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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # KE-B-1
KENTON County

1. Name of Resource:
Prettyman Merry House

2. Original Owner:
Prettyman Merry

3. Other Names:

4. Prehistoric Site Building X Object
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location:
at end of Shelby Street in Bromley

6. Owner's Name:
Patricia & John Stewart [P]

7. Owner's Address:
329 Shelby Street
Ludlow, Kentucky 41016

8. Evaluation: [G]

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

10. N.R.Status & Date:

11. N.R.Group:
District Name: []
Mult.Resource Area: []
Thematic Name: Early Stone Buildings []

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

13. Statement of Significance:
Built facing the Ohio River, the Merry House is the only visible reminder in this Cincinnati suburb of Bromley, of the settlement period of Kentucky. An Indian face is built for good luck in the east gable end to ward off Indian attacks, facing the direction of Indian advance. This was an important house when built because of its []

14. History: quality and is important today because other early stone buildings in the area are gone.

House built by Prettyman Merry who received 3300 acre land grant here in 1782. Also had 5000 acres at Blue Licks. This land sold to brother John Merry ca. 1805. Was home of a doctor during the Civil War who had an office in the dining room. It was purchased by "Pigiron" Traylor who did renovation in 1913.

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person:
Patricia & John Stewart, Owners

16. Date:
Original Building Ca. 1800 [8]
Addition []

17. Style:
Federal [21]
[]

18. Architect/Builder:
Unknown

19. No. of Stories: 2 plus attic & cellar [2,0]

20. Original Floor Plan:
Double (cell) pen [DP]

21. Single Pile X Double Pile N.A.

22. Roof Form & Material: Original _____
Gable Not Original

23. Structural Material:
Stone [S]

24. Exterior Material: Stone [S]
[]

25. Foundation Material:
Stone [S]

26. Major Alterations: None
Moved/Rebuilt Other
Additions cornice, porch, dormers

27. Special Features:
face of Indian carved in stone

28. Outbuildings:
log cabin and quarters [2]

29. Original Function:
Residence [01A]

30. Present Use:
Residence [01A]

31. Condition:
Good [G]

32. Endangered: Yes _____
No XX

33. Attach Photos:
Roll: 31 Photo Nos: 15-23 No. of Slides: X

34. Prepared by: Carolyn Murray-Wooley

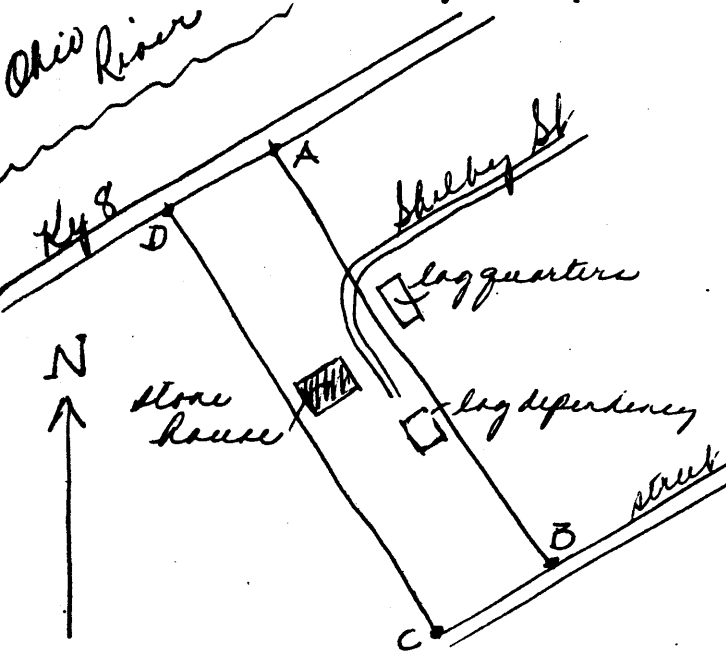
35. Organization: Kentucky Heritage Council

36. Date: June 1984

37. New Survey X Resurvey _____

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

36. UTM Point of Primary Building: 16-710320-4328750 37. USGS Quadrant: Craigton 38. G.I.S. Mod. []
39. Coordinate Accuracy []
40. UTM Points of Boundary:
A. 16-710420-4328700 C. 16-710260-4328790 E. _____
B. 16-710290-4328820 D. 16-710400-4328670 F. _____
41. Total Acreage in Present Property: _____ 42. Acreage Included in Nominated Boundary: 1 9/10
43. Site Plan and Boundary Description and Justification:

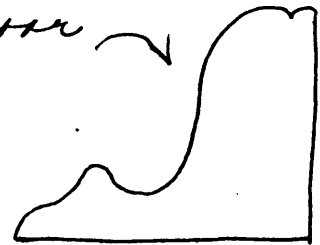


Site enclosed by A-B-C-D as shown. Includes stone house and log dependency. Quarters are altered and outside property line. A-B-C-D is present property line. B-A is on Ky. 8. The house is contributing. The log dependency is not.

44. Description and House Plan:

Four bay, two story double cell, dry stone house, ca. 24 X 48, interior chimneys each gable end. Roughly coursed masonry; ten stone voussoirs without keys. Frames pegged & beaded, ogee trim, square sills, 9/6 sash both floors; first floor windows are larger than second. (Front frames concealed by storm windows.) Carved head of Indian built in masonry of east gable end. Original paint blue (under chipping thick white layer). Had five fireplaces (one in cellar). Some chair rail remains.

Trim on back
windows & door



In 1913 the house was "modernized": new cornice, chimneys stuccoed, new stair (larger), new flooring, two front doors closed and one center door put in—door from owner's saloon. One story frame wing on east end and one story veranda built on front and end.

The log cabin was moved from behind the house to rear and side of house where it now is and covered with weatherboard. The slavequarters are also weatherboarded—no longer part of property.

House located on gentle hillside facing the Ohio River. Very long narrow lot goes from KY 8 (River Road) back to next street. Town of Bromley on east side of lot.