

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES  
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # SH 270  
Shelby County

**1. Name of Resource:**  
Philomen Bird House

**2. Original Owner:**  
1882: Philomen Bird

**3. Other Names:**  
Winford and Lucy Day Bailey

| 4. Prehistoric Site | BuildingX<br>Historic Site | Object<br>Structure | Other |
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**5. Location:** Waddy Quad;; S.S. Vigo Road (KY 1005), 1st house east of Beards/Logan Rd.

**6. Owner's Name:**  
W.J. B.A. Thomas [ P ]

**7. Owner's Address:**  
Chenoweth Farms  
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 1986 \_\_\_\_\_  
 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 on a local level under criteria c: as the only known house of this exterior form in the county that has maintained the majority of its physical integrity. The side-passage plan was not often built and is rarely embellished with such stylistic details as this vernacular Greek Temple example [ ]

**16. Date:** CA 1875  
 Original Building [ 5 ]  
 Addition [ ]

**17. Style:**  
 VICTORIAN VERNACULAR [4V ]  
 GREEK TEMPLE REVIVAL [80 ]

**18. Architect/Builder:**  
 UNKNOWN

**19. No. of Stories:** TWO [2.0 ]

**20. Original Floor Plan:**  
 SIDE PASSAGE, DOUBLE PILE [SP ]

**21. Single Pile** Double Pile X N.A. X

**22. Roof Form & Material:** Original  
 FRONT GABLE/ASPHALT Not Original X

**23. Structural Material:**  
 FRAME (POSSIBLE BRICK NOGGING) [W ]

**24. Exterior Material:** CLAPBOARD [W ]  
 DECORATIVE TRIM [W ]

**25. Foundation Material:**  
 STONE [S ]

**26. Major Alterations:** None  
 Moved/Rebuilt Other  
 Additions X

**27. Special Features:**

**28. Outbuildings:**  
 NONE [NC ]

**29. Original Function:**  
 RESIDENTIAL [01A ]

**30. Present Use:**  
 RESIDENTIAL [01A ]

**31. Condition:**  
 FAIR [F ]

**32. Endangered:** Yes  
 No X

**33. Attach Photos:**  
 Roll: 6 Photo Nos: 17- No. of Slides:  
 27

**14. History:**  
 THE PROPERTY WAS ORIGINALLY OWNED BY PHILOMEN BIRD BEFORE 1882 WHEN THE HOUSE IS INDICATED IN THE SHELBY COUNTY ATLAS. WINFORD AND LUCY BAILEY, GRANDPARENTS OF THE PRESENT OWNERS PURCHASED THE FARM FROM BIRD CIRCA 1890. MRS. BAILEY LIVED IN THE HOUSE UNTIL HER DEATH IN 1936. BAILEY RAN THE 208 ACRE FARM AND RAISED TOBACCO, CATTLE, HOGS AND CORN. HE ALSO SERVED AS SHERIFF OF SHELBY COUNTY.

**15. Source of historical information and/or contact person:**  
 W.A. AND WINFORM THOMAS; 1882 ATLAS OF HENRY AND SHELBY COS., KY.;

**34. Prepared by:** CHRISTINE AMOS  
**35. Organization:** SHELBY CO. HIST. SOC.  
**36. Date:** 7/ 1986  
**37. New Survey** X **Resurvey**

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. [ ]  
 Quadrant: Waddy 16 665000 4234450 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: 183 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: 4

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

The property is a two-story, frame, late 19th century farmhouse located on the south side of the Vigo Road (Ky. 1005), in north central Shelby County, an area of large, productive farms. The terrain is level to gently rolling and this house is located on land near the headwater drainages of Guist Creek. The property boundaries are justifiable as the front, side and rear domestic yard area surrounding the house and defined by a fence line. The yard is planted with very large walnut, maple locust and redbud trees. The northwest corner of the site is marked by the south side of the Vigo Road where it meets the west yard fence, follow the road edge east about 150 feet to the east fence edge, then bear south along the fence line to about 30 feet beyond the south edge of the house, just north of the non-contributing meat house (poor condition), then west along this line to the west fence line and return to the beginning point at the road edge.

45. Description and House Plan:

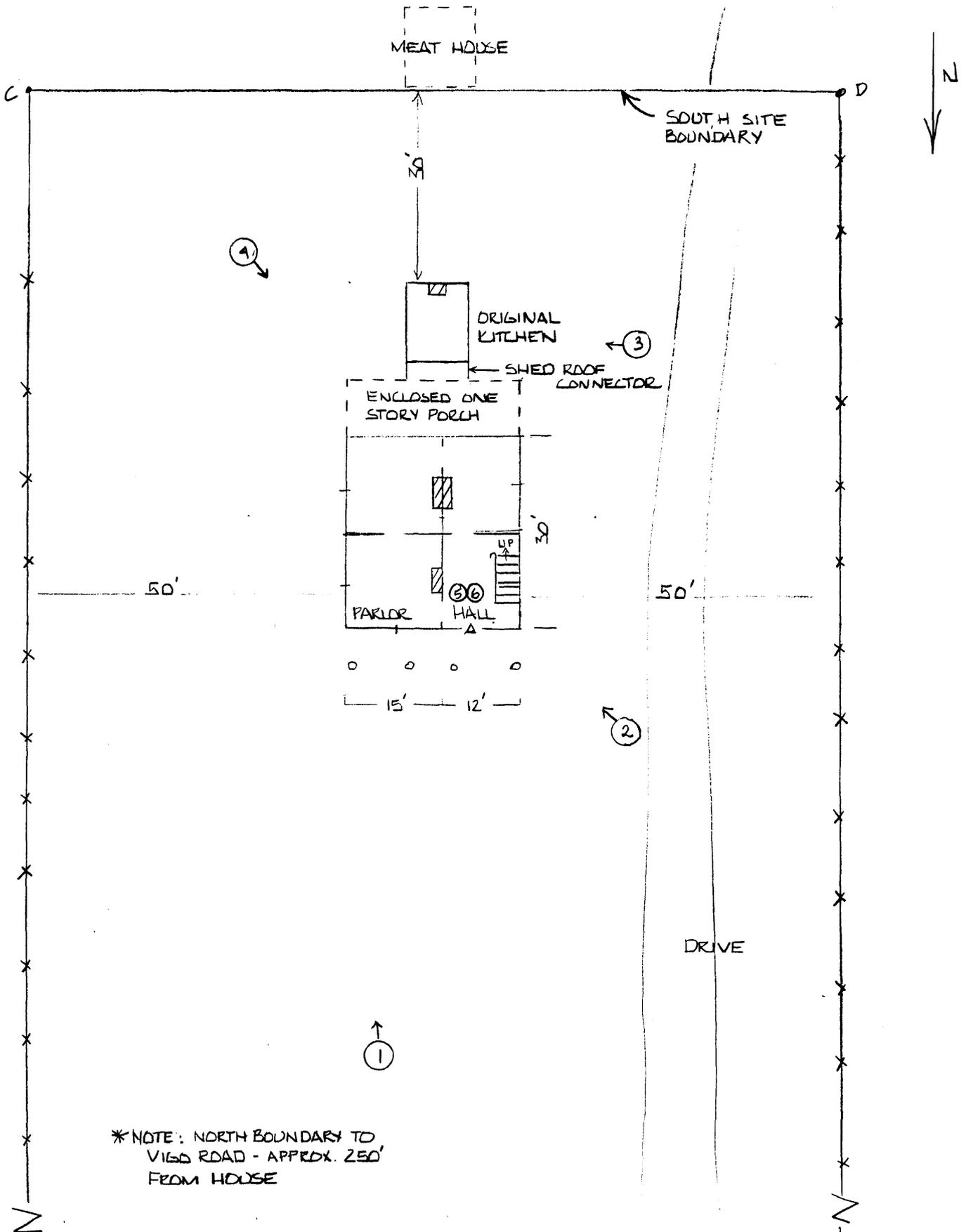
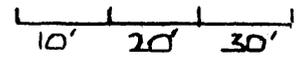
The property is a two story, frame farmhouse sited south of the Vigo Road about 250 feet behind a yard that is planted with very old walnut, maple, locust and redbud trees (photo 16-18). In plan, the house is a side passage, double pile, but the exterior form suggests a very late vernacular adaptation of the Greek Temple style, a rare form in Shelby County. The exterior material and design details include: two bay facade; six-over-six- sash windows with heavy, dentilated hood moldings; operable shutters; a shuttered, arched opening in the gable end; front facing gable roof with decorative sawtooth verge board and dentiled rake board; a full front porch with Victorian inspired, chamfered posts and scrolled brackets; plain, 5" weatherboard siding with corner pilasters; a solid, paneled entry with four paned sidelights and three paned transom; and a stone and concrete block foundation. The interior (photos 16;26,27) has a straight flight cherry stairway with turned columns; and eared, Greek Revival door and window trim.

To the rear (photos 16;20,23), the original, one-story, gable roofed kitchen has been attached via a breezeway to the partially enclosed rear porch. Although the building and the attached kitchen are in only fair condition, design integrity has been very well maintained.

# SITE PLAN AND BOUNDARY MAP

SH 270  
PHILOMEN BIRD HOUSE

↑ PHOTOS



\*NOTE: NORTH BOUNDARY TO  
VIGOR ROAD - APPROX. 250'  
FROM HOUSE