

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # 124
Shelby County

1. Name of Resource: Brackett Owen House

2. Original Owner: Brackett Owen

3. Other Names: None

4. Prehistoric Site Building Object
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location: North side of Hooper Station Rd., 1/4 mile east of KY 53

6. Owner's Name: G. W. Thomas [P]

7. Owner's Address: Rte. 6, 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: Exploration/Settlement [140]
Secondary: []
Other: []

13. Statement of Significance:
The property is significant under Criterion C as an intact example of the two-story hall/parlor plan constructed in brick. The period of significance (1800-24) for the dwelling straddles two eras: early settlement (1780-1810) and early 19th century (1810-1840). Six buildings with similar forms were identified in Shelby County (continued) [C]

14. History:
House appears to have built in the first quarter of the 19th century and is recorded as the residence of Brackett Owen who emigrated to Shelby County area in 1785. Owen's Station southeast of present-day Shelbyville was the third major station to be established in the region following that of Squire Boone (ca. 1781) and Robert Tyler (1783). The first session of the newly created county court was held in Brackett Owen's house on October 15, 1792.

16. Date: Original Building 1800-24 [8]
Addition []

17. Style: Settlement Vernacular [2V]

18. Architect/Builder: Unknown

19. No. of Stories: 2 [2,0]

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

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: Non-contributing [NC]

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

30. Present Use: As above [01A]

31. Condition: Fair [F]

32. Endangered: Yes _____
No

33. Attach Photos:
Roll: Photo Nos: No. of Slides:
17 1 - 6 1

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person:

34. Prepared by: C. Worsham

35. Organization: V, Shelby Co. Hist. Society

36. Date: April 1986

37. New Survey _____ Resurvey

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UTM Point of Primary Building: Quadrant: <u>Shelbyville</u>	Zone <u>16</u>	Easting <u>6 5 7 5 5 0</u>	Northing <u>4 2 2 9 6 9 0</u>	39. G.I.S. Mod. []	40. Coordi. Accuracy []
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UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):

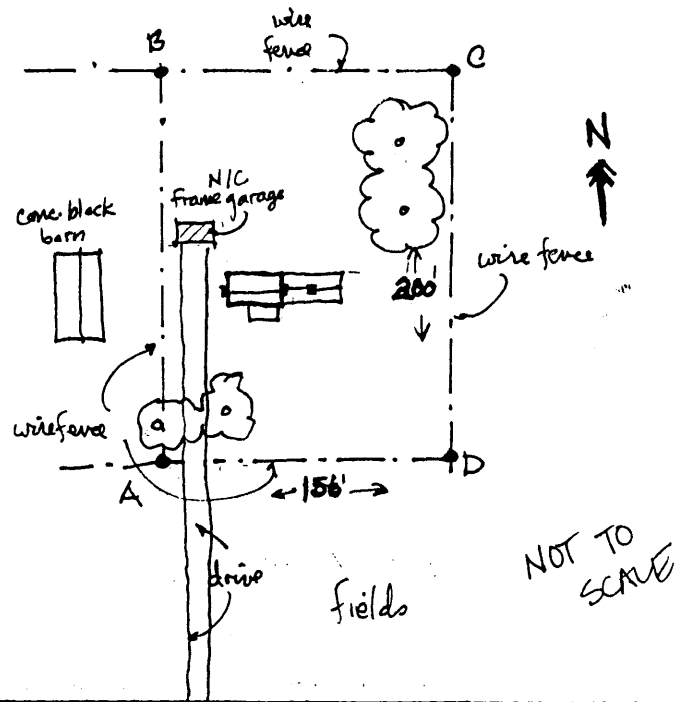
A. -----	D. -----
B. -----	E. -----
C. -----	F. -----

Total Acreage in Present Property: 5.0 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: .71

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

Beginning at A, north 200' along a fence to B, thence east 156' along a fence to C, thence south 200' along a fence to D, thence 156' west along a fence to the point of origin. The boundaries were chosen to include the house and domestic-related space defined by fences on all sides. A non-contributing frame garage is included.

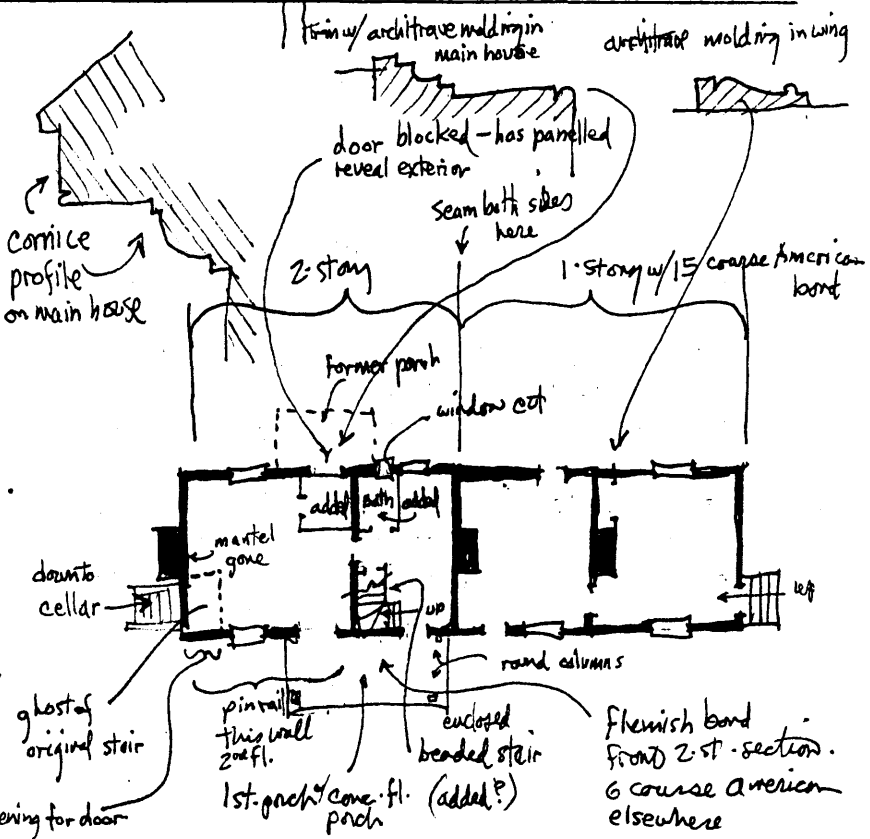
Point A is located at the intersection of two fences in the southwestern corner of the yard and is 13 feet west of the west edge of the drive.



Description and House Plan:

Exterior:

3-bay 2-story brick hall-parlor (two-room) plan with early added 1-story two-room lateral wing. South (principal) facade has central door flanked by a door on the east and a window on the west. Whether door on east was a window cannot be determined. Random glazed header Flemish bond front, 6-course common bond elsewhere, 15-course bond on wing. Doors and windows altered, sashes replaced. Jack arches remain, as does panelled reveal at blocked north center door, where former 1-story porch stood. Cellar entry beside chimney at west end.



13. Statement of Significance: (continued)

for the latter period, while only one other surviving dwelling pre-dates 1810 (see SH-85). In addition, the house demonstrates the earlier pattern of gaining additional space through lateral expansion as opposed to construction of a rear ell. Despite alterations (window replacement, removal of some woodwork from the interior) which caused loss of detail, the massing and form of the building evoke great integrity of feeling to the early settlement period and remain uncompromised by any additions.

14. History: (continued)

Brackett Owen was the son of John and Phoebe Brackett Owen. He was born in Henrico Co., VA 8/9/1733 and died in Shelbyville in 1802. He married Elizabeth McGehee (b. 1744 - d. 1800). Their son Col. Abraham Owen was killed in the Battle of Tippecanoe in 1811.

45. Description and House Plan: (continued)

1-story gabled porch on columns shelters two doors. Original box cornice incorporates beaded fascia, quarter round bed mold. Seam in wall both fronts between 1- and 2-story sections.

Interior:

First floor mantels removed; bathroom partitions inserted in both rooms. Ghost of stair in larger room in southwest corner. Beaded-board-enclosed stair in southwest corner of smaller room may have been added. Door bricked up in southwest corner of main section may have been added (?). Second floor incorporates pin rail on south wall of west room, original shelf and architrave mantels. Molded and beaded chairrails and baseboards. First floor moldings include beaded trim with reversed quarter round architrave (see detail) in main section and ovolo in 1-story section. Two-panel doors in interior of main section.

Outbuildings:

There is one non-contributing frame garage included within the boundaries. The nominated area incorporates one contributing and one non-contributing buildings.