

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES  
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # OL-591  
Oldham County

1. Name of Resource: Haywood House

2. Original Owner: ? Haywood

3. Other Names: Unknown

4. Prehistoric Site  Building  Object   
Historic Site  Structure  Other

5. Location: 6901 La Grange Road - northwest side of road and railroad track.

6. Owner's Name: Theodore and Dorcas Merhoff [ P ]

7. Owner's Address: P.O. Box 107  
Pewee Valley, Ky. 40256

8. Evaluation: [ G ]

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

10. N.R. Status & Date: EK, August, 1989

11. N.R. Group:  
District Name: Woodridge Ave. [ ]  
Mult. Resource Area: La Grange Rd. [ ]  
Thematic Name: Historic District [ ]

12. Historical Theme:  
Primary: Suburban Development [ 300 ]  
Secondary: Architecture [ 030 ]  
Other: [ ]

13. Statement of Significance: Important as documentation of an early 20th century building boom in Pewee Valley. Significant architecturally as an eclectically-styled house built as a summer residence. [ A3C ]

14. History:  
House is believed to have been built by the Haywood family about 1910. The family owned the house into the 1940s. The Haywoods operated a dairy in Lewisville and probably used the house as a summer house.

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person:  
Deed search  
Conversation with Sis Marker at Herd's Garage in Pewee 11/10 - 11/89

16. Date:  
Original Building c. 1910 [ 4 ]  
Addition c. 1980 [ 1 ]

17. Style: Eclectic - Craftsman, Queen Anne. [ 90 ]

18. Architect/Builder: Unknown

19. No. of Stories: Two plus attic [ 2.0 ]

20. Original Floor Plan: Open [ 00 ]

21. Single Pile  Double Pile  N.A.

22. Roof Form & Material: Gable Original   
Not Original

23. Structural Material: Wood frame - Sawn [ W ]

24. Exterior Material: Wood - weatherboard [ W ]

25. Foundation Material: Limestone block [ S ]

26. Major Alterations: Added attached garage  
Moved/Rebuilt  None   
Other

27. Special Features: Roofline brackets  
Colonial Revival style mantel in living room

28. Outbuildings: None [ ]

29. Original Function: Single dwelling [ OIA ]

30. Present Use: Single dwelling [ OIA ]

31. Condition: Good [ G ]

32. Endangered: Yes   
No

33. Attach Photos:  
Roll: 4 Photo Nos: 1, 2 No. of Slides: 2

34. Prepared by: Candyn Brooks

35. Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

36. Date: Sept. 30 1989

37. New Survey  Resurvey

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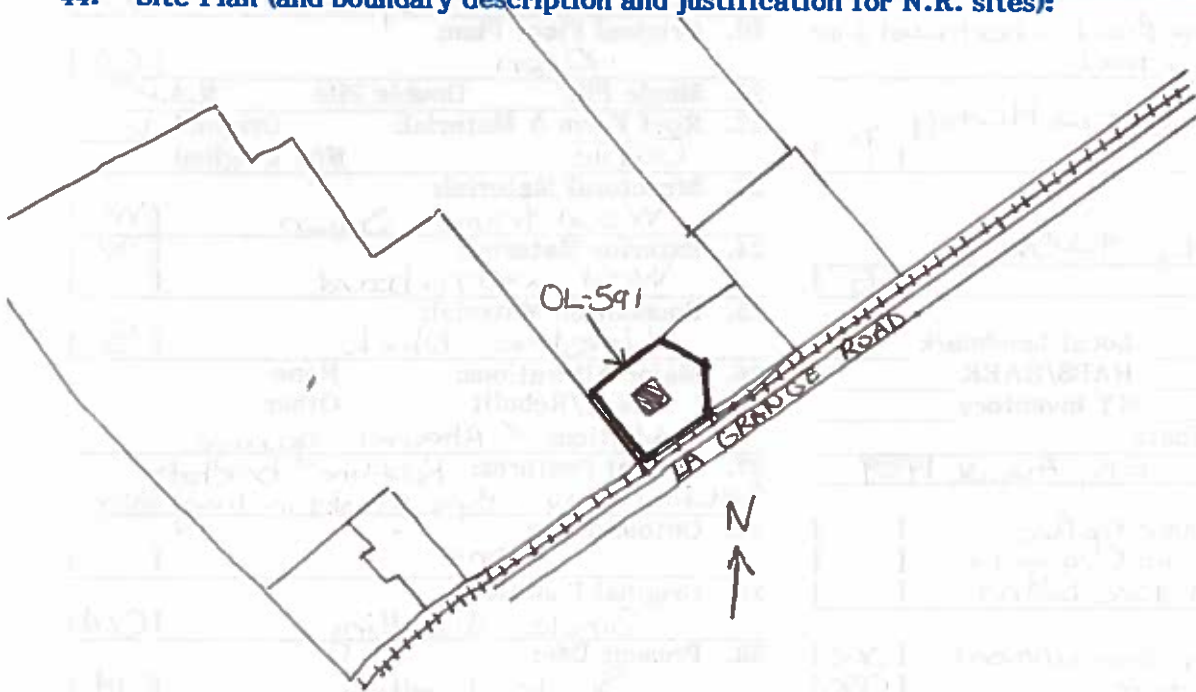
38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. [ ]  
Quadrant: Crestwood 16 632700 4242080 40. Coordi.Accuracy [ ]

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

A. ---  
B. ---  
C. ---  
D. ---  
E. ---  
F. ---

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 2.5 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: 2.5

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



45. Description and House Plan:

See attached.

Interior has an open plan. The main front entrance is into a large stairhall - living room with a fine Colonial Revival style mantel with Ionic columns.

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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asymmetrical plan house consists of an L-shaped stone section probably built in several stages around 1800, a large nearly square hip-roofed brick section probably built in the 1830s, and a rear frame bedroom wing and an extension of the north front corner of the brick section which date from about 1903. The one-and-one-half story early stone portion of the house, itself built in at least two stages, has a full-width, full-height portico that used to be the front facade of the house. The present front entrance, turned 180° from the original entrance and located in the 1830s one-story brick section, has a flat-roofed porch capped by a chippendale style balustrade and large double paneled doors topped by overlights.

The house sits on a large piece of property that presently consists of about forty acres. A long straight driveway lined with large ash trees leads from gates at La Grange Road and the railroad tracks to the house where it loops around in front of the main entrance. Large shade trees and flowering trees are scattered about the rough grassed area that surrounds the house. Outbuildings are situated on both sides of the house and rolling fields surround the central landscaped area.

The house is part of a 4,000 acre land grant given to Samuel Beall in 1784. The property changed hands many times in the early nineteenth century making it hard to determine which owners built which portion of the house. In 1857, Jonas H. Rhorer, cashier at the Savings Bank of Louisville purchased the by then approximately 200 acres associated with the house. Rhorer, who accumulated large land holdings in Pewee Valley in the 1860s and 1870s, lost the house about 1880 due to financial difficulties. After being used as a summer rental property for some years, it was purchased in 1903 by Powhatan Wooldridge, a wealthy Louisville businessman, who used it for many years as a thoroughbred horse farm.

- C Carriage house. Gable roof. Board-and-batten siding. 1870s.  
 NC Garage. Gable roof. Vinyl siding. 1970s.  
 NC Servants' cottage. Gable-roofed, two room c. 1900 building with  
 1970s addition.  
 Smokehouse. Gable roof. Limestone block. Early 1800s.  
 C Springhouse. Gable roof. Limestone block, partially below  
 (Structure) ground. Early 1800s.  
 C Barn? Large rectangular Limestone block building with low walls  
 and replacement roof early 1800s.

- OL-591 9. Haywood House. 6901 La Grange Road. c. 1910. A large two-story  
 C wood framed house with eclectic styling. The approximately square

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plan, weatherboarded house has a gable roof with boxed eaves and two front gable-roofed dormers with a simple curved bargeboard. A wraparound front porch with a solid frieze and simple wooden posts protects the Craftsman-style glass front door with its Craftsman sidelights. A two-story polygonal bay with a separate gable roof and roofline brackets is located on each side. Windows are four and five vertical panes over one double hang sash; the foundation is limestone clock. A recently constructed garage at the rear is attached to the house by a roofed-over drive through. The property fronts on the railroad. The house sits far back on its informally landscaped lot.

The Haywood family, who owned the house into the 1940s, are believed to have built it about 1910.

NC 10. Lot. La Grange Road. A lot which lies between properties #9 and (site) #11. A driveway on the property leads to a non-historic house set far back from the road on a portion of the property that has not been included in the district.

OL-316 11. Rush-Gheens House. 13608 La Grange Road. c. 1871/c. 1900. A large C two-story L-plan house with weatherboard siding and no apparent style. The basic Victorian house has a steeply pitched gable roof with a gable-roofed dormer on the front and decorative shinglework in the front facing wing. A full-width front porch with Tuscan columns wraps around the north side. Windows are four-over-four double hung sash; the foundation is fieldstone. A two-story detached kitchen wing at the northwest rear corner has been connected to the house and a large non-historic one-story rear wing has been added. The house is located on nearly five acres of an original fourteen acre lot. A driveway lined with mature maple trees winds from massive stone entrance gates to the front of the house. The house is currently vacant and the property somewhat overgrown, but many large trees and flowering shrubs still dot the acreage.

The earliest portion of this house is thought to have been built by J. W. Rush about 1871. After changing hands a number of times, the property was purchased in 1897 by Mary F. And Charles W. Gheens who are probably responsible for the large addition that today forms the major part of the house. Gheens (1836-1927), co-owner of a Louisville wholesale grocery business, among other business concerns, used the property as a summer residence until 1911, after which time it again changed ownership many times.

## Merhoff House

5-607 Ted and Marcus Merhoff -

5-27-36 6901 St. Jdy. 146 - Pl. - 241-4881

O.O. Box 107, Pewee Valley, Ky. 40056

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Theodore L. Merhoff and Marcus Merhoff from

10-14-77

Donald L. Morris and Dorothy H. Morris - \$38,000.<sup>00</sup>

2.49 acres

168-29

Donald L. and Dorothy H. Morris from

7-26-77

Mary H. Schmitt (widow)

94-343

Herward M. Schmitt (died 2-22-1977) + Mary H.

10-30-62

Schmitt from

Clara H. Kresin (widow) (conveyed by will)

62-246

Donald M. Kresin and wife Clara H. from

5-6-42

Arin H. Anderson - formerly Alma Katherine

Shywood) <sup>of Calif.</sup> widow of Harold S. Anderson,

(called a tract of land at Locust Lodge

57-121

Alma Katherine Shywood from

5-19-37

J. C. Shywood (unmarried)

Gift in the form of the Haywood

55-607 J. C. Haywood from  
5-27-36 E.M. Haywood, J. W. Haywood - Sold at  
public auction \$3,600.00 St. L. Dawson - Master  
Commissioner - acquired by R. F. Haywood

53-61 R. F. Haywood - purchased at public auction  
3-12-32 for \$8660.00 - Seems that a house was  
built. Lined against property from  
Ky. Shell and Plaster Co., Newgent Sand Corp,  
and many others.

51-313 Maggie B. Haywood (died intestate) and  
3-1-29 left to all her children - heirs at law, from  
Fidelity and Columbia Trust Co. - for \$800.<sup>00</sup>  
(Trustee under deeds of Ellen G. Harris)

33-565 Ellen G. Harris Fidelity Trust and Safety Vault  
11-27-1903 Co. from Ellen G. Harris & Lucien M. Harris

33-538 Ellen G. Harris from  
11-17-03 Oawston Hardridge

33-525 There were 3 tracts of land. One part of  
this property also went back to James Peder  
buy wife from Ellen G. Harris (Mar. 20, 1876)  
I talked to Marcus Merhoff. She said  
the old times around say the house was

# Built in the Teens by the Haywoods.

Original Building c. 1910  
Addition c. 1930

17. Style: Eclectic - Craftsman, Queen Anne

18. Architect/Builder: Unknown

19. No. of Stories: Two plus attic

20. Original Floor Plan: Open

21. Single Pile Double Pile N.A.

22. Appl form & Material: Original Cable Not Original

23. Structural material: Wood frame - Sawn

24. Exterior material: Wood - weatherboard

25. Foundation material: Limestone block

26. Major Alterations: None Moved/Rebuilt Other

27. Special Features: Roofline brackets, Cornice, Porch, etc. - Masonry, Heavy trim

28. Outbuildings: None

29. Original Function: Single dwelling

30. Present Use: Single dwelling

31. Condition: Good

32. In danger of: Yes No

10. Name: James Haywood

11. Address: 40024

12. Marker: Local Landmark HABS/HAER KY Inventory

13. Marker Certificate: 10

14. Date: 2-15, August, 1989

15. Source Area: 1000000000

16. Theme: Suburban Development

17. Primary: Architecture

18. Statement of Significance: Important as a well-preserved example of an early 20th-century building known as Brown Valley, significant architecturally as an excellent example of a Queen Anne house built in the teens.

House is believed to have been built by the Haywood family about 1910. The family owned the house into the 1930s. The Haywoods operated a dairy in Louisville and produced milk for the house as a summer house.

19. Name of historical information and/or contact: Search with SS Marker at 11/88.

33. Attach Photos: Roll: 9 Photo Nos: 1, 2 No. of Slides:

34. Prepared by: Carolyn Smith

35. Organization:

36. Date: Sept. 23, 1989

37. How Surveyed:  Recovery

