

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES  
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # 84  
Shelby County

1. Name of Resource:  
Graham House

2. Original Owner:  
Unknown

3. Other Names:  
Unknown

4. Prehistoric Site  Building Object  
Historic Site  Structure Other

5. Location:  
South side of KY 1779, 1 1/2 miles west of KY 395

6. Owner's Name:  
Lawrence Lea [ 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 [ ]  
Secondary: [ ]  
Other: [ ]

13. Statement of Significance:  
(SEE ATTACHED)  
[ C ]

14. History:  
Property owned by B. Graham in 1882, who probably built the frame, 2-story center-passage house.

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: Atlas of Henry and Shelby Counties, KY, 1882.

16. Date:  
Original Building 1830's [ 7 ]  
Addition 1870's [ 5 ]

17. Style:  
Settlement Vernacular [ 2V ]  
Victorian Vernacular [ 4V ]

18. Architect/Builder:  
Unknown

19. No. of Stories: 1/2 [ 1/2 ]

20. Original Floor Plan:  
Center-passage [ CP ]

21. Single Pile  Double Pile \_\_\_\_\_ N.A. \_\_\_\_\_

22. Roof Form & Material: ? Original   
Gable, standing seam metal  Original

23. Structural Material:  
Brick/Wood frame [ B/W ]

24. Exterior Material: Brick, Flemish [ B ]  
bond facade/ Sawn weatherboard [ W ]

25. Foundation Material:  
Stone [ S ]

26. Major Alterations: None \_\_\_\_\_  
Moved/Rebuilt \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Additions

27. Special Features:

28. Outbuildings: [ ]

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:  
6 12 - 17 1

34. Prepared by: C. Worsham/C. Amos

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

36. Date: March 1986

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

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone 16 Easting 667030 Northing 4231560 39. G.I.S. Mod. [ ]  
 Quadrant: Waddy 40. Coordi. Accuracy [ ]

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

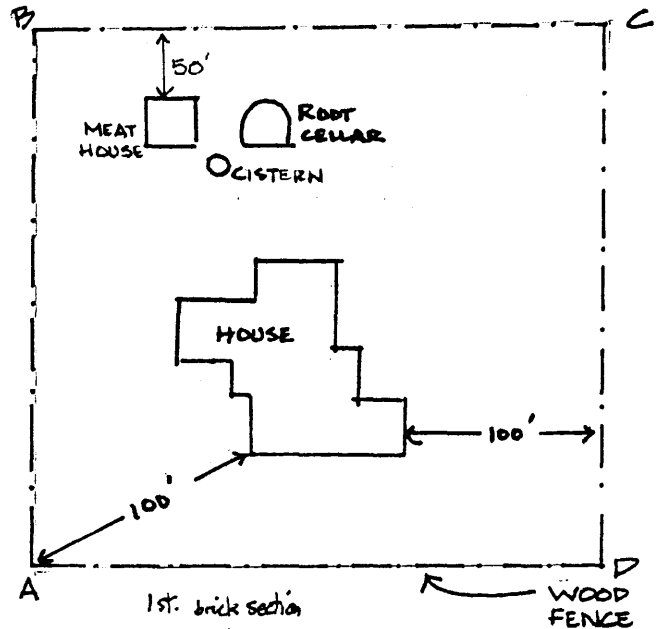
A. ----- D. -----  
 B. ----- E. -----  
 C. ----- F. -----

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 1.62 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: 4.1

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

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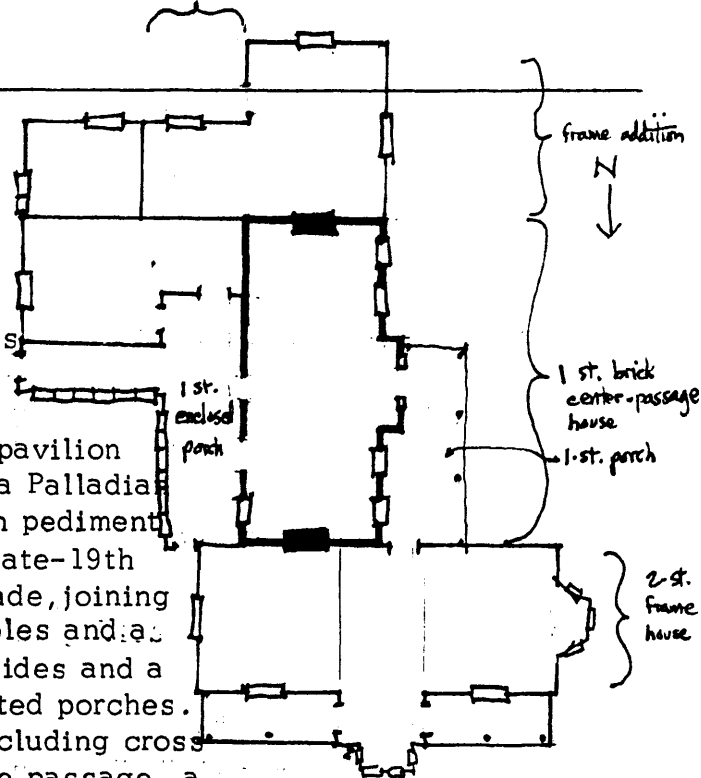
The boundaries were chosen to encompass the house and domestic yard area which incorporates three contributing outbuildings in addition to the house.



NOT TO SCALE

45. Description and House Plan:

The site consists of an early nineteenth-century one-story brick single-pile center-passage house to which was added an 1870's (?) frame single-pile center-passage dwelling addition, making the early house function as an ell to the later building. The brick building, which appears to date from the 1830's has an ashlar foundation, gable roof, slightly projecting exterior end chimneys, Flemish bond facade with jack arches, and a slightly projecting central pavilion above which is a gabled brick pediment containing a Palladian window. The house shares the pavilion and Palladian pediment with the Blaydes Ho., built in 1833. 9/6 sash. A late-19th century porch shelters the northern 2/3's of the facade, joining it to the later frame house, which has projecting gables and a central bay, which contains entry doors in the sides and a square bay in the front opening onto 1-story bracketted porches. All the gables contain elaborate decorative work, including cross gables flanking the center tower. Chimneys flank the passage, a polygonal bay stands on the W end, while enclosed porches and frame additions to the rear surround a frame ell associated with the earlier house.



Continuation  
SH 84  
Graham House

### 13. Statement of Significance

The Graham House is significant on a local level under criterion C; as a well preserved example of a one story five bay, brick, center-passage, single-pile plan from the early 19th century in Shelby County with the addition of a late 19th century two-story, frame center-passage plan. The brick portion is one of seventeen such house types identified in the county from the period and the later, frame portion is one of many similar types identified in the county. The combination, however, presents a unique solution to adapting an earlier building to secondary el status with the building of a totally new major living area at a later date.

### 44. Site Plan and boundary description

The boundary of the property contains the house, root cellar, meat house and cistern located in a domestic yard area of the farm. The boundary begins at point A, 100' Ne of the NE corner of the house at the edge of a board fence that marks the front domestic yard area; from this point go south to a point 50' south of the south wall of the meat house; then west from this point on a line 50' south of and parallel to the south wall of the meat house to a point 100' beyond the west wall of the house; then north along a line 100' west of and parallel to the west wall of the house to a point on the first fence mentioned; then along that fenceline east to the point of origin.

### 45. Description and House Plan

In addition to the house are two buildings and a structure in the rear, domestic yard area. A meat house has lower walls of stone and upper walls of common bond brick with gable roof, shingled gable end, standing seam metal roof, a single, solid wood door in the north gable end and brick flue in the opposite gable end.

To the west of the meat house is a stone perimeter-walled root cellar with stone entry, earth berm over the roof area, and single, solid wood entry door. Both the root cellar and meat house face the rear of the residence.

Slightly north of and between the two out buildings is a metal, crank-type cistern pump and cistern.

The property contains three contributing buildings and one contributing structure.

house	C
meat house	C
root cellar	C
cistern	C