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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # 112
Shelby County

1. Name of Resource: M.W. Huss House

2. Original Owner: M.W. Huss

3. Other Names: None

4. Prehistoric Site Building Object
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location: South side of U.S. 60, 1/2 mile east of Clay Village

6. Owner's Name: Mrs. Scott M. Dunn [P]

7. Owner's Address: Rte. 3, Shelbyville, KY 40065

8. Evaluation: National Register [N]

9. Recognition & Date:
 Nat.Landmark Local Landmark
 Nat.Register HABS/HAER
 Highway Marker KY Inventory 8-15-80
 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: Architecture [030]
 Secondary: []
 Other: []

13. Statement of Significance:
 This property is significant under criterion C as a well-preserved example of the late 19th century (1865-1900) 2-story, frame, T-plan with passage in Shelby County. 9 such houses of this type were identified in the county. It is one of 5 of the type which are [C]

14. History:
 House built by M.W. Huss ca. 1880. Huss raised horses and was involved in the organization of the Shelby County horse show. Huss sold property to David Cunningham who later sold to present owner. Land had earlier belonged to the Neal (or O'Neal) family. The old house was located towards the rear of the property near a barn. A federal mantel from the old house is now in the tenant house.

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person:
 Interview with owner, April 1986.

16. Date:
 Original Building ca. 1880 [5]
 Addition 1960's ? [2]

17. Style: Vernacular [4V]

18. Architect/Builder: Unknown

19. No. of Stories: 2 [2.0]

20. Original Floor Plan: T-plan with passage [TP]

21. Single Pile Double Pile N.A.

22. Roof Form & Material: ? Original
 Gable, standing seam ~~Not~~Original

23. Structural Material: Wood, sawn [W]

24. Exterior Material: Wood, sawn weatherboard [W]

25. Foundation Material: Stone [S]

26. Major Alterations: None
 Moved/Rebuilt Other
 Additions

27. Special Features: None

28. Outbuildings: Tenant house, coal house, meat house, chicken houses, "wash house" [6]

29. Original Function: Residential/Domestic, single dwell [01A]

30. Present Use: As above [01A]

31. Condition: Excellent [E]

32. Endangered: Yes
 No

33. Attach Photos:
 Roll: Photo Nos: No. of Slides:
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34. Prepared by: C. Worsham

35. Organization: V, Shelby Co. Hist. Society

36. Date: April 1986

37. New Survey Resurvey

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UTM Point of Primary Building:	Zone	Easting	Northing	39. G.I.S. Mod.	[]
Quadrant: <u>Waddy</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>6 6 6 9 1 0</u>	<u>4 2 2 8 4 6 0</u>	40. Coordi.Accuracy	[]

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

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

Total Acreage in Present Property: 53 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: 1.59
 Site Plan (and boundary description and justification for N.R. sites):

Beginning at A, south 330' along a fence to B, thence west 210' along a fence to C, thence 330' north along a fence to D, thence 210' east along the south side of U.S. 60 to the point of origin. The boundaries were chosen to encompass the house and its domestic-related space and outbuildings as defined by fences and the road. Included in the boundaries are 6 contributing outbuildings: a 20th century frame chicken house, an early 20th century frame tenant house, a wood frame coal house, a modern concrete block meat house, a 20th century frame brooder house, and a frame "wash house" or summer kitchen, as well as a domed brick cellar.

Point A is located on the southern edge of U.S. 60 15 feet east of the point where the west edge of the drive meets the road.

See Attached Plan

Description and House Plan: see attached plan

The two-story frame double-pile center-passage T-plan dwelling, which avoids the high roofline or flat-topped roof as well as the long side walls required by the conventional T-plan by a complex juxtaposition of gables and stepped walls. The roof includes long shallow slopes and an internal valley to the rear to create the impression of a single-pile house. A secondary passage giving access from the center passage and the northeast room directly to the one-story original kitchen ell takes space from the southeast room. The curving stair at the rear of the center passage starts at the center of the rear(south) wall and runs back toward the entry door on the opposite wall. It has turned balusters, ornamental open stringer brackets, and a large newel post. The woodwork is painted throughout, the doors varnished. Molded architrave trim, painted floors, original cast iron coal grates and mantels. An open one-story porch lined the south wall and the west wall of the ell, but has expanded into a room with the addition of a brick extension. It incorporates an original enclosed pantry, now a bath. A one-story square bay window on the east side of the southeast room incorporates a one-story secondary entry porch(see similar condition at Pickett Ho, Sh-162). Northeast room heavily altered with panelled walls and a brick mantel. Southwest room had vertical tongue-and-groove wainscot. One-story front porch with square chamfered posts, sawn brackets, and dentillated frieze. Main cornice has built-in gutter, is supported by brackets and dentil blocks, returning at gables and running up raking cornices in gables. Two/two sash and doors on both floors have pedimented

13. Statement of Significance: (continued)

double-pile in plan. The Huss House differs from the standard T-plan in that there is a secondary passage connecting the kitchen ell to the two east rooms apart from the main passage. This passage, in effect, slices a portion off the western side of the southeast room. The site also contains a fine collection of outbuildings, which demonstrates the special form and function of the domestic space during the period of significance.

45. Description and House Plan (continued)

cornices with dentils and supported by brackets. Polygonal one-story bay on north (principal) facade on northwest room.

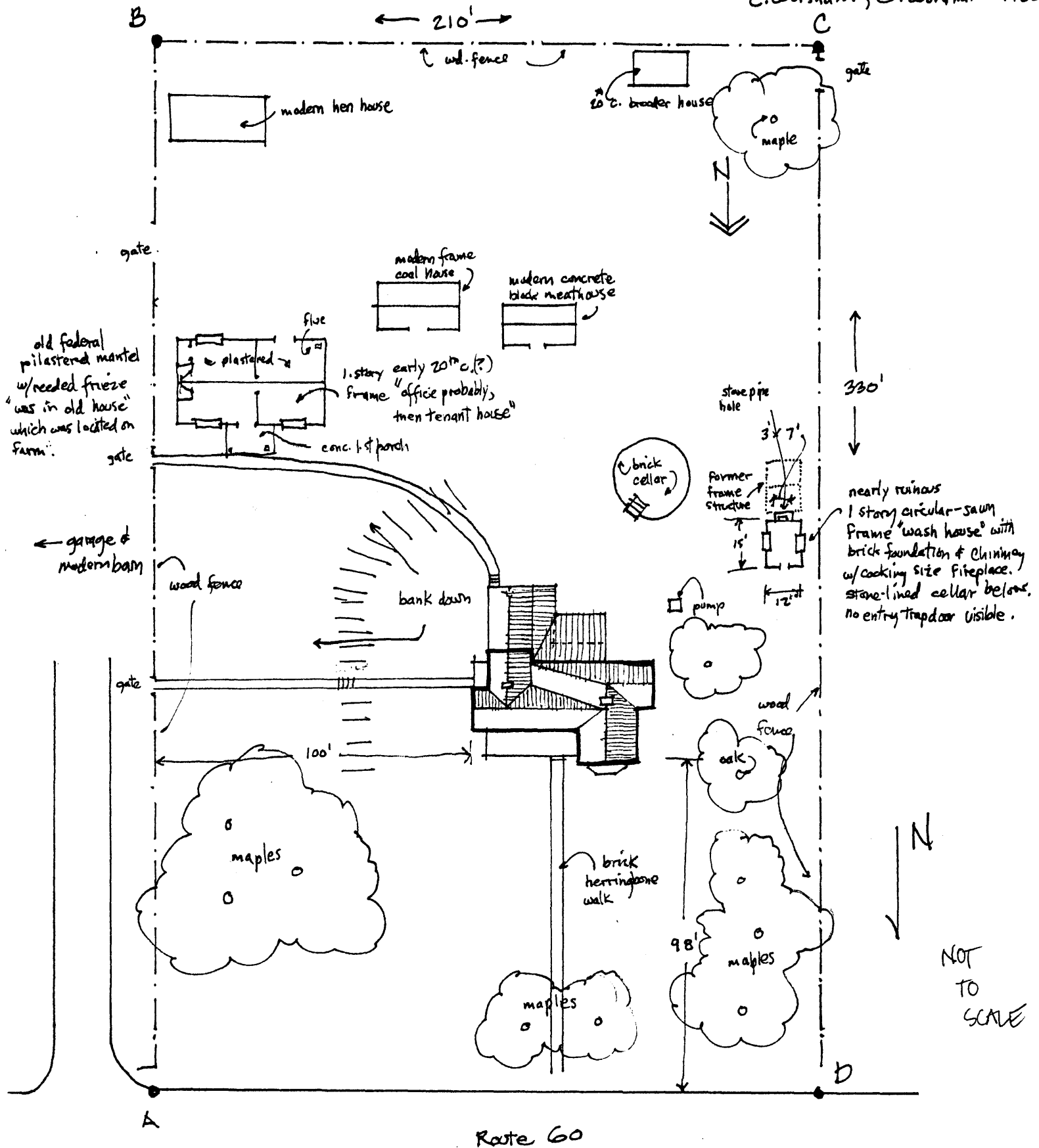
Outbuildings include an early 20th-century (?) "office" (present owner), later a tenant house. It is frame, one-story, three-bay, and double-cell with 6/6 sash and an interior brick chimney at the east end. Plastered inside. The mantel is an early 19th-century Federal one reused from a house formerly on the farm. Also a frame "wash house" (owner) over a stone cellar. It has a brick chimney with a large fireplace & circular-sawn weatherboard-clad framing. Also a brick domed cellar, a 20th-century coal house, brooder house, hen house, and concrete block meathouse are all located to the rear (south) of the main house.

The nominated area includes 8 contributing buildings.

site plan

Huss House Sh-112

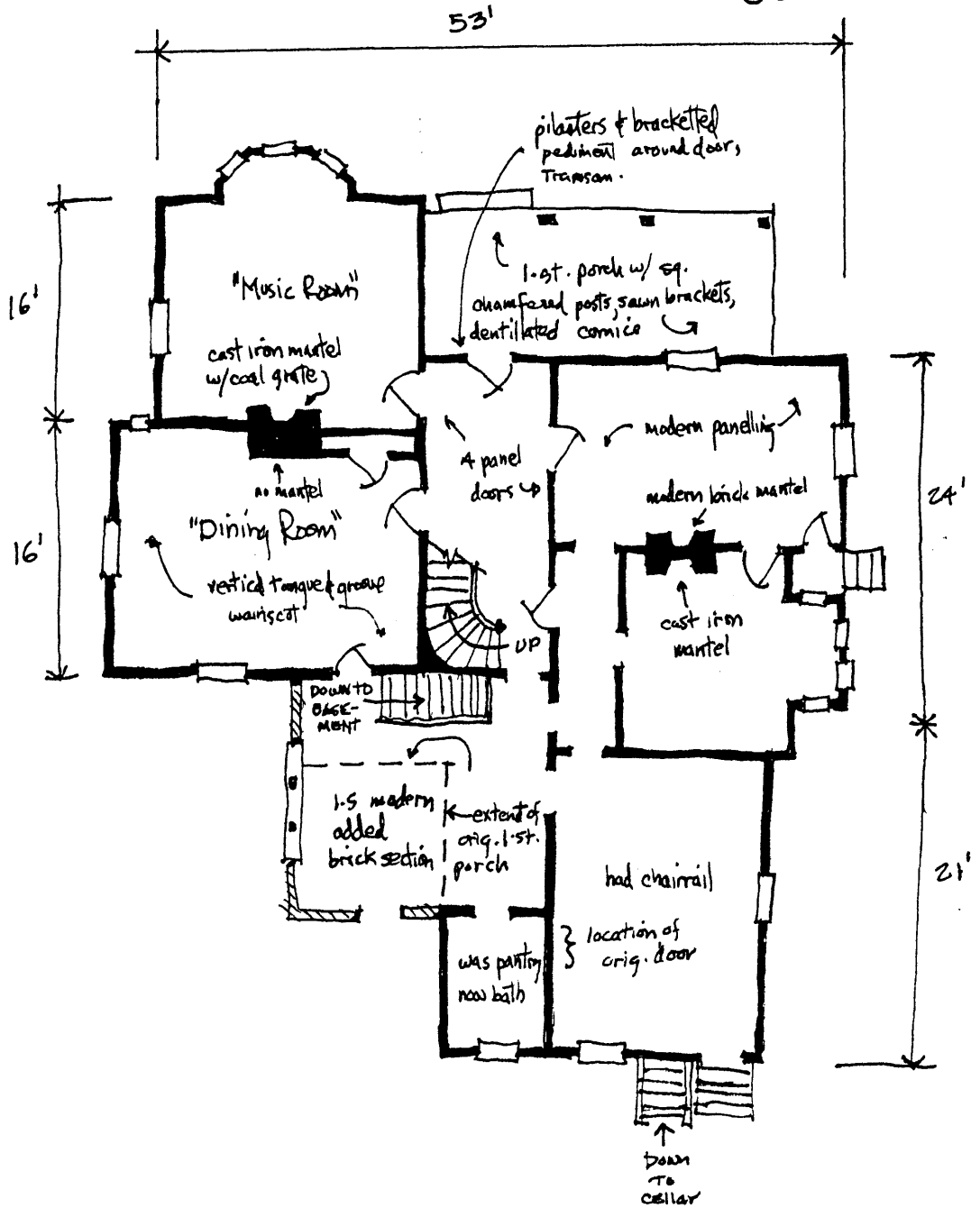
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1st floor plan Huss House Sh-112

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NOT TO SCALE



Typical interior
architrave molding.

