

# KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Site No. Fa-504

1. Historic Name(s) <b>Buenna Hill</b> <span style="float: right;">(I, H. of F. C. - TR.)</span>		22. ADD/County <b>BG/Fayette</b>	
Original Owner <b>Robert H. Innes</b>		23. Zoning Classification <b>Magisterial District</b>	
2. Present Name <b>Cythiana Hall</b>		24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75') <b>Centerville</b>	
3. Owner's Name <b>Clifford Perlman</b>		25. UTM Reference Zone _____ Easting _____ Northing _____	
4. Owner's Address <b>5900 Russell Cave Pike, Lexington 40511</b>		26. Prehistoric Site _____ Object _____ Historic Site _____ Structure _____ Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
5. Location <b>east side Russell Cave Pike south of Ferguson Rd.</b>		27. District Yes _____ No _____ Name: _____	
6. Open to Public Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. Visible from road Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	8. Ownership Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local _____ State _____ Federal _____	
9. Local Contact/Organization <b>Lexington-Fayette County Historic Commission</b>		28. Significance Evaluation <b>National Register</b>	
10. Site Plan with North Arrow		29. Status National Landmark _____ Date _____ National Register _____ Landmark Certificate _____ Kentucky Survey _____ Local Landmark _____ HABS/HAER _____	
11. Architect <b>John McMurtry</b>		30. Theme Primary <u>Architectural</u> <span style="float: right;">0 3</span> Secondary _____ Other _____	
12. Builder <b>John McMurtry</b>		31. Endangered Yes _____ No _____	
13. Date <b>1840's</b>		32.	
14. Style A. Greek Revival <input type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>		ATTACH PHOTO	
15. Original Use <b>residence</b>			
16. Present Use <b>residence</b>			
17. Condition <b>good</b>			
18. Description <b>Buenna Hill was built in the 1840's by Robert Innes, farmer and landowner. Architect-builder was John McMurtry, prominent for his architectural contributions to the Bluegrass region. The house is a Roman Doric example of the Greek Revival style and the building looks heavier than the Ionic examples in the region. The proportions of the portico are more square, with stone steps across the entire breadth. Bush hammered stone forms the front (see back)</b>			
19. History <b>It appears that a large tract of land on either side of the Russell Cave belonged to the Innes family as early as the first quarter of the 19th century. Hugh Innes of Virginia had two sons who settled here in Fayette County, Va. in the early 1800's. They were Colonel James Innes and Dr. Henry Innes. Buenna Hill was built (see back)</b>		Roll No. <u>158, 159</u> Picture No. <u>35A - 36A; 2-8</u> Direction _____	
20. Significance <b>Handsome Greek Revival house built by John McMurtry, well-known architect-builder for Robert Innes of the prominent Innes family who owned a large amount of property on the Russell Cave Pike (see Fa-500, 501, 502 &amp; 503)</b>		33. Tape No. _____ Negative No. _____	
21. Source of Information <b>Lancaster, Ante Bellum Houses of the Bluegrass, Lexington, Ky., 1961, pp. 93, 107. Perrin, History of Fayette Co., Ky., Chicago, Ill., pp. 510, 809.</b>		34. Prepared by: <b>Park-Sullivan -DeCamp</b>	
35. Organization <b>LFCHC</b>		36. Date <b>January 1980</b>	
37. Revision Dates <b>Nov., 1982</b>		38. Staff Review	

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foundation and continues beneath the gallery. Triple windows are limited the first floor and coupled pilasters trim the corners of the facade. Single pilasters spaced along the flank become piers to form a side gallery, over which the cornice drops to the architrave. The gallery has been enclosed. The brick pattern is either occasional (header - 2 stretcher) bond or unbonded.

The floor plan is an inverted L with the ell of six bays. The front foyer is a hall which has matching parlors on either side. These rooms each have enormous sliding doors made of poplar. The stairway has been relegated to a hall back of the front foyer. The kitchen was originally in the basement and the cooking fireplace is still in place. Stairs to this kitchen lead up to the room now used as the kitchen. Except for the later mantels on the parlor fireplaces, the woodwork in the house remains basically unchanged.

This 8,000 sq. foot house is located on a 41 acre horse farm. There is an office built in 1940 from material from the old market house in Lexington known as Jackson Hall, a guest house. A swimming pool and cabanna, an original smokehouse, a later ice house, a root cellar and several farm buildings.

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for Dr. Henry Innes' son, Robert H. Innes. Robert married Miss Sophia Flournoy. She was related to two early pioneer families of the area, the Conns and the Flournoys. His farm was called "Buena Hill" which somehow got incorrectly changed to "Buenna Hill" over the years. He was a prosperous farmer and breeder of Short-Horn cattle and had at the head of his herd, a magnificent bull named "Second Duke of Cannondale". Mr. Innes was a Democrat and a member of the Christian Congregation at New Union. He had five children, Mary, Annie, Flournoy, Lena and Charlie.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT  
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name Buenna Hill Site # Fa-504

Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title Innes Family Houses of Fayette County

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

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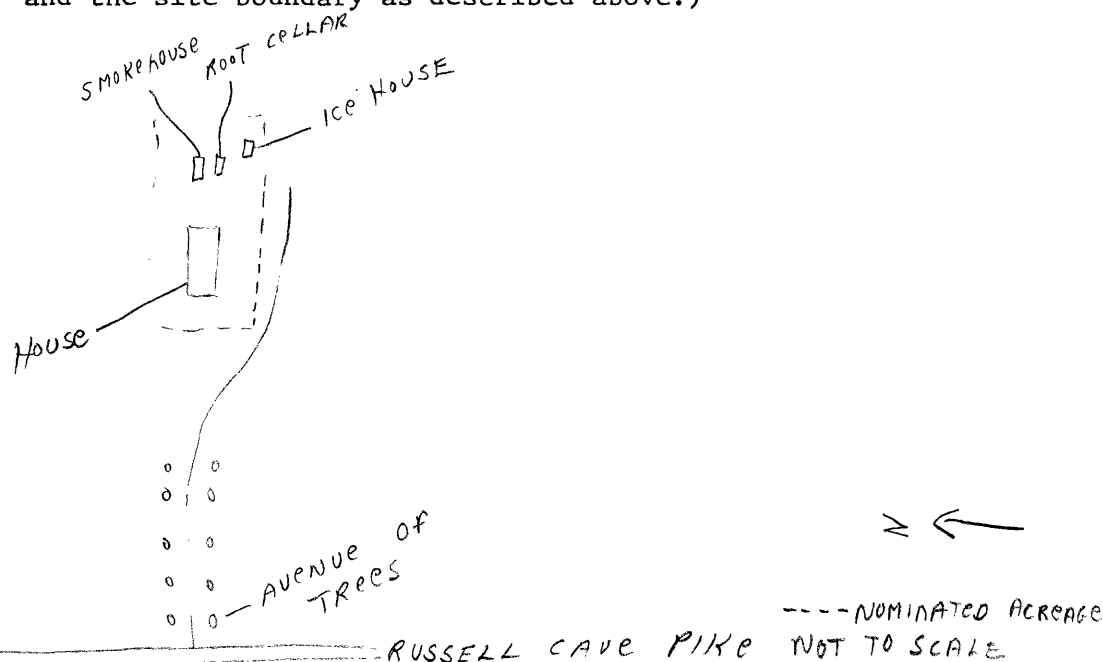
B. \_\_\_\_\_ E. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_ F. \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal Boundary Description \_\_\_\_\_ Acreage .51

The nominated of Buenna Hill, now known as Cynthiana Hall, begins at a point approximately 75 feet northwest of the northwest corner of the house approximately three-tenths of a mile east of the intersection of the north side of the driveway and the Russell Cave Pike) and proceeds east in a line 2225 feet to a point (A) thence south along a line 100 feet to a point (B), thence west along a line 225 feet to a point (C), thence north 100 feet along a line to the point of origin, thereby incorporating the house, smokehouse, icehouse and root cellar.

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



Official Courthouse Property Reference: