

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES  
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # Sh-85  
Shelby County

1. Name of Resource: Basket Farm			16. Date: Original Building 1800 or 1806 [ 8 ] Addition 1875-1900 [ 5 ]		
2. Original Owner: Martin and Thomas Basket			17. Style: Settlement Vernacular [ 2V ]		
3. Other Names: None			18. Architect/Builder: Unknown		
4. Prehistoric Site	X Building	Object	19. No. of Stories: 2 plus attic [ 2.0 ]		
Historic Site	Structure	Other	20. Original Floor Plan: Hall-parlor (two-room) [ HP ]		
5. Location: East side KY 395, 1 mi south of KY 1779			21. Single Pile X Double Pile N.A.		
6. Owner's Name: Wayne M. & Brenda O'Nan [ P ]			22. Roof Form & Material: Original X Gable Not Original		
7. Owner's Address: Rte. 3, Shelbyville, KY 40065			23. Structural Material: Brick [ B ]		
8. Evaluation: National Register [ N ]			24. Exterior Material: Brick, Flemish bond facade [ B ]		
9. Recognition & Date: Nat. Landmark _____ Local Landmark _____ Nat. Register _____ HABS/HAER _____ Highway Marker _____ KY Inventory 8-15-80 _____ KY Landmark Certificate _____			25. Foundation Material: Stone, coursed [ S ]		
10. N.R. Status & Date:			26. Major Alterations: None Moved/Rebuilt Other X Additions		
11. N.R. Group: District Name: [ ] Mult. Resource Area: Shelby County [ ] Thematic Name: [ ]			27. Special Features: Date in brick over front door		
12. Historical Theme: Primary: Architecture [ 030 ] Secondary: Agriculture [ 010 ] Other: [ ]			28. Outbuildings: Barn [ 1 ]		
13. Statement of Significance: This property is significant under criterion C as a well-preserved example of the early settlement period (1780-1810) 2-story, brick, hall-parlor (two-room) plan in Shelby County. It is one of only 2 such houses identified from this period. The majority were built [ C&A ]			29. Original Function: Residential/Domestic, single dwelling [ 01A ]		
14. History: Property purchased by Martin and Thomas Basket from Charles Lynch at public auction July 10, 1806. House said to have been built by builder/contractor Austin Barnett, who immigrated to Shelby County with Basket family ca. 1808 (?). The original Buffalo Lick Church (near this site) is also attributed to Barnett. Martin Basket and Tarleton Lee each donated an acre for the construction of the Buffalo Lick Church. First meeting of said church was supposed to			30. Present Use: As above [ 01A ]		
15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: Shelby Co. D.B. K, p. 435; D.B. E, p. 160. Research by Barney Little, Shelby Co. Hist. Society.			31. Condition: Good [ G ]		
			32. Endangered: Yes _____ No X		
			33. Attach Photos: Roll: Photo Nos: No. of Slides: 19 16A - 21A 1		
			34. Prepared by: C. Worhsam		
			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.	[ ]
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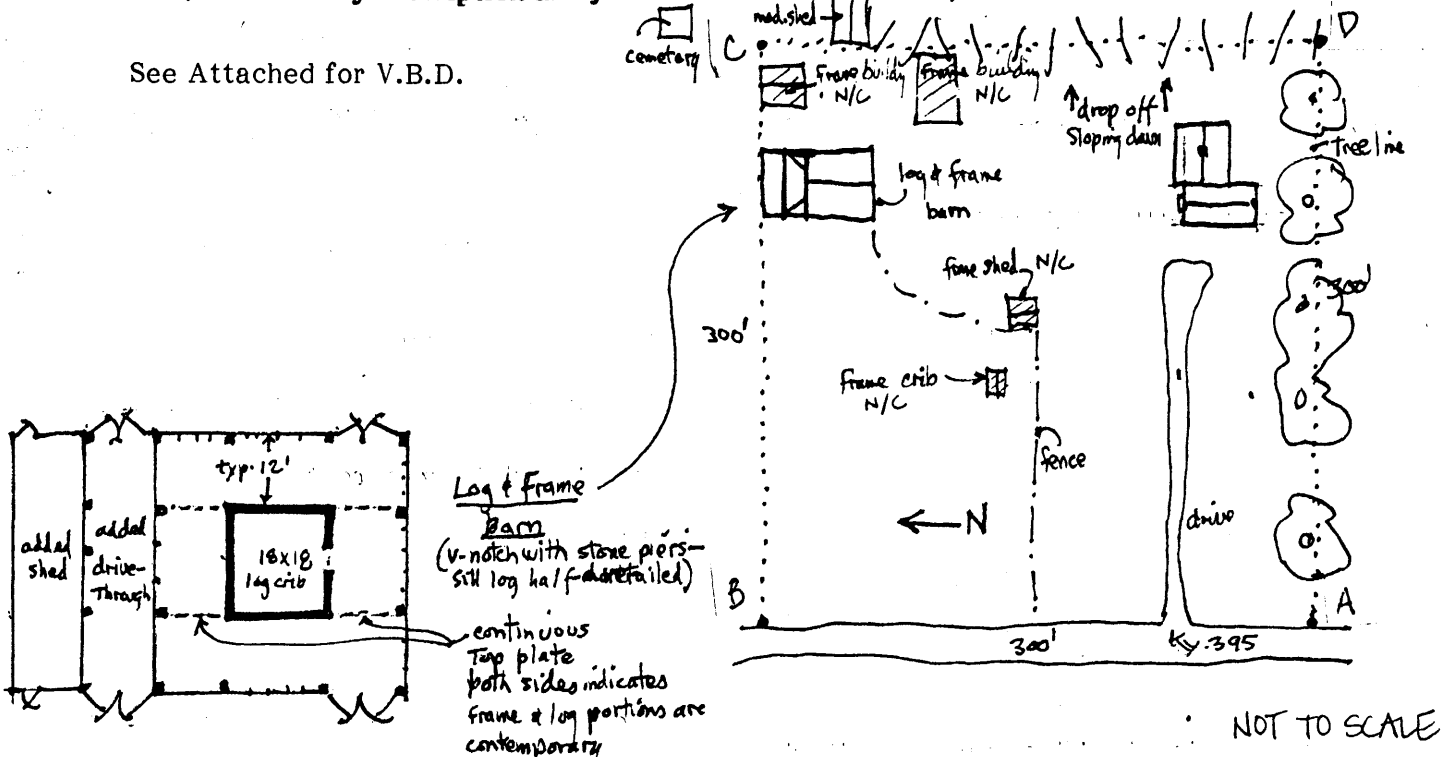
41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):

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

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 14.13 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: 2.0

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

See Attached for V.B.D.

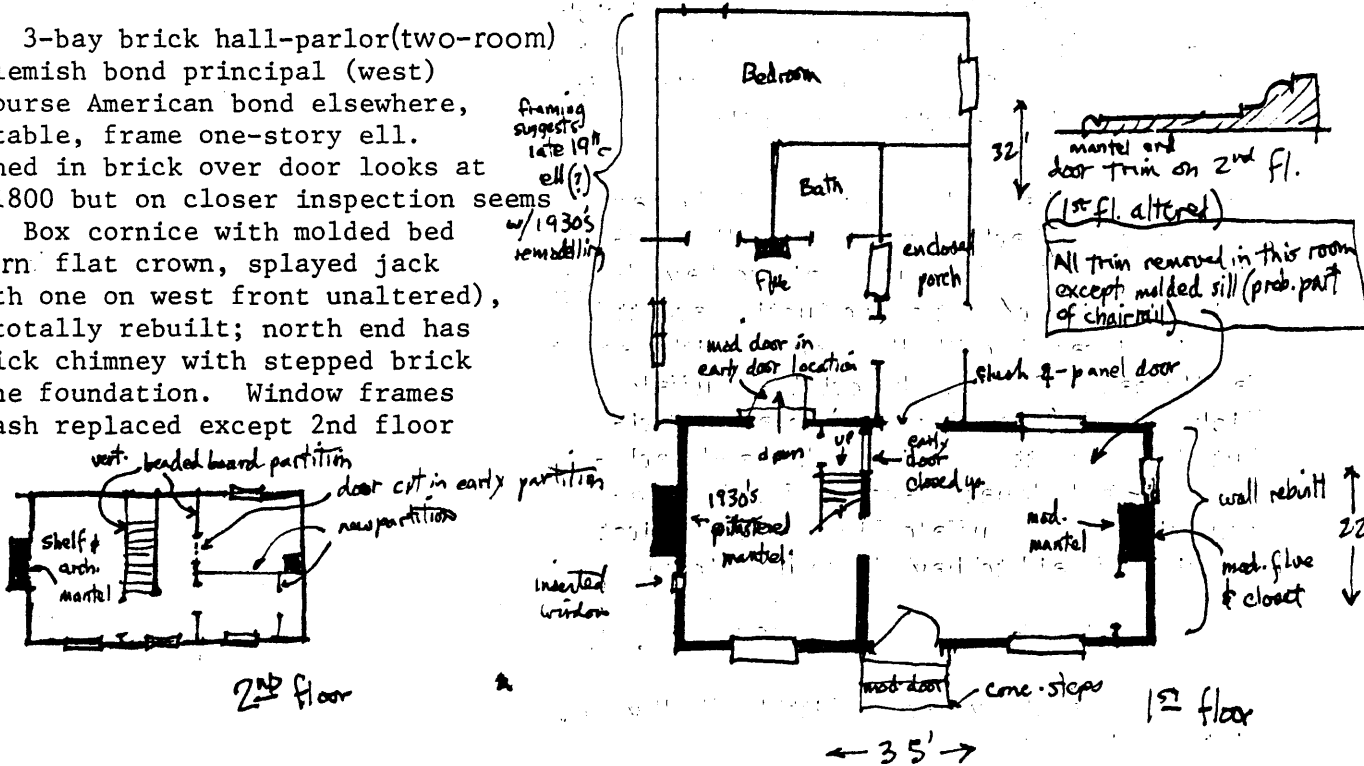


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45. Description and House Plan:

Exterior

2-story, 3-bay brick hall-parlor(two-room) plan with Flemish bond principal (west) facade, 4-course American bond elsewhere, flat water table, frame one-story ell. Date scratched in brick over door looks at first like 1800 but on closer inspection seems to be 1806. Box cornice with molded bed mold & modern flat crown, splayed jack arches (north one on west front unaltered), south wall totally rebuilt; north end has exterior brick chimney with stepped brick base on stone foundation. Window frames original; sash replaced except 2nd floor rear.



13. Statement of Significance: (continued)

between 1810-1840. The other house (Sh-124) may post-date 1810. The Basket House is the oldest extant structure in Shelby County with an established date.

The site also contains a log barn, making it agriculturally significant as one of three intact farm complexes from the period, eligible under criterion A. Alterations to the house do not compromise the significance of its age and form.

14. History: (continued)

have been held in the house of Thomas Basket, Sr. Date brick is not clear; it may read either 1800 or 1806. If 1800, the house would have been built by John Campbell, who acquired the land in 1784 as part of a 5000-acre land warrant. If the date is 1806, the house could have been built either by the Martins or Charles Lynch, who purchased the land from Campbell in 1802. Tradition maintains that it is a Basket house.

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

Telephone interview between Frances Cottongim (Shelby Co, Hist. Society) and Mr. Austin Barnett (Frankfort, KY), May 1986.

Willis, George L. History of Shelby County, Kentucky. p. 67.

45. Description and House Plan: (continued)

Interior:

1st Floor - All trim replaced except molded sills of windows. Stair original: used to open into both rooms originally. Brick partition between rooms, beaded vertical board around stair.

2nd Floor- Most original trim intact, shelf and architrave mantel in north room, beaded partitions divide a center passage at head of stair. Modern partition divides south room into two.

Ell - May be 1930's, but seems that framing is earlier.

Outbuildings:

Single crib log barn with integral frame shed surrounding it. Top plate extends to north and south to carry roof. Lateral extensions to north. Four non-contributing modern agricultural outbuildings.

The nominated acreage includes two contributing buildings and four non-contributing buildings.

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### 44. Site Plan (and Boundary Description and Justification for N. R. Sites):

Beginning at a point in the southwestern corner of the yard, where a treeline intersects the eastern edge of KY 395 80 ft. from the southern edge of the drive (A), 300 ft. northward along said edge of KY 395 to its intersection with a line extended from the north wall of the barn (B); then 300 ft. eastward along said line to point where ground slopes downward in an easterly direction (C); then 300 ft. southward along edge of slope to a point where this line intersects with a treeline (D); then 300 feet westward along treeline to point of origin.

The boundaries were chosen in accordance with the broadest significance of the property, in order to encompass both the dwelling and the barn, and to preserve the spatial relationship between the two buildings. Although the nominated area incorporates four non-contributing buildings, these are of small scale and could not be excluded without compromising the house-barn-road relationships.