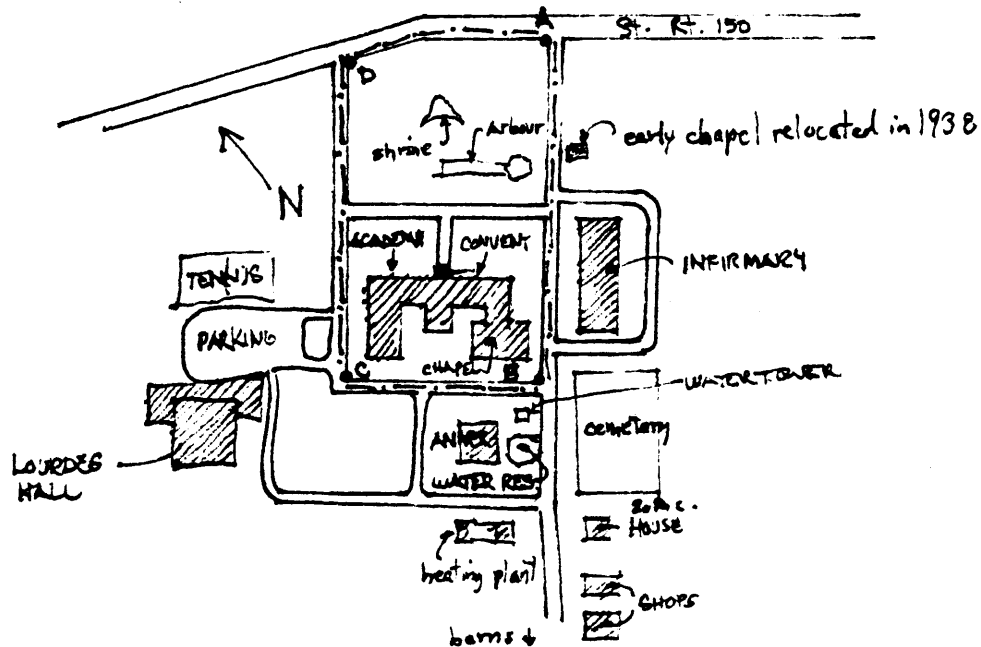
B. _____ E. _____

C. _____ F. _____

Verbal Boundary Description Acreage 11.4

Beginning at point A on the south side of State Route 150, proceeding south with drive 1000 feet southwest to point B, thence with a drive northwest 500 feet to point C, thence northeast with a drive 1000 feet to point D, thence southeast 500 feet to the point of origin. The boundaries have been chosen to include the original convent/academy building and gardens, excluding later buildings added on the periphery. There is one contributing building on the grounds and two contributing structures: an arbor/bergola, and a grotto shrine, both dating from the early twentieth century. The nominated area includes one contributing building (the convent/academy/chapel complex) and two contributing structures (the shrine and the grotto).

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



Official Courthouse Property Reference:

Washington County Courthouse, Springfield, Kentucky

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 88003395

Date Listed: 2/10/89

St. Catherine of Sienna Convent
Property Name

Washington
County

KY
State

Washington County MRA
Multiple Name

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.

for Patrick Andrews
Signature of the Keeper

1/22/90
Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

The nomination for this property includes 11.4 acres, but only one UTM point was included (while at least three are required). Marty Perry with the KY SHPO office has provided four new UTM points to replace the one submitted:

- A. 16 653 550 4174 710
- B. 16 653 290 4174 530
- C. 16 653 230 4174 630
- D. 16 653 445 4174 800

The form is now officially amended to add this new information.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)