

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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

1. Name

historic Point Au View (Name of original farm)

and/or common Lang Anderson House (Name of previous owner)

2. Location

street & number 721 Hillcrest Road. not for publication

city, town Maysville, Ky. vicinity of Buffalo Trace

state Ky. code 021 county Mason code 161

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Mrs. Ellen Walton

street & number 321 Limestone Street

city, town Maysville vicinity of state Ky.

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Mason Co. Court Clerk Office

street & number Sutton & Third Street

city, town Maysville state Ky.

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Survey of Historic Resources of Kentucky has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1971 federal state county local

depository for survey records Kentucky Heritage Council

city, town Frankfort state Ky.

7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The style of this three story brick structure has been described as Italianate in general. However, the asymmetrical design, wrap-around porches, T-shape floor plan and tall tower qualifies the building as a classic Italian Villa style; one of only two such structures in Mason County. The building is capped by a hip roof with projecting eaves and large multiple scrolled brackets.

Other than tower, ornamentation and window fenestration is rather plain. First and second floor windows are 6 over 6 double hung sash capped with simple limestone window heads. The tower however, presents a rich variety of ornamentation. The first floor entrance door is four-panel surrounded by leaded glass transom and sidelights with wood bulkheads. The limestone caps resemble the window heads. The second floor has a double-arched windows that are 4 over 4 double hung sash with original cast-iron balcony. The third floor progresses to a triple-arched window set with balcony.

The walls are 13" thick with double brick. The doors are 1½-3" thick. The house has 15 rooms with a parlor, dining room, 2 living rooms, kitchen (later addition ca. 1952) on the first floor. A hand carved curved stairway accents the entry hall. Ornamentation to the interior includes plaster ceiling medallions and chandeliers in each room and hand-carved cherry fireplace mantels. The ceilings are approximately 14' high and the baseboards are 13' thick throughout the house. The upper floor has 5 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms with Italianate-style cherry woodwork.

A 14' square stone ice house still stands near the house, which sits atop a bluff overlooking the Ohio River and City of Maysville. It is located along the original buffalo path which is now known as Buffalo Trace. Stone walls border the front of the 3 acre lawn.

Interior condition is "excellent". Exterior condition is only "fair" because of roof and eave deterioration.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C.1855 **Builder/Architect**

Statement of Significance (In one paragraph) :

Built in the 1850s for Judge Emory C. Whitaker, **Point Au View** is one of the best examples of the Italian Villa form of architecture in Kentucky. In addition, it is significant because of its association with Judge Whitaker who played an important role in the governmental affairs of Maysville, Mason County, and Kentucky for over forty years.

Born in Sullivan County, New Hampshire in 1816, Emory Whitaker graduated from one of the leading law schools in New England. In 1841, he came to Kentucky and established his residence in Maysville where he became one of the most prominent and influential lawyers in this section of the state. Here he long controlled a large and important law business and attained marked distinction in connection with public affairs. In 1849, he was elected to represent Mason county in the lower house of the state legislature, and he continued incumbent of this office for two successive terms. In 1853 he was elected Mason County Judge and served on this bench for eight years with great discrimination and distinctive judicial acumen.

In 1870, Judge Whitaker was elected to the state senate and here he also made an admirable record. In 1890, he was a delegate from Mason County to the state constitutional convention that framed the present constitution of Kentucky and he was an instrumental factor in the deliberations and work of that important body.

Judge Whitaker was one of the organizers and incorporators of the Bank of Maysville, of which he continued a director until his death in 1898. A quote from the "History of Kentucky and Kentuckians" by E. Polk Johnson, states, "Judge Whitaker achieved distinctive success in connection with the practical activities of life and became the owner of a large landed estate in Mason county, besides which he erected a most beautiful and stately residence for a family home, the same being situated on the high bluff overlooking the city of Maysville and being one of the most attractive places in the county".

Construction of the house began in 1854 and was completed in 1860. Bricks for the 13 inch walls were made on the site. When the Civil War began, it was rumored that the unfinished house was to be confiscated for a base hospital. This hastened its completion, and the Whitaker family moved in and kept it in their possession until about 1900. At that time the farm was sold to Langhorne T. Anderson, prominent horseman, whose beautiful horses and superb horsemanship were seen every year at the Germantown Fair. Many outstanding horses were shown and sold on the place. Stone pillars from the farm's show rings still stand on the grounds of Point Au View, now the subdivision of Hillcrest.

Along with their splendid stock of horses, the Anderson family was known for their gracious hospitality. Many social events of the area were held on the grounds of Point Au View.

9. Major Bibliographical References

1. Clift, Glenn History of Maysville & Mason Co., Lexington, Ky., Transylvania Printing Co., 1936
2. Private records of current building owners.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1 & 1/4

Quadrangle name Maysville west

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References NE /4 Maysville 15' Quadrangle

A	<u>16</u>	<u>258900</u>	<u>4281150</u>	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification See attached map. Beginning at A at the intersection of Point Au View Drive (circle) and U.S. 68, thence with U.S.68 300 ft. to B and 26 ft. to C, at another intersection of U.S.68 and Point Au View Drive, thence with Drive 340 ft. to D at the N property line, thence with said line 307 ft. to the beginning, containing about $1\frac{1}{4}$ acre.

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

state Kentucky code county Mason code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Doug Loescher, Main St. Project Coor. & Mike Walton, Bldg. Occupant

organization City of Maysville date May, 1984

street & number Third & Bridge St. telephone (606) 564-9411

city or town Maysville state Ky.

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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature David L. Morgan

Executive Director, Kentucky Heritage Council
and State Historic Preservation Officer

date October 11, 1984

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 1-4-85

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Point Au View

Continuation sheet Mason County, Kentucky

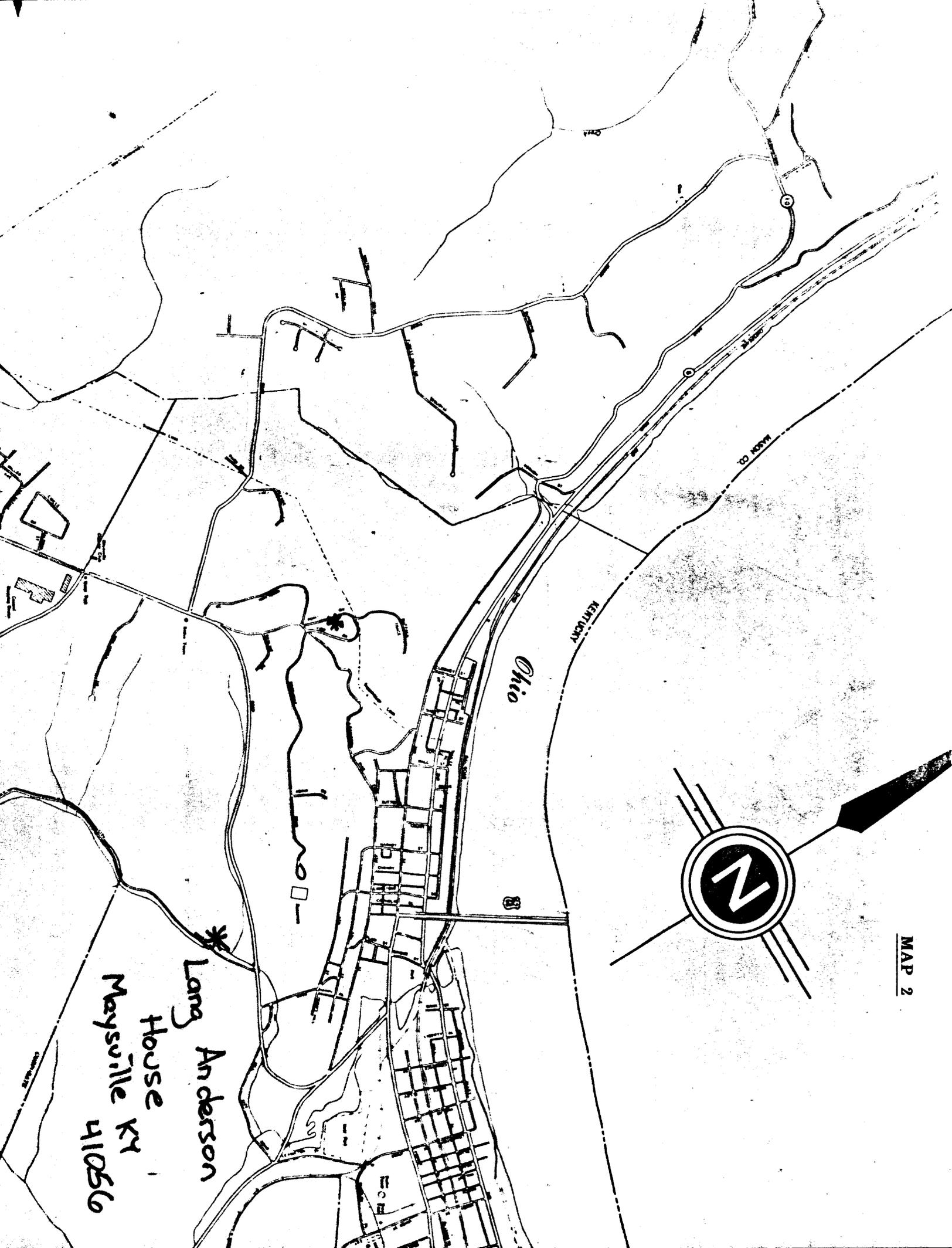
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The Anderson's lived in the house for about 40 years. It is still known as the Lang Anderson House and was registered as a Kentucky Landmark by the Kentucky Heritage Commission and Governor Wendall Ford.

The farm was sold in the late 1930's as a suburb and was divided into building lots. The house stood empty several years and deteriorated greatly. In 1946, contractor Robert I. Buckley bought the old home and restored it to near original. He repaired the plaster moldings and ceiling medallions, put in hand-carved cherry mantels, and added modern plumbing and heating. Since the house was without a kitchen, he enclosed the large back porch and built a kitchen and added a three car garage.

Victorian furniture graces the parlor and most of the furniture is antique. Some of the pieces have never moved from the rooms in which they were built over 100 years ago.



MAP 2

Lang Anderson
House
Maysville KY
41056

Ohio

KENTUCKY

MASON CO

