

Lucas House
470 Petersburg Road
Hebron Vicinity
Boone County
Kentucky

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Location: 470 Petersburg Road, Hebron vicinity, Boone County, Kentucky

Significance: The Lucas House is architecturally significant as an example of the bungalow, the predominant house type of Boone County during the interval between World Wars I and II. It is characteristic of the bungalows built in large numbers for middle-class families in the county during the 1920s and 30s. It exhibits the defining characteristics of its type: open plan; low, compact form; unpretentious "natural" materials; and Craftsman-inspired details, including broad eaves, deep porch, battered piers and geometrical ornamentation.

Description: The Lucas House is a one and a half story wood frame bungalow, rectangular in form, 30 feet wide and 45 feet long. The house has a gently pitched hipped roof with a small, hipped dormer and deep eaves. The roof extends over an engaged, full-width porch carried by tapered wooden posts set on piers of wire-cut red brick, with stepped concrete bases, and enclosed by solid balustrades of red brick with concrete copings. A chimney of red wire-cut brick, with straight stack, adjoins the west elevation of the house and pierces the roof surface. The walls are covered with narrow clapboards and exhibits simple, flat wood trim around the door and window openings. The house rests on a concrete foundation. As built it contained a basement garage; the opening, located in the west wall, has since been filled in with concrete block. The interior of the house contains five rooms on the first floor; the attic is unfinished. The house has been vacant for eight years and has seen some water damage, rot and vandalism.

History: This house was built c. 1939 for Elnora Eggleston Riddle (1903-1976), a widow who at the time resided in neighboring Kenton County, Kentucky. During the 1930s she worked for the local telephone company and at a Woolworth store. In 1941 Riddle married Truman Lucas (1906-?), a laborer. The couple resided in the house until 1951, when they sold the property to H.R. and Gladys H. Garvey. It was subsequently purchased by Thomas A. and Clara L. Beagles in 1989 and by the Kenton County Airport Board in 1992.

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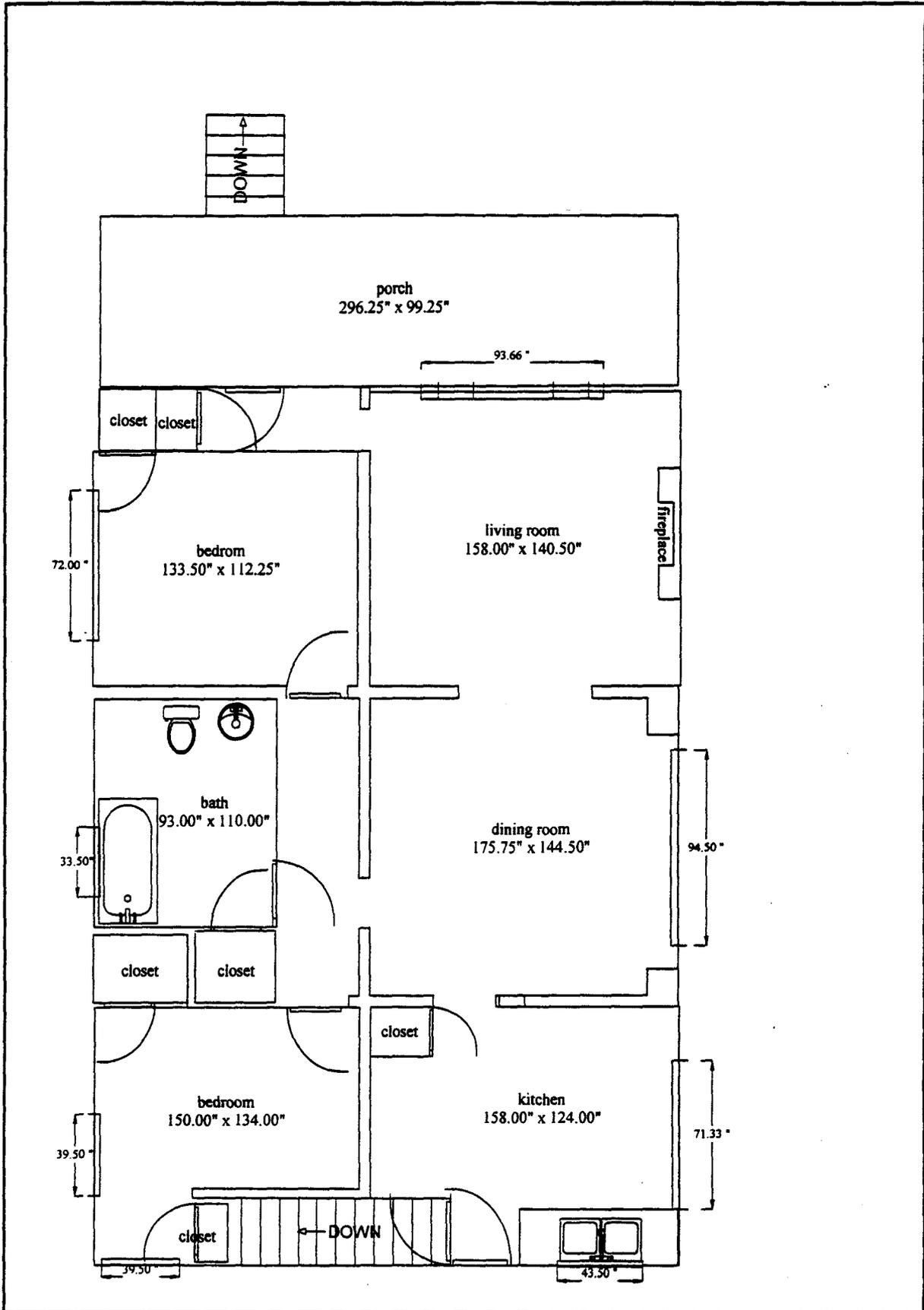
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