

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Yager House (Pine Grove Stock Farm)

and/or common Triple Springs Farm

2. Location

street & number Covered Bridge Road-Kentucky 329

NA not for publication

city, town Goshen, KY NA vicinity of congressional district 4

state Kentucky code 021 county Oldham code 185

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
district	public	X occupied	agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	private	unoccupied	park
structure	both	work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
site	NA	Accessible	religious
object	in process	yes: restricted	scientific
	being considered	yes: unrestricted	transportation
		X no	other:

4. Owner of Property

name Triple Springs, Inc. c/o Dr. Fred Stutzenberger

street & number Dept. of Microbiology Clemson University

city, town Clemson, NA vicinity of state South Carolina 29631

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Oldham County Courthouse

street & number

city, town LaGrange state Kentucky

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Survey of Historic Sites in Ky. has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date September 1980 federal state county local

depository for survey records Heritage Division - Arts Department

city, town Frankfort state Kentucky

7. Description

Condition	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	Check one	Check one
	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Presley Yager House is located in Oldham County near Harrods Creek. It is on a farm of about 260 acres, part of which was owned by Jesse Yager until his death in 1841. The house is situated on high ground about one-half mile from the creek and about three-quarters of a mile off Covered B ridge Road.

The house is a one-and-one-half story brick structure with a raised basement and stone foundation. There is a brick and frame ell at the rear. The facade is symmetrical, with five bays, and there is a large front gable of brick with a double window. The brickwork on the front facade and on the gable is Flemish bond. The wooden front porch has paired square columns and pierced, wood scroll trim. The porch may be a late nineteenth century addition. The entrance has a paneled door with sidelights, and transom. The surround is of wood with rather roughly executed panels and plain corner blocks in a vaguely Greek Revival form. The first story windows are four-pane, double-hung sash and may have been lengthened in the late nineteenth-century. (Photos 1, 2, 3, 4).

The pitched roof is a standing seam tin roof and there are end gables. There are also four interior end chimneys. Windows on the sides and rear of the main block are six-over-six pane, double-hung sash and those on the second story are smaller. The end-wall windows are placed close together in the center of the wall, an arrangement also found in an earlier Jefferson County house built by a relative of this Yager family. (JF-463 - Silas B. Yager House).

The house has a double-pile plan with a central hall. There are double parlors with large, sliding doors on the east side of the house. Interior woodwork is faceted, but simple in form with a feeling of the Greek Revival style. Mantels are very plain. The stairway has a cylindrical cherry rail and chamfered newel post, plain balusters and no embellishment on the stringers. (Photos 5,6).

The second story has a central hall and two large rooms. The interior plan has not been changed and original woodwork remains. The house retains its integrity.

Outbuildings include a brick and stone smokehouse; a brick servants' quarters which has two rooms and a center passage; and a single-pen, frame cabin with stone foundation and exterior stone chimney. (Photos 7,8,9).

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below							
— prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion				
— 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science				
— 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture				
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— 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation				
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)				

Specific dates 1843-53

Builder/Architect Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Yager house is significant as a fine, double-pile brick structure in a transitional style which exhibits both Greek Revival and Gothic Revival motifs. The central gable is an unusual feature, and the double-pile form is found in only a few nineteenth-century Oldham County houses. Several extant outbuildings contribute to the importance of the site, including a two-room brick slave quarters, a stone and brick smokehouse, and a single-pen frame cabin with an exterior stone chimney.

The house was probably built ca. 1843-53 for Presley N. Yager, a son of an early (1807) settler in this area. Jesse Yager (1772-1841) was born in Culpeper County, Virginia, and was a descendant of original settlers in the Germanna colonies in Virginia. He married Anna Clore in 1799 and they moved to Jefferson County, Kentucky by 1805. Yager was listed on the tax rolls in that year, but owned no land in Jefferson County until 1807, when he bought 51 acres on Harrods Creek in the far eastern part of the county.

According to local tradition, Jesse Yager built a log house and that was the Yager family home for many years. That house no longer exists. By 1841, when Yager died, he had acquired 600 acres of land which by then was in Oldham County. (Oldham County was formed in 1824, and land in the extreme northeastern part of Jefferson County was added to the new county.)

Presley N. Yager (1810-1891), one of Jesse's seven children, inherited part of the farm and in 1844 he bought the other heirs' interests in the tract given to his mother as a dower tract.

Presley Yager, like his father, was a successful farmer. He eventually owned about 400 acres of land in Oldham County. The value of his taxable property increased from \$7,200 in 1843, to \$15,000 in 1853. After Yager's death in 1891, the farm was divided between his widow and two daughters.¹ The house was owned by the heirs until 1924.

It seems probable that Yager built the house between 1843 and 1853. The form and scale of the structure would place its construction date in the second or third quarter of the nineteenth century. The details of woodwork and trim are Greek Revival in feeling even though roughly executed. The front gable and the pierced-wood trim on the porch hint of the domestic Gothic Revival mode which became popular in the 1850s. The Flemish bond brickwork is a sophisticated touch which reveals an awareness, on the part of the builder, of architectural refinement.

¹Presley Yager married Mary J. Harding in November, 1843. After her death in 1846, Yager married Susan Francis Hardin, possibly a sister of his first wife in 1851. There were two daughters, one born in each marriage.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Jefferson County (KY.) Deed Books
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Oldham County (KY.) Deed Books
(See Continuation Sheet)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
UTM NOT VERIFIED

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1. 8 acres

Quadrangle name Owen

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification Beginning at a point 100' southwest of the southwest corner of the main house; then north 225'; then east 350'; south 225'; west 350' to the point of beginning. (See Map 2). The nominated property includes the main house, smokehouse, slave quarters, and frame cabin.

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List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Mary Jean Kinsman	&	Mrs. Paul Dent
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Preservation

organization	Jefferson County Office of Historic	date	September 30, 1980
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street & number	4012 Druid Hills Road	4810 Upper River Road	Louisville, Kentucky 40222
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telephone	502/893-5731 (Ms. Kinsman)
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city or town	Louisville	state	Kentucky 40207
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12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Mary Jean Kinsman

title SHPO

date 9/27/82



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The double-pile or cube form of the Yager house is not found in other rural Oldham County houses of the nineteenth-century. Most of the surviving brick houses in this area are single-pile or I-houses. An earlier stone house (ca. 1837) in Jefferson County is very similar in form to the Yager house. It is a double-pile structure and has the same arrangement of windows on the end-walls and also has four interior end-wall chimneys. The Jefferson County house was built by Silas B. Yager, a cousin of Presley Yager.

The Yager house is a significant structure in the architectural continuum of rural Oldham County. It is also important in the history of the area because of its ties with two of the pioneer families in Oldham County--the Clores and the Yagers.

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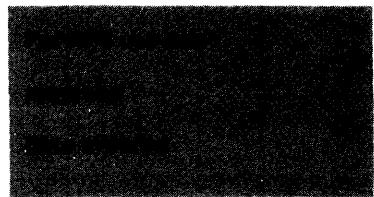
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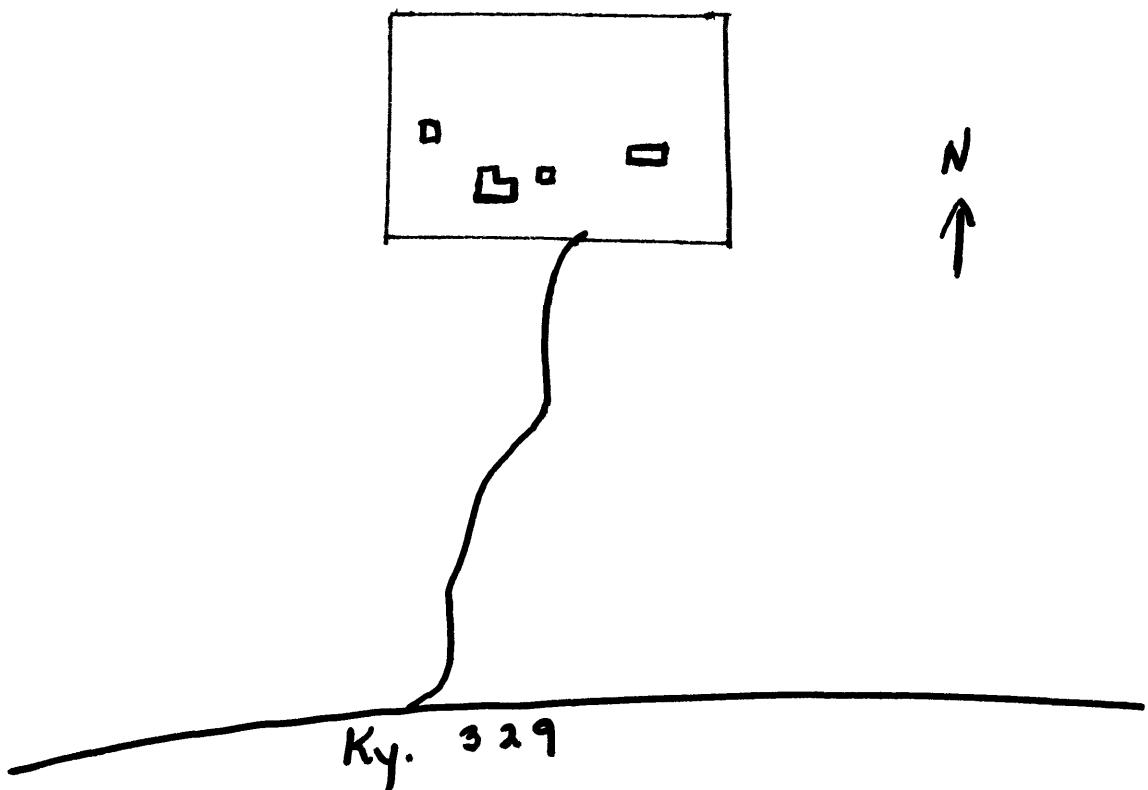
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Verbal Boundary Description & Justification

The Yager House sits approximately one-quarter mile from Ky. Hwy. 329, in an open field. The boundaries are drawn to the north, east, and west to include the three outbuildings; and south 225' to the front of the house so as to incorporate sufficient acreage to communicate the agricultural/rural nature of the historic complex.



Beginning at a point approximately 100' southwest of the southwest corner of the main house, then north approximately 225', then east approximately 350', south approximately 225', west approximately 350', to the point of beginning. (Nominated area shown in red.)

The nominated site contains approximately 1 3/4 acres and includes the main house, smokehouse, slave quarters, frame cabin.

Yager House
Oldham County, Kentucky

Map 2

Sketch map of complex.
Not to scale
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