



March 15, 2024

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Nomination Criteria

Shady Grove was evaluated in the 1990s under the Criteria for Evaluation for the National Register of Historic Places. It is eligible at the local level of significance under Criterion C for its illustration of a house from the late 19th century with a possible earlier section. Nestled at the southernmost tip of Jefferson County, adjacent to the Clarke County state line and situated off the eastern expanse of Route 340, Shady Grove stands as a prime example of an evolved early-19th-century log house within the county. The initial structure, a modest two-story log building dating back to approximately 1814, forms the earliest section of the property. Notably, in 1884, under the ownership of John Kable, who had acquired the estate in 1853, a significant transformation unfolded. Kable orchestrated a substantial enlargement, introducing a large brick addition that reshaped the original vernacular log structure into a grandiose and refined dwelling. This extensive modification seamlessly incorporated late-19th-century Victorian design elements, contributing to Shady Grove's present-day elegance. The property's period of historic significance spans from its inception in 1814 to the transformative year of 1884.

Nomination Action

Jefferson County Landmarks Commissioner, Martin Burke, presented the nomination to the JCHLC at its general meeting on April 10, 2024. The commission voted unanimously to add Shady Grove under Criteria C: *a property, structure or site representative of an architectural and/or landscape type which exemplifies a period, style, craftsmanship, method of construction or use of local materials and retains a high degree of integrity*, to the rolls of registered Jefferson County Historic Landmarks. The property owner, Wade D. Louthan, agreed to have the property listed as a Jefferson County Historic Landmark.