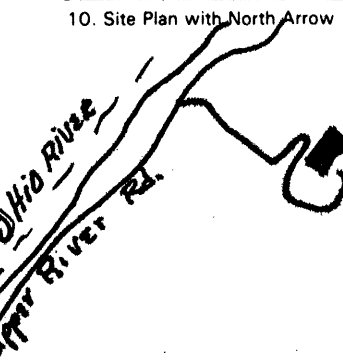


KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Site No. JF 544

1. Historic Name(s) Rockledge		22. ADD/County Jefferson/Jefferson <input type="text" value="056"/>	
Original Owner George W. Babcock		23. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75') Jeffersonville, Ind. <input type="text" value="086"/>	
2. Present Name Nanjemoy		24. UTM Reference <input type="text" value="16"/> <input type="text" value="6177110"/> <input type="text" value="424104110"/>	
3. Location 4810 Upper River Rd., Louisville, Ky.		Zone Easting Northing	
4. Owner's Name Mrs. Paul Dent		25. Coordinate Accuracy <input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Owner's Address 4810 Upper River Rd. Lou, Ky. 40222		26. Prehistoric Site Object Historic Site Structure Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	
6. Open to Public Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. Visible from road Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	8. Ownership Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Local Contact/Organization Jeff. Co. Office of Historic Preservation & Archives		27. National Register District Name:	
10. Site Plan with North Arrow B1. 11 Lot3 		11. Architect see next page	
		12. Builder unknown	
		13. Date 1911-12 A. <input type="text" value="6"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>	
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		15. Original Use Sing. Fam. Res. <input type="text" value="1"/>	
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		17. Condition Excellent <input type="text" value="1"/>	
18. Description see next page		19. History see next page	
		20. Significance see next page	
		21. Source of Information see next page	
		28. Significance Evaluation meets Nat. Reg. Criteria <input type="text" value="d"/>	
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		34. Prepared by: Mary Jean Kinsman Researcher	
		35. Organization Jeff. Co. Office of Hist. Pres. and Archives (J)	
		36. Date 1977	
		37. Revision Dates 1983	
		38. Staff Review	

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11. Architect

Townsend & Fleming, Buffalo, New York.
Meyer & Brenner, Louisville, Kentucky.

18. Description

Three-story brick, stone, and stucco structure with half-timbering, brick triple-set chimneys, and a red and green slate roof. The roof is multi-gabled and there are several windowed dormers. Massing is asymmetrical and the windows are generally small, rectangular casement windows arranged in groups. The interior is spacious, with quarter-sawed oak floors and several carved stone chimney - pieces which have a Tudor-arch motif.

The site is a wooded bluff above the Ohio River and the property slopes down the bluff to the flatland along River Road.

19. History

Rockledge was built by George W. Babcock, treasurer, and later president, of the Puritan Cordage Mills. The original plans for the house are in the possession of the current owners who bought the house in 1951 from the Babcock estate. The design was by Townsend and Fleming of Buffalo, New York and construction was apparently supervised by the Louisville firm of Meyer and Brenner, whose names appear on the plans as associate architects. Bryant Fleming was a noted architect and landscape architect who is known to have designed several gardens in the Upper River Road and Glenview areas, and may have also designed other residences there. (see JF 542) The partnership of Charles C. Meyer and Edward F. Brenner began in 1907 and continued until 1929. Meyer was the son of Charles D. Meyer (1875-1905) who was a well-known Louisville architect in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Brenner was a draftsman for Charles D. Meyer in the early 1900s.

20. Significance

Rockledge is an excellent example of an early 20th-century country house in the Tudor Revival mode. It was the work of an important architectural firm in Buffalo, New York, and a local partnership whose work has not yet been fully explored. In addition, it is one of a group of large, "English style" mansions built from 1900-1920 in the scenic hills above the Ohio River. The wooded site is a significant element in the "country house" atmosphere of the setting. (see also JF 531, JF 532, JF 533, JF 671, and the Glenview Historic District.)

21. Source of Information

Original architectural plans. Mrs. Paul Dent, Louisville, Kentucky.

Louisville City Directories 1900-1930.

"Handsome Homes," The Jeffersonian 31 August 1911.

Jefferson County (Ky.) Deed Books.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name Rockledge Site # JF-544
Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title Jefferson County, Ky. MRA

U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTM's if property is ten or more acres.

A. 16 617640 4240405 D. 16 617840 4240110

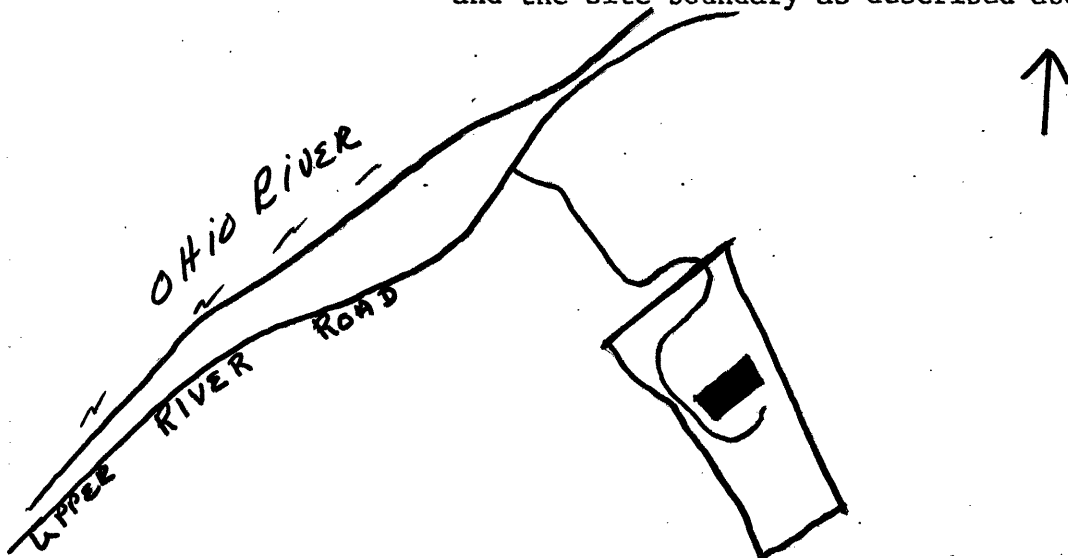
B. 16 617740 4240500 E. _____

C. 16 617910 4240220 F. _____

Verbal Boundary Description Acreage 15.5

The nominated property comprises the southeast three-quarters of Lot 3 in County Block 11 of the Jefferson County Property Valuation Administrator: approximately 15.5 acres.

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



Official Courthouse Property Reference:

Description as recorded in Deed Book 4443 page 581, August 1971.