

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES  
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # MA-236  
Madison County

1. **Name of Resource:**  
Brutus & Pattie Field Clay House

2. **Original Owner:**  
Brutus and Pattie Field Clay

3. **Other Names:**  
Smith House

4. **Prehistoric Site**  **Building X**  **Object**  
**Historic Site**  **Structure**  **Other**

5. **Location:**  
West of Richmond on the Lexington Road or US 25 North

6. **Owner's Name:**  
Mrs. G. Murray Smith [ P ]

7. **Owner's Address:**  
Lexington Road  
Richmond, Ky. 40475

8. **Evaluation:** [ N ]

9. **Recognition & Date:**  
Nat.Landmark \_\_\_\_\_ Local Landmark \_\_\_\_\_  
Nat.Register \_\_\_\_\_ HABS/HAER \_\_\_\_\_  
Highway Marker \_\_\_\_\_ KY Inventory 1983  
KY Landmark Certificate \_\_\_\_\_

10. **N.R.Status & Date:**

11. **N.R.Group:**  
District Name: [ ]  
Mult.Resource Area: Madison [ ]  
Thematic Name: [ ]

12. **Historical Theme:**  
Primary: Architecture [ 030 ]  
Secondary: Politics [ 250 ]  
Other: [ ]

13. **Statement of Significance:**  
See attached.

14. **History:**  
See attached

16. **Date:**  
Original Building 1880 [ 5 ]  
Addition [ ]

17. **Style:**  
Queen Anne [ 45 ]  
[ ]

18. **Architect/Builder:**  
Des Jardins

19. **No. of Stories:** [ 2.0 ]

20. **Original Floor Plan:**  
Central Passage [ CP ]

21. **Single Pile**  **Double Pile**  **N.A.**

22. **Roof Form & Material:** Original   
Mansard/ Slate Not Original

23. **Structural Material:**  
Brick [ B ]

24. **Exterior Material:**  
Brick [ B ]

25. **Foundation Material:**  
Stone [ S ]

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

27. **Special Features:**  
None

28. **Outbuildings:** Brick Carriage House  
Brick Cook's House [ ]

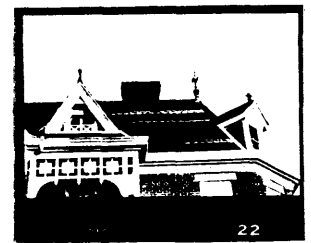
29. **Original Function:**  
Single Dwelling [ 01A ]

30. **Present Use:**  
Single Dwelling [ ]

31. **Condition:**  
Good [ G ]

32. **Endangered:** North Richmond Yes   
Bypass Potential Corridor No

33. **Attach Photos:**  
Roll: Photo Nos: No. of Slides:  
5 1-4  
39-44



15. **Source of historical information and/or contact person:**  
Mrs. G. Murray Smith  
E. Johnson Polk  
DeedBook 13 page 216 Christopher Field to Pattie A. Field 287 acres (originally part of Chenault Farm)

34. **Prepared by:** H. Powell & S. Willis  
35. **Organization:** Mad. Co. Hist. Society  
36. **Date:** 1985  
37. **New Survey**  **Resurvey**

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. [ ]  
 Quadrant: Richmond North 40. Coordi.Accuracy [ ]

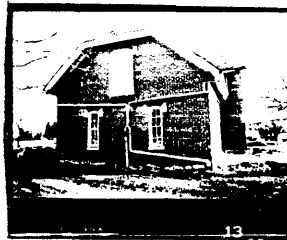
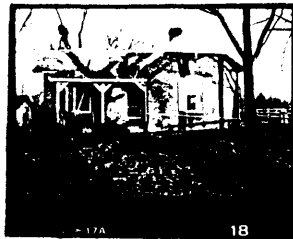
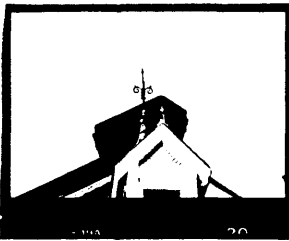
41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):

A.	16	737250	4182960	D.	16	737185	4183120
B.	16	736960	4182860	E.	---	---	---
C.	16	736900	4182990	F.	---	---	---

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: 13.90

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

See attached.



45. Description and House Plan:

The Clay House is an asymmetrical multiplaned house similar in form to three other Des Jardins houses in Richmond which were included in the Richmond MRA. It is a three story brick residence with a mansard slate roof. The house has 15 rooms with 16 foot ceilings on the first floor, 14foot ceilings on the second floor, and a third story reserved for servants. Floors are pine and the doors butternut with walnut trim. There is an octagonal bay which contains the library. The house has an ashlar limestone foundation. The date 1880 is inscribed in the stone molding over the windows. Sandstone is used as an accent and for the window sills. There is a one-story wrap around porch and a smaller porch in the second story. The entry is recessed in an arched section. Stained glass is used as an accent especially in the large window at the turn of the stairs. The multicolored slate roof is capped with finials.

The outbuildings were made from brick salvaged from an earlier house on the site. They are one story. The carriage house is four bay with a jerkin head roof. The cook's house is a T-plan of three bays on the front facade.

Brutus & Pattie Field  
Clay House

14. History

Brutus Junius Clay, the son of Cassius M. Clay and Mary Jane Warfield, was born at Whitehall in 1847. He was educated in the Madison County schools and was taught by Jason Chenault. Clay attended Transylvania and the University of Michigan where he received a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. He became the president of Ford Lumber Company and the Waco Mining and Manufacturing Company. He was also part of an enterprise which raised cotton in Bolivar County, Mississippi.

Clay was active in state and local politics and was appointed by President McKinley to be a representative of the United States at the Paris Exposition in 1900. He subsequently became the United States minister to Switzerland in 1905. He served in that capacity for four years under both President Roosevelt and President Taft.

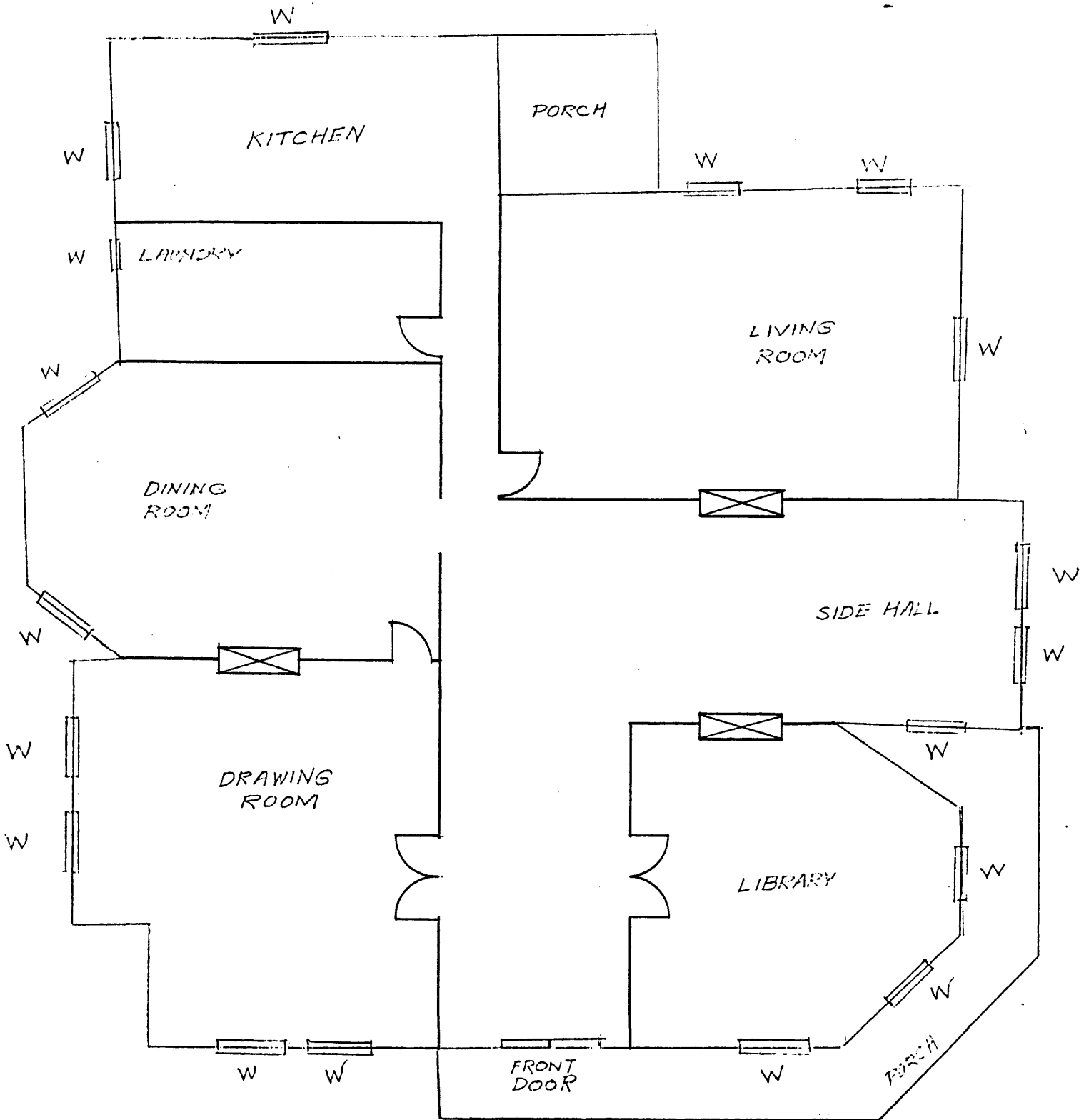
Brutus Clay married Pattie A. Field in Louisville. She was the daughter of Colonel Christopher E. Field, a large plantation owner in Mississippi. When she died in 1891, Clay donated funds to start the Pattie A. Clay Infirmary as a memorial. (The Infirmary evolved into the present Pattie A. Clay Hospital which serves the Madison County area.) Brutus Clay's second wife was Lalla Marsteller of Nicholasville.

The Clays retained des Jardins, an architect from Cincinnati, to design their house in 1880. Des Jardins worked on the following public and private buildings in Richmond from 1880 to 1887:

- Amberly (West Richmond Historic District, National Register 1983)
- Bennett House (West Richmond Historic District, National Register 1983)
- Elmwood (eligible for National Register as part of Richmond MRA 1983)
- Glyndon Hotel (Richmond Historic Commercial District, National Register 1976)
- Burnamwood Addition (Richmond MRA, National Register 1983)

Sources:

- E. Polk Johnson, A History of Kentucky and Kentuckians, Vol. II, Chicago: Lewis, 1912, pp. 820-821.
- Carman and Powell, Inc. Multiple Resource Area Nomination for Richmond, Kentucky. January, 1983.



FIRST FLOOR WINDOW PLAN - LYNWOOD

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**Statement of Significance**

The Brutus and Pattie Field Clay House is significant under Criterion C for the period 1880 as an example of how the Queen Anne style was built in Madison County with its advancing planes, multi-colored roof, use of different materials in the facade, and wrap-around porch on a double-pile central passage house.

**Verbal Boundary Justification**

The boundary was chosen arbitrarily to provide a minimal setting for the house and to preserve its setback from the road (U.S. 421). The boundary also encloses all of the contributing domestic elements.

The boundary contains three contributing buildings.