

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES  
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # 169  
Shelby County

1. Name of Resource:  
Carpenter House

2. Original Owner:  
Calvin Carpenter

3. Other Names:  
Shouse School

4. Prehistoric Site  Building Object  
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location: East side of KY 148, 1 mile south  
of Clark Station

6. Owner's Name:  
Mrs. Ralph Conner [ P ]

7. Owner's Address:  
Rte. 1, Finchville, KY 40002

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: Education [ 100 ]  
Other: [ ]

13. Statement of Significance:  
This property is significant under criteria A & C as a well-preserved example of the mid-19th century (1840-65) frame, 2-story, center-passage, single-pile plan in Shelby County. It is one of seven such houses identified from the period. The site is also of signifi-[ A, C ]

14. History:  
House was built between 1843 and 1848 (a metal plate dated 1848 formerly in possession of owner). Calvin Carpenter (1811-1865) is believed to be the original owner and is buried on the farm. House was owned by Lucinda Carpenter in 1882. During the late 19th century, Ben and Vassie Dale Rucker Shouse operated a well-known private school at this site. House was purchased in 1915 by John L. Tucker, whose daughter is the present owner.

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: History from owner, Ida Mae Tucker Conner; Frances Cottongim, Shelby Co. Hist. Society; 1882 Atlas of Henry and Shelby Counties, KY.

16. Date:  
Original Building 1843 - 1848 [ 7 ]  
Addition ca. 1900 ? [ 4 ]

17. Style:  
Antebellum Vernacular [ 3V ]

18. Architect/Builder:  
Unknown

19. No. of Stories: 2 [ 2.0 ]

20. Original Floor Plan:  
Center passage [ CP ]

21. Single Pile  Double Pile N.A.

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

23. Structural Material:  
Wood frame [ W ]

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

25. Foundation Material:  
Stone, coursed [ S ]

26. Major Alterations: None  
Moved/Rebuilt Other  
 Additions

27. Special Features:  
None

28. Outbuildings:  
Non contributing [ NC ]

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:  
13 26 - 33 1

34. Prepared by: C. Worsham

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

36. Date: April 1986

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

38. Source of historical information and/or contact person: History from owner, Ida Mae Tucker Conner; Frances Cottongim, Shelby Co. Hist. Society; 1882 Atlas of Henry and Shelby Counties, KY.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES  
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # 169

38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. [ ]  
 Quadrant: Fisherville 16 640170 4226520 40. Coordi. Accuracy [ ]

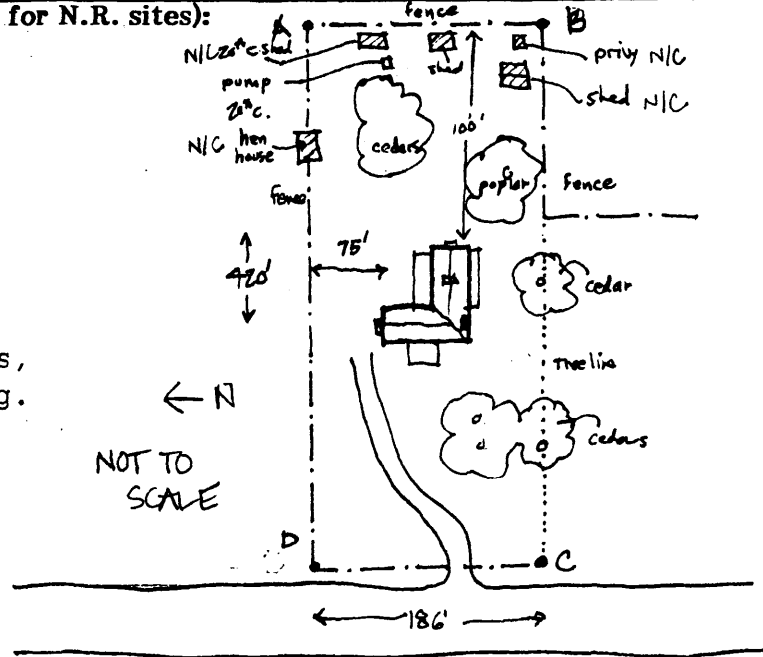
41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):

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

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 48 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: 1.79

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

Beginning at A, south 186' along a fence to B, thence west 420' along a fence and a line of trees to C, thence north 186' along the east side of KY 148 to D, thence east 420' along a fence to the point of origin. The boundaries were chosen to encompass the house and its domestic-related space as defined by fences and trees separating it from surrounding fields. Included are 3 sheds, a hen house, and a privy, all non-contributing.



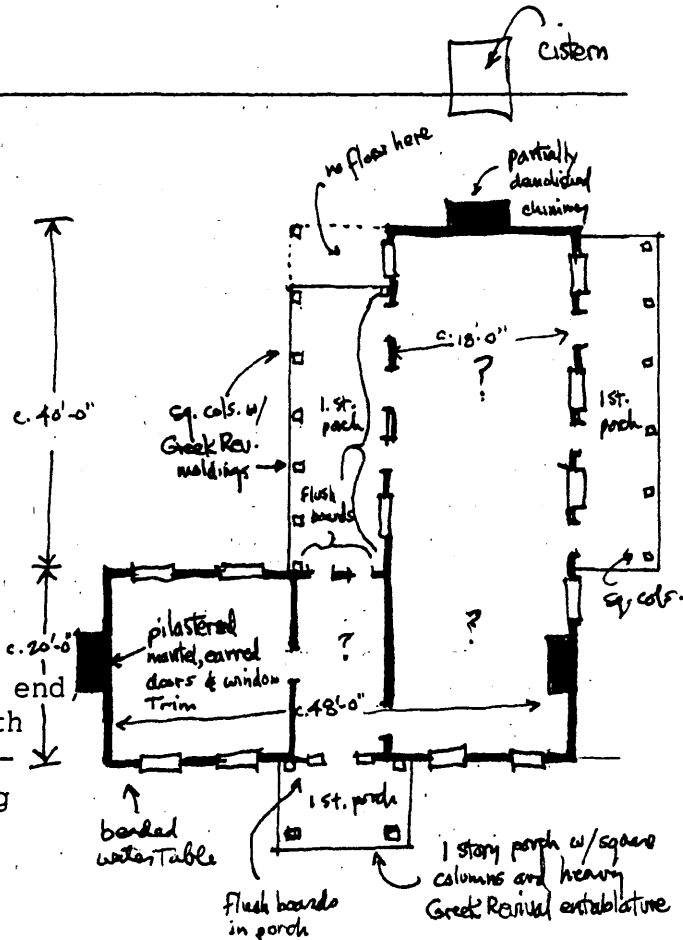
Point A is located at the intersection of two fences in the northeastern corner of the yard and is 215 feet northeast of the northeast corner of the dwelling's ell.

Although the boundaries incorporate several non-contributing buildings, these are of small scale and could not be excluded without disrupting the relationship between the house and its yard.

45. Description and House Plan:

Exterior:

2-story, 5-bay, frame, center-passage, single-pile plan, plain narrow weatherboards, 1-story center porch with square columns and heavy Greek entablature, flushboards under porch, wide ceiling boards, pilasters flank 4-panel door and are themselves flanked by painted glass side-lights, panelled aprons, transom also of painted glass, beaded watertable, coursed stone foundation, frieze board with molding which stops short at each end of principal (west) facade, 6/6 sash, early blinds, roof hipped where 2-story ell joins main section of house on south end, interior brick end chimney, exterior brick chimney on north gable end, standing seam metal roof, 1-story porch along south side of ell, partially collapsed exterior brick chimney on east end of ell, original 1-story porch along north side of ell has square columns with early



13. Statement of Significance: (continued)

ance in the county as the site of the Shouse School, a late 19th century private school.

45. Description and House Plan: (continued)

Greek moldings, east bay of porch added (no floor), flushboards under porch.

Interior:

4-panel doors, eared door and window surrounds, pilastered mantles, woodwork is grained.

Outbuildings:

Included are 5 non-contributing outbuildings.

The nominated area includes one contributing and five non-contributing buildings.