

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES  
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # 190  
Shelby County

1. Name of Resource: Chiles-Bailey House

2. Original Owner: Thomas Chiles

3. Other Names: Thomas House; Woodbower Plantation

4. Prehistoric Site  Building  Object   
Historic Site  Structure  Other

5. Location: East side of KY 395, 1/2 mile north of Benson Pike

6. Owner's Name: Betty B. Thomas [ P ]

7. Owner's Address: 2317 Village Drive  
Louisville, KY 40205

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: [ ]  
Other: [ ]

13. Statement of Significance:  
This property is significant under criterion C as a well-preserved example of the mid-19th century (1840-65) 2-story, brick center-passage, single-pile plan in Shelby County. It is one of 17 such houses identified in the county from the period. [ C ]

14. History:  
Originally the site of a log house built by Thomas Chiles on land patented to his father, Edgar, in 1775. Log house burned by Federal forces ca. 1863. Chiles built present house on ruins of log house ca. 1865. Property to his daughter, Sarah, who m. Harbison Bailey and to their son, Winford. Inherited by Vestine Thomas, a niece, and now owned by her daughter.

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: Old Bailey Built After Cabin Burns, "The Shelbyville Sentinel-News", July 8, 1974.

16. Date: Original Building ca. 1865 [ 6 ]  
Addition [ ]

17. Style: Vernacular [ 4V ]

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, asphalt shingle Not Original

23. Structural Material: Brick [ B ]

24. Exterior Material: Brick, double-stretcher facade [ B ]

25. Foundation Material: Brick [ B ]

26. Major Alterations: None   
Moved/Rebuilt  Other rear porch re-supported w/  
x Additions (minor: frame) concrete block

27. Special Features: room at ell

28. Outbuildings: Slave house (?) [ 1 ]

29. Original Function: Residential/Domestic, single dwell [ 01A ]

30. Present Use: As above [ 01A ]

31. Condition: Good [ G ]

32. Endangered: Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No [ x ]

33. Attach Photos:  
Roll: Photo Nos: No. of Slides:

34. Prepared by: J. Riesenweber/C. Amos

35. Organization: K, KHC/V, Shelby Co. Hist. Soc

36. Date: September 1986

37. New Survey \_\_\_\_\_ Resurvey [ x ]

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. [ ]  
 Quadrant: Waddy 16 6 6 9 7 5 0 4 2 3 3 2 2 0 40. Coordi.Accuracy [ ]

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

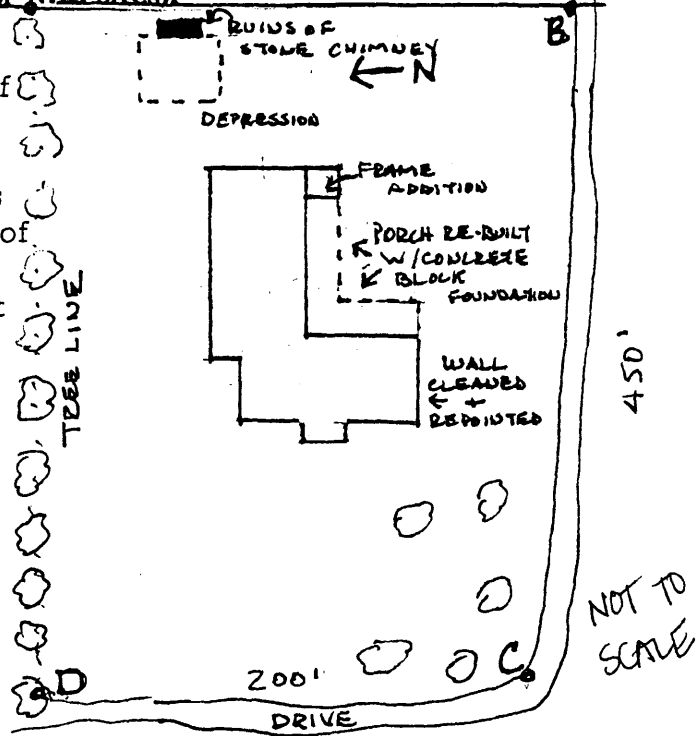
A. ----- D. -----  
 B. ----- E. -----  
 C. ----- F. -----

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: UNKNOWN 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: 2.0

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

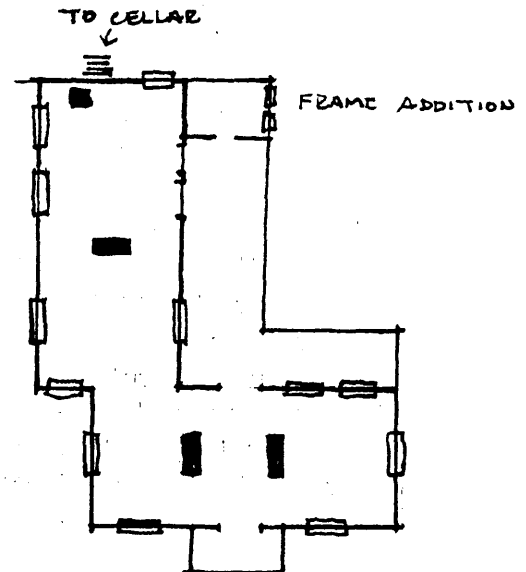
Beginning at A, south 200' to the north side of the drive, thence west 450' along north side of said drive to C, thence north 200' along east side of drive to D, thence east 450' along a tree line to the point of origin. The boundaries were chosen to include the dwelling, the site of a contemporary outbuilding, and the yard with its early plantings, and to exclude more recent agricultural outbuildings behind the dwelling.

Point A is located at the intersection of a tree-lined defining the northern extent of the yard with a line parallel to and 450 feet east of the eastern edge of that portion of the drive lying in front (west) of the house. Point A is 87 feet northeast of the northeastern corner of the ell.



45. Description and House Plan:

2-story, 3-bay brick single-pile, center-passage brick plan. Original 2-story, 3-bay ell offset to north of main block. Brick foundation; hipped roof with slight flare at eaves and asphalt shingles. Interior chimneys flank passage in main block and have slight shoulders at corbelled tops; interior chimney between first and second bay of ell; also interior flue at rear of ell. Principal (west) facade laid in double-stretcher bond, that of other elevations and ell is common bond with Flemish bonding course every 7th row. 1-story flat roofed central portico with square supports and simply molded cornice. Corner brick pilasters with wood capitals; simple board cornice with wood brackets. Windows 6/6 double-hung sash with rectangular stone lintels and wood sills; some operable louvred blinds remain. Windows above portico paired and arched. Decorative iron vents in foundation. Shed-roofed porch at rear in angle



45. Description and House Plan: (continued)

of main block and ell rebuilt to original configuration with concrete block foundation and small frame room at rear of ell. South end of main block chemically cleaned and repointed. Interior renovated to incorporate original woodwork (moldings) with imported elements (some mantels).

Outbuildings:

To the rear of the dwelling is the site of what may possibly be the ruins of a slave house, marked by the remains of a stone chimney. The opening of the ruined chimney is not large enough to suggest that the building was a kitchen. The site is significant as a part of the original domestic complex.

The nominated area includes one contributing building and contributing site.