

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES  
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # 06-588  
Oldham County

1. Name of Resource: Woolbridge - Briggs House

2. Original Owner: Powhatan Woolbridge

3. Other Names: Unknown

4. Prehistoric Site  Building  Object  
Historic Site  Structure  Other

5. Location: 305 Woolbridge Avenue  
(northeast side of Woolbridge Ave.)

6. Owner's Name: Charles & Cecelia Mc Auliffe [P]

7. Owner's Address: 305 Woolbridge Ave.  
Pewee Valley, Ky. 40056

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: EO, August, 1989

11. N.R. Group:  
District Name: Woolbridge Ave. Historic [ ]  
Mult. Resource Area: District [ ]  
Thematic Name: [ ]

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

13. Statement of Significance: Important as one  
of the large houses built in Pewee Valley  
in the early 20th c. after the 1901 arrival  
of the interurban line. Architecturally  
interesting as a house with somewhat  
unusual Craftsman-style detailing. [A/C]

14. History: Built c. 1905 by Powhatan  
Woolbridge, owner of the tract, for one  
of his 2 daughters. She never used it. About  
1912, Woolbridge deeded it to R.W. Briggs,  
a part owner and trainer at Woolbridge's  
saddle horse farm. The house was  
originally on The Locust property.

16. Date: Original Building c. 1905 [4]  
Addition [ ]

17. Style: Craftsman [65]  
[ ]

18. Architect/Builder: Unknown

19. No. of Stories: Two plus attic [20]

20. Original Floor Plan: Unknown [UN]  
[ ]

21. Single Pile  Double Pile  N.A.

22. Roof Form & Material: Hipped Original   
Not Original

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

24. Exterior Material: Aluminum siding [A]  
[ ]

25. Foundation Material: limestone block [S]  
[ ]

26. Major Alterations: None  
Moved/Rebuilt  Other   
Additions

27. Special Features: Lozange-shaped window on sleeping porch.

28. Outbuildings: Ry. barn, shed. [N/C]  
[ ]

29. Original Function: Single dwelling [OIA]  
[ ]

30. Present Use: Single dwelling [OIA]  
[ ]

31. Condition: Good [G]  
[ ]

32. Endangered: Yes  
No

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person:

Deed search (see attached)  
McAuliffe, Charles, 305 Woolbridge Ave.  
Interview.

Dorinda Smith (daughter of R.W. Briggs) - Telephone interview (see attached)

34. Prepared by: Carolyn S. Brooks

35. Organization: [ ]

36. Date: Sept. 20, 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 632150 4241850 40. Coordi.Accuracy [ ]

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

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

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 4.82 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: 4.82

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



45. Description and House Plan:

(See attached)

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States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

## National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number 7 Page 5 Wooldridge Avenue + La Grange Road  
Historic District

- C Carriage house/barn. Two-story. Cross-gable-roof with clipped gables and central cupola. Board-and-batten siding. c. 1890.
- C Servant's house. Gable-roofed. Weatherboard siding. c. 1870.
- C Chicken house. Gable-roofed with clipped gables and cupola. Gable-roofed dormer with bargeboard. Tar-paper siding. c. 1890.
- C Shed. Gable roof. Tar-paper siding. c. 1890.
- OL-588 C 3. Wooldridge-Briggs House. 305 Wooldridge Avenue. c. 1905. An unusual Craftsman style house which retains its basic historic character despite a number of changes. This two-story square-plan house has a high hipped roof with a wide overhang, two hip-roofed dormers, and tall corbeled interior chimneys. A hip-roofed wrap-around corner porch has replacement aluminum columns. A second floor front recessed sleeping porch has unusual lozenge-shaped screened-in openings. Aluminum siding, a completely glassed-in side bay window, and a replacement picture window on the front facade are unfortunate changes. The house sits on an informally landscaped four-acre lot. The house was built about 1905 by Powhatan Wooldridge. Located at the edge of his property, "The Locust," it was built for one of his two daughters who never used it. About 1912 Wooldridge deeded it to R. W. Briggs, a part owner and trainer at Wooldridge's saddlehorse farm.
- NC Pony barn. Gable-roof. Vertical wood siding. 1950s.
- NC Shed. Corrugated metal and rough-cut wood siding. 1950s.
- C (site) NC 4. Wooded Lot. Wooldridge Avenue. A wooded lot until recently associated with the adjacent Wooldridge-Rose House. Shed/cottage. Concrete block. 1960s.
- OL-313 C 5. Wooldridge-Rose House. 315 Wooldridge Avenue. c. 1905. An important example of Colonial Revival styling in Pewee Valley and the district. This large two-story house has a rectangular, double-pile plan, weatherboard siding, and a hipped roof with a central front hip-roofed dormer. A massive hip-roofed front porch with large battered stone piers wraps around the sides of the house. A central semi-circular balcony with decorative shingle siding is cut into the porch roof and accessed through second-floor French doors. Windows are eight-over-one and six-over-one sash; oversized sidelights

Telephone Interview2/8/89 Mrs. Will Dinguid 245-11~~92~~<sup>29</sup>

(Biggs' daughter)

- what was Biggs' connection to Woldridge  
 part owner / trainer of Saddlehorse farm. Sold horses c. 1920

- when was house built? was it for Biggs?

1989  
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 1912 → house was built for 2nd daughter. she didn't live there.  
 Biggs moved there 77 yrs. ago.

→ who lived at Powhatan Lodge?

- chauffeur lived there at one time.

- how many children did Woldridge have? 4  $\frac{1}{2}$

- where were 2 Woldridges connected with her husband?

Powhatan Woldridge.

- wife lived in 4th Street house in Louisville. near

children: Charles F. Woldridge (son)

Raymond J. Woldridge (son) - oldest.

May Tyler - Peter.

Anna May - Musik - O'Brien

Woldridges died - c. 1934 or 1935.

buried in Versailles.

→

oldest son lived in P.V. - house burned. (stone  
 house on same site.) he died fairly young.

- widow lived in house until children older.

- moved to Kentucky. to become house mother at univ.

Mc Auliffe House 305 Woodridge Ave. Parcel 4-3-2

9-388  
1/2/54

Charles D. McAuliffe and wife from Bertha Cattel Biggs (widow)  
4.82 acres (more or less)

9-349  
~~3/3/52~~  
~~3/19~~  
~~5/8/52~~  
2/30/53

Bertha Cattel Biggs from Elizabeth Biggs Barnes  
4.88 acres (more or less) + K.L. Barnes (husband) et al

vit Claim Deed

76-302  
1/8/52

Bertha Cattel Biggs from Elizabeth Biggs Barnes et al  
3.00 acres (more or less)

70-544

~~Elizabeth~~ + R.W. Biggs from Powhatan Woodridge  
3.00 acres + wife

apt 25 1916

34-464

P. Woodridge from James C. Murphy + wife  
3.00 acres (more or less)

Oct. 7 1905

#2,828.00

\* Woodridge built home

33-32,389.34  
+35  
April 30, 1902

James C. Murphy from Jennie M. Cotton (widow) et al  
25.71 acres (A)

#2,571.00

30-15 Jennie M. Cotton et al from Sallie C. Cotton

June 12, 1896 35.175/1000 acres (more or less)  
1 acre to O'Neal Book Z-491

\* interesting name of residence 2 acres to McCormick Book Z-354  
but hard to read "Undulata" 11 acres to Hartwell 27-528

which is the 35 acres

Book Z - pg. 318 Sallie A.C. Cotton from W.D. Gallagher  
March 26, 1890 Trustee being Chas B. Cotton

\* 40 acres less strip of land  
of 4 <sup>825</sup>/1000 acres sold to Orrille Truman ~~Truman~~ Sept. 10, 1869

X

Book X-19 W.D. Gallagher et al from Hamilton Ormsby Mfg.  
Apr. 14, 1885 ~~45 71.23~~ 40 acres but reduced by <sup>about</sup> 4 acres  
conveyed to Truman & wife.

Book I - 331 W.D. Gallagher from James A Miller & wife  
Sept. 18, 1855 40 acres Noydsburgh rd. ??

## Woolridge - Briggs House.

Exterior:

- Two-story. hipped roof with 2 front & hipped -  
roof dormers, 2 rear dormers and 1 shed-roofed  
dormer on east and west sides <sup>very deep overhang to roof.</sup> 3 tall corbelled chimneys
- Square plan. - recessed sun-porch on 2nd  
floor front corner - with unusual large-shaped  
screened openings
- main porch: wrap-around - has replacement  
aluminum columns, front entrance glass door <sup>with oversized</sup> side lights
- house has aluminum siding - originally had  
shingle siding according to present owner. 2nd  
floor has slight bell cast - a wood board  
runs underneath
- Limestone block foundation.
- Windows - 1/1 d.h.s.
- Serious alterations: new picture window on front  
facade; bay window on 1st floor east side has  
been given modern treatment - completely glazed.  
eaves have new finish - brackets have been removed

Outbuildings

- Porch barn. N/C. gable roof - vertical wood siding  
1950s.
- Shed - gable roof. Corrugated metal? with red  
wood siding N/C - 1950s.

more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a post in Wooldridge Avenue/ to the land of Richards, thence with Wooldridge Avenue north 61 deg. west 375 feet to a post corner to the land of Rogers, thence with Rogers north 39 deg. 10 min. east 587 feet to a post corner to the land of Martin, thence with land of Martin south 43 deg. 50 min. east 369.20 feet to a post north 57 deg. east 62.1 feet to a post, south 43 deg. 40 min. east 30 feet to a post, corner to the land of Richards, thence with Richards south 44 deg. 25 min. west 535 feet to the point of beginning, containing 4.82 acres, more or less.

Being the same land conveyed to Bertha Catlett Briggs, by deed dated March 8, 1952 from Elizabeth Briggs Barnes, et al, recorded in Deed Book 76, page 302 of the Oldham County Court Clerk's office and by quit-claim deed from Elizabeth Briggs Barnes, et al, recorded in Deed Book 79 page 349 of said Clerk's office, and dower interest therein inherited by Mrs. Briggs upon the death of her husband, R. Walter Briggs, intestate (see Affidavit of Descent filed in Deed Book 76 page 301 of said Clerk's office.)

To Have And To Hold the above described real estate together with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the parties of the second part, jointly for life with remainder to the survivor of them in fee simple with Covenant of General Warranty. First party warrants that she is the owner of the above described real estate, that it is free and clear of all liens and encumbrances and that she has full right and authority to sell and convey the same.

This conveyance is made subject to a right of passway as set out in Deed Book 46 page 558 of the Oldham County Court Clerk's office.

The parties of the second part assume and agree to pay the taxes due and payable during the year 1954. Possession of said property is to be given on or before thirty (30) days from the delivery of this deed.

Witness the signature of the party of the first part the date first above written.

Bertha Catlett Briggs

STATE OF Kentucky  
county of oldham

I, Thos. F. Manby, a Notary Public, in and for the state and county aforesaid, hereby certify that the foregoing instrument of writing was on this day produced to me in said state and county and signed, acknowledged and delivered by Bertha Catlett Briggs, widow, party thereto, to be her act and deed.

Witness my hand this 2nd day of Feb. 1954. My Com. exp. may 10, 1954.

Thos. F. Manby  
Notary Public, Oldham Co., Ky.

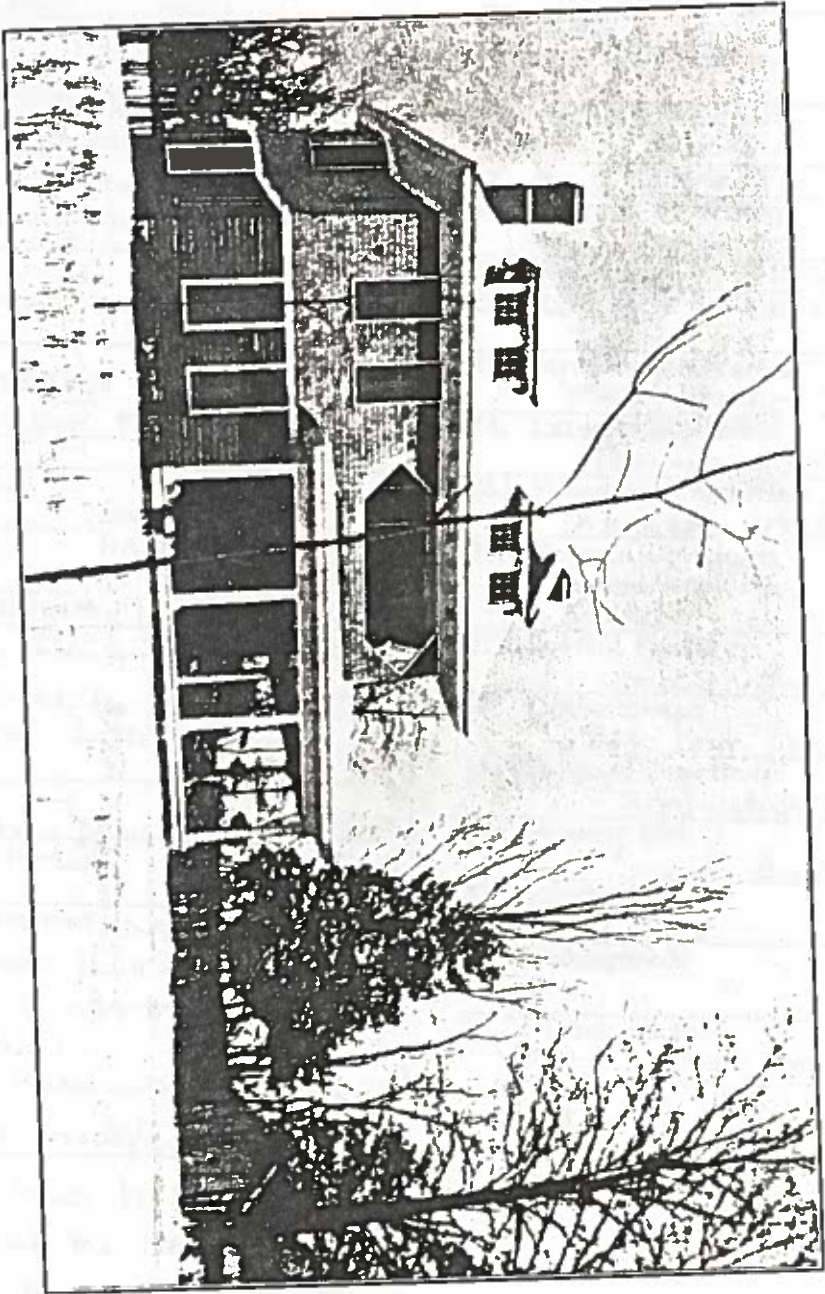
I, W.W. Head, clerk of the Oldham County Court in the State of Kentucky, do certify that the foregoing deed was on this day produced to me in my office at 3 o'clock P.M. Lodged for record and ordered to be recorded, that I have recorded it and this and the foregoing certificate in my office. Duly stamped as required by an act of congress (\$14.85).

Witness my hand this 4th day of February 1954.

W.W. Head  
Clerk



NEW  
RESIDENCE,  
WOOLDRIDGE  
AVENUE



305 Woolbridge Avenue -  
Woolbridge - Briggs House  
Woolbridge, Rochester, et. Beaumont Terrace Valley, c. 1927

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