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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # SH 258
Shelby County

1. Name of Resource:
BLAND FARM

2. Original Owner:
WILL BLAND

3. Other Names:

4. Prehistoric Site _____ Building ^X _____ Object ^X _____
Historic Site ^X Structure Other

5. Location:
S.S. VIGO ROAD, 1 MI.W. OF RT.1005
NORTH PLEASUREVILLE QUAD

6. Owner's Name:
RONNIE B. BLAND []

7. Owner's Address:
BAGDAD, KNETUCKY

8. Evaluation: N.R POTENTIAL [N]

9. Recognition & Date:
Nat.Landmark _____ Local Landmark _____
Nat.Register _____ HABS/HAER _____
Highway Marker _____ KY Inventory 1984 _____
KY Landmark Certificate _____

10. N.R.Status & Date:

11. N.R.Group:
District Name: []
Mult.Resource Area SHELBY COUNTY []
Thematic Name: []

12. Historical Theme:
Primary: AGRICULTURE [010]
Secondary: ARCHITECTURE [030]
Other: []

13. Statement of Significance:

THE BLAND FARM IS SIGIFICANT ON A LOCAL LEVEL UNDER CRITERIA A; AND C; AS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF A LATE 19TH CENTURY DIVERSIFIED FARM WITH AN ACTIVE MULE RAISING OPERATION AND AS A (CONTINUED) [a, c]

14. History:

THE WILL BLAND FARM WAS ESTABLISHED ABOUT 1885 AS A DIVERSIFIED STOCK OPERATION. THE FARM CONTAINED A MULE RAISING OPERATION AND THE LARGE BARN TO THE WEST AREA OF THE SITE WAS ORIGINALLY BUILT IN 1904 TO HOUSE THESE ANIMALS. THE BLAND'S SOLD MANY OF THEIR STOCK TO THE ARMY UNDER CONTRACT DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR.

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

16. Date:
Original Building 1885 [3]
Addition UNKNOWN [4]

17. Style:
PRINCESS ANNE [4P]
[]

18. Architect/Builder:

19. No. of Stories: TWO [2.0]

20. Original Floor Plan:
T-PLAN, CENTER PASSAGE [TP]

21. Single Pile ^X Double Pile _____ N.A.

22. Roof Form & Material: Original _____
MULTIGABLE/ASPH. SHING Not Original ^X

23. Structural Material:
FRAME [W]

24. Exterior Material: 5" WEATHERBD. [W]
DECORATIVE FRIEZE DETAILS [W]

25. Foundation Material:
STONE, WITH BRICK [S]

26. Major Alterations: None _____
Moved/Rebuilt _____ Other _____
Additions ^Y _____

27. Special Features:
TWO FRONT FACADES FACE CURVE IN ROAD

28. Outbuildings:
8,6 CONTRIBUTING [12]

29. Original Function:
AGRICULTURAL COMPLEX/FARM [09X]

30. Present Use:
AGRICULTURAL COMPLEX/FARM [09X]

31. Condition:
GOOD [G]

32. Endangered: Yes _____
No ^X

33. Attach Photos:
Roll: 1 Photo Nos: 9- No. of Slides:
26

34. Prepared by: CHRISTINE AMOS

35. Organization: SHELBY COUNTY HIST SOC

36. Date: JULY 84

37. New Survey ^X Resurvey _____

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. []
Quadrant: N. PLEASUREVILLE 16 667950 4235140 40. Coordi.Accuracy []

41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):
A. ---
B. ---
C. ---
D. ---
E. ---
F. ---

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: unknown 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: 4.1

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

The site area includes ten buildings and two features of a turn of the century farm complex with ten of the twelve components contributing to the integrity and significance of the site. The buildings are massed in an area bounded to the north by the Vigo Road that curves around the northeast and northwest sides of the site. Fields and pastures of the farm are beyond the site boundaries to the west, south and east. Beginning at a point approximately 100 feet east of the residence, beyond a fence that delineates the yard and domestic garden area from fields beyond. Where this fence meets the Vigo Road, follow the south road edge in a westerly direction about 1,000 feet to a point on a gradual hill, about 150 feet beyond the east end wall of the large mule barn; then south east approximately 500 feet, beyond the fence line marking the east-west boundary south of the granary; then east-northeast approximately 700 feet to a point south and east of the small mule barn, then northerly to the original point. These boundaries include all major buildings of the complex, the gravel and/or dirt road network, board and wire yard and barnlot fences and landscape features of the site.

45. Description and House Plan:

The site is a turn-of-the-century fram complex located in northeast Shelby County. Bagdad, approximately two miles northeast is the closest urban center, a small rural town on the L&N Railroad. The surrounding topography is moderately rolling, cultivated fields and pasture with deciduous woodlands along creek bottoms and intermittent drainages. The site contains 12 buldings and features in a closely associated area south of the Vigo Road (Ky. 1005). The property maintains good overall integrity of setting, location, design, materials, craftsmanship, feeling, and association and conveys its original and continuing function as an agricultural / farm complex. The ten contributing buildings and features include the residence (1), large mule barn (2), small mule / stock barn (3), tenant cabin (4), carriage barn (5), granary (6), meat house (7), gabled storage building (8), root cellar (9) and sandstone entry gates (10). Non-contributing buldings within the boundaries are a metal quonset and a concrete block building. The resience is surrounded by evergreen shrubs and mature trees, mostly maple. Other trees grow along fence rows within and bounding the site area. Gravel and dirt drives connect the out buildings to each other and surrounding fields.

13. Statement of Significance, continued

unique example of vernacular domestic architecture in the county. The builder/designer of this two story, T-plan obviously considered the site while planning the Bland house. Located very near the road on a curve, two "fronts" address traffic from either direction. The resulting design is a one-of-a-kind vernacular rendition of a traditional form. The period of significance for the farm complex is from about 1885 through World War I.

45. Description and House Plan, continued

1. The two story, frame residence is the prominent building of the property when approached from the east. Its location and plan address the Vigo Road that curves from northwest to southwest around the house. Two distinctly different elevations front the road; to the NE, a two bay, hall-parlor plan with full, Victorian porch and pediment with decorative apron (photo 11-19), and to the north, a center passage, t-plan with a similarly detailed porch that curves around the side wing (photo 11-17, 18). The facades appear to be contemporary; the house being designed to present a formal elevation to travelers in either direction. Besides the decorative porches and unusual, double facades, the house in plan, form and style is a two story, frame center passage, t-plan with symmetrical fenestration, room placement and dimensions, similar to many other T-Q-C farm residences in rural Shelby County. Walls are clad with 5" plain weatherboard, vertical two-over-two sash windows have operable, louvred shutters and simple, molded hoods; the asphalt shingle-clad gable roof has boxed eave gutters, two interior brick chimneys, and the foundation is of stone and brick. The porches have turned posts, spooled frieze and brackets. A single story enclosed porch, kitchen and bath area extends south from the west axis with a gable and shed roof, concrete and stone foundation, plain weatherboard siding and irregular fenestration (photo 11-16).

Behind, south of the house is a meat curing house (photo 11-20) with board and batten walls, a braced overhanging front gable, centered, single entry, and asphalt shingled roof. Condition is fair. The building no longer serves to cure and smoke meat and is used for storage.

West of the meat house, a concrete block storage building is a non-contributing building of the property.

South of these domestic buildings is the carriage or buggy barn (photo 11-24) with concrete foundation two bays facing west with a double hinged door and sliding track door; asphalt shingled gable roof and vertical, sawn board walls. The frame is of sawn timber and condition is fair.

45. Description and House Plan, continued

The smaller of two mule barns is south of the carriage or buggy barn and is of timber frame with lap joining and mortised braces; stone alignment foundation; three bent center drive; one bay to the east and two bays to the west- all beneath the extended gable roof (photo 11-23). The interior (photo 11-15), is divided by the center deive with eleven stalls and gear room flanking it, Stone alignments and piers support interior walls and posts.

West of this barn is a corrugated metal quonset building used for machinery and implement storage. It is a non-contributing element of the property.

West of the house and entry drive, in the domestic yard area is a small, frame tenant cabin (photo 11-14, 13), with three 12' by 12' rooms; an intersecting standing seam metal gable roof; four bay front with doors to each cell; six-over-six sash windows; central chimney flue; shed overdoor on square posts; stone corner pier foundation and vertically grooved board siding.

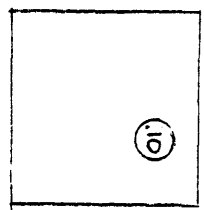
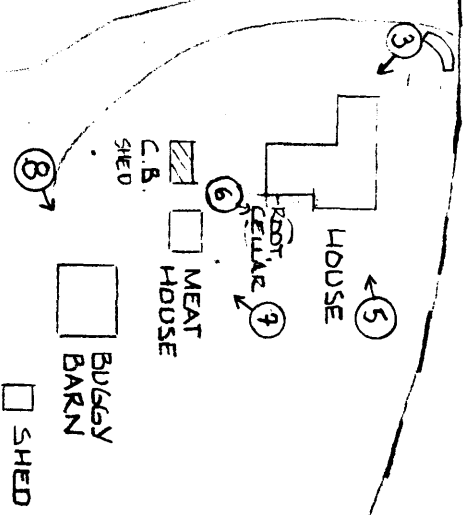
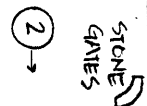
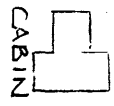
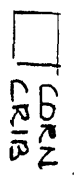
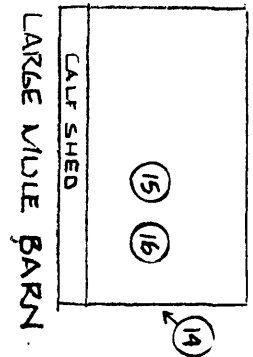
Southwest of the cabin, in the barnyard area is frame granary with corrugated metal shed roof; concrete pier foundation and vertical board walls.

The westernmost building is also the largest, an oversized mule barn, constructed by John Hulker in 1904 for the farm's commercial mule raising enterprise (photo 11-14). This five bent barn has an exceptionally wide drive and a total of five bays with double, hinged doors. The perimeter walls and interior beams are supported by dry laid limestone alignments and piers (photos 11-11,12). The timber bracing is mortise and tenon joined with wooden pegs (photo 11-10). The metal-clad, gable roof has a shed roof extension to the south and a small shed addition to the south is used to feed stock, The expansive loft area used to store loose hay for the mules. The original fork hay lift still operates: the movable pulley and belt system used to be worked by mules driven out the barn, thus raising the hay to the loft. The owners still use the lift system, but with tractors to counter balance and raise the hay. Original interior stalls were removed after the farm quit raising mules for sale.

To the east of the barn are two cisters that were attached by downspouts to gutters along the barn roof eave. Available city water makes these cisterns used less frequently for stock watering.

The remaining contributing feature of the property are the coursed ashlar, limestone, battlemented entry gates that fland the drive to the farm.

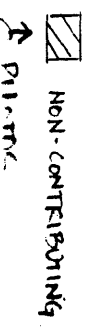
3 VIGOR RD. (KY. RT. 1005)



BLAND FARM

SH 258 BLAND FARM

SITE PLAN
NOT TO SCALE



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45. Description and House Plan, continued

The site contains nine contributing buildings and one contributing structure, and two non-contributing buildings.

stone gates	C	structure
house	C	building
root cellar	C	"
meat house	C	"
buggy barn	C	"
shed	C	"
sm. mule barn	C	"
cabin	C	"
corn crib	C	"
lg. mule barn	C	"
quonset	NC	"
conc. storage	NC	"