

1. Historic Name (s) "Blankenbaker Station"		22. ADD/County Jefferson/Jefferson <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Original Owner Charles Bonnycastle		23. Zoning Classification Magisterial District	
Present Name Pelham		24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75') Jeffersonville	
3. Owner's Name G. Breaux Ballard III		25. UTM Reference 1 1 6 6 1 1 6 7 6 0 4 2 3 9 1 4 0 Zone Easting Northing	
4. Owner's Address Price Trust First Ky. Trust Co. P.O.Box 36010 Louisville, KY 40232		26. Prehistoric Site Object Historic Site Structure Building X	
5. Location 21 Poplar Hill Road		27. District Yes No X Name:	
6. Open to Public Yes No X	7. Visible from road Yes No X	8. Ownership Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Local Contact/Organization		28. Significance Evaluation National Register	
10. Site Plan with North Arrow 1/2 A/house cent/no sig outbldg		29. Status 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"/>	
11. Architect Gray & Wischmeyer		30. Theme Primary <u>Architecture</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
12. Builder		31. Endangered Yes No X	
13. Date 1916		32.	
14. Style Neo-Col. Revival <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		ATTACH PHOTO	
15. Original Use Residence		Roll No. _____ Picture No. _____ Direction _____	
16. Present Use Residence		33. Tape No. _____ Negative No. _____	
17. Condition <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Interior Excellent Exterior Excellent		34. Prepared by: Elizabeth F. Jones	
18. Description Situated in spacious grounds about the Ohio River the house is a 2½ story stone structure with a wing on each side. The slate roof is pierced by dormers. The six over six paned windows are flanked by shutters. The entrance, set in the center of the main block, is extended and has a fanlight, pediment and pilasters. The facade is highlighted by (SEE NEXT PAGE)		35. Organization Jefferson County Office of Historic Preservation	
19. History This residence was built for Charles Bonnycastle Robinson (b.1879) and Christine Belknap Robinson (d.1919). Mrs. Robinson was the granddaughter of Wm. B. Belknap, founder of Belknap Hardware. Mr. Robinson, a stockbroker who attended Harvard, was the son of C.B. Robinson Sr., manufacturer and owner of the Beargrass Woolen Mills. This fine Neo-Colonial Revival (SEE NEXT PAGE)		36. Date 3 August 1979	
20. Significance The house is a significant example of the Neo-Colonial Revival movement of the early twentieth century. As a structure designed by a prominent Louisville firm, it exhibits the characteristics of the Revival Style with its attention to fine detail and craftsmanship. (SEE NEXT PAGE)		37. Revision Dates _____ 38. Staff Review _____	
21. Source of Information Jefferson County (KY) Deed Books Jefferson County (KY) Will Books (SEE NEXT PAGE)			

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a pent roof between the first and second stories. The interior has extremely fine handcarved woodwork, moldings and mantels. The house is of virtually fire proof construction with 9 inch thick walls, interior walls of building tile and floors of poured concrete reinforced with steel.

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structure was built in 1916 on ground which Mrs. Robinson acquired from her father's estate in 1915 after her marriage in 1914. The ownership of the land goes back to Abraham Blankenbaker. The name Blankenbaker Station refers to his ownership and the Interurban Station that stood at the bottom of the hill in the early 1900's. The home was purchased by Dr. & Mrs. John Price Jr. in 1923.

The house was designed by the Louisville architectural firm of Gray and Wischmeyer (1912-1917). George H. Gray (b.1874) studied at the Ecole des Beaux Arts and was married to Mary Belknap, sister of Mrs. Robinson. Hermann Wischmeyer (1875-1945) studied architecture in Germany and was a principal in a number of architectural firms.

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The structural aspects of the house are significant in themselves as an early use of fire proofing in a residence. As a residence designed for a prominent Louisville family by an important architectural firm the house is a prime example of early twentieth century architecture in Jefferson County.

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Original Architectural drawings
Press Book of Kentucky, 1916.
Courier-Journal, 27 May 1945.