

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Site No. Sc 141

1. Historic Name(s) Richard Branham house  
 Original Owner Richard Branham  
 2. Present Name Richard Branham house  
 3. Location Spide Prate Road off W side Holloway Pike on S bank of N. Elkhorn Creek  
 4. Owner's Name Robert Shakespeare (of Lexington) and Jane Johnson  
 5. Owner's Address Mrs. Kinsey Johnson 1606 Bellard Road, Chattanooga, Tenn. 37421  
 6. Open to Public Yes  No   
 7. Visible from road Yes  No   
 8. Ownership Private  Local  State  Federal   
 9. Local Contact/Organization

22. ADD/County Burgess, Scott  
 23. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75') Midway vic G.I.S. Mod.   
 24. UTM Reference 16 7050.00 42336.80  
 Zone Easting Northing  
 25. Coordinate Accuracy   
 26. Prehistoric Site Object   
 Historic Site Structure   
 Building  Other   
 27. National Register District Name:   
 28. Significance Evaluation

10. Site Plan with North Arrow  
see attached boundary form

11. Architect  
 12. Builder  
 13. Date late 18th C A.  B.   
 14. Style A. Federal  B.   
 15. Original Use residence   
 16. Present use residence  
 17. Condition good

29. Status National Landmark  Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 National Register   
 Landmark Certificate   
 Kentucky Survey   
 Local Landmark   
 HABS/HAER   
 30. Historic Theme Primary Architecture   
 Secondary Settlement   
 Other   
 31. Endangered Yes  No   
 32. Preservation Project Status   
 Actual Cost in \$1,000s

18. Description  
3 bay 2 story central hall dry stone house w 1/2 story stone wing and 2 story log or frame ell on rear. Good tooled masonry, quoins corners, 7 stone voussoirs, 11 over door, original stiple painting, interior end chimneys fireplace in cellar, pegged (over)  
 (Continue on Back)

No. Stories 2   
 Single Pile  NA   
 Double Pile   
 Floor Plan central hall   
 Structural Fabric Stone A.  B.   
 Decorative Fabric voussoirs A.  B.   
 Roof Form gable

33. ATTACH PHOTO  
in attached envelope

19. History House built by Richard Branham, a sergeant in Washington's regiment who received a grant of 200 acres for his services. Land surveyed in 1783, bordered Patrick Henry's survey. Branham family acquired considerable property and owned site until 1878 when purchased by B.S. Thomson who ran a mill nearby.

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 Picture No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Direction \_\_\_\_\_  
 34. Prepared by: C.M. Woolley

20. Significance Very fine substantial early house reflecting prosperity of large land owner. Very beautiful location facing creek.

35. Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 36. Date 1982

21. Source of Information  
18 inspection  
19 1970 survey form - Braine

37. Revision Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 38. Staff Review \_\_\_\_\_

18. cont.:

frames, ovolo trim; front doorway over 3 feet wide. Winding enclosed corner stair rises from front of center hall, with space taken from W. room; W. room has Federal mantel w larved architrave, ovolo mold; press beside mantel contains passage opening to kitchen wing beyond for passage of food to dining room. E room has chair rail removed and J.R. mantel added. Upstairs the stair rail has square newells and balusters, beaded tongue & groove partition walls, Federal shelf mantel w ovolo trim, some chair rail gone, press remodelled.

A dry stone kitchen was added to W. end of house at early date; has exterior end chimney, 7 stone brassiers w. o. Beys, beaded pegged frames w. o. trim; contains enclosed stair against wall of house to room above only, arising from porch on rear of kitchen (enclosed 1960).

2 story frame? all on rear, slightly off center toward W., but does not cover outside bays of house. (photo 3)  
Has well built stone chimney w flat pointing which has been heightened w brick; small original windows 2nd floor only; tapered barge boards and jig sawn fascia; shed roofed porch along W side (also enclosed 1960.)  
Interior has J.R. mantel & press, corner stair in N.E. corner.

House has had relatively few changes. Most obvious is the 2 story gable roofed front porch, J.R. when built. (photo 1)  
W. railings around both floors, square posts; upstairs center window made into door, has larved trim (J.R.); brackets added under eaves & gable, and Italianate front door w window added. Cellar windows are changed, and window sills replaced with concrete.

House is built above slight drop to early rock lined road bordering bank of N. Elkhorn. On working farm. Mill site on creek.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION & JUSTIFICATION

Beginning at A at a fence post in the N.W. corner of the yard where the lane leaves the road, thence along road 130 ft E. to B, thence with fence around yard, 300 ft S to C, 130 ft W to D, and 300 ft N to the beginning containing the stone house, additions - about .9 acre.

SKETCH MAP OF SITE SHOWING BOUNDARIES AND KEY BUILDINGS AND FEATURES WITH NORTH ARROW.

