

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES  
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # SH 256  
SHELBY County

1. Name of Resource:  
C.E. FRYE FARM

2. Original Owner:  
C.E. FRYE

3. Other Names:  
WALLACE FRYE

4. Prehistoric Site \_\_\_\_\_ Building <sup>X</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
Historic Site <sup>X</sup> Structure \_\_\_\_\_ Object \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

5. Location:  
SHELBYVILLE QUAD.; S.S KY. 714 AT  
INTERSECTION WITH ROCKBRIDGE ROAD

6. Owner's Name:  
MRS. IRA ROMINE SNIDER  
[ P ]

7. Owner's Address:  
ROUTE 4 BOX 310  
SHELBYVILLE, KENTUCKY 40065

8. Evaluation: N.R. POTENTIAL [ N ]

9. Recognition & Date:  
Nat.Landmark \_\_\_\_\_ Local Landmark \_\_\_\_\_  
Nat.Register \_\_\_\_\_ HABS/HAER \_\_\_\_\_  
Highway Marker \_\_\_\_\_ KY Inventory 1986 \_\_\_\_\_  
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 TOC [010 ]  
Secondary: ARCHITECTURE [030 ]  
Other: [ ]

13. Statement of Significance:  
  
THE C.E. FRYE FARM IS SIGNIFI-  
CANT ON A LOCAL LEVEL UNDER CRI-  
TERIA A, AS A WELL PRESERVED  
EXAMPLE OF A SHELBY COUNTY FARM  
ESTABLISHED NEAR THE TURN-OF-THE  
CENTURY, AN ERA OF (CONTINUED) [A,C ]

14. History:  
  
THE LAND OF THIS FARM HAS LONG BEEN HELD  
BY THE FRYE FAMILY. ALTHOUGH THIS HOUSE  
DOES NOT SHOW ON THE 1882 SHELBY COUNTY  
ATLAS, THE FRYE FAMILY IS INDICATED IN  
THE VICINITY. THE LAND WAS DEEDED TO  
FROMAN FRYE IN 1869 FROM GEORGE M. JESSE  
AND C. C.E FRYE OBTAINED THE PARCEL IN  
1883 AND THE HOUSE WAS PROBABLY BUILT  
NOT LONG AFTER.

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

16. Date: CA. 1885  
Original Building [ ]  
Addition [ ]

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

18. Architect/Builder:  
UNKNOWN

19. No. of Stories: TWO [2.0 ]

20. Original Floor Plan:  
ASYMMETRICAL/PICTURESQUE [AP ]

21. Single Pile \_\_\_\_\_ Double Pile \_\_\_\_\_ N.A. <sup>X</sup>

22. Roof Form & Material: Original \_\_\_\_\_  
INTERSECT GABLE/ ASPH. Not Original <sup>X</sup>

23. Structural Material:  
FRAME [W ]

24. Exterior Material: CLAPBOARD [W ]  
[ ]

25. Foundation Material:  
STONE (SOME BRICK) [S ]

26. Major Alterations: None \_\_\_\_\_  
Moved/Rebuilt \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Additions <sup>X</sup>

27. Special Features:  
PRINCESS ANNE DETAILS AND FORM

28. Outbuildings:  
FOUR CONTRIBUTING [4 ]

29. Original Function:  
AGRICULTURAL COMPLEX \ FARM [ ]

30. Present Use:  
AGRICULTURAL COMPLEX \ FARM [ ]

31. Condition:  
GOOD [G ]

32. Endangered: Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No <sup>X</sup>

33. Attach Photos:  
Roll # 0 Photo Nos: 9- No. of Slides:  
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34. Prepared by: CHRISTINE AMOS

35. Organization: SHELBY CO. HIST. SOC.

36. Date:

37. New Survey \_\_\_\_\_ Resurvey \_\_\_\_\_

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Quadrant: <u>SHEBBYMILLE</u>	Zone <u>16</u>	Easting <u>662900</u>	Northing <u>4221660</u>	39. G.I.S. Mod. [ ]	40. Coord. Accuracy [ ]
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41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):

A. ---	B. ---	C. ---	D. ---	E. ---	F. ---
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42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 261 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: 3.26

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

The site contains seven buildings, two structures and one feature, all contributing to the historical integrity of the farm complex. The domestic yard area with landscaped trees and bushes, fencing, drive and barn lot area are included within the boundaries. In all directions except northwest, where KY 714 borders the property, are the pastures and cultivated fields of the farm. The boundary of the nominated property is delineated by points a,b,c,and d on the map. The farm includes 201 acres which was not intensively surveyed. No context for the inclusion of such large potential acreages was developed during the project. The nominated property boundary is justifiable as including the grouping of buildings that conveys their historic functions as a working diversified farm of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The property boundary is a rectangle that begins at point A, 200' north of the driveway at the edge of KY. 714, the line proceeds E-SE to a point 50' beyond the south gable end of the stock barn; then S-SW 250' to a point 50' beyond the west wall of the stock barn; then N-NW to a point on the edge of KY 714; then N-NE along the edge of the road to the point of origin.

The property is a turn of the century farm complex on 211 acres of land, located in central Shelby County, an agricultural area

45. Description and House Plan:

located on rolling terrain, large pastures, tilled fields, hillsides with vegetated ravines and many dairys. The nearest community is Southville, two miles west, a cross roads with four nominated properties; SH 216, 227, 228, and 260. The seven buldings of the property: a two story, Princess Anne residence, stock barn, milk house, chicken coop, out house and wood shed; two structures: a root cellar and silo; and one feature: a cistern, together convey the image of a successful turn-of-the-century farm with good integrity of design, materials, workmanship, location, setting, feeling and association.

The residence is located on a rise southeast of the junction of the Rockbridge Road and Ky. 714 and overlooks the roadway below. The front yard area is open, save the large maple trees evenly spaced to curve around the front elevation of the house. The two story, frame irregular plan, Princess Anne farmhouse maintains excellent integrity both inside and out and is unique to the county. From the exterior, the house appears a center passage t-plan, a T-O-C farm house type common to Shelby County. The plan, however, is an irregular T, skewed by the diagonal entry and multi-sided entry hall that opens to (cont.)

## 12. Statement of Significance, continued

widespread agricultural change and, the house is significant on a local level under criteria c; as a fine example of a late nineteenth century farmhouse. Although there are numerous T-plan farmhouses in the county, built during the turn-of-the-century, this property is the sole example with front entry placed diagonally within the intersection of the two wings. The Queen Anne inspired interior and exterior details, and the excellent physical integrity mark this an outstanding example of rural domestic architecture of this era.

## 45. Description and House Plan, continued

the hall, parlor, and dining room and views the center stairway (photo 10-9, 23). Modest exterior features include a double, polygonal bay with bracketed, squared eave overhang and a pedimented corner porch with sawtooth and ball and spooled frieze. The gable ends are covered with scalloped shingles while 5" plain weatherboard with corner, base and verge boards side the walls.

Windows are single light sash with plain trim and molded heads. The steeply gabled roof has asphalt shingles, boxed eave and three interior brick chimneys. Fenestration is symmetrically placed. The foundation is stone, capped with brick courses (photos 10-10,18).

Interior details include natural pine floors and molded trim with bullseye corner blocks throughout; original operative pine shutters over most interior windows (photos 10-20,21); carved oak newel with turned ballusters; downstairs mantles of ornamented oak with tile surround and metal and upstairs, three small tole painted metal mantles.

Behind the house is a partially above ground, stone root cellar mounded with dirt and fronted west by a board and lattice, gabled vestibule (photo 10-19).

Further east, at the edge of the yard within the domestic fence is a board chicken roost with shed roof and a shed roof board privy (photo 10-14).

Beyond these, connected by the gravel drive and within the barnyard fence area is the stock barn, originally used to house the mule and horse teams that worked the farm's machinery (photos 10-15,16). A cow shed connected to the west side has a concrete slab floor and ten metal stancions. The six bent, sawn timber framed stock barn has solid board stalls and a central drive. Walls are of board with a stone alignment foundation, double, metal-track doors with mow door to the loft. Behind the cow shed is a concrete silo with conical roof.

45. Description and House Plan

The milk house, directly north of the cow shed is of horizontal weatherboard over frame on a concrete slab with six light hopper windows and metal gable roof. A cistern pump is located between the barn and milkhouse (photo 10-17).

To the east of the driveway within the barnyard is the frame wood/coal house with vertical board walls and a shed roof (photo 10-18).

A single bay garage in poor condition with gable roof, frame construction and board walls is located to the south of the driveway but is not considered a contributing structure because of its deteriorated condition.

The boundaries include eight contributing buildings, one non-contributing building, and one non-contributing structure.

house	C	building
stock barn	C	"
milk house	C	"
chicken coop	C	"
wood shed	C	"
outhouse	C	"
root cellar	C	"
silo	C	"
cistern	C	structure
garage	NC	building

\* POINT B

POINT C

TOBALLO

ORCHARD/  
GARDEN

BARN  
LOT

13 → SILD

BARN

STALLIONS

11 → MILK HOUSE

12 ↗

4 ↙

CHICKEN ROOST  
9 ↙

9 ↙

8 ↙

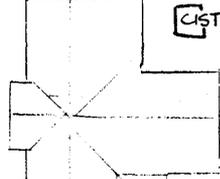
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HOLLY

ROOT CELLAR

CISTERN

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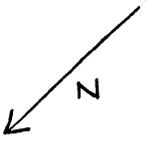
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MAPLE TREES  
SURROUND HOUSE

WOOD SHED

GARAGE (N.C.)

DRIVE



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SH 256 FRYE FARM

SITE PLAN  
NOT TO SCALE

↑ PHOTOS

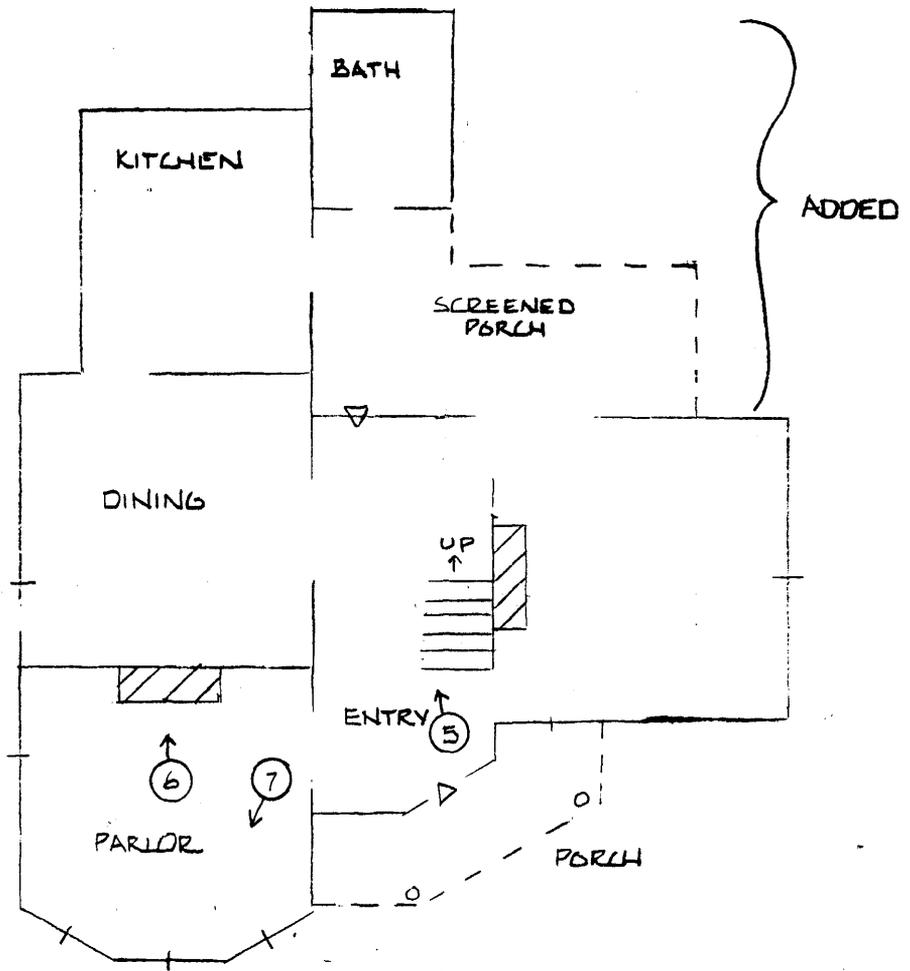
(@ 250' FROM ROAD  
TO HOUSE)

↓ AT EDGE OF KY 714

\* POINT A

EDGE OF  
KY 714  
POINT C

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SH 256 FRYE FARM  
FIRST FLOOR PLAN

0 10'  
1 INCH = 10 FEET

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 88002883

Date Listed: 12/27/88

C.E. Frye Farm  
Property Name

Shelby  
County

KY  
State

Shelby County MRA  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Patrick Andrus  
Signature of the Keeper

1/4/89  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

The resource count provided in the nomination is unclear, as three different counts are given. Marty Perry with the KY SHPO has clarified the count as 8 contributing buildings, 1 non-contributing building, and 1 contributing structure. The form is now officially amended to reflect this count.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)