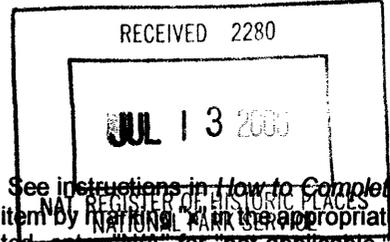


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1. Name of Property

historic name Jenkins-Berkshire House

other names/site number BE-28

2. Location

street & number 6529 Mill Street not for publication N/A

city or town Petersburg vicinity N/A

state Kentucky code KY county Boone code 015 zip code 41080

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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David L. Morgan, SHPO and  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date 6-5-2000

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**8. Statement of Significance**

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ARCHITECTURE

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c. 1880

**Significant Dates**

c. 1880

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

unidentified

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

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- Other

Name of repository:

\_\_\_\_\_

Jenkins-Berkshire House  
Name of Property

Boone County, KY  
County and State

**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property** 0.17 acres

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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***Jenkins-Berkshire House***  
***(Historic Resources of Boone County, Kentucky)***

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**Description**

The Jenkins-Berkshire House (BE-28) is a 1½-story clapboarded-sided wood frame Gothic Revival residence, T-shaped in form, set on a continuous stone foundation and capped with an asphalt-clad lateral gable roof with a prominent center gable on the facade (Photo 1). It is located north of Kentucky Route 20, and occupies a 0.17-acre tract in the unincorporated Ohio River community of Petersburg. With reference to the Multiple Property Documentation Form, "Historic Resources of Boone County, Kentucky," the Jenkins-Berkshire House is an extremely well-preserved example of Property Type 1F, *domestic architecture/central passage house*.

The Jenkins-Berkshire House incorporates a symmetrical three-bay facade with a centered entry. The entry is trabeated in the manner of the Greek Revival and is articulated with a five-light transom sash and four-unit sidelights whose lowest panels are of solid paneled wood and the upper three lights are glazed (Photo 2). The doorway is further defined by modest attenuated pilasters. Further defining its style, the main four-panel entry door features two lower rectangular panels two lancet-arched upper panels. Centered on the roof on the facade is a steeply-pitched gable, crowned with a finial and highlighted by lacy carved bargeboard, also typical of the style (Photo 3). The gable ends of the main portion of the house are also trimmed with bargeboard and each crowned with a finial (Photo 4, 5). Two interior brick chimneys punctuate the roof at the ridge line. At the rear of the house, a one-story gabled ell, original to the house, projects westward from the main wing; a tall brick chimney rises from the ridge of the roof midway in the ell (Photo 6). An enclosed porch on the south elevation is joined to a gallery which is supported by square posts, suggesting Greek Revival derivation but of indeterminate age. Most fenestration on the Berkshire House is flat-topped, with four-over-four sash, and retains its original operable exterior louvered wood shutters. Longitudinal modern windows are in the ell, and the center gable on the facade includes a lancet-arched window with six-over-six sash.

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***Jenkins-Berkshire House***  
***(Historic Resources of Boone County, Kentucky)***

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**Statement of Significance**

The Jenkins-Berkshire House (BE-28) meets National Register eligibility under Criterion C, and is significant for its architectural design, as a distinctive example of Gothic Revival domestic architecture which is stylistically uncommon within the geographical context of Boone County. The Kentucky Heritage Council Historic Resources Survey (No. BE-28) identifies it as "one of the county's most characteristic and best-preserved examples of the Gothic Revival style." The property, which retains integrity, is significant within Historic Context V, "Domestic Architecture in Boone County, 1792-1950," as set forth in the Boone County MPDF, and satisfies fully the Registration Requirements established for Property Type I resources (Domestic Architecture) in the MPDF.

The Gothic Revival style was one of the picturesque design modes which developed in the mid-nineteenth century as a stylistic alternative to the more formal Greek Revival. While Boone County has retained a variety of Greek Revival and Italianate homes, such has not been the case for homes executed in the Gothic Revival style. Most of the residences erected by Boone County's small proportion of wealthy and sophisticated nineteenth-century citizenry were built at the county seat of Burlington, along major thoroughfares, or—as in the case of the Jenkins-Berkshire House—in close proximity to the Ohio River.

The Jenkins-Berkshire House ranks as one of the county's most characteristic and best-preserved examples of the Gothic Revival style. Unlike their Greek Revival and Italianate contemporaries, Gothic Revival-style houses are not numerous in Boone County; most examples—including the Jenkins-Berkshire House, are located near the river or along U.S. 42., the former Louisville Turnpike.

Gothic Revival-style dwellings in Boone County exhibit a wide range of stylistic expression. The Peter Gregory House (BE-670), located in the area of the East Bend Bottoms, exemplifies the high-style, academically-correct Downing cottage. The Glore House (BE-294) and the T. A. Huey House (BE-1033), are built on a large scale and interpret the style more loosely; in both examples the influence of the style is most evident in form and massing rather than applied ornament, with the dominant central gable as the stylistic hallmark. A group of rural houses of simple design and modest scale incorporate elements of the style: these include the Sydney Gaines House (BE-63), the Randall Rouse (BE-65), and BE-2. While built on a similarly modest scale, the Jenkins-Berkshire House is a considerably more stylish dwelling, incorporating the characteristic bargeboard, a lancet-arched focal window, and central ridgeline chimneys. The proportions of the house, however, are modest: its relatively small gable and short chimneys lack the vertical emphasis of the more high-style Gregory House.

With the exception of the Lewis Aylor House (BE-589; destroyed), an idiosyncratic dwelling of side-passage plan, Gothic Revival-style houses in the county—including the Jenkins-Berkshire House—exhibit center-passage plans. Such is the norm throughout Kentucky; asymmetrical villa-style dwellings, usually architect-designed, are rare in the state and are generally found only in the Inner Bluegrass region.

Boone County's Gothic Revival-style dwellings are rarely stylistically pure and often include elements of other mid-nineteenth-century styles: Italianate porches and staircases, and Greek Revival doorways and

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***Jenkins-Berkshire House***  
***(Historic Resources of Boone County, Kentucky)***

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**Statement of Significance, continued**

interior moldings are common features. While the Gregory House features high-style Greek Revival interior elements, the Jenkins-Berkshire House, like the Glore House, employs simple Greek Revival interior finishes except for the lancet-ached panels of the main door.

As stated earlier, the Jenkins-Berkshire House ranks among the county's best-preserved Gothic Revival dwellings. While the Randall House and BE-2 have endured unsympathetic alterations of one sort or another, the Jenkins-Berkshire House remains largely intact.

Local tradition maintains that the house was built by J. C. Jenkins, an Ohio River steamboat captain, stock breeder, and one-time owner of the Boone County Distilling Company which was located adjacent to the house on the River (See Fig. 1). Jenkins himself lived atop Prospect Hill about one mile distant, and it was said that he built the Gothic Revival-style cottage for his son so that the younger Jenkins could be seen but not heard. In 1880, Jenkins sold the house to George R. Berkshire, whose family retained ownership until the 1950s.

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*Jenkins-Berkshire House*  
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**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Being a portion of that property described in Boone County, Kentucky Deed Book 205, Page 5' and Property Tax Parcel Map No. 1-11, measuring north 82', east 93', south 77' and west 93', comprising a total of 0.17 acres. The boundaries are more particularly shown on the accompanying Boone County Planning Commission GIS map.

**JUSTIFICATION**

The boundaries of this nomination encompass the Jenkins-Berkshire House and its immediately associated dependency, both of which have been historically part of this property and retain both their architectural integrity and significance.

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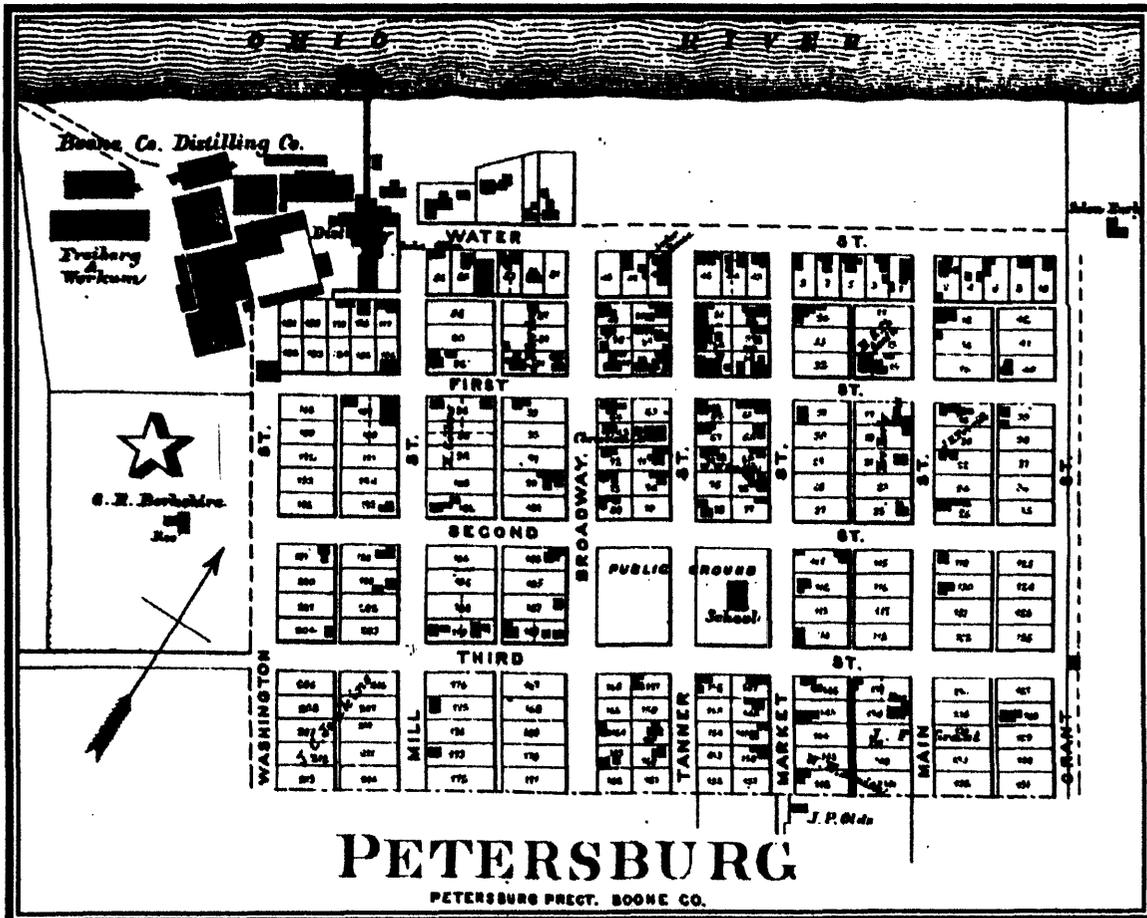
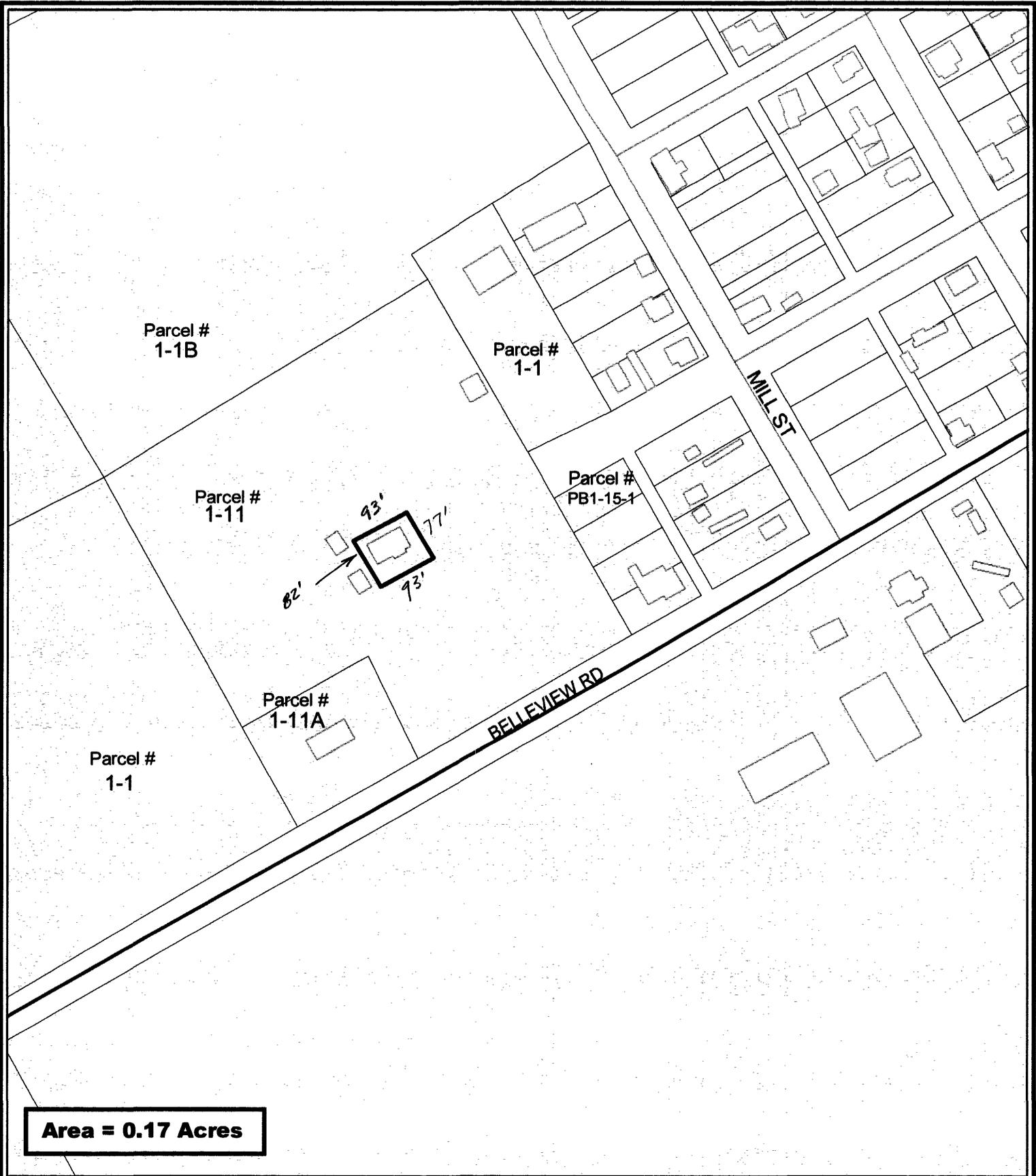
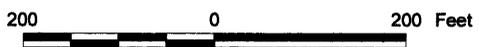


Figure 1 This excerpt from the 1883 D. J. Lake Atlas of Boone and Kenton Counties, Kentucky shows the Jenkins-Berkshire House (identified by a ☆ with G. R. Berkshire as the owner), its proximity to the distillery and the Ohio River, and its relative prominence within the Petersburg settlement.



**Area = 0.17 Acres**

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**Jenkins - Berkshire**  
**BE - 28**



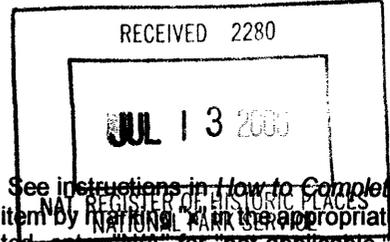
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other names/site number BE-28

2. Location

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city or town Petersburg vicinity N/A

state Kentucky code KY county Boone code 015 zip code 41080

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Signature of certifying official/Title Date 6-5-2000

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other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously-listed resources in the count)

private  
 public-local  
 public-State  
 public-Federal

building(s)  
 district  
 site  
 structure  
 object

Contributing      Noncontributing  
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\_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

Historic Resources of Boone County, Kentucky

\_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

DOMESTIC/secondary structure

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

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DOMESTIC/secondary structure

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

MID-19TH CENTURY/Gothic Revival

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE

walls WOOD/weatherboard

roof ASPHALT

other \_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

Refer to continuation sheets

**8. Statement of Significance**

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(Mark "X" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

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Jenkins-Berkshire House  
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***(Historic Resources of Boone County, Kentucky)***

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**Statement of Significance**

The Jenkins-Berkshire House (BE-28) meets National Register eligibility under Criterion C, and is significant for its architectural design, as a distinctive example of Gothic Revival domestic architecture which is stylistically uncommon within the geographical context of Boone County. The Kentucky Heritage Council Historic Resources Survey (No. BE-28) identifies it as "one of the county's most characteristic and best-preserved examples of the Gothic Revival style." The property, which retains integrity, is significant within Historic Context V, "Domestic Architecture in Boone County, 1792-1950," as set forth in the Boone County MPDF, and satisfies fully the Registration Requirements established for Property Type I resources (Domestic Architecture) in the MPDF.

The Gothic Revival style was one of the picturesque design modes which developed in the mid-nineteenth century as a stylistic alternative to the more formal Greek Revival. While Boone County has retained a variety of Greek Revival and Italianate homes, such has not been the case for homes executed in the Gothic Revival style. Most of the residences erected by Boone County's small proportion of wealthy and sophisticated nineteenth-century citizenry were built at the county seat of Burlington, along major thoroughfares, or—as in the case of the Jenkins-Berkshire House—in close proximity to the Ohio River.

The Jenkins-Berkshire House ranks as one of the county's most characteristic and best-preserved examples of the Gothic Revival style. Unlike their Greek Revival and Italianate contemporaries, Gothic Revival-style houses are not numerous in Boone County; most examples—including the Jenkins-Berkshire House, are located near the river or along U.S. 42., the former Louisville Turnpike.

Gothic Revival-style dwellings in Boone County exhibit a wide range of stylistic expression. The Peter Gregory House (BE-670), located in the area of the East Bend Bottoms, exemplifies the high-style, academically-correct Downing cottage. The Glore House (BE-294) and the T. A. Huey House (BE-1033), are built on a large scale and interpret the style more loosely; in both examples the influence of the style is most evident in form and massing rather than applied ornament, with the dominant central gable as the stylistic hallmark. A group of rural houses of simple design and modest scale incorporate elements of the style: these include the Sydney Gaines House (BE-63), the Randall Rouse (BE-65), and BE-2. While built on a similarly modest scale, the Jenkins-Berkshire House is a considerably more stylish dwelling, incorporating the characteristic bargeboard, a lancet-arched focal window, and central ridgeline chimneys. The proportions of the house, however, are modest: its relatively small gable and short chimneys lack the vertical emphasis of the more high-style Gregory House.

With the exception of the Lewis Aylor House (BE-589; destroyed), an idiosyncratic dwelling of side-passage plan, Gothic Revival-style houses in the county—including the Jenkins-Berkshire House—exhibit center-passage plans. Such is the norm throughout Kentucky; asymmetrical villa-style dwellings, usually architect-designed, are rare in the state and are generally found only in the Inner Bluegrass region.

Boone County's Gothic Revival-style dwellings are rarely stylistically pure and often include elements of other mid-nineteenth-century styles: Italianate porches and staircases, and Greek Revival doorways and

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interior moldings are common features. While the Gregory House features high-style Greek Revival interior elements, the Jenkins-Berkshire House, like the Glore House, employs simple Greek Revival interior finishes except for the lancet-ached panels of the main door.

As stated earlier, the Jenkins-Berkshire House ranks among the county's best-preserved Gothic Revival dwellings. While the Randall House and BE-2 have endured unsympathetic alterations of one sort or another, the Jenkins-Berkshire House remains largely intact.

Local tradition maintains that the house was built by J. C. Jenkins, an Ohio River steamboat captain, stock breeder, and one-time owner of the Boone County Distilling Company which was located adjacent to the house on the River (See Fig. 1). Jenkins himself lived atop Prospect Hill about one mile distant, and it was said that he built the Gothic Revival-style cottage for his son so that the younger Jenkins could be seen but not heard. In 1880, Jenkins sold the house to George R. Berkshire, whose family retained ownership until the 1950s.

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**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Being a portion of that property described in Boone County, Kentucky Deed Book 205, Page 5' and Property Tax Parcel Map No. 1-11, measuring north 82', east 93', south 77' and west 93', comprising a total of 0.17 acres. The boundaries are more particularly shown on the accompanying Boone County Planning Commission GIS map.

**JUSTIFICATION**

The boundaries of this nomination encompass the Jenkins-Berkshire House and its immediately associated dependency, both of which have been historically part of this property and retain both their architectural integrity and significance.

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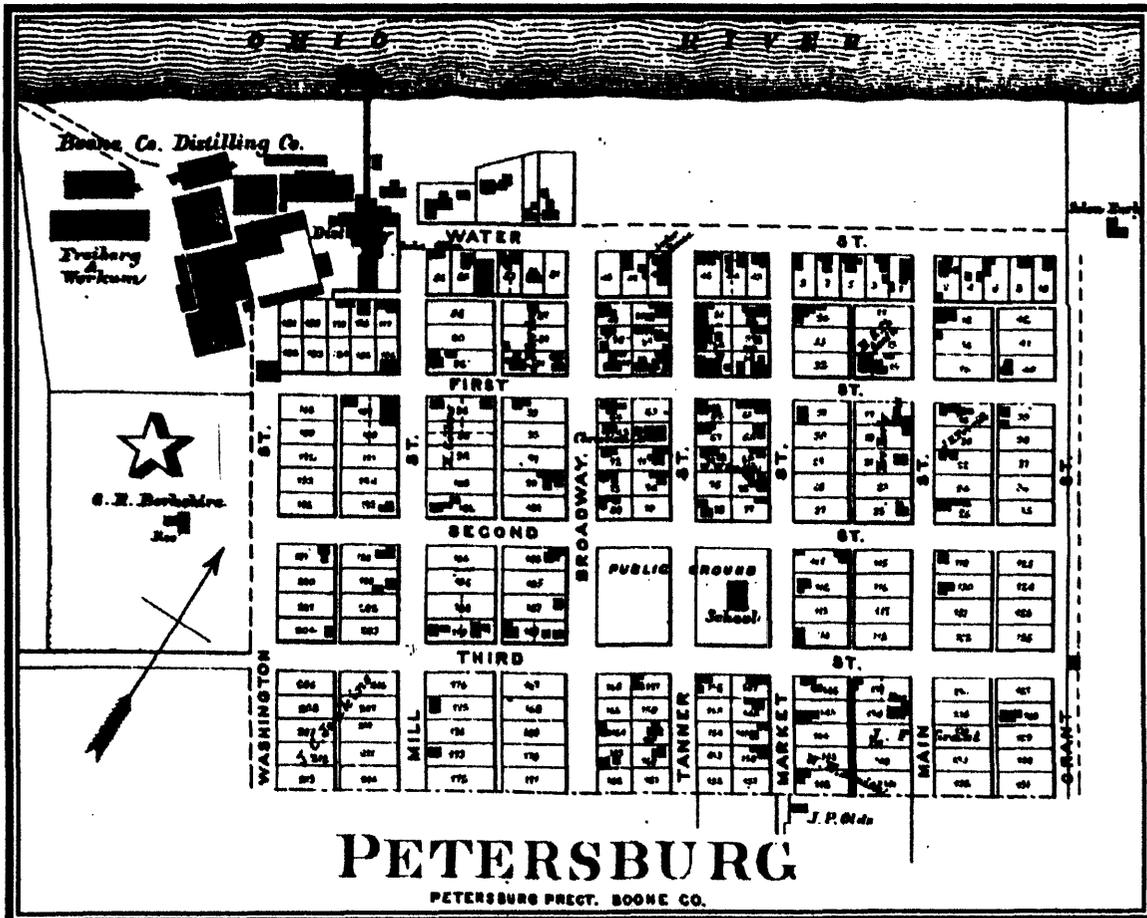
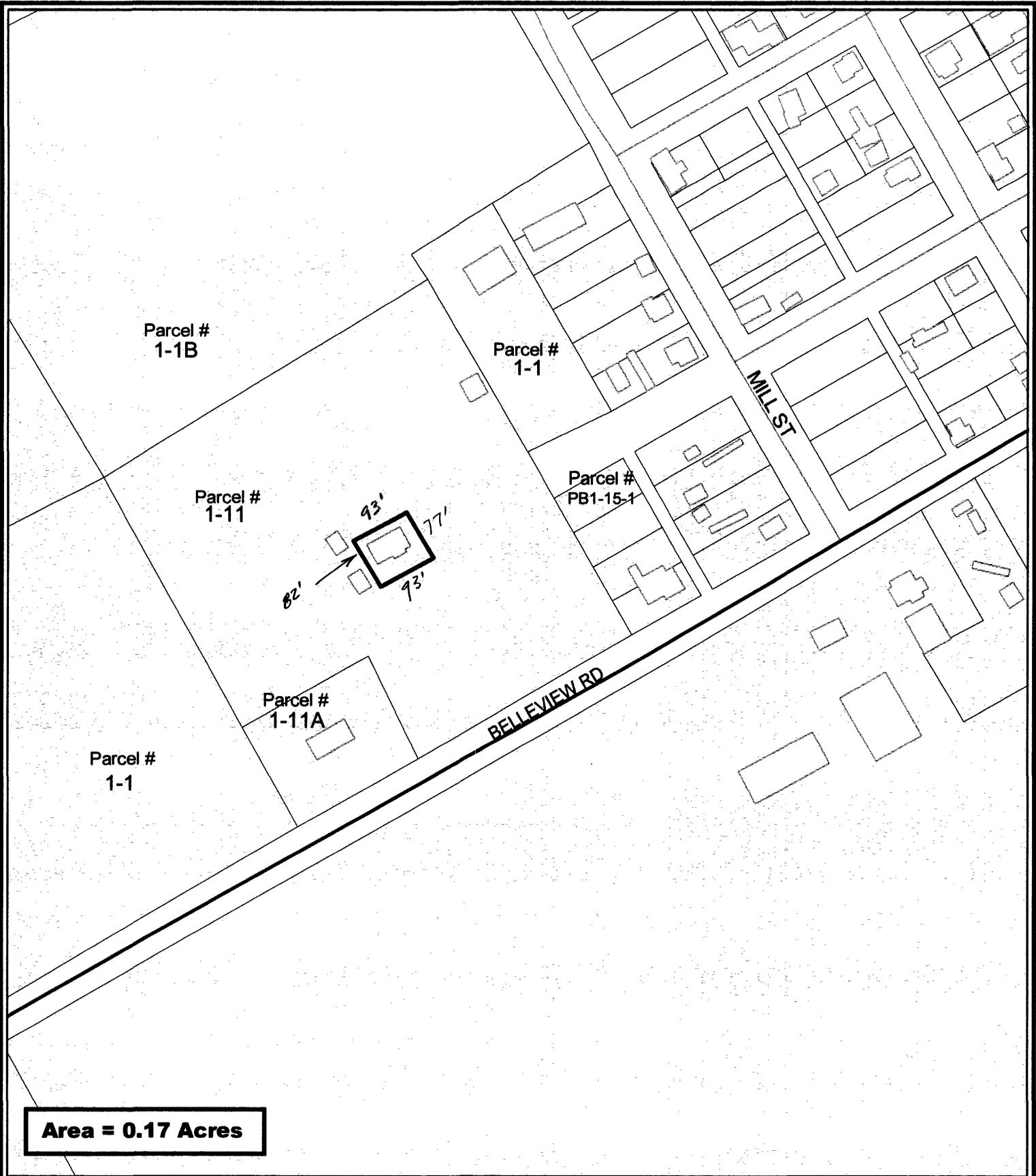
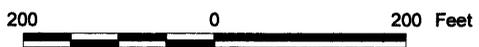


Figure 1 This excerpt from the 1883 D. J. Lake Atlas of Boone and Kenton Counties, Kentucky shows the Jenkins-Berkshire House (identified by a ☆ with G. R. Berkshire as the owner), its proximity to the distillery and the Ohio River, and its relative prominence within the Petersburg settlement.



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