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## United States Department of the Interior National Park Service National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

1.	Name	of Pro	perty

Historic name: <u>Irish Hill Historic District</u> Other names/site number: <u>See Description Inventory</u> Name of related multiple property listing: <u>NA</u>

Street & number: Various, See Table Below   City or town:   Louisville   Not For Publication:   NA   Vicinity:   NA <b>3. State/Federal Agency Certification</b> As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that thisX_ nomination request for determination of eligibility meet the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Histor Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property _X_ meets does not meet the National Register Criteria <b>X_A</b> B C D Signature of certifying official/Title: <b>Date</b> State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.	State or Federal agency/bureau or Tril	bal Government
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#### Name of Property 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- \_\_\_\_ entered in the National Register
- \_\_\_\_ determined eligible for the National Register
- \_\_\_\_ determined not eligible for the National Register
- \_\_\_\_ removed from the National Register
- \_\_\_\_ other (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action

## 5. Classification

# Ownership of Property

Private:	X
Public – Local	X
Public – State	
Public – Federal	

## **Category of Property**

Building(s)	
District	X
Site	
Structure	
Object	

## Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
294	46	buildings
	16	sites
1		structures
		objects Total
295	62	Total

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Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register:

- 3 still standing and 1 that has been demolished:
- Nicholas Finzer House (NR 79001004);
- Engine House No. 11 (NR 80001623);
- Valentine Schneikert House (NR 86000848);
- Nelson Distillery Warehouse DEMOLISHED (NR 14000423)

#### 6. Function or Use

#### **Historic Functions**

DOMESTIC/single dwelling DOMESTIC/multiple dwelling COMMERCE/TRADE/warehouse COMMERCE/TRADE/restaurant COMMERCE/TRADE/specialty store GOVERNMENT/fire station RELIGION/school RELIGION/school NDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRACTIO N/manufacturing facility INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRACTIO N/industrial storage TRANSPORTATION/road-related

#### **Current Functions**

DOMESTIC/single dwelling DOMESTIC/multiple dwelling COMMERCE/TRADE/restaurant COMMERCE/TRADE/specialty store EDUCATION/school RECREATION AND CULTURE/theater RECREATION AND CULTURE/theater facility TRANSPORTATION/road-related

## **Architectural Classification**

LATE VICTORIAN/Italianate LATE VICTORIAN/Queen Anne LATE VICTORIAN LATE 19<sup>th</sup> AND 20<sup>th</sup> CENTURY REVIVALS/Colonial Revival LATE 19<sup>th</sup> AND 20<sup>th</sup> CENTURY REVIVALS/Gothic Revival LATE 19<sup>th</sup> AND 20<sup>th</sup> CENTURY AMERICAN MOVEMENTS LATE 19<sup>th</sup> AND 20<sup>th</sup> CENTURY AMERICAN MOVEMENTS/Bungalow/Craftsman Materials:

Foundation: Brick, Concrete Exterior Walls: Brick, Weatherboard, Shingle, Shake, Concrete, Stucco, Synthetics Roof: Metal, Slate, Asphalt, Synthetics

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7. Narrative Description

#### **Summary Paragraph**

The Irish Hill Historic District (figure 1) is located approximately 1.5-miles east of Downtown Louisville along the path of the Middle Fork of the Beargrass Creek in the bend of the historic Louisville and Nashville (L&N) railroad line. The district is situated adjacent to three National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-listed historic districts: the Highlands Historic District (NR # 83002680), the Clifton Historic District (NR #83002649 & NR #94000157 - separated by I-64), the Butchertown Historic District (NR #76000900, boundary increased in 2019 - separated by RR tracks), the Cave Hill Cemetery (NR #79000999), and the Cave Hill National Cemetery (NR #98001133), the latter of which is situated within Cave Hill Cemetery. The proposed district covers roughly 74 acres and is bounded by the Highlands Historic District and Bishop Street to the west, Lexington Road, Locust Street and the L&N railroad to the north, Interstate 64 to the east, and Quarry Street, Lexington Road, Payne Street, and Cave Hill and Eastern Cemeteries to the south. The district was primarily working-class residential neighborhood with some commercial and educational resources present. The Irish Hill Historic District has resources that range from ca. 1850 through 2018 with a Period of Significance that begins in 1850, the estimated date of construction for the earliest buildings in the district, and 1979, the year when National Distillers, the neighborhood's main employer, closed their doors, resulting in the loss of approximately 1400 jobs in the neighborhood and ending the important historic relationship between the district's houses and the district residents' work place. Although the Period of Significance stretches until 1979, there are very few resources constructed in the last few decades of this period, as residential development had largely ceased in the early twentieth century, and there were no resources built between 1974, the traditional 50-year cutoff, and the end of this period. The district was populated by Irish and German immigrants when Louisville experienced mass immigration and heavy industrialization. These two phenomena go hand in hand as the burgeoning industrialization of Louisville was in great need of a large workforce. The district also features other notable resources that were vital to growing neighborhoods such as religious facilities, access to expanding infrastructure, a fire station, and a large-scale industrial presence, the latter of which was especially necessary to working-class communities. This neighborhood of working-class housing is characterized by closely spaced residences on narrow lots with shallow setbacks and small yards. Moreover, Irish Hill has a significant collection of Shotgun houses that are indicative of the era and purpose of the neighborhood. The district features 295 Contributing properties, including one structure, the bridge carrying Payne Street across Beargrass Creek, and 62 Non-Contributing properties (46 buildings and 16 sites). The district as a whole is in good condition and retains integrity.

### Irish Hill Historic District

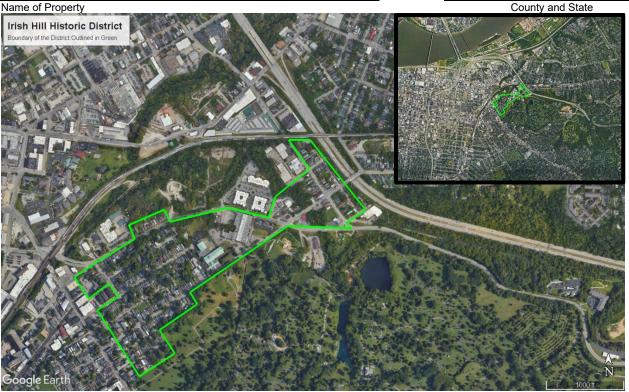


Figure 1. Boundaries of the Irish Hill Historic District, as shown on an aerial map (Google Earth). Location within the City of Louisville can be seen in the inset corner callout.

#### **General Setting of the District**

The Irish Hill Historic District is a somewhat isolated residential neighborhood just east of Downtown Louisville. Its isolated nature and hard geographic and manmade boundaries have made Irish Hill one of the smallest neighborhoods in Jefferson County.<sup>1</sup> It is separated from similar residential neighborhoods (Clifton) to the northeast by Interstate 64 and is completely bounded on the south by over 300 acres of historic cemeteries. Before the construction of I-64, the neighborhood stretched scarcely another block before abutting against Clifton. To the west there is a dense commercial corridor along one of the busiest local thoroughfares in this section of east Louisville, along Bardstown Road and Baxter Avenue. To the northwest and north, Irish Hill is adjacent to large industrial and commercial enterprises along with the presence of the L&N railroad line that effectively separates Irish Hill and East Louisville from the downtown business and commercial quarters. While many of the roads which run through Irish Hill are local residential through streets, there are three major thoroughfares that transect the district in various places: Lexington Road, which runs east to west and terminates just west of Irish Hill but continues to the east to several of Louisville's suburbs, Payne Street, which runs the length of the neighborhood and is the only connection between the western and eastern halves of the district, and Spring Street, which runs more or less north to south and bisects the eastern portion of Irish Hill and connects it to historic Butchertown to the north, another historic neighborhood that developed around the same time as Irish Hill (NR #76000900).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Gayle Cutler, "Irish Hill" in A Place in Time: The Story of Louisville's Neighborhoods. The Courier-Journal, 1989.

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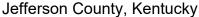
County and State The two most notable changes that have occurred within Irish Hill over the last century and a half are the construction of I-64 to the northeast, which now serves as the boundary of the district, and the demolition of several portions of the distillery complex that used to straddle Lexington Road. There are still resources associated with the distillery that contribute to the significance of Irish Hill, however other portions have been lost, one in recent years. The land that was once the distillery north of Lexington Avenue is now occupied by a new large-scale multi-family complex built in recent years (not included in the boundaries of the Irish Hill Historic District), while the warehouse on the north side of Payne was replaced with a muchneeded school in the late 1990s (a Non-Contributing resource within the district). As such, the two largest changes in the physical nature of Irish Hill and the surrounding landscape have largely not impacted the neighborhood itself. Instead, the district remains largely untouched, with the exception of the occasional small-scale construction on individual residential lots.

Most of the residential construction within Irish Hill was completed during the decades spanning the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. While Table 1 attempts to demonstrate the date of construction of each of the resources within the district, many of these dates are approximate and can not be precisely verified. Most of the dates, especially those showing 1900, were gathered from the Jefferson County Property Valuation Administration (PVA) and are merely estimates (the PVA assigns 1900 for historic buildings that have no other documented age). However, while the PVA dates are approximations, the resources were constructed during the period of large growth in Irish Hill in the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries and can be confirmed in the building's construction and by using historic Sanborn Maps.<sup>2</sup>

Four district properties have been individually listed in the NRHP:

- Nicholas Finzer House (NR #79001004), a two-story brick Renaissance Revival house built on a hill for a prominent Louisville resident. The large residence was among the first wave of houses built in Irish Hill (ca 1870) and is noteworthy for its size and architectural detailing. It has since been converted into a multi-family residence.
- Valentine Schneikert House (NR #86000848). Much like the Finzer house, the Schneikert house was built atop a hill and is a two-story, brick building constructed for a prominent Louisvillian. Unlike the Finzer house, the Schneikert house was constructed in the Italianate style, which is somewhat widespread in Irish Hill, albeit not on such a grand scale. The Schneikert house has since been converted into a multi-family residence. The conversion of both of these resources is indicative of the ongoing working-class character that continues to define Irish Hill.
- Engine House No. 11 (NR #80001623). Unlike the other two resources, which were residential, the Engine House was the early fire station that served Irish Hill and the surrounding neighborhoods. It is listed as part of a Multiple Property Listing of all historic firehouses in Louisville and it has since been converted to office space.
- Nelson Distillery Warehouse (NR #14000423). Demolished •

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Jefferson County Property Valuation Administration, Various: Sanborn Fire Insurance Company, 1892-1951.



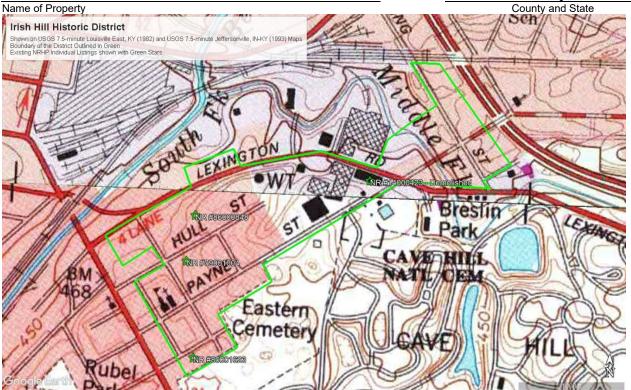


Figure 2. Boundaries of the Irish Hill Historic District (Green), as shown on the USGS 7.5-Minute Louisville East, KY and 7.5-Miunute Jefferson, IN-KY maps, with previously listed NRHP properties identified by green stars (USGS 1982; USGS 1993).

#### Physical Character of the District: Infrastructure and Geography

The general spatial layout and infrastructure of the Irish Hill Historic District informs its significance as a late 19<sup>th</sup> early 20<sup>th</sup> century working-class neighborhood, one that was inherently tied to the nearby industries. The most notable aspect of Irish Hill, and something that sets it apart from similar neighborhoods throughout Louisville, is the size, caused by the fact that it is hemmed in on all sides by various features, some natural and some manmade. The first, and arguably the most important of these, is Beargrass Creek. Beargrass Creek has long been identified an important natural element that greatly contributed to the founding and subsequent growth of Louisville. The creek itself, portions of which are already listed in the NRHP, was integral to Louisville's early industries and neighborhoods. It serves as the natural boundary of more than one neighborhood and was the focal point of many early industries which needed its water for manufacturing, transporting, and waste removal. In Irish Hill, Beargrass Creek runs along the northern boundary of the neighborhood and, as in many other neighborhoods in Louisville, was instrumental in large-scale, significant industries choosing this location for their operations, which eventually encouraged the growth of the residential development.

Transportation routes were another key support for development, layout, and significance of the Irish Hill Historic District. Two current streets, Baxter Avenue and Bardstown Road, were part of the Louisville and Bardstown Turnpike Road in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. These two roads make up the western border of the Irish Hill neighborhood. The historic Louisville and Lexington railroad line borders the Irish Hill neighborhood to the north. The Louisville and Bardstown

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County and State Turnpike Road was one of the earliest transportation routes that connected Louisville to the surrounding area and the smaller cities in central Kentucky. It allowed goods to reach the city from the farmland in the more rural parts of the state and served as the major point of entry for visitors to reach Louisville from outlying areas. Into the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20th centuries, this road became one of the major commercial and industrial corridors of east Louisville, a portion of which served as Irish Hill's commercial hub. The railroad line dates back to the early 19<sup>th</sup> century as well, and was the first railroad line to connect Louisville to the east, just as the Louisville and Nashville Railroad was the first to connect it to the south.



Extant distillery buildings within the district, maintaining the district's identity

Lastly, the entire southeastern boundary of Irish Hill is made up of two cemeteries, each of which are very significant to the area's history: Eastern Cemetery and Cave Hill Cemetery. Both of these cemeteries predate the Irish Hill neighborhood and cover over 300-acres of land. The land originally set aside and used for these cemeteries has not changed in the past century and a half. These cemeteries cover a prominent portion of the landscape of east Louisville.

The general layout of Irish Hill has not changed since its mature development, while additional features have reinforced its identity as a working-class neighborhood. Local infrastructure within the neighborhood is one of these character-defining features. The streets are laid out in a grid with the north-south roads on which the majority of resources are located. These streets are wider and more frequently used, while smaller alleyways behind the houses are narrow and allow access to garages and outbuildings behind residences. There are two major thoroughfares in the district itself, Payne Street and Lexington Road, which have remained key transportation routes since the neighborhood's earliest development. Like the Bardstown Road and Baxter Avenue corridor, Lexington Road was an early travel route into and out of Louisville for raw materials brought by wagon to the city from the hinterlands east of the city. Payne Street, which could arguably be called the most important local road to Irish Hill, dates back to the neighborhood's development and connects the commercial corridor on Baxter to the industries along Beargrass Creek, and then crosses the creek and connects Irish Hill to other nearby neighborhoods. Today, Payne Street remains one of the most travelled roads through the heart of Irish Hill. Lexington Road, while arguably a larger thoroughfare since its creation, has been utilized primarily as a throughway, both historically and currently, largely due to its connection

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## Neighborhood Resources

One of the distinguishing aspects of Irish Hill was how self-contained the neighborhood was. Despite the connecting roads and rail line, the residents had limited access to Louisville's surrounding communities because of a lack of available or affordable transportation. As such, Irish Hill contained mixed-use and commercial buildings along with industrial buildings, which is evident from historic maps. Off of Baxter Avenue, on Ward Street, were several commercial storefronts including a produce store and a feed store (1892 Sanborn Map). The Irish Hill Historic District continues to have several extant commercial and service buildings that served the small community. Newspaper articles and Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps from the early 20thcentury show a series of saloons, grocery stores, tobacconists, and a local fire engine house, all within the district. These buildings include the saloon-turned-grocery-store at 1201 Payne Street, a grocery store at 300 South Spring, a tobacconist at 204 Spring, and Engine Company No. 4 at 1122 Payne Street. As public transportation in the area was limited to the Louisville and Interurban Railroad in the early 20th century, these local merchants and services were built to serve the Irish Hill neighborhood and give the area as much self-sufficiency as possible. Some store proprietors lived in residences in the neighborhood; others lived in the second floor of their businesses.



NRHP-Listed Firehouse at 1122 Rogers St.



**Corner store at 204 Spring Street** 



**Commercial Building**, 1200 Payne St.



Former Church, at 1123 Payne Street

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#### **Residences in the Irish Hill Historic District**

The most important feature of the Irish Hill Historic District is the cohesive nature of the residential community and its ability to convey its identity as a late-nineteenth- through midtwentieth-century working-class neighborhood. The community arose as immigrants seeking a new life in the US and the opportunity to work in industrialized Louisville found the developing neighborhood to meet their needs, which included affordable houses and access to nearby employment. The neighborhood was laid out with uniform lot sizes, streets mostly in a grid pattern, and with early instances of necessary amenities, such as religious, educational, and municipal buildings, some of which are still present. The dominant architectural aspect of Irish Hill are its simple house forms.

### Shotgun Houses

Shotgun houses are the most common resource within the Irish Hill Historic District, making up 236 of the total 357 resources. Origins of the form are debated, with an early theory that they are a remnant of African architecture brought to the new world by Black freedmen migrating to urban southern cities. Others see them as simply a traditional hall-and-parlor plan of the rural South turned sideways on an urban lot to minimize the width. The prominence of Shotgun houses in southern cities in the late nineteenth century is striking.<sup>3</sup> Shotgun houses were developed in urban southern cities to accommodate the narrower lots and increase the density with which the houses could be placed. This form is characterized by a narrow, rectangular, one-room-wide house that was often three rooms deep and occasionally featured a second story in the rear, a form referred to as a Camelback.



**Shotgun House, 111 Spring Street** 

Shotgun House, 228 Spring Street

The term "Shotgun house" refers to the form, or plan, of the house and does not denote style. The Shotgun house form can be found displaying any number of architectural styles in Louisville. While most Shotgun houses in this district are unadorned, those which can be

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> McAlester, Virginia Savage. A Field Guide to American Houses: The Definitive Guide to Identifying and Understanding America's Domestic Architecture. Knopf, New York. 2015.

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identified with defined styles are noted so in the inventory table below. Some of the more popular styles within the Irish Hill Shotgun homes are Italianate and various Victorian-era designs. Similarly, Shotgun houses can feature various roof forms or bump-outs that are part of of the language of that style, or sometimes that simply add another level of functionality. While Shotgun houses typically have a front-gabled roof, other roof configurations are found in the district, such as hipped-roofs and the less popular low-sloped flat roof.



Shotgun House, 1238 Hull Street

**Shotgun House 222 Spring Street** 

Other characteristics prominent among the Shotgun houses are a single off-centered entrance on the main, street-facing façade, and two windows adjacent. However, other modifications are seen throughout the neighborhood with some houses containing a rear bump-out that offers a secondary, street-facing entrance. Others featured the primary entryway on one of the side facades, and several instances of the Camelback subset survive. Despite the varying styles and modifications to what is often considered a typical Shotgun house, the variations in Irish Hill all retain the same importance and convey the same feeling as modest, practical, working-class houses. The collective effect of their compact forms are the more dominant character-defining feature of the district than the architectural embellishments found on any single or group of them.

Shotgun houses are characteristic of Louisville's working-class neighborhoods in the latenineteenth century. During this time, Louisville was undergoing a significant growth in industrial development as well as in the immigrant population. As such, neighborhoods arose that sought to fill the housing needs of the increasing population which in turn fed the workforce needed in Louisville's factories. Irish Hill was a perfect example of this relationship between home place and workplace. In the late-nineteenth century, the world's largest whiskey distillery operated in the Irish Hill neighborhood and the workforce needed properties close to their place of employment, whether the house was owner-occupied or home to a renter. This house form is so widespread in Louisville's turn of the century working-class neighborhoods that the city now may have the largest collection of Shotgun houses in America due to the loss of thousands of them in New Orleans, the previous leader, due to Hurricane Katrina in 2002.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Old Louisville Guide, "Shotgun." Electronic Document. Historiclouisville.com/shotgun, accessed October 2023.

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## Less Common Styles and Forms within the Irish Hill Historic District

Shotgun houses make up the majority of residential buildings in Irish Hill, yet other forms are present, most of which also are modest-sized and simply-adorned working-class residential architecture. Some of these are two-story gable front, gable-front-and-wing, pyramidal, and bungalows. As with the district's Shotgun houses, these others feature a wide array of styles, although many have little to no overt styling. When style references are present, they include Queen Anne and Craftsman details. The simplicity of form becomes the dominant aesthetic effect within the district, which conveys the working class historic identity of the Irish Hill neighborhood. The bungalows present in the district differ from the Shotgun homes because they were constructed later in Irish Hills' Period of Significance and on the outskirts and side streets of the neighborhood, giving developers greater number of options for the choice of which house to place on the lot. Similarly, other variations in house form matched with an untraditional lot size form are found within the district. Many houses are seen lining side streets (running north/south), where the building was built on a wide but shallow lot instead of a narrow and deep one. As with many historic neighborhoods, there is an acceptance of housing diversity within the entire neighborhood. The neighborhood accepted a few property owners who utilized their properties in different ways, i.e. mixed-use buildings, duplexes, and multi-level dwellings.



Individually listed house at 1212 Hull Street

Bungalow, 1504 Locust Street

Similarly, there are properties in Irish Hill that are not residential. Irish Hill is a typical workingclass neighborhood from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, thus transportation and accessibility to amenities outside of their enclave was not always an option. Therefore, the neighborhood itself had several non-residential buildings within its boundaries to serve these purposes. Today, the Irish Hill neighborhood still has several examples of such non-residential properties, many of which served functions other than housing since their construction; some of these have been repurposed as needs change over the years. The main commercial corridor, which is not included in the boundary of the Irish Hill Historic District, is along Baxter Avenue and does not fit with the overall feel of the Irish Hill Historic District, but instead is part of the nearby Highlands Historic District. Some examples of non-residential buildings that feel more integrated into the neighborhood include restaurants and storefronts, many of which are in buildings that are appear to be part of the cloth of the historic neighborhood and its established significance. Some of the district's non-residential buildings have been altered to meet changing uses while still serving the neighborhood in a non-residential capacity. Examples include the

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County and State adaptive reuse of the remaining distillery buildings, one of which has been turned into Distillery Commons which houses a variety of commercial and recreational facilities while the other building is now known as Headliners, a popular live music venue. Similarly, the former Engine House No. 11 has been repurposed into office space while the former St. Aloysius School, constructed in 1947 to replace an earlier school of the same name, has been repurposed into a theater center for Louisville students, and the church that was constructed next door in 1957 to replace the original St. Aloysius Church has itself been repurposed into office space<sup>5</sup>



St. Aloysius School, 1351 Payne Street

Non-contributing Apartment, 1234 Lexington Rd.

## *Project Methodology*

When surveying and assessing a neighborhood, certain methodologies must be employed, and thus explained to allow the reader to fully understand the information presented. One of the key elements that must be examined, identified and explained is the Period of Significance. The Period of Significance for the Irish Hill Historic District begins in 1850, the approximate date of construction of the first extant, Contributing resource, and ends in 1979, the year in which National Distillers shut down. While the Period of Significance stretches outside the traditional 50-year mark, it is only to accurately portray the significance of the district as no new buildings were constructed between 1974 and 1979.

Once the Period of Significance has been identified, a comprehensive list of all resources within the district's boundaries whose construction falls within that time span must be compiled. In order to do this, other datasets must be consulted. Thankfully, the Jefferson County (Louisville) Property Valuation Administrator (PVA) has an up-to-date database with each parcel in the city which includes key attributes such as parcel number, if there have been any improvements to the property, such as construction of buildings, and other key information about said buildings such as square footage, zoning, owner, and year built, among other key data. Along with current and historic photographs, which help identify how the building has changed over the years, the key dataset used for the purposes of this nomination is the construction year. However, just as it is unrealistic to expect this nomination to have in-depth information on every resource within its boundaries, so too is it unrealistic to expect the PVA to have accurate information on every parcel in the county. As such, the construction year is often an estimation, based on key identifiers and historic documentation. Common practice for the Jefferson County PVA when

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Gayle Cutler, "Irish Hill" in A Place in Time: The Story of Louisville's Neighborhoods. The Courier-Journal, 1989

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dates are unknowable is to use a placeholder of 1900. This usually indicates a rough approximation, meaning the building could be built thirty years or so in either direction. Consulting historic maps of Irish Hill confirmed that when such examples were found within the district's boundaries, they were nearly all built before 1900 and that all of them fell within the Period of Significance. Additional steps were relied upon to identify whether or not that resource will be labeled Contributing or Non-Contributing. These steps are outlined below.



Camelback Shotgun at 1125 Rogers Street Camelback Shotgun at 1204 Rogers Street

As is commonplace among working-class neighborhoods, especially those that have a history spanning over one hundred years, many of the buildings have undergone some material changes throughout the years, namely in a replacement of exterior material, small additions, and a change in fenestration. Additionally, some resources have experienced more noticeable and severe changes, such as unsympathetic additions. These changes largely, however, are seen as a part of the definable character of working-class neighborhoods, meaning that working-class families, who are often financially burdened in ways that affluent families in nicer neighborhoods are not, pride themselves on remodeling their house, even if it is not in ways that are historically accurate or consistent. Such an example seen throughout working-class neighborhoods is in the replacement, or covering, of original exterior wall cladding with something newer, "prettier," and easier to maintain, like vinyl siding. The same is true for replacement windows. As such, in Irish Hill, these alterations are not seen as detrimental to the resource's integrity and, thus its eligibility or status as Contributing, as long as the building is still able to convey its valuable forms, features, and details. These determinations were made for each building that was built within the Period of Significance and are outlined in the table below.



1205 Hull Street

**1305 Lexington Street** 

T-plan House, 611 Cooper Street

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Inventory	KHC Site		Year Built		
Number	Number	Address	(estimate)	Style/Form	NRHP Eligibility
1	JFL 8792	1114 Rogers	1890	Italianate	Contributing
2	JFL 8793	1116 Rogers	1998	American Vernacular	Non-Contributing
3	JFL 8794	1118 Rogers	1890	Shotgun	Contributing
4	JFL 8795	1120 Rogers	NA	Empty Lot	Non-Contributing
5	JFEI 2	1122 Rogers	1883	Victorian Firehouse	Contributing
6	JFL 8796	1124 Rogers	1890	Shotgun	Contributing
7	JFL 8797	1126 Rogers	1890	Shotgun	Contributing
8	JFL 8798	1128 Rogers	1890	Shotgun	Contributing
9	JFL 8799	1130 Rogers	1890	Shotgun	Contributing
10	JFL 8800	1132 Rogers	1890	Italianate Shotgun	Contributing
11	JFL 8801	1134 Rogers	1890	Shotgun	Contributing
12	JFL 8802	1136 Rogers	1890	Shotgun	Contributing
13	JFL 8803	1200 Rogers	1880	Shotgun with Victorian features	Contributing
14	JFL 8804	1202 Rogers	1875	Shotgun	Non-Contributing
15	JFL 8805	1204 Rogers	1880	Shotgun with Victorian features	Contributing
16	JFL 8806	1206 Rogers	1885	Shotgun with Italianate features	Contributing
17	JFL 8807	1208 Rogers	1900	Vernacular Duplex	Non-Contributing
18	JFL 8808	1211 Rogers	1850	Shotgun with Italianate features	Contributing
19	JFL 8809	1209 Rogers	1870	Shotgun with Italianate features	Contributing
20	JFL 8810	1207 Rogers	1860	Camelback Shotgun with Italianate features	Contributing
21	JFL 8811	1205 Rogers	1870	Camelback Shotgun with Italianate features	Contributing
22	JFL 8812	1203 Rogers	1880	Shotgun	Contributing
23	JFL 8813	1201 Rogers	1870	Shotgun with Victorian features	Contributing
24	JFL 8814	611 Cooper	1910	National Folk Gable- Front-and-Wing with Victorian features	Contributing
25	JFL 8815	1137 Rogers	1869	Shotgun	Contributing
26	JFL 8816	1135 Rogers	1900	Italianate Shotgun	Contributing
27	JFL 8817	1133 Rogers	1879	Italianate Shotgun	Contributing
28	JFL 8818	1131 Rogers	1884	Shotgun with Italianate features	Contributing
29	JFL 8819	1129 Rogers	1884	Shotgun with Italianate features	Contributing
30	JFL 8820	1127 Rogers	1887	Shotgun	Contributing
31	JFL 8821	1125 Rogers	1884	Camelback Italianate Shotgun	Contributing
32	JFL 8822	1123 Rogers	1884	Contemporary Camelback Shotgun	Non-Contributing
33	JFL 8823	1121 Rogers	1900	Italianate Shotgun	Contributing

### Table 1: List of Resources within Irish Hill Historic District.

Name of Prop		<i>ι</i>			County and State
Inventory	KHC Site		Year Built		
Number	Number	Address	(estimate)	Style/Form	NRHP Eligibility
34	JFL 8824	1119 Rogers	1889	Shotgun	Contributing
35	JFL 8825	1117 Rogers	1889	Shotgun	Contributing
36	JFL 8825	1115 Rogers	1879	Camelback Shotgun	Non-Contributing
30	JFL 8820 JFL 8827		2018	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Vernacular	0
37		1112 Payne			Non-Contributing
38	JFL 8828	1114 Payne	2018	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Vernacular	Non-Contributing
39	JFL 8829	1116 Payne	1875	Camelback Shotgun with Italianate features	Contributing
40	JFL 8830	1118 Payne	1885	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
41	JFL 8831	1120 Payne	1900	Victorian Shotgun	Contributing
42	JFL 8832	1124 Payne	1900	Vernacular Duplex	Contributing
43	JFL 8833	1126 Payne	1894	Shotgun with Italianate features	Contributing
44	JFL 8834	1128 Payne	1894	Italianate	Contributing
45	JFL 8835	1130 Payne	1894	Front Gable Vernacular	Contributing
46	JFL 8836	1132 Payne	1889	Shotgun	Contributing
47	JFL 8837	1134 Payne	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
48	JFL 8838	1200 Payne	1938	Mid-Century Commercial	Contributing
49	JFL 8839	1202 Payne	1885	Shotgun	Contributing
50	JFL 8840	1202 Payne	1880	Shotgun with Victorian features	Contributing
51	JFL 8841	1206 Payne	1870	Shotgun	Contributing
52	JFL 8842	1208 Payne	1880	Shotgun	Contributing
53	JFL 8843	1210 Payne	1880	Shotgun	Contributing
54	JFL 8844	1212 Payne	1859	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
55	JFL 8845	1214 Payne	1880	Shotgun	Contributing
56	JFL 8846	1216 Payne	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
57	JFL 8847	1218 Payne	2018	Shotgun	Non-Contributing
58	JFL 8848	1220 Payne	1870	Shotgun with Italianate features	Contributing
59	JFL 8849	1222 Payne	1875	Shotgun	Contributing
60	JFL 8850	1224 Payne	1875	Shotgun	Contributing
61	JFL 8851	1226 Payne	1875	Shotgun	Contributing
62	JFL 8852	1228 Payne	1865	Shotgun	Contributing
63	JFL 8853	1230 Payne	1900	Italianate Shotgun	Contributing
64	JFL 8854	1232 Payne	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
65	JFL 8855	1234 Payne	1900	Italianate Shotgun	Contributing
66	JFL 8856	1236 Payne	1850	Shotgun	Contributing
67	JFL 8857	1238 Payne	1890	Reduced Italianate	Contributing
68	JFEI 26	1300 Payne	1880	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
69	JFEI 25	1302 Payne	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
70	JFL 8858	1304 Payne	1900	Vernacular	Non-Contributing
71	JFEI 21	1308 Payne	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
72	JFEI 20	1310 Payne	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
73	JFEI 19	1312 Payne	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
74	JFL 8859	521 Bishop	1900	Vernacular	Non-Contributing
75	JFL 8860	1113 Payne	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
76	JFL 8861	1115 Payne	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
70	JFL 8862	1123 Payne	1900	Late Gothic Revival	Contributing
78	JFL 8863	1129 Payne	1947	Mid-Century Church	Contributing
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JFL 8894

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Inventory Number	KHC Site Number	Address	Year Built (estimate)	Style/Form	NRHP Eligibility
79	JFL 8864	1131 Payne	NA	Empty Lot	Non-Contributing
80	JFL 8865	1133 Payne	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
81	JFL 8866	1135 Payne	1900	Camelback Italianate Shotgun	Contributing
82	JFL 8867	516 Cooper	1900	National Folk Gable- Front-and-Wing	Contributing
83	JFL 8868	1201 Payne	1961	Mid-Century Commercial	Contributing
84	JFL 8869	1203 Payne	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
85	JFL 8870	1205 Payne	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
86	JFL 8871	1207 Payne	1890	Reduced Italianate	Contributing
87	JFL 8872	1209 Payne	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
88	JFL 8873	1211 Payne	1900	Italianate Shotgun	Contributing
89	JFL 8874	1213 Payne	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
90	JFL 8875	1215 Payne	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
91	JFL 8876	1217 Payne	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
92	JFL 8877	1219 Payne	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
93	JFL 8878	1221 Payne	1900	Camelback Italianate Shotgun	Contributing
94	JFL 8879	1223 Payne	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
95	JFL 8880	1225 Payne	NA	Empty Lot	Non-Contributing
96	JFL 8881	1227 Payne	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
97	JFL 8882	1229 Payne	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
98	JFL 8883	1231 Payne	1900	Italianate Shotgun	Contributing
99	JFL 8884	1233 Payne	1900	Camelback Italianate Shotgun	Contributing
100	JFL 8885	1235 Payne	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
101	JFL 8886	1239 Payne	1900	Contemporary Shotgun	Non-Contributing
102	JFEI 27	518 Pine	ca. 1920	National Folk Gable Front	Contributing
103	JFEI 28	514 Pine	ca. 1920	National Folk Pyramidal	Contributing
104	JFL 8887	515 Pine	1958	Ranch Duplex	Contributing
105	JFEI 24	1303 Payne	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
106	JFEI 23	1305 Payne	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
107	JFEI 22	1307 Payne	1900	Camelback Italianate Shotgun	Contributing
108	JFL 8888	1309 Payne	2014	American Vernacular	Non-Contributing
109	JFL 8889	1311 Payne	2013	American Vernacular	Non-Contributing
110	JFEI 18	1313 Payne	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
111	JFEI 17	1315 Payne	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
112	JFEI 16	1317 Payne	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
113	JFEI 15	1319 Payne	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
114	JFL 8890	1321 Payne	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
115	JFEI 13 & 14	1323 Payne	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
116	JFEI 12	1327 Payne	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
117	JFL 8891	1329 Payne	NA	Empty Lot	Non-Contributing
118	JFL 8892	1329 R Payne	1950-1995	Commercial/Industrial	Non-Contributing
119	JFL 8893	1351 Payne	1999	Modern School	Non-Contributing

1890-1940

Industrial

Contributing

200-1200 Distillery

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Inventory	KHC Site	Address	Year Built	Style/Form	NRHP Eligibility
Number	Number		(estimate)	·	
		Commons			
121	JFEI 106	100 Distillery	1895	Demolished	Non-Contributing
		Commons			
122	JFL 8895	509 Bishop	1940	American Vernacular	Contributing
123	JFL 8896	1112 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
124	JFL 8897	1114 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
125	JFL 8898	1116 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
126	JFL 8899	1118 Hull	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
127	JFL 8900	1120 Hull	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
128	JFL 8901	1122 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
129	JFL 8902	1124 Hull	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
130	JFL 8903	1126 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
131	JFL 8904	1128 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
132	JFL 8905	1130 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
133	JFL 8906	1132 Hull	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
134	JFL 8907	1134 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
135	JFL 8908	512 Cooper	1890	National Folk Gable Front and Wing	Contributing
136	JFL 8909	509 Cooper	2021	American Vernacular	Non-Contributing
137	JFL 8910	511 Cooper	1900	American Vernacular	Non-Contributing
138	JFL 8911	513 Cooper	1900	American Vernacular	Non-Contributing
139	JFL 8912	1200 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
140	JFL 8913	1202 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
141	JFL 8914	1204 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
142	JFL 8915	1206 Hull	1900	Shotgun with Italianate features	Contributing
143	JFE 1	1212 Hull	1869	Italianate	Contributing
144	JFL 8916	1216 Hull	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
145	JFL 8917	1218 Hull	1900	Reduced Italianate	Contributing
145	JFL 0917	1210 Hull	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
146	JFL 8918	1220 Hull	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
147	JFL 8919	1222 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
148	JFL 8920	1224 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
149	JFL 8921	1226 Hull	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
150	JFL 8922	1228 Hull	1900	Folk Victorian Shotgun	Contributing
151	JFL 8923	1230 Hull	1900	Shotgun with Italianate features	Contributing
152	JFL 8924	1232 Hull	1890	Modern Vernacular	Non-Contributing
153	JFL 8925	1234 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
154	JFEI 63	1236 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
155	JFEI 62	1238 Hull	1900	Italianate Shotgun	Contributing
156	JFEI 31	510 Pine	1900	Italianate Shotgun	Contributing
157	JFL 8926	1201 Hull	1900	American Vernacular	Non-Contributing
158	JFL 8927	1203 Hull	1900	Italianate Shotgun	Contributing
159	JFL 8928	1205 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
160	JFL 8929	1207 Hull	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
161	JFL 8930	1209 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
162	JFL 8931	1211 Hull	1900	Reduced Italianate	Contributing
163	JFL 8932	1213 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
164	JFL 8933	1215 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing

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Inventory Number	KHC Site Number	Address	Year Built (estimate)	Style/Form	NRHP Eligibility
165	JFL 8934	1217 Hull	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
166	JFL 8935	1219 Hull	1900	Shotgun with Italianate features	Contributing
167	JFL 8936	1221 Hull	1900	Italianate	Contributing
168	JFL 8937	1223 Hull	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
169	JFL 8938	1225 Hull	1900	Italianate	Contributing
170	JFL 8939	1227 Hull	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
171	JFL 8940	1229 Hull	1900	Italianate Shotgun	Contributing
172	JFL 8941	1231 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
173	JFL 8942	1233 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
174	JFL 8943	1235 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
175	JFL 8944	1237 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
176	JFL 8945	1239 Hull	1900	Altered Vernacular	Non-Contributing
177	JFL 8946	1241 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
178	JFEI 60	1243 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
179	JFEI 34	501 Pine	1900	Reduced Italianate	Contributing
180	JFL 8947	505 Pine	NA	Empty Lot	Non-Contributing
181	JFEI 33	507 Pine	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
182	JFEI 32	509 Pine	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
183	JFEI 30	511 Pine	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
184	JFEI 29	513 Pine	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
185	JFEI 55	1312 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
186	JFEI 51	1318 Hull	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
187	JFEI 49	1320 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
188	JFEI 47	1322 Hull	1900	Shotgun with Italianate features	Contributing
189	JFEI 45	1324 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
190	JFEI 43	1326 Hull	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
191	JFEI 41	1328 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
192	JFEI 39	1330 Hull	1900	Altered Shotgun	Non-Contributin
193	JFL 8948	1338 Hull	1945	Mid-Twentieth Century Industrial	Non-Contributing
194	JFL 8949	1301 Hull	2001	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Vernacular	Non-Contributing
195	JFL 8950	1303 Hull	2000	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Vernacular	Non-Contributing
196	JFEI 59	1305 Hull	1900	Camelback Shotgun with Italianate features	Contributing
197	JFEI 58	1307 Hull	2017	21st Century Modern	Non-Contributing
198	JFEI 57	1309 Hull	2017	21st Century Modern	Non-Contributing
199	JFL 8951	1311 Hull	1997	20 <sup>th</sup> Century Vernacular	Non-Contributing
200	JFEI 54	1313 Hull	2000	21st Century Vernacular	Non-Contributing
201	JFL 8952	1315 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
202	JFEI 52	1317 Hull	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
203	JFEI 50	1319 Hull	1947	Shotgun	Contributing
204	JFEI 48	1321 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
205	JFL 8953	1321 R Hull	1900	National Folk Side Gable	Contributing
206	JFEI 46	1323 Hull	1900	Shotgun with Italianate features	Contributing
207	JFEI 44	1325 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
208	JFEI 42	1327 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing

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209	JFEI 40	1329 Hull	1880	Shotgun	Contributing
210	JFEI 38	1331 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
211	JFEI 37	1333 Hull	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
212	JFEI 36	1335 Hull	1900	Vernacular Duplex	Non-Contributing
213	JFEI 35	1339 Hull	1925	Craftsman Duplex	Contributing
214	JFL 8954	1355 Hull	NA	Cell Tower	Non-Contributing
215	JFL 8955	1118 Lexington	1965	Mid-20 <sup>th</sup> Century Warehouse/Industrial	Non-Contributing
216	JFL 8956	412 Cooper	1920	Craftsman Bungalow	Contributing
217	JFL 8957	414 Cooper	1920	Craftsman Bungalow	Contributing
218	JFL 8958	416 Cooper	1920	Craftsman Bungalow	Contributing
219	JFL 8959	418 Cooper	1920	Craftsman Bungalow	Contributing
220	JFL 8960	420 Cooper	1920	Craftsman Bungalow	Contributing
221	JFL 8961	1120 Lexington	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
222	JFL 8962	1124 Lexington	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
223	JFL 8963	1126 Lexington	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
224	JFL 8964	1128 Lexington	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
225	JFL 8965	1130 Lexington	NA	Empty Lot	Non-Contributing
226	JFL 8966	1132 Lexington	NA	Empty Lot	Non-Contributing
227	JFL 8967	1134 Lexington	1945	Vernacular Mixed-Use	Contributing
228	JFL 8968	417 Cooper	1900	Vernacular	Contributing
229	JFL 8969	1202 Fern	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
230	JFL 8970	1204 Fern	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
231	JFL 8971	1206 Fern	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
232	JFL 8972	1208 Fern	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
233	JFL 8973	1214 Fern	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
234	JFL 8974	1216 Fern	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
235	JFL 8975	1218 Fern	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
236	JFL 8976	1220 Fern	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
237	JFL 8977	1228 Fern	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
238	JFEI 4	410 Pine	1900	Italianate	Contributing
239	JFL 8978	415 Cooper	1910	Vernacular	Contributing
240	JFL 8979	1203 Fern	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
241	JFL 8980	1207 Fern	2007	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Vernacular	Non-Contributing
242	JFL 8981	1211 Fern	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
243	JFL 8982	1213 Fern	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
244	JFL 8983	419 Pine	1900	Reduced Colonial Revival	Contributing
245	JFL 8984	1202 Lexington	NA	Empty Lot	Non-Contributing
246	JFL 8985	1204 Lexington	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
247	JFL 8986	1206 Lexington	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
248	JFL 8987	1208 Lexington	2009	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Vernacular	Non-Contributing
249	JFL 8988	1210 Lexington	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
250	JFL 8989	1212 Lexington	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
251	JFL 8990	1214 Lexington	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
252	JFL 8991	1216 Lexington	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
253	JFL 8992	1218 Lexington	1900	Italianate Shotgun	Contributing
254	JFL 8993	1220 Lexington	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
255	JFL 8994	1222 Lexington	NA	Empty Lot	Non-Contributing
256	JFL 8995	1224 Lexington	1900	Shotgun	Contributing

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257	JFL 8996	1226 Lexington	1938	Shotgun	Contributing	
258	JFL 8997	1234 Lexington	ca. 1995	20 <sup>th</sup> Century Apartment Building	Contributing	
259	JFEI 5 & JFEI 105	1305 Lexington	1900	Folk Victorian	Contributing	
260	JFL 8998	1371 Lexington	NA	Empty Lot	Non-Contributing	
261	JFEI 104	1311 Lexington	1925	Craftsman Bungalow	Contributing	
262	JFEI 102	1315 Lexington	1925	Craftsman Bungalow	Contributing	
263	JFEI 101	1317 Lexington	1925	Craftsman Bungalow	Contributing	
264	JFEI 100	1321 Lexington	1925	Craftsman Bungalow	Contributing	
265	JFEI 99	1323 Lexington	1925	Craftsman Bungalow	Contributing	
266	JFEI 96	1327 Lexington	1925	Craftsman Bungalow	Contributing	
267	JFEI 94	1329 Lexington	1925	Craftsman Bungalow	Contributing	
268	JFEI 91	1333 Lexington	1925	Craftsman Bungalow	Contributing	
269	JFEI 90	1335 Lexington	1925	Craftsman Bungalow	Contributing	
270	JFEI 87	1339 Lexington	1925	Craftsman Bungalow	Contributing	
271	JFL 8999	1300 Lexington	1900	Vernacular	Contributing	
272	JFL 9000	1304 Lexington	1880	Shotgun	Contributing	
273	JFL 9001	1306 Lexington	1900	Shotgun	Contributing	
274	JFL 9002	1308 Lexington	1900	Vernacular	Contributing	
275	JFL 9002	1310 Lexington	NA	Empty Lot	Non-Contributing	
276	JFEI 103	1318 Lexington	1900	Vernacular	Contributing	
277	JFL 9004	1320 Lexington	1900	Shotgun	Contributing	
278	JFEI 98	1324 Lexington	1900	Shotgun	Contributing	
279	JFEI 97	1326 Lexington	1911	Shotgun	Contributing	
280	JFEI 95	1328 Lexington	1900	Shotgun	Contributing	
281	JFEI 93	1330 Lexington	1900	Shotgun	Contributing	
281	JFEI 93	1332 Lexington	1900	Shotgun	Contributing	
282	JFL 9005	1334 Lexington	1900	Shotgun	Contributing	
283	JFEI 89	1336 Lexington	1900	Shotgun	Contributing	
284	JFEI 89 JFEI 88	1338 Lexington	1900	Shotgun	Contributing	
285	JFEI 88	0	1900	Industrial	Contributing	
		1386 Lexington		Camelback Shotgun		
287	JFL 9006	1387 Lexington	1890	8	Contributing	
288	JFL 9007	1389 Lexington	2005 1948	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Garage Service Station	Non-Contributing	
289	JFL 9008 JFEI 11	1399 Lexington	1948		Contributing	
290		1411 Payne 1413 Payne		Shotgun Empty Lot	Contributing Non-Contributing	
291	JFEI 10	2	NA	Empty Lot		
292	JFEI 9	1415 Payne	1900	Shotgun	Contributing	
293	JFEI 8	1417 Payne	1900	Shotgun	Contributing	
294	JFEI 7	1419 Payne	1900	Shotgun	Contributing	
295	JFL 9009	1401 Payne	Ca. 1963	Gas Station	Non-Contributing	
296	JFEI 6	Payne Street Bridge over Beargrass Creek	1910	Bridge	Contributing	
297	JFL 9010	1421 Lexington	1950	Mid-20 <sup>th</sup> Century Commercial	Non-Contributing	
298	JFEI 75	204 Spring	1885	Modified Italianate	Contributing	
299	JFEI 74	208 Spring	1900	Shotgun	Contributing	
300	JFL 9011	212 Spring	1900	Shotgun	Contributing	
301	JFEI 70	216 Spring	1900	Modified Camelback Shotgun	Contributing	

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302	JFL 9012	220 Spring	1930	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
303	JFEI 67	222 Spring	1907	Shotgun with Italianate features	Contributing
304	JFL 9013	224 Spring	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
305	JFL 9014	226 Spring	1900	Shotgun with Italianate features	Contributing
306	JFEI 65	228 Spring	1900	Folk Victorian Shotgun	Contributing
307	JFEI 64	230 Spring	1890	Reduced Italianate	Contributing
308	JFL 9015	300 Spring	1895	Vernacular	Contributing
309	JFL 9016	304 Spring	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
310	JFL 9017	306 Spring	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
311	JFL 9018	308 Spring	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
312	JFL 9019	310 Spring	NA	Empty Lot	Non-Contributing
313	JFL 9020	312 Spring	NA	Empty Lot	Non-Contributing
314	JFL 9021	314 Spring	NA	Empty Lot	Non-Contributing
315	JFL 9022	103 Spring	2005	Apartment Building	Non-Contributing
316	JFEI 85	109 Spring	1900	Italianate Shotgun	Contributing
317	JFEI 84	111 Spring	1900	Italianate Shotgun	Contributing
318	JFEI 83	113 Spring	1900	Italianate Shotgun	Contributing
319	JFEI 82	115 Spring	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
320	JFEI 81	119 Spring	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
321	JFEI 80	121 Spring	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
322	JFEI 79	125 Spring	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
323	JFEI 78	127 Spring	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
324	JFEI 77	129 Spring	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
325	JFL 9023	209 Spring	1920	Craftsman Bungalow	Contributing
326	JFL 9024	211 Spring	1938	Mid-20 <sup>th</sup> Century Vernacular	Non-Contributing
327	JFEI 72	213 Spring	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
328	JFEI 71	215 Spring	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
329	JFEI 69	217 Spring	1900	Craftsman Bungalow	Contributing
330	JFL 9025	217R Spring	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
331	JFEI 68	221 Spring	1900	Camelback Italianate Shotgun	Contributing
332	JFEI 66	223 Spring	1910	Shotgun	Contributing
333	JFL 9026	225 Spring	1965	Mid-20 <sup>th</sup> Century Commercial	Non-Contributing
334	JFL 9027	301 Spring	NA	Empty Lot	Non-Contributing
335	JFL 9028	303 Spring	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
336	JFL 9029	305 Spring	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
337	JFL 9030	307 Spring	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
338	JFL 9031	309 Spring	1900	Shotgun	Contributing
339	JFL 9032	311 Spring	2008	21 <sup>st</sup> -Century Vernacular	Non-Contributing
340	JFL 9033	313-315 Spring	1900	Vernacular Duplex	Contributing
341	JFL 9034	317 Spring	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
342	JFL 9035	321 Spring	1900	Early 20 <sup>th</sup> -Century Vernacular	Non-Contributing
343	JFL 9036	323 Spring	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing
344	JFL 9037	327 Spring	1918	Shotgun	Contributing
345	JFL 9038	1513 Quarry	1900	Vernacular	Contributing

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346	JFL 9039	1515 Quarry	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing	
347	JFL 9040	1517 Quarry	1900	Shotgun	Contributing	
348	JFL 9041	1512 Payne	1912	Shotgun	Contributing	
349	JFL 9042	1515 Payne	1985	Late-20 <sup>th</sup> Century Warehouse	Non-Contributing	
350	JFL 9043	1500 Locust	1927	Craftsman Bungalow	Contributing	
351	JFL 9044	1502 Locust	1927	Craftsman Bungalow	Contributing	
352	JFL 9045	1504 Locust	1927	Craftsman Bungalow	Contributing	
353	JFL 9046	1506 Locust	1927	Craftsman Bungalow	Contributing	
354	JFL 9047	1508 Locust	1927	Craftsman Bungalow	Contributing	
355	JFL 9048	1512 Locust	1900	Shotgun	Contributing	
356	JFL 9049	1514 Locust	1900	Camelback Shotgun	Contributing	
357	JFL 9050	1507 Locust	1890	Vernacular	Non-Contributing	

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## 8. Statement of Significance Applicable National Register Criteria

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
  - B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
  - C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
  - D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

#### **Criteria Considerations**

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

## Areas of Significance

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT INDUSTRY Period of Significance Ca. 1850-1979 Significant Dates 1859, 1860, 1864 Significant Person NA Cultural Affiliation NA Architect/Builder Unknown

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The Irish Hill Historic District meets National Register Criterion A and is significant in the areas of Community Planning and Design and Industry within the historic context "Industry in Louisville, Kentucky, 1850-1973: the Rise of Industrial Hubs throughout the City." Within this context, Irish Hill is a significant remnant of a nineteenth and twentieth century working-class neighborhood in Louisville. Predominantly residential, the district consists of the worker housing, conveniently located next to important industries of Louisville, such as distilleries and meat processing facilities. Irish Hill grew in the mid-nineteenth century where it was bounded next to natural and manmade features that were necessary to its growth and, as a result, developed into one of the smallest neighborhoods of its kind in the city. The Irish Hill neighborhood was built on land platted by two significant groups, whose parcels were sandwiched between landscape features that were vital to Louisville's early development. These features included Beargrass Creek, intra-city toll roads, the first east-west railroad line in the City, and two large-scale and significant cemeteries. One of the City's first commercial distilleries was built along Beargrass Creek, along with other local major industries, such as meat packing, which drew workers to the area and required that they find nearby accommodations. The existence of these industrial hubs were growing throughout American cities, in places where they had the necessary infrastructure, access to key natural resources, nearby railroad lines, and, ultimately, a nearby willing workforce. As such, Irish Hill grew as a significant working-class neighborhood with densely packed streets of homes situated on narrow lots to house the workers at the prominent industries. The Period of Significance, 1850-1979, opens with the earliest constructed building in the district and ends with the closure of National Distillers, the largest employer in Irish Hill. The Period of Significance stretches beyond the conventional 50-year cutoff point to coincide with the historically important event. No resources were constructed between 1974 and the 1979 closure.

#### Industry in Louisville, Kentucky, 1850-1973: the Rise of Louisville's Industrial Hubs

Louisville became a manufacturing and industrial center in the years leading up to and immediately following the Civil War as the city was largely unaffected by combat and was one terminus of the regionally important Louisville and Nashville Railroad. The city had already seen great success in manufacturing due to its location along the Ohio River, whose impediment to travel made the city a natural stopping off point in the shipping of goods from eastern US manufacturing centers to points along the early US west, accessed by the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. The city had 436 factories in 1860, and over 2,300 by the turn of the century, while residents employed in manufacturing and industrial jobs grew from just shy of 7,400 in 1860 to over 31,000 in 1900.<sup>6</sup>

During the decades between the close of the Civil War and 1900, American cities grew rapidly through a massive influx of immigrants, many of whom found work in industries. From 1870 to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Yater, George, *Two Hundred Years at the Falls of The Ohio: A History of Louisville and Jefferson County* (Louisville: Filson Club, 1987), chaps. 9-10; Kleber, *Encyclopedia of Louisville*, xx-xxii; Bureau of the Census, *Twelfth Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1900: Manufacturers*, Part II, *States and Territories* (Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 1902), 281; Bureau of the Census, *Occupations at the Twelfth Census* (Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 1904), 452.

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1900, almost 12 million immigrants arrived in the United States. Some of them claimed free land in the Midwest that was opened by Homestead Act, but many settled in urban areas from 1880 to 1900, when cities in the US grew by roughly 15 million people.<sup>7</sup> Industry was expanding dramatically, as well, thanks to the large-scale mechanization occurring in America's factories. These factors drastically altered the way that cities in America developed in the late nineteenth century.

Similar to before the Civil War, Louisville's economy relied primarily on commerce with a new concentration on manufacturing. Manufacturing employment in the city rose from 7,396 in 1860, to 17,448 in 1880 with output values rising from \$14.2 million in 1860 to \$35.4 million in 1880.<sup>8</sup>

Tallied as separate from manufacturing, a large number of agricultural items contributed to Louisville's economy, such as alcohol, barley and barley malt, butter, brooms, cotton, coal livestock, meat, corn, coffee, dry goods, flour, hops, oats, rye, wheat, and tobacco. Tobacco was a large part of the economy with one-third of the national crop being processed within the city in 1885. Distilling was also an important economic part of Louisville with a capital investment of \$3 million in 1887 resulting in the production of 35 million gallons of whiskey.

Louisville in 1839, saw \$864,000 invested in manufacturing, increasing to over four million dollars by the middle of the nineteenth century.<sup>9</sup> The success of the manufacturing in this area was partially due to the ideal location that Louisville had along the Ohio River, adding convenient shipping ports for the city. Additionally, the mid-twentieth century for Louisville saw the construction of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad. The railroad was granted a charter by the Commonwealth of Kentucky on March 5, 1850 which would connect Louisville to Nashville, Tennessee. The first train operated on this railroad in 1859, later extending to Montgomery Alabama in 1872. As the nineteenth century continued, the track would extend to Chattahoochee, Florida. By the end of the nineteenth century, 56 railroads were acquired, resulting in a significant means to transport the goods being produced in the city.<sup>10</sup> The railroad that created the northern boundary of the Irish Hill neighborhood, just outside the historic district's boundaries, included a spur connecting to the Anderson-Nelson Distillery.<sup>11</sup> The Irish Hill Historic District also had a nearby connection to the Louisville & Interurban Railroad, with several routes based out of a car barn, just west of the District at the corner of Baxter and Hamilton Avenues.<sup>12</sup> This Interurban line would eventually connect to La Grange, the seat of Oldham County north of Louisville, with a later connection to Shelbyville, to the east. With these

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Library of Congress, "City Life in Late 19<sup>th</sup> Century." Electronic Document, <u>https://www.loc.gov/classroom-materials/united-states-history-primary-source-timeline/rise-of-industrial-america-1876-1900/city-life-in-late-19th-century/</u>; Library of Congress, "Immigration to the United States, 1851-1900." Electronic Document, https://www.loc.gov/classroom-materials/united-states-history-primary-source-timeline/rise-of-industrial-america-1876-1900." Electronic Document, https://www.loc.gov/classroom-materials/united-states-history-primary-source-timeline/rise-of-industrial-america-1876-1900." Electronic Document, https://www.loc.gov/classroom-materials/united-states-history-primary-source-timeline/rise-of-industrial-america-1876-1900/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Ibid 80

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> National Register of Historic Places, Butchertown Historic District, Jefferson County, Kentucky, National Register #76000900., pg 39.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Charles B. Castner, "A Brief History of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad", accessed Sept. 7, 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Historic Aerials, Louisville, KY, 1949, Historicaerials.com

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Rebecca Horn Turner, Historic Context of the Interurban Railroad in Jefferson County, Kentucky, 2021,

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advantageous features located northwest of the area that would become Irish Hill, industries began to emerge.

Throughout Louisville and other American cities, the public's hunger for manufactured goods led many to open factories or to expand those already in production. Without zoning to limit the placement of factories, and the factory workforce limited to commuting on foot or by trolley, residential neighborhoods were often the scene of industrial nodes or "industrial hubs", placing factories within reach of their workforce. These industrial centers tended to appear in areas around the cities that best offered the key support for industrialization: natural resources, key infrastructure, and an abundant low-wage workforce. In an era before the popularization of the automobile, these industrial and manufacturing facilities needed access to railroad lines, water (both for function and for transportation), and neighborhoods that, because of the rapid influx of immigration and settlement of newly freed African Americans, were filled with people who were eager to work and lived in dense communities.

Louisville witnessed this pattern of a growing number of suburban neighborhoods emerging that that surrounded the city's downtown. These neighborhoods became industrial centers, allowing the city to continue to grow and thrive. The various industries found that they needed to separate geographically from one another to prevent overuse of the very resources and infrastructure that allowed them to come into being. Moreover, if all the industries were concentrated in one zone, that use of space would create a geographic barrier preventing further access and growth of many production facilities.

One such industrial node was Portland (see Louisville neighborhood map next page), a neighborhood that was once its own town, which Louisville annexed in the 1850s. Portland is situated just west of Downtown and features an industrial and manufacturing hub in its easternmost reaches. This area historically had access to several rail lines and a railroad depot, the Ohio River, and the Louisville and Portland Canal. Moreover, the Portland population consisted of many Irish and German immigrants living in the densely packed neighborhood.

Similarly, Butchertown, situated just east of Downtown Louisville, became home to the meat processing industry, whose entrepreneurs chose this area for stockyards due to an available workforce, the presence of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, and its location along Beargrass Creek. Smoketown is another example in Louisville, albeit with a slightly different makeup than the other two, as an industrial hub that grew in an area with a close proximity to a willing workforce, predominantly African American, and the features necessary for production, such as access to key railroad lines and being situated along Beargrass Creek.



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Figure 3. Map of Louisville Neighborhoods. Irish Hill is east of center and south of Butchertown, west of Clifton, east of Phoenix Hill, and north of Cherokee Triangle. Portland is along the Ohio River in the west. Smoketown is just south of Phoenix Hill.

As production of consumer goods shifted after the Civil War, from craftsmen-produced items fabricated by hand in home workshops to goods produced in factories made by machines, cities such as Louisville saw the emergence of industrial hubs in pockets around the city center. These industrial hubs were supported by a number of factors such as a growing downtown, a rise in immigration of people ready to work, an upsurge in industrial manufacturing of products, technological innovations, and nationalization of consumer markets through the expansion of the US rail network.

Irish Hill offered all of these qualities to someone looking for a place to erect a factory. Along its edges were Beargrass Creek and the first major east-west railroad line. One of the earliest commercial distilleries in Jefferson County, the John G. Mattingly & Brother Distillery was in this neighborhood, and eventually its largest employer, Anderson-Nelson Distillery [NR #14000423]) opened there. Irish Hill is also situated along two of the earliest transportation routes to reach the more rural areas to the south and east. Lastly, Irish Hill was essentially being subdivided and laid out for workers when the Mattingly distillery was being constructed. John C. Hull and Benjamin J. Adams laid out the first subdivision in Irish Hill in 1859, the year before the Mattingly distillery opened. The rest of the neighborhood was laid out by Ward Payne in 1864. These landowners intended to develop the neighborhood in a manner that facilited the growth of industrial hubs: gridiron streets, narrow lots, shallow setbacks, and densely packed

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The consequence of unregulated industry upon the living conditions for nearby residents quickly became apparent. Those who had the means left the inner city for new suburbs even further from the city center. Legislators passed laws to restrict some of the most noxious practices of factories, as well. But these industrial hubs did not cease to be relevant. They adapted to a changing manufacturing climate. Throughout the city of Louisville, these nodes continued function and their associated working-class neighborhoods, such as Irish Hill, are still apparent.



Figure 4. 1858 Bergmann Map of Louisville. An outline of the Irish Hill Historic District showing the railroad, Beargrass Creek, Cave Hill Cemetery, the two major transportation routes (denoted with dotted lines) and the two landowners who would plat out Irish Hill. "P.H." refers to Pork Houses.

## Development of Irish Hill

Prior to The Irish Hill Historic District's mid-19th century development, the area was relatively pastoral in character, with the city's development only extending to the Phoenix Hill and

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County and State Butchertown neighborhoods (see map above).<sup>13</sup> Irish Hill began to develop more rapidly in midcentury. The first section of Irish Hill was laid out by landowners, Benjamin J. Adams and John C. Hull in 1859. In 1864, the remainder of Irish Hill was subdivided by Ward Payne.<sup>14</sup> There was only one other portion of Irish Hill that appeared to be laid out and developed by another individual, and that was Gregory's Subdivision, which appears to have only included the strip of land that extends out into one of Beargrass Creek's curves, just north of Lexington Road, previously known as Hamilton Avenue, where the John G. Mattingly & Brother Distillery first opened up operations. Originally referred to as "Billy Goat Hill", the actual name "Irish Hill", was adopted for its location above the Ohio River flood plain and because of the settlers of this neighborhood. Irish Catholic immigrants settled in this neighborhood giving it the name of Irish Hill, however a large number of German Catholic immigrants also settled in the area, finding work in the nearby meat processing facilities and distilleries.

Payne and Hull and Adams subdivided their land while the distilleries to the northeast were being constructed. Other nearby industries were opening and required workers who were willing and able. Meat packing, another significant industry in Louisville's early development, was not only thriving in the area that is now Irish Hill, but it was the backbone of the nearby Butchertown neighborhood, just to the north.

As Irish Hill emerged between other established neighborhoods that had been established in conjunction with early industries, we can understand Irish Hill's development as an extension of processes that were underway in Louisville at the edge of the old downtown. Many of those earlier neighborhoods themselves have been placed on the National Register, and their stories are found in those nominations: Butchertown Historic District (NR# 76000900) to the northwest of Irish Hill, the Clifton Historic District (NR #83002649 & NR #94000157) to the northeast of Irish Hill, and the Highlands Historic District (NR# 8300268) which includes Baxter Avenue the commercial corridor to the south and west of the Irish Hill Historic District. The buildings on the east side of Baxter Avenue are within the traditional boundaries of the Irish Hill neighborhood but have been intentionally left off due to the corridor's association with other development trends in Louisville. The district also abuts two cemeteries listed on the NRHP, Cave Hill Cemetery (NR#79000999), and the adjoining Cave Hill National Cemetery (NR#98001133), both located to the southeast of Irish Hill.

Butchertown, being known by that nickname as early as 1850, was located along two forks of the Beargrass Creek and began attracting German butchers as early as the 1830s. Originally, the easternmost outpost of Louisville, it quickly became readily apparent that butchering and packaging the meat on location would be superior to shipping animals live. Thus, as early as the 1830s, there were already butchers who had set up shop east of the city, along one of the prominent transportation routes and next to the Beargrass Creek, the former which gave first choice of incoming animals, and the latter which provided the water necessary for the butchering

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> National Register of Historic Places, Valentine Schneikert House, Jefferson County, Kentucky, National Register #86000848

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> "Irish Hill", The Courier-Journal, November 15, 1889.

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County and State and subsequent drainage process. As a result of this industry, the surrounding area, that had heretofore been relatively rural and suburban, grew into the densely packed urban landscape that it is today. Butchertown is unique because it grew more gradually as Louisville and the butchering/meatpacking industries grew, thus large-scale, more affluent residences were situated alongside the modest shotgun houses of the typical worker. While, similar to the development of Irish Hill, the butchering industry predated the era large-scale industrial growth. Butchertown's growth occurred in more organic way compared with Irish Hill, whose residential development occurred more rapidly.

Clifton, located just north of Irish Hill, traces its name back to an 1817 estate that once existed in the area and the geography of the neighborhood. The neighborhood, which was listed in the NRHP in 1983, is considered significant for its architecture and its history of education and industry. In addition to the existence of the Kentucky School for the Bline (1842) and the subsequent Kentucky Printing House for the Blind (1858), the district was known for its distilling plants, not unlike Irish Hill. The Mellwood Distillery was also situated along the Beargrass Creek and was constructed around the same time that distilling first showed up in Irish Hill. However, while Clifton began as a similar working-class neighborhood, the lack of a distinctive developmental time frame and physical boundary allowed Clifton to turn into a more transitional neighborhood that appealed to the middle class and the working class. This is visible in the physical makeup and developmental history of the area.

The Highlands Historic District, which is significant for architecture, contains portions of several neighborhoods as we now recognize them, including Phoenix Hill, Irish Hill, Tyler Park, Cherokee Triangle, Deer Park, the original Highlands, Bonnycastle, and Highlands Douglass. As such, the district is notable for its wide-range of architectural styles and types, but it does not have a coherent identity or relationship to any one industry. This district features country estates dating back to the early 19th century, turn of the century commercial buildings along the Bardstown Road and Baxter Avenue corridor (some of which are technically within the Irish Hill neighborhood boundaries, but which were left out of the historic district boundaries as they don't contribute to the working-class nature of the rest of the neighborhood), and a large collection of residential subdivisions, many of which were platted after the turn of the century, as affordable transportation was more readily available and as Louisville began to suburbanize.

Irish Hill's developmental history is unique and significant in Louisville as it was a neighborhood laid out to serve nearby industries by providing a small working-class neighborhood in a small enclave. With such a small swatch of land available between the major thoroughfares, railroad lines, and cemeteries, it illustrates well the developmental possibilities available to land speculators and factory owners in Louisville at the end of the nineteenth century.

Early maps of the area paint a good picture of the development of the Irish Hill neighborhood. The 1858 shows what the area looked like immediately before intensive development. While this is a useful illustration for figuring out landowners and some key establishments, that map lacks detailed look at individual neighborhoods. Thus, the first map that provides an in-depth look into the area now known as Irish Hill is the 1884 Atlas of the City of Louisville.

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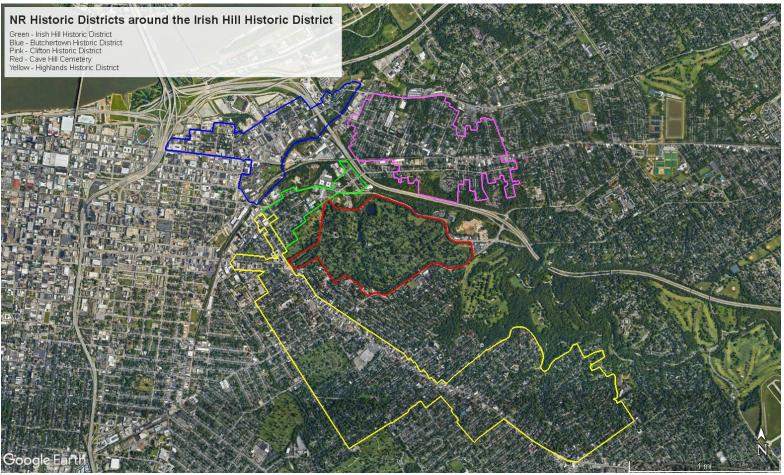


Figure 5. Map of Historic Districts around the Irish Hill Historic District.

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The 1884 atlas depicts development, both residential and commercial/industrial, is rapidly taking place in the area. Even as late as the mid-1880s, though, there are still blocks and lots that are empty or awaiting subdivision and/or construction. In 1884, the distillery operations along this portion of Beargrass Creek are growing and thriving. By 1892, when the first Sanborn Fire Insurance Company Map was produced for the City of Louisville, only a portion of Irish Hill is shown. However, it is clear that nearly all the lots in the Irish Hill Historic District by the early 1890s were occupied and industrial and commercial entities had opened in the area. In 1892, industry is thriving in the area with multiple meat-related and distilling operations active nearby. By 1905, on the next version of the Sanborn Fire Insurance Company Map for Louisville, the whole of Irish Hill is depicted and there are hardly any empty lots. Moreover, the distilling operation along the southside of Beargrass Creek has expanded exponentially and features several warehouses, stillhouses, and other distillery facilities. Irish Hill would remain nearly fully occupied and operational for most of the twentieth century, as nearby work was readily available and the modest housing stock was affordable.

Butchering and Slaughterhouses were a dominant industry in nearby Butchertown, just across the Beargrass Creek. By the 1850s, Louisville had become the country's second-largest pork packing center.<sup>15</sup> That industry continued to expand and began to occupy parcels in the Irish Hill neighborhood. In the early- to mid-twentieth century, some meat processing related industrieswhich included slaughterhouses-could be found south of Beargrass Creek. This employment opportunity drew German Catholic immigrants, who were looking for entry-level jobs when they settled in the area. Historian Walter Langsam writes, "[German Americans] built tidy homes that included slaughterhouses at the rear of their properties... marketing to local residents".<sup>16</sup> Irish Hill Historic District today lacks the slaughterhouses at the rear of properties, but other qualities of the neighborhood's distinctive character are evident, particularly the mix of land uses. The 1892 Sanborn Fire Insurance map exhibits a rather comprehensive display of these multiple uses within the neighborhood, with residences in the front and the business in the rear of the lots, along with industrial neighbors standing beside residences. The German Catholic population settled so thickly in Irish Hill near Beargrass Creek, the northern end of the neighborhood, that the neighborhood became identified with this second ethnic group. Additionally, they were attracted to the neighborhood's Northwest corner, because it provided access to the main thoroughfare of Baxter Avenue's commercial row.

Irish Hill Historic District retains a historic feature that has disappeared from much of the post-World War II cityscape: neighborhoods where residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional mixes co-existed. While it gives evidence of mixed-use architecture, the dominant feeling of the Irish Hill Historic District is provided by the significant number of Shotgun houses and similar working-class characteristics. In this neighborhood, the house form became a personification of its working-class demographic, who settled in Louisville during a period of mass industrialization, and immigration.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Gray & Pape, Inc, "Butchertown Historic Preservation Plan", 2012.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> National Register of Historic Places, Butchertown Historic District, Jefferson County, Kentucky, National Register #76000900.

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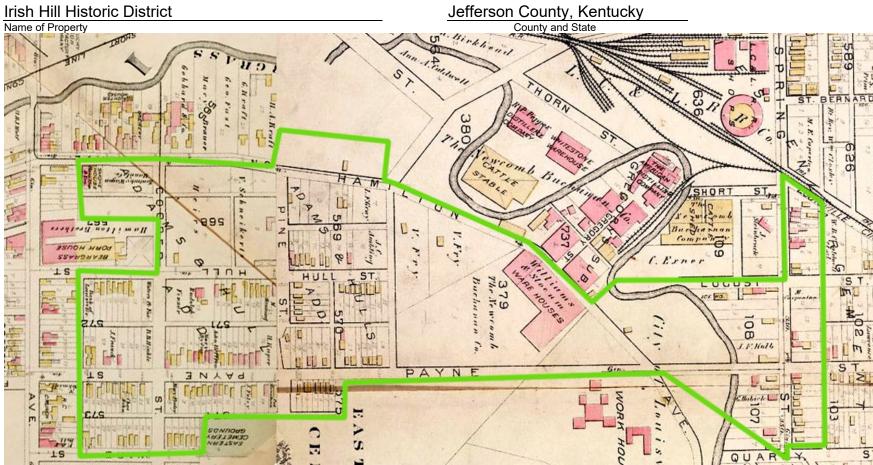


Figure 6. 1884 Louisville Atlas showing the Irish Hill Historic District. Note the already expansive distillery operations and that development is well underway in the neighborhood.

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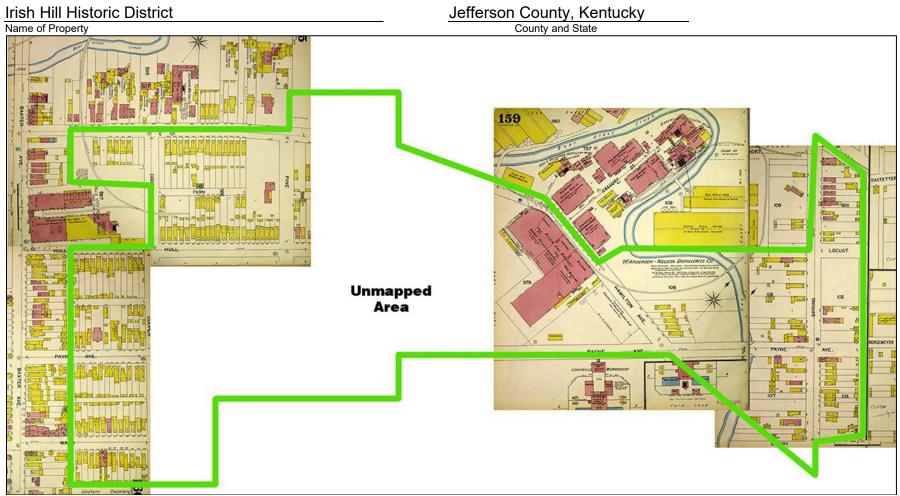


Figure 7. 1892 Sanborn Map showing the mapped portions of the Irish Hill Historic District. Note the mostly developed neighborhood and expansive distillery operations.

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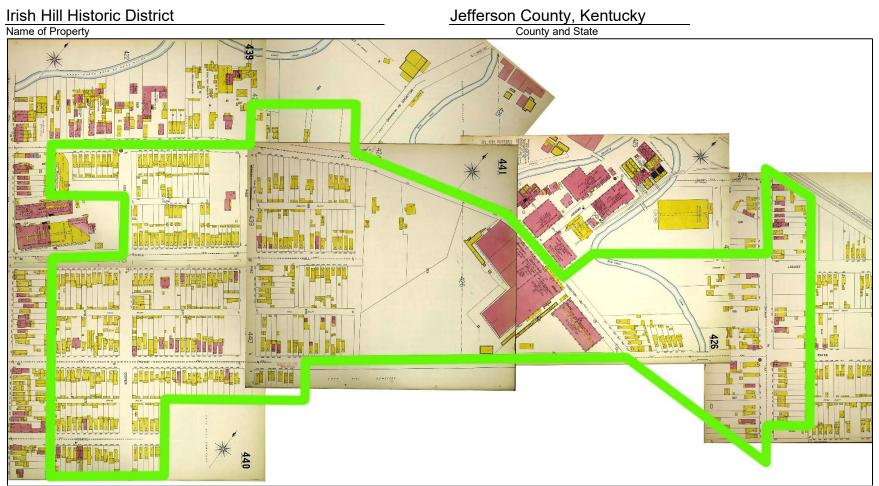


Figure 8. 1905 Sanborn Map showing the Irish Hill Historic District. At this point, the residential portion of the neighborhood looks more or less like it does today.

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Not only were residents of Irish Hill Historic District associated with a significant local industry, meat processing, but the residents, and the neighborhood as a whole, identified with a much larger local industry: bourbon distilling. Alcohol production was a feature of many peoples' daily lives in this nineteenth century neighborhood. Historically, beer breweries were located throughout Louisville in all of its residential areas, standing among commercial and residential buildings. Breweries typically included several structures, usually constructed of brick, with a few frame buildings, each of which had specific production functions. Although some structures in a brewery complex may have been built as separate units, historic Sanborn maps show that the structures were usually all connected. Extant breweries may appear to be composed of one structure when in reality that one structure consists of numerous continuous structures. Buildings found within a brewery complex would depend on the size and scope of the company, but examples include cold storage (and ice storage) buildings, brew houses, mill houses, engine houses, mechanical plants, warehouses, beer vaults, barrel wash structures, and bottling structures.<sup>17</sup>

Distillery operations were often more expansive plants than breweries were, and thus, not all neighborhoods in Louisville had one. Irish Hill, on the contrary, was home to several distilleries, all of which operated along the Beargrass Creek which ran straight through the district. Distillery operations in Irish Hill were substantial and became an important source of employment for the people who lived nearby. The earliest known distillery was built in this area around 1860 and known as the John G. Mattingly & Brother Distillery. The distillery complex, eventually owned by Kentucky Distillery & Warehouse Company, would end up spanning an area of over 35 acres, included a series of affiliated distillery and rickhouse facilities, which when combined, had a storage capacity of 735,000 barrels<sup>18</sup>. In 1871, the Necomb-Buchanan Co, located within the complex, had become the largest Bourbon distillery in Kentucky<sup>19</sup>. A majority of the complex was located on the north side of Lexington Avenue, with only five bonded and free warehouses located on the south side of the street, By 1884, the American Distilling Company and the R. P. Pepper Distillery Company operated at this location while other entities, like Williams & Slocum had warehouses here. The 1892 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map identifies the Anderson-Nelson Distilleries Company located at the corner of Spring and Payne Street along Beargrass Creek. The Anderson-Nelson Distillery was, at one point, claimed to be the largest and oldest distilling company in Kentucky. Other entities that once were associated with distilling operations in this location include:

- David L. Graves Distillery
- Beal, Stiles & Company
- George C. Buchanan Distillery
- Anderson Distillery
- Nelson Distillery
- Allen-Bradley

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> National Register of Historic Places, Nelson Distillery Warehouse, Jefferson County, Kentucky, National Register #14000423

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Ibid

Name of Property

- Graystone Distillery
- Elk Run Distillery
- American Medicinal Spirits Company

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Following prohibition, the facility saw a series of demolitions and downsizing, ending with the complete abandonment of the complex in 1979 by its final occupant, National Distillers. The only extant resources of this distillery complex in the district are the Williams and Central rickhouses, and the T export warehouse, later a cafeteria for National Distillers Products (JFEI 86), built in ca. 1880, ca. 1885, and ca. 1909-1929 respectively, which at one point had a listed combined capacity of 120,000 barrels.<sup>20</sup>

The 1910 Census from Irish Hill shows several heads-of-household working in the distillery industry, as well as ancillary industries like cooperages. In this era before the automobile came to dominate travel, one could expect that residents lived nearer to their place of employment than is common today.<sup>21</sup> The job titles held by these individuals ranged from laborer, bottle labeler, to cooper. Data showed that a large portion of Irish Hill's households relied on the distilling industry, in addition to other large trades like meat packing, for employment.

This massive distillery and associated warehouses provided jobs for the Irish and German settlers in Irish Hill. In 1919, when national prohibition against alcohol production and sales began with the passage of the 18<sup>th</sup> amendment to the US Constitution, Louisville had over 200 distilleries. The law provided an exception for alcohol sales to one of six permit holders, because alcohol was one of the only treatments for a number of physical and mental ailments.<sup>22</sup> Kentucky Distilleries, later owned by National Distillers, operating out of Irish Hill, was one of the six companies that were still allowed to sell alcohol to consumers for medicinal purposes. When the inventory for these spirit products began to fall below safe levels to meet the medicinal need, the government granted these six distilleries a permit to distill an additional three million gallons a year. This provided a significant continued employment for residents in Irish Hill through the 1920s, until Prohibition was repealed in 1933 with the passage of the 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment.<sup>23</sup>

In 1933, National Distillers controlled about half of the spirits in the country. The resumption of the alcohol production and sales led the company to buy other well-known distilleries. The production and warehouses in Irish Hill eventually came to be capable of holding seven times the capacity of the average facility, with the business employing over 1,400 employees.<sup>24</sup> In the mid-twentieth century, the demand for distilled products began to decrease for the first time since prohibition, resulting in the 1979 closure of National Distiller's operations in Irish Hill. The loss of the distillery meant a substantial reduction in walkable job opportunities for the neighborhood.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Sanborn Map Company. "Sanborn fire insurance maps : Kentucky" Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky.1892

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Department of Commerce and Labor-Bureau of the Census; Thirteenth Census of the United States: 1910 Population, Louisville City, 8th Precinct

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Chris Chamberlin, "100 Years Later, What you might not know about Prohibition", Jan 15, 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Distillery Commons, "Uncommon History", Accessed Sept. 9, 2023.

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In the nineteenth century, Irish and German Catholic immigrants began to settle in the Louisville area, dominating the makeup of the Irish Hill Historic District.

"Total migration to the United States increased from 23,322 in 1830 to 369,980 in 1850. The majority of immigrants settled in the Ohio Valley, in cities/areas such as Cincinnati and northern Kentucky, Louisville, and St Louis, where land could be had for cheap. To reach their destination, immigrants traveled by boat from the east or through the port of New Orleans. By 1850, there were 7,537 German immigrants and 3,105 Irish immigrants living in Louisville."<sup>25</sup>

Irish immigrants were one of the largest non-English immigrant groups to enter the United States. Most of the Irish immigration into Louisville started following the end of the War of 1812, with a downturn following the infamous "Bloody Monday" riots in August of 1855. Bloody Monday resulted in injury, property damage, and the deaths of 22 citizens.<sup>26</sup> The carnage on Bloody Monday was caused by anti-foreigner and anti-Catholic Louisville residents who were resentful towards Catholic German and Irish immigrants for not assimilating to American traditions, as well as due to tensions resulting from the collapse of the Whig Party and the escalating national debate over slavery<sup>27</sup>. The Irish resisted the pressure to integrate into longer standing Louisville communities, and densely settled many of the city's neighborhoods. They played a significant role in Louisville's industry by providing a ready workforce.

Many Irish immigrants settled in the area for a new chance at economic success following the drastic economic downturn in Ireland caused by the Great Famine of 1845-1852.<sup>28</sup> The Great Famine was a period of starvation, disease, and mass emigration in the country caused mostly by potato blight, a rot-inducing fungus. In the early- to mid-nineteenth century, census data show Irish settlers as grocers, merchants, carpenters, tanners, stonecutters, and brick layers. Many rose to prominent positions in commerce and industry within the city. As they settled, Irish businesses, their attendance at Catholic Churches, and even the *Kentucky Irish American* newspaper, supported their communities. With a chapter established in the late 19th century, Louisville was home to, at one point, 6 divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH). The AOH was a Irish-American fraternal organization founded in the early 19th century, established to organize like-minded immigrants, and foster a sense of Irish culture. An AOH division was located adjacent to Irish Hill, in St. Brigid Church on Baxter Avenue.<sup>29</sup> While many Irish

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Jane Rice Brother, Rachel Kennedy, Jennifer Ryall, and Jay Stottman "A Survey Update of Butchertown, Phoenix Hill, Downtown Louisville and River Road", *Kentucky Archaeological Survey*, November 2010.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Ancient Order of Hibernians, "Bloody Monday Memorial,", June 29, 2020, https://www.louisvilleirish.com/bloody-monday-memorial/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Thomas A. Stephens. *Bloody Monday*. Belknap Inc, in The Encyclopedia of Louisville, ed. John Kleber (Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2001).

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Karl S. Bottigheimer, Ireland and the Irish: A Short History (New York: Columbia University Press, 1982), 178-182.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Ancient Order of Hibernians Louisville, "About Us," Ancient Order of Hibernians Louisville, accessed September 13, 2023, https://aohlouisville.com/about-us.

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Name of Property immigrants settled in Limerick, the introduction of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad resulted in the relocation of many of these residents, moving to areas located near the big industries. By the turn of the nineteenth century, Limerick had lost most of its Irish identity.

The working-class nature of Irish Hill's original residents is suggested by the small lot sizes selected by developers who were trying to maximize profits by squeezing as many houses as feasible on the lots. The housing stock in the Irish Hill neighborhood does not have an air of luxury or pretense. Shotgun houses are the predominant building type in the district. Their small size, simple construction methods, and small lot size, all point to a low-cost dwelling. These provide the sense of place for the Irish Hill neighborhood, which was home to mostly blue-collar workers who lived close to breweries like the Phoenix Brewing Company at the intersection of Baxter Avenue and Broadway, and the M. Christ & Sons Brewery along Baxter Avenue as it turns into East Jefferson, west of the district.<sup>30</sup> Other local industries include meat packing plants, and the historic Kentucky Distilling complex. Living close to workplaces was more commonplace in these blue-collar neighborhoods that lacked wide-scale public transportation.

Although Irish Hill's namesake reflects the Irish heritage of the district, this neighborhood was also a hub for German immigrants. The nineteenth century saw a rise in the German population in Kentucky. By the middle of the nineteenth century, the German population in Louisville had grown to eighteen thousand, thirty-five percent of the total population. Like the Kentucky Irish American newspaper, newspapers published for German-speaking readers were published in Louisville, approximately 30 in all.<sup>31</sup> Similar to the Irish immigrants, German heritage resources began to emerge in the form of churches, schools, restaurants, etc.

While many of the German immigrants lived within the shotgun houses of the Irish Hill Historic District, there is an example of higher style architecture housing in the district and associated with German heritage. The Valentine Schneikert House is a ca. 1868 Italianate style house built by a prominent figure in the Louisville brick making industry. Schneikert was of German heritage - making his relocation to the neighborhood a natural choice.

South of the Irish Hill Historic District boundary was the commercial core for the community along Baxter Avenue. In 1873, St. Brigid Catholic Church was constructed on the east side of this corridor. St. Aloysius Church was established in 1891 to provide a stabilizing center for the local Irish population following the relocation of St. Brigid Church. The church moved in 1890 to the Hepburn Avenue area, which left the community without a gathering space<sup>32</sup>. Soon after the establishment of the parish, a school was established with a new building constructed in 1947

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Sanborn Map Company. "Sanborn fire insurance maps : Kentucky" Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky.1892

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Thomas A. Stephens. "Belknap Inc." in The Encyclopedia of Louisville, ed. John Kleber (Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2001).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> 1. Gayle Cutler, "A Place In Time - Courier-Journal's History of Neighborhoods," A Place in Time - Courier-Journal's history of neighborhoods - Center for Environmental Policy and Management, 1989, https://louisville.edu/cepm/westlou/west-louisville-general/a-place-in-time-courier-journals-history-of-neighborhoods/view.

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Name of Property County and State followed by a replacement church building in 1957. Both churches have since moved and the school has closed, but still reinforce Irish heritage and religious associations of the district.<sup>33</sup>

The Baxter commercial area is located within the Highlands Historic District. The Highlands neighborhood is largely a late nineteenth and early twentieth century suburban development, with a logically laid out commercial corridor and established arterial transportation route. While the Highlands Historic District abuts the Irish Hill Historic District, each district has its own qualities and aspects of historic significance. The largely blue-collar residential Irish Hill, contrasts with the proliferation of architecturally significant buildings, and planned subdivisions of the Highlands.

# Evaluation of the Significance of the Irish Hill Historic District within the context of Early Working-Class and Industrial Neighborhoods in Louisville.

The Irish Hill Historic District is significant to the story of Louisville's development in the latenineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. During a period of large-scale growth, industrialization, and suburbanization, industrial hubs were appearing in various locations throughout the city. Since Downtown Louisville was already established in the years following the Civil War, the rise of immigration and increase in the mechanization of industry caused a massive developmental sprawl. This is visible both in residential and industrial developments throughout Louisville, just as they can be seen in general in larger American cities during the historic era. The residential developments tended to appear in dense clusters of modest, working-class neighborhoods, often separated based on race and ethnicity. Similarly, industrial and manufacturing facilities tended to follow the residential trends.

Particular industries held specific significance in Louisville, due to its developmental and industrial trends. Of those, three stand out among the rest: tobacco, bourbon distilling, and meatpacking. These three industries put Louisville, and Kentucky as a whole, on the map as one of the fastest growing and largest manufacturing cities in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. Naturally, areas where such production took place tended to develop before, and in different ways, than other areas in the city.

Irish Hill derives became significant for its ability to serve two of the City's three major industries, meatpacking and distilling. It could contribute to these industries by providing workers and by providing locations for those operations to be built, because of the neighborhood's proximity to necessary natural resources, significant infrastructure, and readily available transportation for goods and materials.

Part of Irish Hill's significance lies with the fact that it is such an insular neighborhood. Despite being one of the smallest neighborhoods in Louisville, Irish Hill contributed an outsized way with its many factories.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Stephens, 338

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Each building's contribution to the district has been evaluated insofar as it helps reinforce and interpret the significant identity of the Irish Hill Historic District. The Irish Hill Historic District meets the definition of a district stated as the 4<sup>th</sup> term of Criterion C, it is "a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction." Because that significance is in Louisville's neighborhood developmental history, particularly in the context of early, industrial working-class neighborhoods, the primary Criterion of eligibility is Criterion A.

The task of evaluating the overall significance of the Irish Hill Historic District means first evaluating its social and developmental significance and then evaluating whether there is an integrity between the resources' physical condition and the sense of significance. That will call for ". . . sometimes a subjective judgment, . . . it must always be grounded in an understanding of a property's physical features and how they relate to its significance.<sup>34</sup> The evaluative lens for this district is that it was an area within Louisville that developed as a significant working-class, neighborhood and industrial hub between 1850 and 1979. Those years were chosen to indicate the earliest extant resource in the district and the time the last year the industry associated with the neighborhood was in operation. The unpretentiousness of a working-class neighborhood can leads to frequent alterations—sometimes repairs and sometimes an owner's change related to a design taste. These changes are sometimes judged as contrary to the Secretary of the Interior's Rehabilitation Standards. The evaluation of the impact of these individual changes have been weighed for their impact on the ability to perceive the primary resource, which is a district, and how well the individual building reinforces or damages the ability to perceive a historic working-class neighborhood.

Irish Hill Historic District has a significant concentration of housing occupied historically by Irish and German immigrants who moved to the neighborhood and worked in its factories. Due to the economic abilities of these workers, the district was built with predominantly shotgun houses due to their inexpensive cost and small, narrow footprint. The Irish Hill Historic District meets the definition of a district, "a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction".

The Irish Hill Historic District is in good condition overall. Although some of the resources that once contributed to the district are no longer extant and others have sustained some damage, are in a state of disrepair, or have been irreversibly and unsympathetically altered, many of the original materials remain intact and are slated for preservation. Most of the resources that make up the rest of the district have been lightly altered over the years, largely to meet growing demands, to change use as the properties changed ownership, and to keep buildings in good shape. The latter is often done by replacing existing materials to keep the house livable and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> United States Department of the Interior. *National Register Bulletin #15: Guidelines for Local Surveys: A Basis for Preservation Planning*. (Washington D.C.: United States Department of the Interior, 2002.)

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Name of Property County and State accessible. While newer and cheaper materials were often used, this is indicative of the personality of the neighborhood.

The following aspects of integrity will be given greater emphasis in evaluating the Irish Hill Historic District's overall integrity: integrity of location, setting, materials. The conclusion that the district contains sufficient integrity of location, setting, materials and design, will cumulatively allow for the conclusion that the Irish Hill Historic District has Integrity of Association, which becomes the primary basis for National Register eligibility according to the terms of Criterion A: it is important as a "Property [that] is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history."

The Irish Hill Historic District retains integrity of location. When this neighborhood emerged in the mid-to-late nineteenth century, the geographic location of the neighborhood was favorable due to its proximity to natural and manmade features, such as transportation routes, water sources, and cemeteries. This locational aspect has remained the same; the resources in the district remain in their historic location. While there is a loss of some of the original industrial buildings, the location of the district continues to depict a collection of worker housing outside of downtown Louisville. Moreover, the physical makeup of the neighborhood has remained relatively unchanged over the last one hundred years, and many of the key resources are still extant. Additionally, the overall layout and major thoroughfares are intact. Because of this, the district retains integrity of setting. From its inception, this neighborhood has been used as a residential neighborhood, with commercial and industrial resources on the outskirts. The current physical makeup of the district retains the setting of a predominantly working-class residential neighborhood with commercial and industrial features along the major thoroughfares. In this case, the commercial resources associated with Irish Hill continue standing on Baxter Avenue, and have been listed on the National Register within an adjacent historic district, Highlands. Those commercial operations thrived by serving two neighborhoods.

The Irish Hill Historic District also retains integrity of **design**. The overall design and layout of the district as a whole has been largely unchanged. This can be noted in the grid style street layout, the concentrated worker housing, and the location of the housing in the center - with major thoroughfares on the outskirts. In addition to the historic integrity of the design is the integrity of **materials**. When evaluating the district's material character, through the lens of Criterion A with an emphasis on the property's identity as a working class neighborhood, the practicality of historic and present materials become important definers of that identity. Some changes have been made to the materials over time, but the new materials are used for practical purpose and effect, just as the original materials were. With the original builders not erecting a house with the highest quality materials, some loss of materials over time is not inconsistent with the nature of the neighborhood.

The **feeling** and **association** of the Irish Hill Historic District is retained. The resources within the district, consisting predominantly of worker housing types, are extant. The integrity of location, setting, materials, and design, allow the extant features of the district to convey a strong sense of a turn-of-the-century working-class industrial suburb in Louisville. Additionally, neighborhoods such as these with Irish and German immigrants were often less extravagant due

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County and State to the socioeconomic status of its residents. The remaining shotgun houses on small lots with shallow setbacks pointed to this and continue to give the neighborhood its distinct character.

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# **Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- \_\_\_\_\_designated a National Historic Landmark
- \_\_\_\_\_ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #\_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey #

# **Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- \_\_\_\_ Federal agency
- Local government
- \_\_\_\_\_ University
- Other
  - Name of repository:

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): Various, see table above

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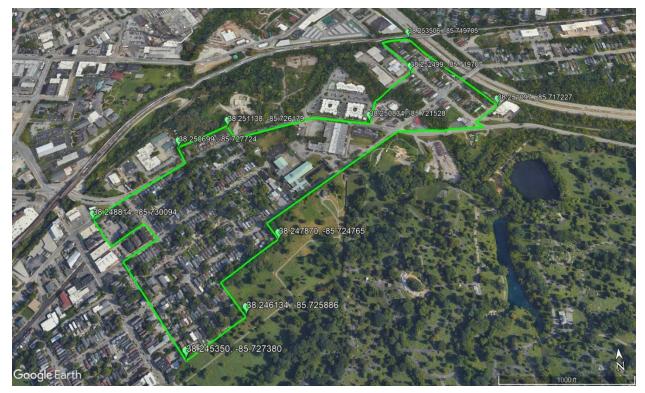
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# 10. Geographical Data

# Acreage of Property Approximately 74-acres

### Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

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9. Latitude: 38.251138	Longitude: -85.726179
10. Latitude: 38.250699	Longitude: -85.727724



# Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at the western corner of the parking lot associated with 1118 Lexington Road, one-half block southeast to the southeastern parcel boundary of 1118 Lexington road, then northeast to Cooper St., the southeast to the corner of Cooper and Hull Streets, then southwest to the corner of Hull and Bishop Streets, then southeast to the district's southern boundary at the corner of Bishop Street and the unnamed alley separating Irish Hill from the Eastern Cemetery. Then north along the boundaries of both Eastern and Cave Hill

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Cemeteries and along Payne Street to the it's intersection with Lexington Road. Then east along Lexington Road to it's intersection with S. Spring Street where the boundary runs northwest to the corner of Gray and Spring Streets, at which point it runs northeast to the end of the last residential parcel. The boundary then continues northwest, roughly following along Interstate 64 until it meets the L&N railroad, where it turns west to Spring Street. The boundary then proceeds southeast along Spring Street to the corner of Spring and Locust Streets where it turns south/southwest along the parcel boundaries of the contributing resources to Lexington Road. The boundary then continues west along Lexington Road back to the beginning point, extending to the north/northwest to encompass the residential singlefamily buildings on the north side of Lexington (odd numbered houses between 1305-1339 Lexington).

### **Boundary Justification**

The Irish Hill Historic District boundaries include the bulk of what is considered the Irish Hill Neighborhood, only excluding a few modern developments on the outskirts (largely industrial and large, multi-family complexes on the north side of the district), and the commercial corridor along Baxter Avenue which is included in the NRHP-Listed Highlands Historic District. The district encompasses the entirety of the historic, working-class, residential dwellings and multiple extant features that contribute to its identity as a late-nineteenth-early-twentieth century working class neighborhood. There are very few modern additions within the district boundaries.

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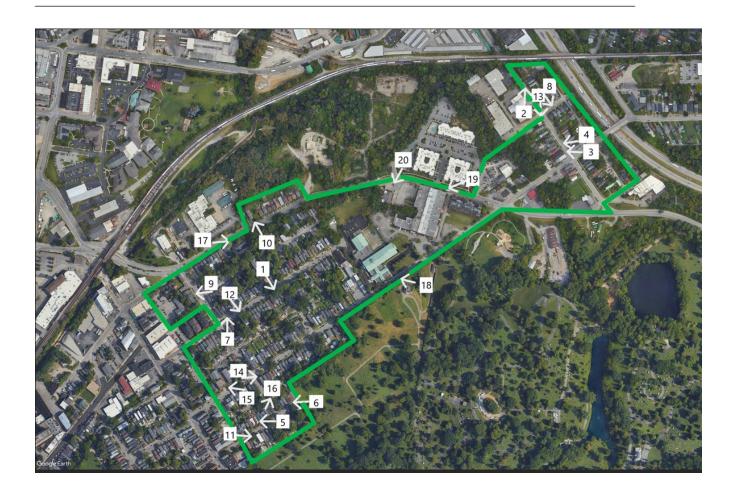
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# **Photographs**

# **Photo Log**

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Photo 1 of 20, 1238 Hull Street, camera facing southeast. Photo 2 of 20, 111 Spring Street, camera facing north. Photo 3 of 20, 228 Spring Street, camera facing west. Photo 4 of 20, 222 Spring Street, camera facing west.

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