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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # 27
Shelby County

1. Name of Resource: Samuel Ellis House

2. Original Owner: Samuel Ellis

3. Other Names: None

4. Prehistoric Site Building Object
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location: South side of KY 53, 2 miles west of KY 322

6. Owner's Name: George Simpson [P]

7. Owner's Address: Rte. 1, Smithfield, KY 40068

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 []
 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 late 19th century (1865-1900) 2-story, single-pile, brick T-plan with passage in Shelby County. It is one of 8 such houses identified in the county. The plan varies [C]

14. History:
 House built in 1875 (date in brick) by Samuel S. Ellis. Sold to Frederick William Simpson (father of present owner) of Glasgow, Scotland in 1895 for \$42 an acre. F.W. Simpson raised sheep on the then 800-acre farm.

16. Date:
 Original Building 1875 [5]
 Addition 1950's ? [2]

17. Style: Victorian Vernacular [4V]

18. Architect/Builder: Unknown

19. No. of Stories: 2 plus attic [2.0]

20. Original Floor Plan: T-plan with passage [TP]

21. Single Pile Double Pile N.A.

22. Roof Form & Material: Original
 Gabled, standing seam metal Not Original

23. Structural Material: Brick [B]

24. Exterior Material: Brick, double stretcher facade [B]

25. Foundation Material: Brick ? [B]

26. Major Alterations: None
 Moved/Rebuilt Other
 Additions

27. Special Features: Date in brick

28. Outbuildings: Meat house, chicken house [2]

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

30. Present Use: As above [01A]

31. Condition: Excellent [E]

32. Endangered: Yes _____
 No

33. Attach Photos:

Roll:	Photo Nos:	No. of Slides:
1	23-30	1

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person:
 Interview with George Simpson, February 1986.

34. Prepared by: C. Worsham
 35. Organization: V, Shelby Co. Hist. Society
 36. Date: February 1986
 37. New Survey _____ Resurvey

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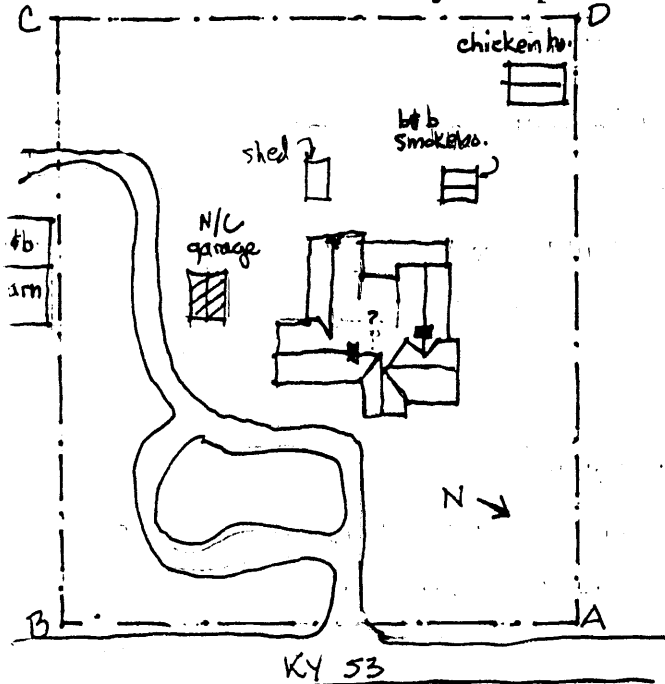
38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. []
 Quadrant: Ballardsville 16 6 5 0 7 6 0 4 2 4 4 7 2 0 40. Coordi.Accuracy []

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

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

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 416 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: 1.25

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



Beginning at A, south 210' along the south side of KY 53 to B, thence west 260' along a fence to C, thence north 210' along a fence to D, thence east 260' along a fence to the point of origin. The boundaries were chosen to include the house, its domestic-related space, and outbuildings as defined by fences and the road which separates the site from the surrounding fields. Included are two contributing outbuildings: a frame chicken house and a board and batten meat house. A non-contributing frame garage and small frame shed are also within the boundaries.

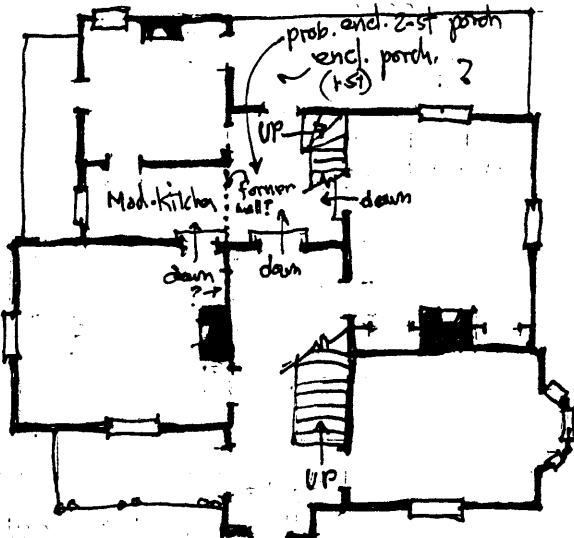
Point A is at the intersection of two fences and the northern corner of the yard and is 75 feet north/northwest of the northern edge of the drive near its intersection with KY 53.

NOT TO SCALE

45. Description and House Plan:

Exterior:

2-story, brick, single-pile T-plan with passage, projecting gabled entrance "tower" in which door and window above are set within a recessed brick panel, double-stretcher bond on principal (east) facade, elaborate, 1-story cast iron porch to south of entry "tower", rounded arched 2/2 sash windows have cast iron hood molds on front and side of main section of house, ell and stem of T have projecting brick segmental arched moldings, 1-story "crenellated" polygonal bay window on north, foundation appears to be brick with an advanced stone water table, cast iron ventilators in central "tower" gable and end gables, heavy, bracketted cornice with deep returns, corbelled chimneys, 1-story wood porch with paired posts and scroll-like brackets on south side, space between ell and stem of T has been enclosed and a



13. Statement of Significance: (continued)

from the standard T-plan in that the house has a projecting, gabled entrance resembling an Italianate tower.

45. Description and House Plan: (continued)

1-story frame addition is located across 2/3s of the rear of the house.

Interior:

Earred door and window surrounds, grained woodwork, raised 4-panel doors, metal mantels, original interior shutters, plaster ceiling medallions and cornices, molded picture rail in south (dining) room, original pantry (?) has been made into modern kitchen, former 2-story porch (?) along north side of pantry (?) and kitchen now enclosed space.

Outbuildings:

A late 19th century frame chicken house and a vertical board meat house with barge-board are contributing outbuildings. Non-contributing structures include a small frame shed and a frame garage. The chicken house and meathouse are early features associated with the house as secondary structures and contribute to its setting.

The nominated area includes three contributing and one non-contributing building. The shed was not counted.