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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES  
Individual Inventory Form

Resource #SH 268  
Shelby County

1. Name of Resource: Bushrod Figg house

2. Original Owner: Bushrod Figg

3. Other Names:

4. Prehistoric Site	Building X Historic Site	Object Structure	Other

5. Location: Simpsonville Quad.; W.S. Zaring Mill Road, 2/3 mile N. of Olive Branch Methodist Church

6. Owner's Name: Donovan Farm [ p ]

7. Owner's Address: Route 5, Shelbyville, Kentucky 40065

8. Evaluation: N.R. Potential [ NR ]

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: ARCHITECTURE [ 030 ]  
 Secondary: [ ]  
 Other: [ ]

13. Statement of Significance:

16. Date:  
 Original Building 1854 [ 6 ]  
 Addition 1896 [ 5 ]

17. Style: VICTORIAN VERNACULAR [ 4V ]

18. Architect/Builder: UNKNOWN

19. No. of Stories: TWO [ 2.0 ]

20. Original Floor Plan: CENTER PASSAGE [ CP ]

21. Single Pile X Double Pile N.A. X

22. Roof Form & Material: Original SIDE GABLE/ASPHALT SH. Not Original X

23. Structural Material: FRAME [ W ]

24. Exterior Material: CLAPBOARD [ W ]  
 FANCY TRIM [ W ]

25. Foundation Material: STONE [ S ]

26. Major Alterations: None Moved/Rebuilt Other Additions X

27. Special Features: PORCH FRIEZE

28. Outbuildings: THREE CONTRIBUTING [ 3 ]

29. Original Function: RESIDENTIAL [ 01A ]

30. Present Use: RESIDENTIAL [ 01A ]

31. Condition: GOOD [ G ]

32. Endangered: Yes No X

THE BUSHROD FIGG HOUSE IS SIGNIFICANT ON A LOCAL LEVEL UNDER CRITERIA C; AS UNIQUE VERNACULAR EXAMPLE OF A CENTER PASSAGE I-HOUSE ADORNED WITH A ONE-OF-A-KIND PORCH FRIEZE (CONTINUED) [ C ]

14. History:  
 THE FIGG HOUSE, BUILT BY BUSHROD FIGG A FARMER TURNED COAL DEALER, IS A CENTER PASSAGE I-HOUSE FRONTING THE ORIGINAL, REAR CELL THAT WAS BUILT IN 1854. THE FRONT WAS BUILT IN 1896 ACCORDING TO THE OWNERS.

33. Attach Photos:  
 Roll: 5 Photo Nos: 33- No. of Slides:  
 20 37 24-29

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person:  
 MARTHA DONOVAN; 1880, 1900 CENSUS, SHELBY COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER;

34. Prepared by: CHRISTINE AMOS  
 35. Organization: SHELBY CO. HIST. SOC.  
 36. Date: 7/1986  
 37. New Survey X Resurvey

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Quadrant: <u>Simpsonville</u>	Zone <u>16</u>	Easting <u>652160</u>	Northing <u>4221640</u>	39. G.I.S. Mod. [ ]	40. Coordi.Accuracy [ ]
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41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):

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

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: <u>66</u>	43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: <u>1.35</u>
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44. Site Plan (and boundary description and justification for N.R. sites):

The property is the frame, two story house, meat house, storage building and privy in the domestic yard area of the Bushrod Figg farm on the Zaring Mill Road in south central Shelby County. The property is located about 60 feet west of the edge of the road on a very slight rise and curve. The boundaries contain the domestic yard area, separated from the barnyard and fields of the farm by a fence to the north, south and west. Beginning at the east corner, of the property, at a point on Zaring Mill road, where the north fenceline meets the road, follow the north edge of the road 300' to the post and wire fenceline about 60 feet west of the house; then along said fenceline northwest 300' to another fenceline beyond the west wall of the graveyard; then follow that fenceline to the northeast 300' until meeting the north yard fence; then follow that fenceline 300' east to the point of origin.

45. Description and House Plan:

The Bushrod Figg house is a two story, center passage frame front porch attached to the original, double cell rear ell containing a single story kitchen north of a two story portion. These cells, with an adjoining chimney are the oldest portions of the house, built in 1854 (photos 15-34,36). It is the front, I-house, however that makes a significant, local architectural statement in the simple design, scale and original porch frieze detailing in a stars and stripes pattern (photos 15-35, 37). Material and design detail of the building include: a rough, ashlar foundation; 5" clapboard walls, shallow gable roof with gable returns and boxed eave gutters; vertically divided two-over-two, and six-over-six sash windows with plain trim and molded hoods; round vents in the gable ends, three front bays and a centered, flat roofed front porch with chamfered posts (on replacement brick bases); boxed eave and the two-dimensional porch frieze that features a geometric stars and stripes pattern, seen nowhere else in the county.

Three contributing out buildings are located north of the house in the yard area. A meat house has vertical board walls and a gable roof with

13. Statement of Significance, continued

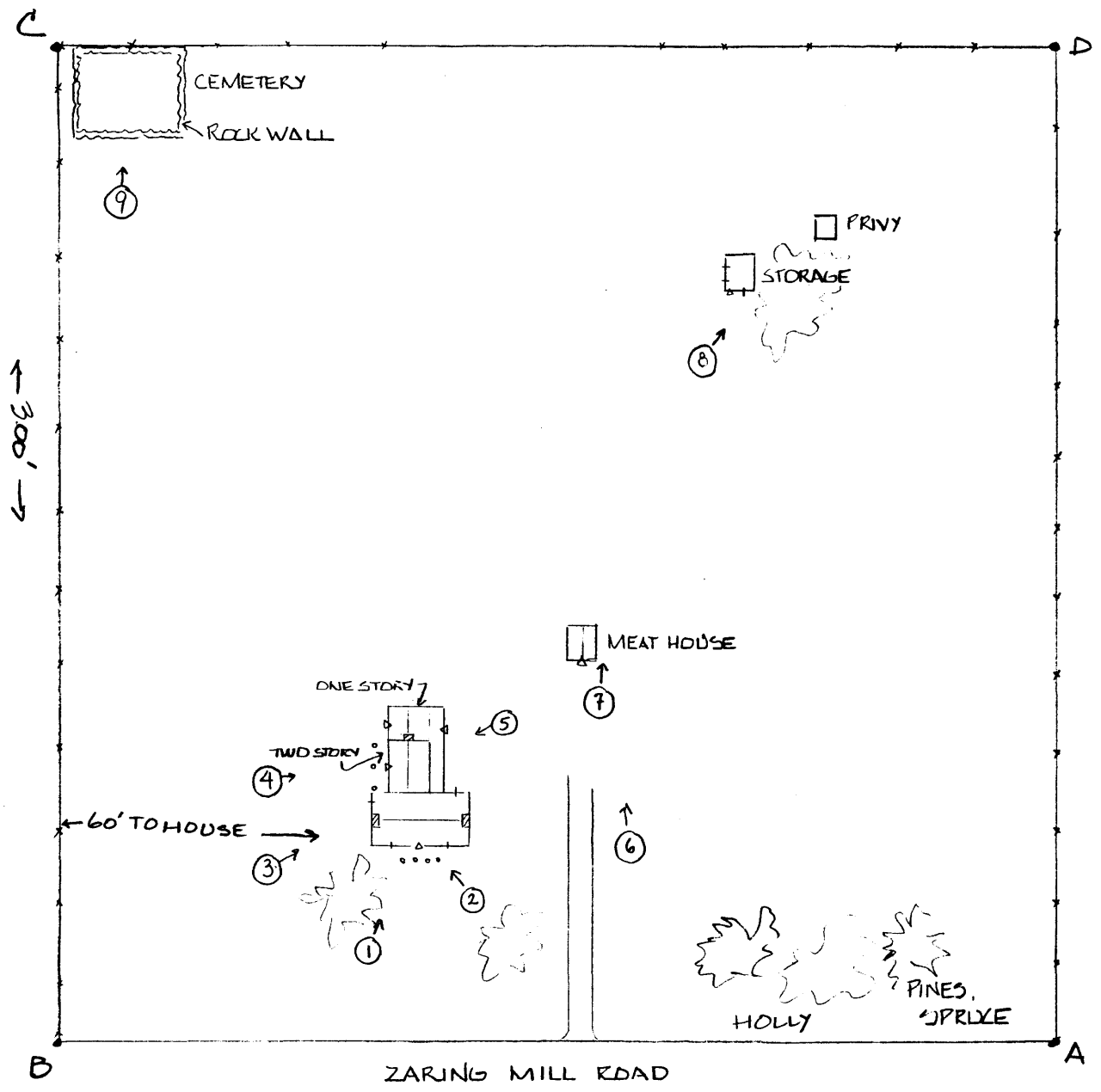
characterizing the otherwise ordinary front. The design of the late Greek Revival influenced house (low gable with returns and symmetrical fenestration) is enlivened by the folk design of the frieze. The patriotic stars and stripes motif is unique to the county, and perhaps one of the the most visually pleasing friezes as well. The period of significance for the property extends from 1854 through 1896 when the front portion was added.

45. Description and House Plan, continued

single entry beneath the end. A gable roofed, board walled shed and gable roofed single privy are located farther north. In the west corner of the yard, is an old graveyard surrounded by a fallen stone fence.

The boundaries contain four buildings and one site, all contributing elements.

house	C
meat house	C
storage building	C
privy	C
cemetery	C



SH 268  
FIBB HOUSE  
SITE PLAN  
300' x 300'



NOT TO SCALE

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