

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES  
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # SH 265  
SHELBY County

1. Name of Resource: STAPLETON FARM

2. Original Owner: GEORGE STAPLETON

3. Other Names:

4. Prehistoric Site  Historic Site  Building Structure  Object Other

5. Location: WADDY QUAD.; N.S. VIGO RD. (KY.1005)  
ABOUT 1/2 MI. E. OF LOGAN ROAD

6. Owner's Name: DUNCAN LE COMPTE [ P ]

7. Owner's Address: ROUTE 1 BOX 65  
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 CO MRA [ ]  
Thematic Name: [ ]

12. Historical Theme:  
Primary: AGRICULTURE [ 010 ]  
Secondary: [ ]  
Other: [ ]

13. Statement of Significance:  
THE STAPLETON FARM IS LOCALLY SIGNIFICANT UNDER CRITERIA A AS A WELL PRESERVED EXAMPLE OF A TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY DIVERSIFIED FARM IN CENTRAL SHELBY COUNTY. (CA.1890) ALTHOUGH THE FARM (CONTINUED) [ A ]

14. History:  
THE STAPLETON FARM WAS ESTABLISHED PRIOR TO 1880 BY LUTHER STAPLETON. THE ORIGINAL BUILDINGS, QUITE A WAYS NORTH OF THE PRESENT STRUCTURES, WERE REPLACED AFTER 1890. THE FARM AS IT APPEARS TODAY IS ASSOCIATED WITH GEORGE STAPLETON WHO OPERATED A DIVERSIFIED FARM RAISING BEEF CATTLE, HOGS AND TOBACCO. VERA STAPLETON SANFORD, GEORGE'S DAUGHTER TOOK OVER THE FARM IN 1933 AFTER HER FATHER'S DEATH.

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person:  
GEORGE SCOBEE; DUNCAN LE COMPTE;  
SHELBY COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

16. Date: CA. 1890 [ 3 ]  
Original Building [ ]  
Addition [ ]

17. Style: TUC VERNACULAR [ 5V ]

18. Architect/Builder: UNKNOWN

19. No. of Stories: TWO [ 2.0 ]

20. Original Floor Plan: CNETER PASSAGE [ CP ]

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

22. Roof Form & Material: Original \_\_\_\_\_ Not Original   
HIP/MULTI-GABLE/ASPHAL

23. Structural Material: FRAME [ W ]

24. Exterior Material: CLAPBOARD [ W ]

25. Foundation Material: STONE [ S ]

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

27. Special Features: INTEGRITY OF SETTING

28. Outbuildings: SEVEN, SIX CONTRIBUTING [ 7 ]

29. Original Function: AGRICULTURAL COMPLEX / FARM [ 09X ]

30. Present Use: AGRICULTURAL COMPLEX / FARM [ 09X ]

31. Condition: GOOD [ G ]

32. Endangered: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

33. Attach Photos:  
Roll: 13 Photo Nos: 1-16 No. of Slides: 16

34. Prepared by: CHRISTINE AMOS

35. Organization: SHELBY CO. HIST. SOC.

36. Date: 7/1986

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

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Quadrant: <u>Waddy</u>	Zone <u>16</u>	Easting <u>665140</u>	Northing <u>4234560</u>	39. G.I.S. Mod. [ ]
				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: <u>134</u>				
43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: <u>5.15</u>				
44. Site Plan (and boundary description and justification for N.R. sites):				

The property is a late 19th century farm on the Vigo Road (Ky. 1005) in north central Shelby County an area of gently rolling topography drained by intermittent and permanent waterways. This farm is situated near some of the northern head waters of Guist Creek in Shelbyville loam soil. Included within the site boundary are the house, three barns, a buggy barn/garage, cabin, and root cellar. All but the newer cattle feed barn are contributing elements of the site. The north edge of the Vigo Road forms the south boundary line. To the east of the house, a board fence divides the yard from pasture. Beginning at a point 25' east of this fence line at the north edge of the Vigo Road, follow the road approximately 400 feet to a post and wire fence that separates the west side field where the barns are located from the fields where sod is presently grown. Follow this fence line north about 700 feet to a point beyond the north side of the cattle barn. Then go from that point eastward 25' east of the north-south fenceline; then south parallel to the fence to the point of origin. These boundaries include all the buildings of the site, the driveways between those buildings, the planted vegetation and fences that separate the buildings from the pastures and cultivated fields of the farm.

45. Description and House Plan:

The site is an outstanding example of a late 19th century, diversified farming operation in Shelby County. Many features, building relationships and forms, both stylistic and functional, recall turn-of-the-century farm features discussed in the overview. The farm consists of seven buildings and features: house, root cellar, meat house, cabin, buggy house/garage, stock barn with cistern, tobacco barn and cattle barn. Only the cattle barn is of more recent construction and is not counted as a contributing element of the site, although it is included within the boundaries. Overall, the seven qualities of integrity have been well maintained at this property.

The house is an elaborate, two story, frame, double pile, center passage with central hip and intersecting gable roof, two interior brick chimneys. single light sash windows with molded hoods, a full front porch on square posts, three front bays, brick foundation and clapboard siding (photos 13-4,6). The house faces south to the Vigo Road, has water and sugar maple trees to either side and is surrounded by a yard area with board fencing. Alterations to the house are located in the rear and include a screened in one story porch and what appears to be a second floor addition to the rear and alteration (continued)

13. Statement of Significance, continued

house and associated buildings replaced the original farm buildings, they date to the turn-of-the-century and in form, function, site layout and setting are characteristic of prosperous farms of the era. The farm complex is one of the better maintained and preserved sites of this type in the county. Its excellent overall integrity and historic setting (located across the Vigo Road from SH 270) contribute to the property's significance.

45. Description and House Plan, continued

of the first floor, northwest corner room. These alterations are in keeping with the original scale, design and materials and therefore, do not have a significant adverse affect on the building's integrity. A root cellar with earth mounded roof, partially collapsed rock walls and brick gabled vestibule is attached to the northeast corner of the rear screened porch (photo 13-6), and the house's cistern is directly west. Behind the house and within the boundary of the board fence is the original meathouse with board and batten walls, a raised wood floor, timber box frame and extended gable overhang (photo 13-5).

Further north, behind the meathouse but within woven wire fencing, is a frame cabin (photos 13-5,7). The L-shaped quarters is one story, frame constructed, with two rooms; asphalt gable roof; brick interior flue; shed porch on square posts; entries into each of two cells, one carved with an oval glass and the other solid five paneled, and horizontal tongue and groove siding. The building is presently used for storage but maintains good integrity. It was originally used as living quarters for a regular hired hand.

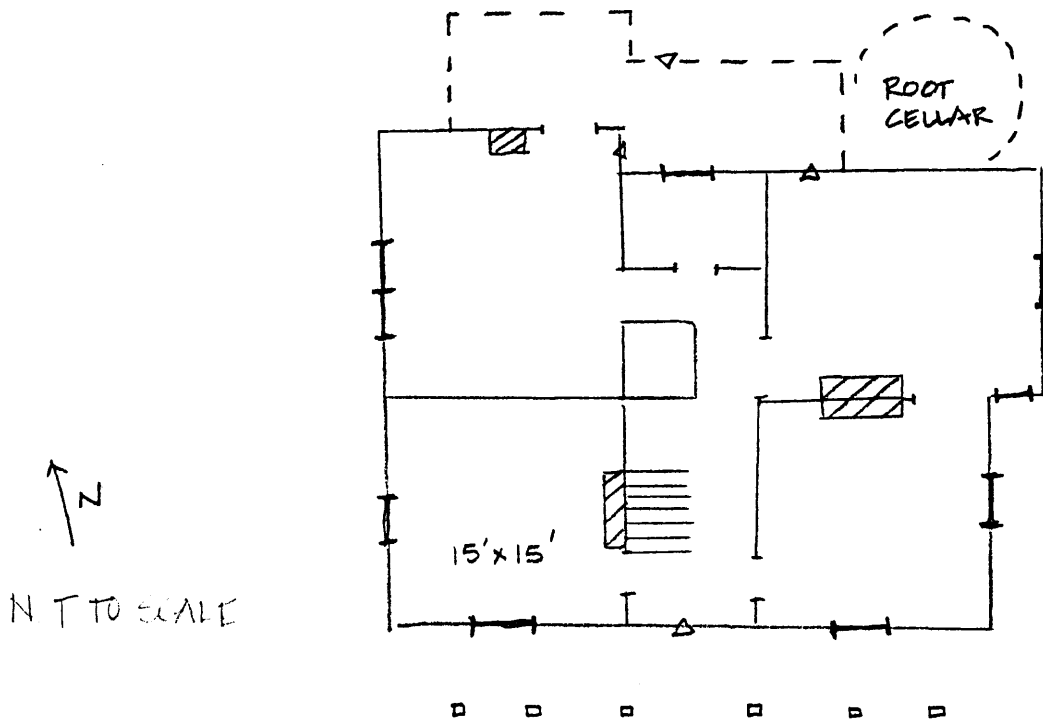
West of the cabin is the buggy house/garage with double bays faced west beneath the gable end, and a single bay also faced west in a shed roofed extension to the north. The building has vertical, sawn board walls, a standing seam metal room and hinged doors (photo 13-9).

In the above photo, to the left, is the stock barn, original to the farm. It is a well built and possibly unaltered barn with center drive flanked by mule stalls (photo 13-11, 12, 13); board walls; mortise and tenon, and nailed construction; generous hay loft in the steep gable; standing seam metal roof; shed extension to the west; six light windows and a good system of guttering to the cistern to the front (south, photo 13-10). A good view of the house and west pasture with the above barn at the north end is in photo 13-2, taken from the edge of the Vigo Road.

45. Description and House Plan, continued

A six bent tobacco barn has full, vertical louvred wall vents; mortared stone pier foundation; and three, double doors on either gable end accessing the open interior via three 12' drives (photos 13-14,15).

The newer cattle barn is of concrete block construction with standing seam metal roof and board and batten gable ends (photo 13-15). It is located slightly north and east of the tobacco barn.

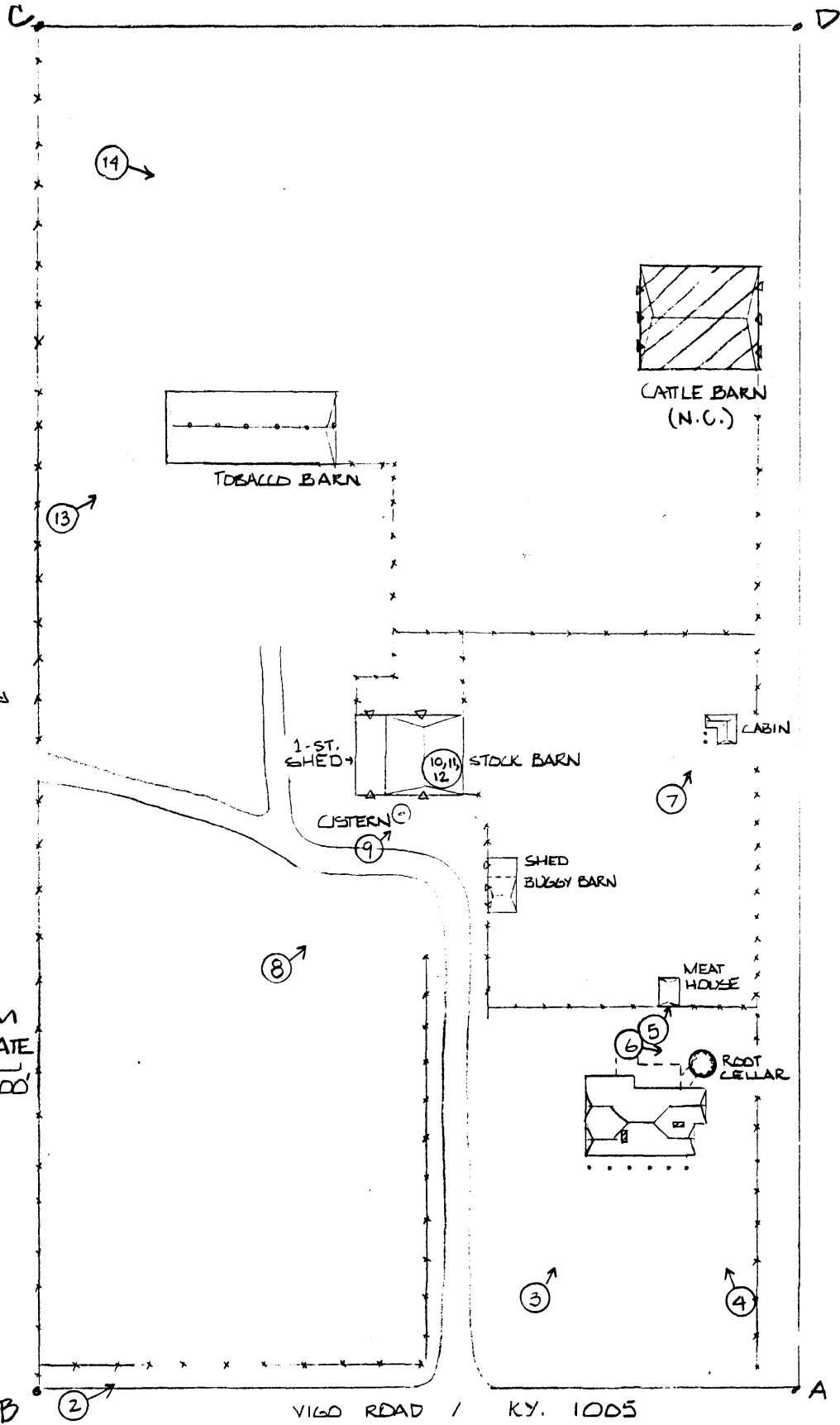


Continuation Sheet  
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Stapleton Farm

45. Description and house plan

The nominated area includes six contributing buildings, one contributing structure, and one non-contributing building.

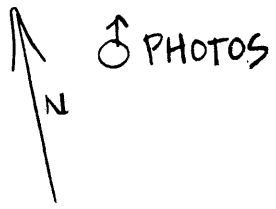
house	C
meat house	C
buggy barn (w/ shed)	C
tobacco barn	C
cabin	C
root cellar	C
cattle barn	NC
cistern	C



SITE PLAN AND BOUNDARY MAP

SH 265  
 STAPLETON FARM  
 SCALE APPROXIMATE

0' 50' 100'



VIGO ROAD / KY. 1005