

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES  
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # 81  
Shelby County

1. Name of Resource:  
Thomas Weakley House

2. Original Owner:  
Thomas Weakley

3. Other Names:  
Weakley-Wilson House

4. Prehistoric Site  Building  Object  
Historic Site  Structure  Other

5. Location:  
North side of KY 1779 at Beards Road

6. Owner's Name:  
Weakley Farms, Inc.  
c/o Charles P. Black [ P ]

7. Owner's Address:  
5624 Spring Hill Drive  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105

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 early 19th century (1810-40) brick, 2-story, hall-parlor (two-room) plan in Shelby County. It is one of 6 2-story houses of the type to be identified in the county. Despite [ C ]

16. Date:  
Original Building 1812-14 [ 8 ]  
Addition 1880's [ 5 ]

17. Style:  
Settlement Vernacular [ 2V ]

18. Architect/Builder:  
Unknown

19. No. of Stories: 2 [ 2.0 ]

20. Original Floor Plan:  
Hall-parlor (two-room) [ ]

21. Single Pile  Double Pile  N.A.

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

23. Structural Material:  
Brick [ B ]

24. Exterior Material:  
Brick, Flemish bond facade [ B ]

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

26. Major Alterations: None  
Moved/Rebuilt Other  
 Additions

27. Special Features:  
None

28. Outbuildings: Kitchen/wash house ?  
meat house, barn [ 3 ]

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:  
6 2 - 11 1

14. History:  
House was built by Thomas Weakley between 1812 and 1814. Owned by T. Weakley in 1882.



15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: 1976 KY Historic Resources Inventory Form; 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 [ x ]

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. [ ]  
 Quadrant: Waddy 16 664970 4232380 40. Coordi. Accuracy [ ]

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

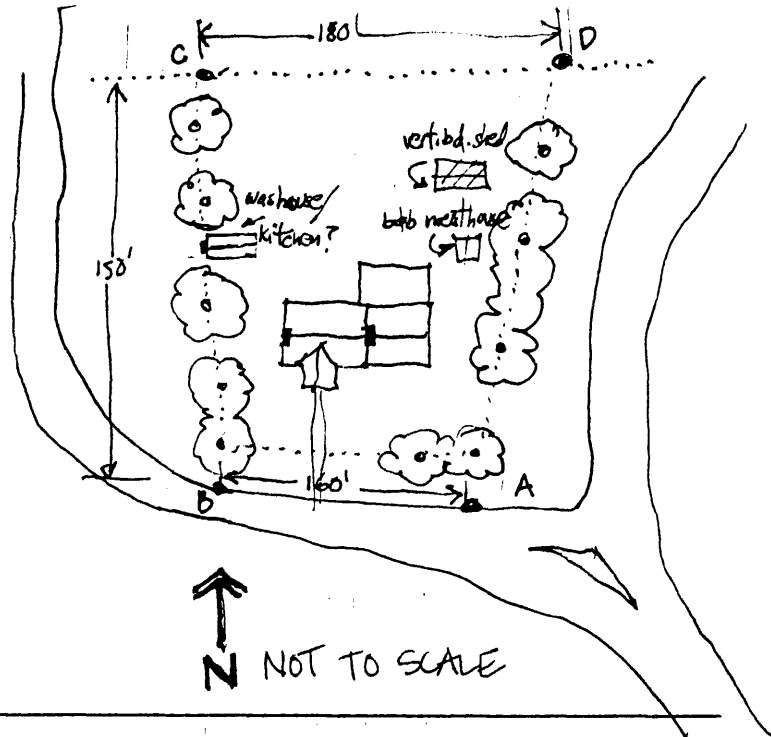
A. ----- D. -----  
 B. ----- E. -----  
 C. ----- F. -----

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 406 ? 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: 0.61

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

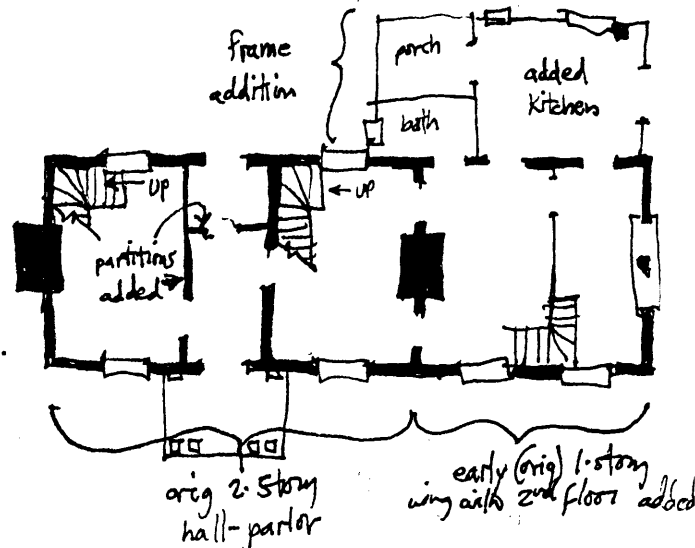
Beginning at a point of intersection of two treelines in the southeastern corner of the yard that is 56 feet south/southeast of the southeastern corner of the house (A), 160 feet westward along southern treeline to intersection with another treeline (B), 150 feet northward along western treeline to intersection with another treeline (C); 180 feet eastward along line of yard/field boundary to treeline (D); 160 feet south/southwestward to point of origin.

The boundaries were chosen to encompass the house and its domestic-related outbuildings.



45. Description and House Plan:

Exterior: 2-story, 3-bay brick hall-parlor plan, original 1-story, 2-bay wing, wing raised to 2 stories later in 19th century, original 6/6 sash, Flemish bond principal facade(south), exterior end chimneys, gabled roof, coursed stone foundation, box cornice, eared surrounds added to central doors possibly at same time porch added and wing enlarged, segmental arched windows cut into east end wall probably at same time, shed-roofed frame kitchen with enclosed porch added to rear of wing may also be late 19th century. 2nd fl. door added w/ center passage inside to achieve form of typical mid-century Greek Revival center passage house.  
Interior: Hall-parlor plan altered on first floor to center passage by addition of frame partition to west of front door, all federal woodwork intact throughout the house including panelled



## 13. Statement of Significance: (continued)

alterations to the original floor plan, the hall-parlor form can still be easily identified, and the house retains all of its original federal woodwork which is some of the finest in the county. The alterations extend the period of significance to late 19th c it was part of a general updating which included the facade, and represents the typical evolution of a house in the region over time.

## 45. Description and House Plan : (continued)

wainscot in both hall (west room) and parlor (east room), pin rails in both hall and wing, panelled door and window jambs, six-panel federal doors, second floor west room has federal mantel, chairrail, beaded baseboard, original railing from enclosed stairs in northwest corner, second floor east room has federal mantel, chairrail, and baseboard, enclosed stairs from northwest corner of parlor, graining visible on back of door of stairs, enclosed stairs in southwest corner of east room of ell open into west room; alterations include third quarter 19th century partition froming center passage, door in center bay of second floor; kitchen probably late 19th century, enclosed section at rear of passage is 20th century.

Outbuildings:

Board and batten meat house to east of main house is contributing. Also contributing is a board and batten gable-roofed structure to north of house with chimney of stone with brick flue on west end which may have served as a kitchen or wash house. Both are contributing structures because they demonstrate the use of the domestic space during the period of significance, as nothing indicates that either is not nearly contemporary with the house. The kitchen/wash house is an unusual survival.

The nominated area includes three contributing buildings and one non-contributing building (a board-and-batten shed of 20th century construction).