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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # Be-55
Boone County

1. Name of Resource:
Prospect Farm

2. Original Owner:
J. C. Jenkins

3. Other Names:
J. C. Jenkins house

4. Prehistoric Site Building X Object
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location:
6279 Petersburg Road, Prospect Hill
Petersburg, KY 41080

6. Owner's Name:
John Rivard []

7. Owner's Address:
6279 Petersburg Road
Petersburg, KY 41080

8. Evaluation: National Register []

9. Recognition & Date:
Nat.Landmark _____ Local Landmark _____
Nat.Register _____ HABS/HAER _____
Highway Marker _____ KY Inventory 1977
KY Landmark Certificate

10. N.R.Status & Date:

11. N.R.Group:
District Name: []
Mult.Resource Area: Boone County []
Thematic Name: []

12. Historical Theme:
Primary: Architecture []
Secondary: Agriculture []
Other: []

13. Statement of Significance:
The house is significant under criterion C as an excellent example of the Italianate style, significant to Boone County in the period 1855-1910, and as an excellent (and only) example of the Italian Villa style, which used Italianate elements but featured a tower. The house is also an excellent (Continued) []

14. History:
J. C. Jenkins was described in the 1883 atlas: "Proprietor of 'Prospect Farm.' Breeder of Short-Horned and Jersey Cattle, Trotting Horses, Cotswold Sheep, and Chester White Hogs." He bought Boone County Distilling Co., Petersburg, from William Thornton Snyder in 1862, co-owning with William Appleton; they sold the distillery to Freiburg & Workham (Workum), the owners indicated in the 1883 atlas.

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: *John Brady Walton, "Early History of Petersburg and Vicinity," typescript. Boone County Recorder "Historical Edition," 4 Sept. 1930 Loder Diary

16. Date:
Original Building 1857* []
Addition 1960 []

17. Style:
Italianate []
Eclectic []

18. Architect/Builder:
Jackson Rice (carpenter)/J. C. Jenkins

19. No. of Stories: two []

20. Original Floor Plan: irregular []

21. Single Pile X Double Pile N.A.

22. Roof Form & Material: Original X
gable Not Original

23. Structural Material:
wood frame []

24. Exterior Material:
weatherboard []

25. Foundation Material:
dressed stone []

26. Major Alterations: None
Moved/Rebuilt Other
Additions X

27. Special Features:
hilltop site; three-stage tower

28. Outbuildings:
livestock barn []

29. Original Function:
farm dwelling []

30. Present Use:
farm dwelling []

31. Condition:
excellent []

32. Endangered: Yes
No X

33. Attach Photos:
Roll: 2 Photo Nos: 7-14 No. of Slides:
10 9-15

34. Prepared by: Kenneth T. Gibbs

35. Organization: Boone Co. Hist. Pres. Rev. Bd.

36. Date: September 1986

37. New Survey _____ Resurvey X

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. []
Quadrant: Lawrenceburg, IN-Ky 40. Coordi.Accuracy []

41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):

A.	<u>16</u>	<u>685040</u>	<u>4325810</u>	D.	<u>16</u>	<u>684760</u>	<u>4325800</u>
B.	<u>16</u>	<u>684935</u>	<u>4325555</u>	E.	<u>16</u>	<u>684870</u>	<u>4325925</u>
C.	<u>16</u>	<u>684810</u>	<u>4325630</u>	F.			

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: 12 acres

44. Site Plan (and boundary description and justification for N.R. sites):

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The boundary includes the house and its outbuildings and acreage sufficient to both provide a historical setting and preserve several important sightlines: 1) to the northwest, across the 200' drop of a steep hillside to the town of Petersburg, the Ohio River and Indiana; 2) to the east, down Petersburg Road; 3) to the south and southeast, to the top of the ridge behind the barn.

The boundary D-E-A follows the south side of Burlington Pike.

Contributing: 2 buildings

Noncontributing: 2 buildings

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45. Description and House Plan:

The J. C. Jenkins house holds a commanding site atop Prospect Hill overlooking Petersburg and the Ohio River to the west. Features that take advantage of the site (verandas, a tower, projecting bays, open balconies and porches) were rendered in a variety of styles unique in the county. Despite the stylistic flamboyance, the house has a simple cross-gable form, in which the central bay of five bays projects on either side (north and south).

The main entrance, in one of the angles of the cross-gable on the north front, is emphasized with a three-stage tower embellished with as many styles: a Greek Doric portico at the base, Italianate round-arch windows at the second level and Gothic pointed-arch windows at the third story. The cross-gable of the main (north) front is enriched with a double, open, fretwork porch, and the western gable-end, facing Petersburg, the Ohio River and Indiana, features a two-story semioctagonal bay decorated with Moorish and Italianate elements. The pair of porches flanking the cross-gable at the rear (south) of the house are more simply designed: shed-roofed with square posts, found in contemporary Greek Revival structures. The mid-20th century addition on the east end of the house does not detract significantly from the overall design and character of the house. This addition is a one-story, frame block, with basement garage reached by a drive on the north whose gabled roof is on axis with the roof of the main mass of the house.

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13. Statement of Significance: (Continued)

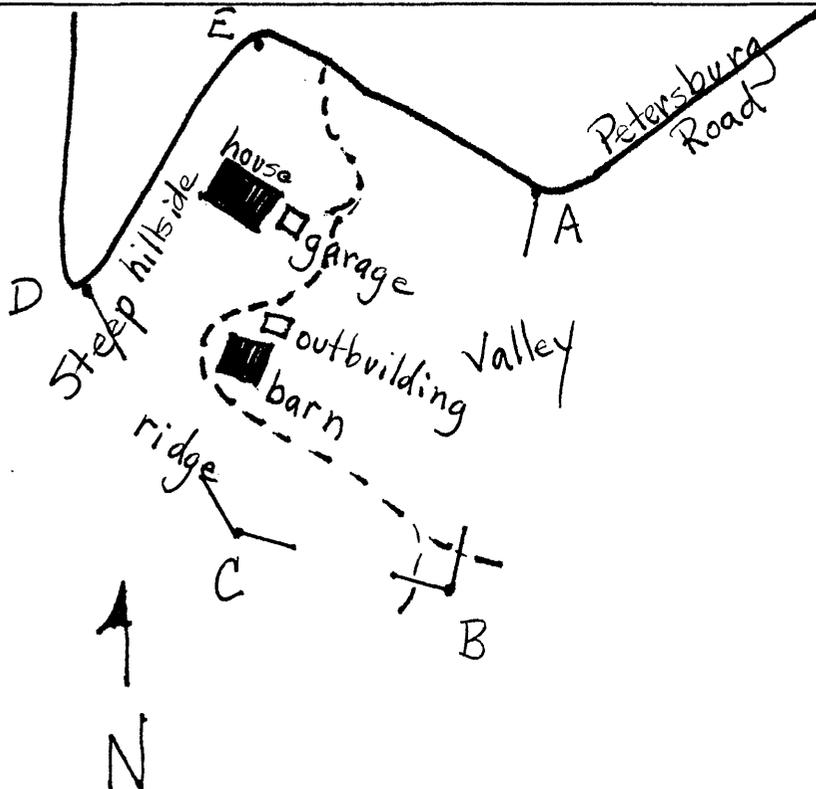
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45. Description and House Plan: (Continued)

The livestock barn, a frame structure with vertical-board sheathing, is contemporary with the house; gabled with a shed-roofed wing on the east, it has a silo on the north end. Near the north end of the barn is a small pyramidal-roofed outbuilding made of concrete block. Both this building and the frame garage at the east end of the house are noncontributing since their dates of construction, the 1950s or 1960s, post-date the period of significance.

The stock barn contributes to the significance of the house in that it is contemporary with the house and illustrates the agricultural, land-based economy of the original occupants of the house and the role of the house as the operational center of a stock farm.

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