

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # 137
Shelby County

1. Name of Resource:
Pugh House

2. Original Owner:
Unknown

3. Other Names:
None

4. Prehistoric Site Building Object
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location: North side of KY 44, 1 mile west
of KY 53

6. Owner's Name:
Joe R. Donovan [P]

7. Owner's Address:
201 Peachtree Street
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 [030]
Secondary: []
Other: []

13. Statement of Significance:
This property is significant under criterion C
as a rare survivor of early log construction in
Shelby County, incorporating several additions.
What appears to be the original section is a
saddlebag form (one of 3 identified in the county)
to which additions have been made [C]

14. History:
Property owned by William Pugh in 1882.

16. Date: 1st quarter 19th century
Original Building [8]
Addition 2d quarter 19th century [7]

17. Style:
Settlement Vernacular [2V]

18. Architect/Builder:
Unknown

19. No. of Stories: 1 1/2 [1.5]

20. Original Floor Plan:
Saddlebag [SB]

21. Single Pile Double Pile N.A.

22. Roof Form & Material: Original
Gable, asphalt shingle Not Original

23. Structural Material:
Log, hewn: V-notched & half-dovetail [L]

24. Exterior Material: []
Weatherboard, plain [W]

25. Foundation Material:
Stone, coursed rubble [S]

26. Major Alterations: None
Moved/Rebuilt Other
 Additions

27. Special Features:
See # 13

28. Outbuildings:
None [0]

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

30. Present Use:
Vacant [99V]

31. Condition:
Fair [F]

32. Endangered: Yes
No

33. Attach Photos:
Roll: Photo Nos: No. of Slides:
8 23 - 27
19 11 - 15 1

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

34. Prepared by: C. Worsham

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: Quadrant: Mt. Eden	Zone 16	Easting 6 5 7 4 9 0	Northing 4 2 1 9 4 8 0	39. G.I.S. Mod. []
				40. Coordi. Accuracy []

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

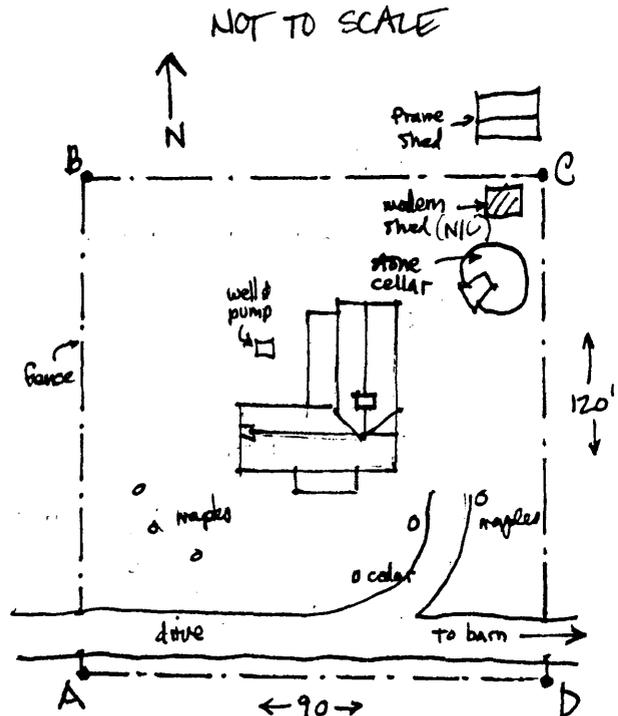
A. -----	D. -----
B. -----	E. -----
C. -----	F. -----

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 111.2 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: .25

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

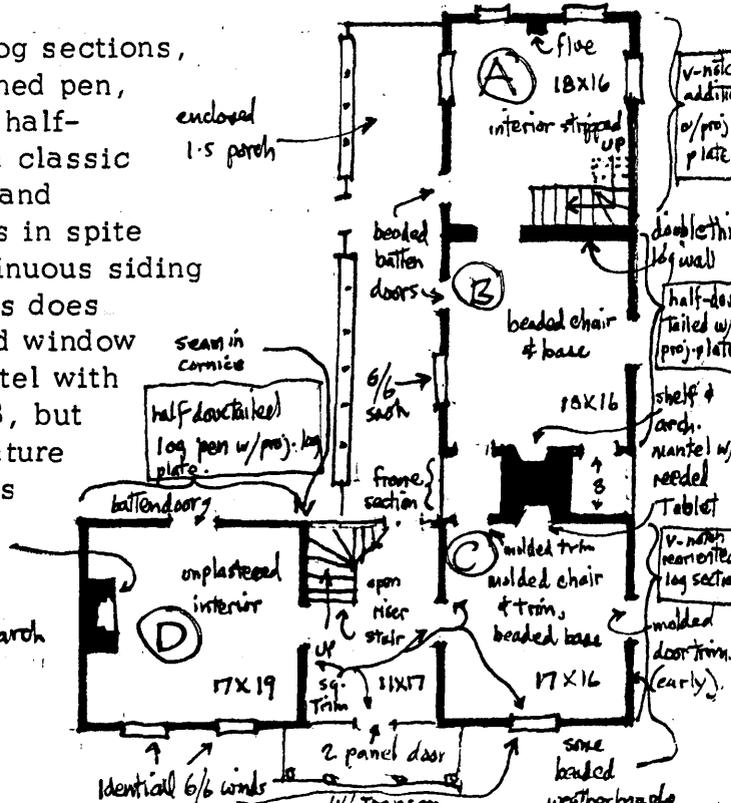
Beginning at A, north 120' along a fence to B, thence east 90' along a fence to C, thence 120' south along a fence to D, thence 90' west along a fence to the point of origin. The boundaries were chosen to include the house and its domestic-related space enclosed by fences and including a contributing stone cellar and a non-contributing modern frame shed. Not included in the boundaries are a frame shed to the north and a barn to the southeast.

Point A is located at the intersection of two fences in the southwestern corner of the yard and is five feet south of the southern edge of the drive



45. Description and House Plan:

House consists of 4 discreet 1-story rectangular log sections, identified as A, B, C, and D. Section C, a V-notched pen, shares a massive stone chimney with section B, a half-dovetailed pen with projecting log plates forming a classic saddlebag form sharing early 19th century details and suggesting roughly contemporary construction dates in spite of the dissimilar jointing techniques and non-continuous siding on the east wall. Section C originally faced east as does section B, and contains molded chairrail, door and window trim, beaded base, and a shelf and architrave mantel with a central tablet. The mantel is similar in section B, but the chairrail and trim are beaded. Both mantels feature a circular cut-out in the central tablet and brackets supporting the shelf. The east front of section C features wide beaded weatherboards, while the north gable end of B (now enclosed) has beaded weatherboards w/ stone jack arch.



13. Statement of Significance: (continued)

resulting in the reorientation of the house and its transformation to a center-passage plan. The building retains much of its original woodwork. It has a period of significance of 1800-1850.

45. Description and House Plan: (continued)

and beaded, tapered rakeboards. A passage and closet flanking the chimney have been framed in. Both rooms are fully plastered. In the mid-19th century section D, a large half-dovetailed log pen with projecting plates, appears to have been constructed to the west of section C, and the two linked by a frame center passage. Detailing of the passage does not suggest an enclosed dogtrot. The unplastered interior of section D contains square trim and architrave, and a Greek Revival type of pilastered mantel on a large fireplace. The stone chimney stands at the west end, and the firebox is spanned by a stone jack arch. Two-panel doors open into the passage from sections D and C as well as the exterior, and it features square trim at the openings and an open stringer stair to a finished garret. In the creation of the center-passage form facing south, section C was reoriented by adding a 6/6 window on the south end, the roof removed, and the section placed under a new roof spanning across the passage from section D. This is clear by examining the siding in the present east gable of section C. At some point an additional V-notched pen (section A) with projecting log plates had been constructed abutting the north wall of section B. Its interior has been largely stripped and a chimney at the north end removed. An enclosed stair in the southeast corner has a beaded batten door. Both section A and section B have access through beaded batten doors to an enclosed porch along their west walls, giving the overall house approximately the form of a typical center-passage house with two-room ell and rear porch. Questions about the actual construction sequence of the house are raised by the variety of notching techniques, and by the existence of a seam in the cornice on the north wall at the junction of section D and the frame passage.

Outbuildings:

Included is a contributing stone root cellar. It demonstrates the use of exterior food storage structures when not provided under house.

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

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Pugh House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Shelby County MRA
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: KENTUCKY, Shelby

DATE RECEIVED: 11/15/88 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 11/29/88
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 12/15/88 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 12/30/88
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 88002935

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 12/27/88 DATE Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

count resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification
 materials
 descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

summary paragraph
 completeness
 clarity
 applicable criteria
 justification of areas checked
 relating significance to the resource
 context
 relationship of integrity to significance
 justification of exception
 other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage verbal boundary description
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____