

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # SH269
Shelby County

1. Name of Resource:
M.J. King house (1882 Atlas)

2. Original Owner:

3. Other Names:

4. Prehistoric Site Building Object
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location: Eminence Quad.; N.S. Bellview-
Clear Creek Road, 1/3 mi. W. of Bellview Rd.

6. Owner's Name:
W.J. and B.A. Thomas
Chenoweth Farms [P]

7. Owner's Address:
Route 1
Shelbyville, Kentucky 40065

8. Evaluation: N.R. Potential [NR]

9. Recognition & Date:
Nat. Landmark Local Landmark
Nat. Register HABS/HAER
Highway Marker KY Inventory 1996
KY Landmark Certificate

10. N.R. Status & Date:

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

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

13. Statement of Significance:
The property is significant under criteria c; on a local level as one of two, two story log, hall-parlor houses that dates to circa 1845. The excellent integrity of the building and a well maintained setting contribute to the significance of the site. [C]

16. Date:
Original Building CA 1845 [7]
Addition RECONST. [1]

17. Style:
ANTEBELLUM VERNACULAR [3V]
GREEK REVIVAL [31]

18. Architect/Builder:
UNKNOWN

19. No. of Stories: ONE AND ONE-HALF [1.5]

20. Original Floor Plan:
HALL-PARLOR [HP]

21. Single Pile Double Pile N.A.

22. Roof Form & Material: Original
SIDE GABLE/ Not Original

23. Structural Material:
LOG, V-NOTCH, HEWN WALNUT [L]

24. Exterior Material: CLAPBOARD [W]

25. Foundation Material:
STONE, REAR CONCRETE BLK. [S]

26. Major Alterations: None
Moved/Rebuilt Other
Additions

27. Special Features:

28. Outbuildings:
ONE ROOT CELLAR [1]

29. Original Function:
RESIDENTIAL [01A]

30. Present Use:
RESIDENTIAL [01A]

31. Condition:
GOOD [G]

32. Endangered: Yes
No

33. Attach Photos:
Roll: 6 Photo Nos: 2- No. of Slides:
13

14. History:
THE 1882 SHELBY COUNTY ATLAS INDICATES THAT THIS IS THE RESIDENCE OF MRS. M.J. KING. THE THOMAS FAMILY PURCHASED THE PROPERTY FROM KING PRIOR TO 1900, INCORPORATING THE LAND INTO THEIR HOLDINGS AND LETTING THE HOUSE TO TENANTS.

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person:
1882 ATLAS OF HENRY AND SHELBY COS., KY.; MR. B.A. JR. AND WINFORD THOMAS

34. Prepared by: CHRISTINE AMOS
35. Organization: SHELBY CO. HIST. SOC.
36. Date: 8/1986
37. New Survey Resurvey

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building:	Zone	Easting	Northing	39. G.I.S. Mod.	[]
Quadrant: <u>EMINENCE</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>659100</u>	<u>4237340</u>	40. Coordi.Accuracy	[]

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

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

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 1,573 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: <one

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

The property consists of a log residence, root cellar and meat house, all within the confines of a plank and/or woven wire domestic yard fence. These buildings are located on a south facing hill directly northwest of Clear Creek, a tributary of the Salt River. The property boundary follows this approximately 120 foot by 300 foot polygon marked by the domestic yard fence. The fence is that whose southeast corner is located 65' southeast of the southeast corner of the residence.

45. Description and House Plan:

The site is a circa 1840-50 hall-parlor, one and one-half story log house with single story rear ell, and the associated root cellar and meat house. The residence is visible from the Clear Creek-Bellview Road and is reached by a 1000 foot grave drive that crosses an intermittent NW-SE trending drainage before reaching the house (photo 15-36). Cultivated and fallow fields surround the site with trees planted in the yard area and dense vegetation along Clear Creek. The surrounding area is solely farmland. The property maintains excellent integrity of design, materials, workmanship, location, setting, feeling and historical association.

The house is a one and one-half story log hall-parlor with the entered room measuring 18' by 18' and the parlor measured 15' by 18' (see plan). Exterior design and material details include irregular hand riven weatherboard, widths ranging from 4 to 6 inches, square nailed over the hewn log walls; stone end chimneys with brick flues; six-over-six sash windows; gable roof with asphalt shingles; stone foundation; an italianate front porch with chamfered posts and brackets; and a one

45. Description and House Plan, continued

story rear ell (photos 16:2-10). The owners indicated that the sill logs of the rear ell were resting on the ground and about 1962, they jacked the house up, removed the sill logs and built a concrete block foundation. the rear ell is partially sided with asphalt shingles and has a full length screened in porch beneath the extended east gable. Interior details are Greek Revival with a double vertical paneled solid entry door; more elaborate trim and pilastered mantle in the west room; molded baseboards; enclosed stairs in both rooms (the original possibly in the smaller, east room); and a shelf and architrave mantle in the east room.

An earth mounded root cellar, directly east of the ell has a stone front and large stone slab steps leading to it. The meat house (photo 16-5), has board walls, gable roof and single entry.

Large, planted maples and very old locust trees are located within the fence borders.

The property contains three contributing buildings

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| house | C |
| meat house | C |
| root cellar | C |

↑ TO BARN

CORNFIELD

SMALL TREES ALONG FENCELINE

FENCE IS PROPERTY (SITE) BOUNDARY

MEAT HOUSE

LOCUST

LOCUST

ROOT CELLAR

MAPLE

POST AND WIRE YARD BOUNDARY FENCE

ENTRY FIVE



↑ PHOTOS

0' 50'
1 INCH = 30'

BOUNDARY MAP AND
SITE PLAN
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M. J. KING HOUSE

