

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # 201
Shelby County

1. Name of Resource:
Pemberton Farm

2. Original Owner:
William H. Pemberton (?)

3. Other Names:
none

4. Prehistoric Site Building Object
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location:
South side Finchville-Clark Station Rd.,
1/2 mile east of KY 148.

6. Owner's Name:
Mrs. Ray P. Tucker [P]

7. Owner's Address:
Rte. 1, Box 276, Finchville, 40022

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: Agriculture [010]
Other: []

13. Statement of Significance:
This property is significant under criterion C.
It appears to be a mid-19th-century side-passage
plan house which was expanded to form a center-
passage plan house. As a side-passage house,
it one of only two identified in the county from the
period (1840-1865). (continued) [C, A]

14. History:
The house was built in 1847 by William H.
Pemberton (1822-1896), who inherited the land
from his father in 1833. Present owner's husband
was descendant of Pemberton and his 3rd wife, Mary
E. Doyle. Additions made by Ernis Tucker,
Pemberton's son-in-law. Mrs. Tucker says she
believes the two-story addition was first made
before 1860.

15. Source of historical information and/or contact
person:
Interview with and research supplied by
Mrs. Ray P. Tucker

16. Date:
Original Building 1847 [7]
Addition ca. 1900 [4]

17. Style: Vernacular
Antebellum Vernacular [3V]
[4V]

18. Architect/Builder:
unknown

19. No. of Stories: 2 [2.0]

20. Original Floor Plan:
side-passage [SP]

21. Single Pile Double Pile N.A.

22. Roof Form & Material:
gable/standing seam metal Original
Not Original

23. Structural Material:
frame [W]

24. Exterior Material:
weatherboard [W]

25. Foundation Material:
stone [S]

26. Major Alterations: None
Moved/Rebuilt Other
 Additions one bay added to east ca. 1900

27. Special Features:
none

28. Outbuildings:
double-crib log barn, frame crib [2]

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

30. Present Use:
same as above [01A]

31. Condition:
excellent [E]

32. Endangered: Yes _____
No

33. Attach Photos:
Roll: Photo Nos: No. of Slides:
13 35-36A 9 3-11
14 1A-7A

34. Prepared by: C. Worsham

35. Organization: KHC

36. Date: April 1984

37. New Survey _____ Resurvey

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone 16 Easting 641860 Northing 4225040 39. G.I.S. Mod. [] 40. Coordi.Accuracy []

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

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

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 488 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: 2.77

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

Beginning at point A, proceeding 670 feet north along a tree line to point B, thence 180 feet east along a line corresponding to the north wall of a log barn to point C, thence south 670 feet along the east side of a drive to point D, thence 180 feet west along a fence to the point of origin. The boundaries were drawn to encompass the house and domestic-related space, and the farmyard to the immediate north, within surrounding tree lines, fences, and drives. Outbuildings include a log double-crib barn, a frame corncrib, and a frame buggy house. All are contributing. A frame crib just northeast of the log barn and a ca. 1930 barn east of the complex were not included.

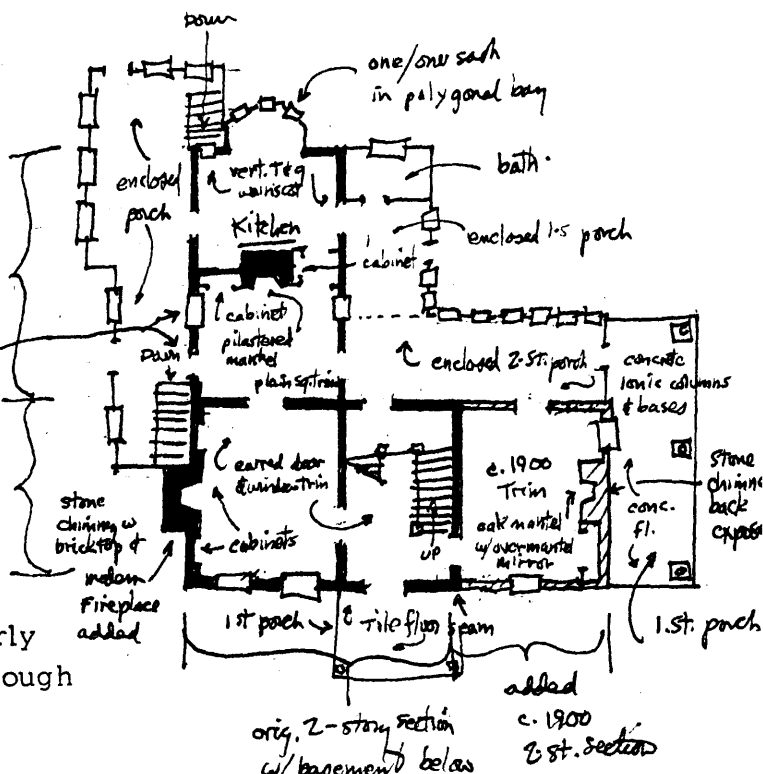
Point A is located at the intersection of the western yard treeline and the souther yard fence and is 182 feet southwest of the southwestern corner of the buggy house.

see attached site plan

45. Description and House Plan:

Exterior: The two-story three-bay frame side-passage plan dwelling has an original or early one-story frame ell of two rooms.

The house has a two-story shouldered stone chimney at the west end. At the turn of the present century a room was added on each floor on the east side of the passage. The addition created a symmetrical center-passage house in plan, but the single window used causes an unbalanced elevation. The addition included a two-story north (rear) of the new addition, a room upstairs and a porch below. A one-story on concrete cast Ionic columns spans the east end, while the entire roof was rebuilt incorporating decorative vergeboards throughout. Porches along both sides have been enclosed since 1900. A one-story gabled porch shelters the original entrance on the south front. It appears to be early (mid-19th-century) with later vergeboards, although (continued)



45 Description and House Plan: (continued)

it is conceivable that the vergeboards are an original feature merely duplicated and extended in the ca. 1900 additions. Also in ca. 1900 a polygonal bay window was added to the north end of the ell. At the same time window sash throughout the house were replaced with one/one sash and the existing exterior blinds installed.

Interior: Earred door and window trim (cabinet door included) in main first floor room and passage, early cabinets flank altered mantel (modern brick), passage has dog-leg stair. 1st room in ell has pilastered mantel, plain square trim, beaded frames on exterior of west door and window. 2nd room in ell has vertical tongue-and-groove wainscot from ca 1900 renovation. Ca. 1900 addition has period trim, oak mantel with mirrored overmantel.

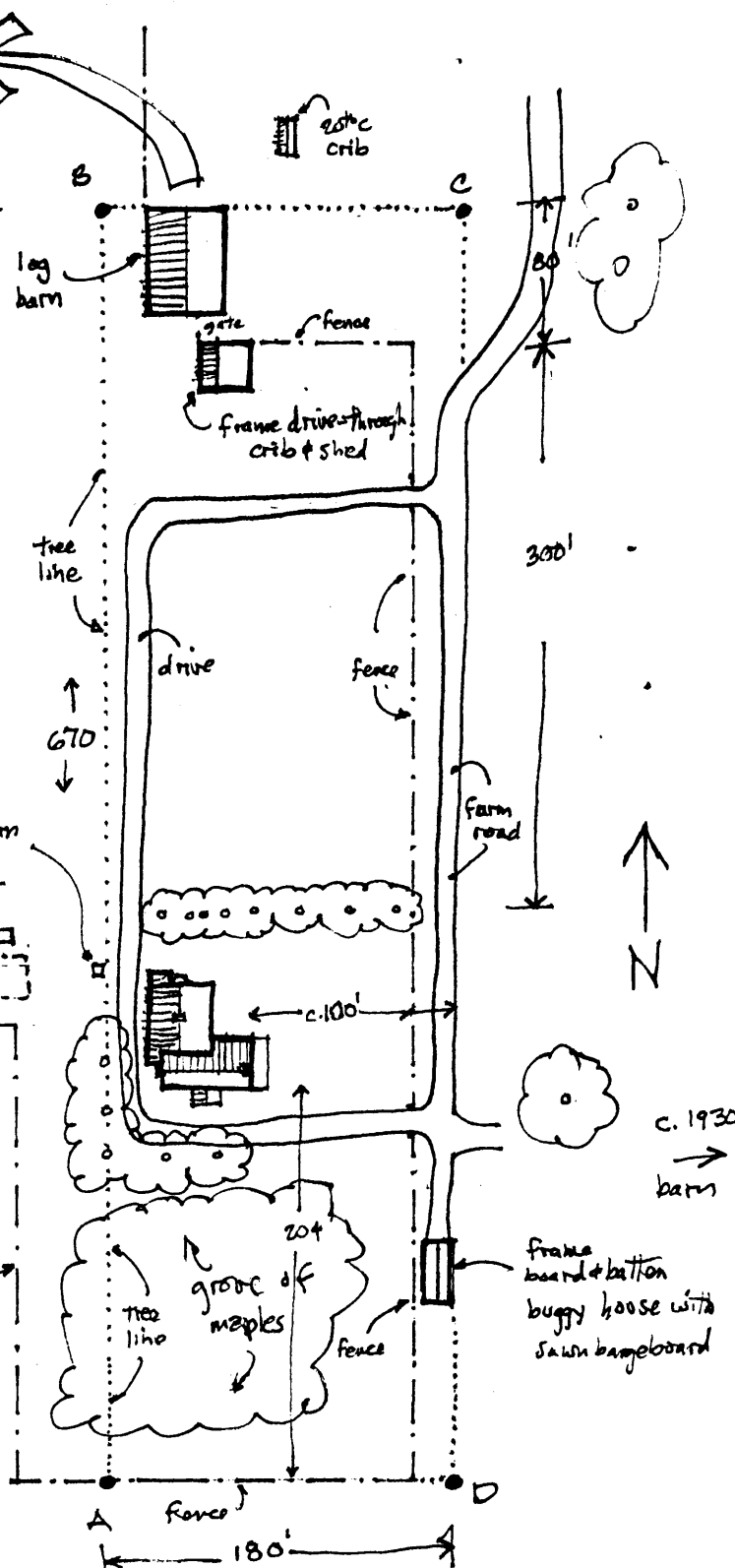
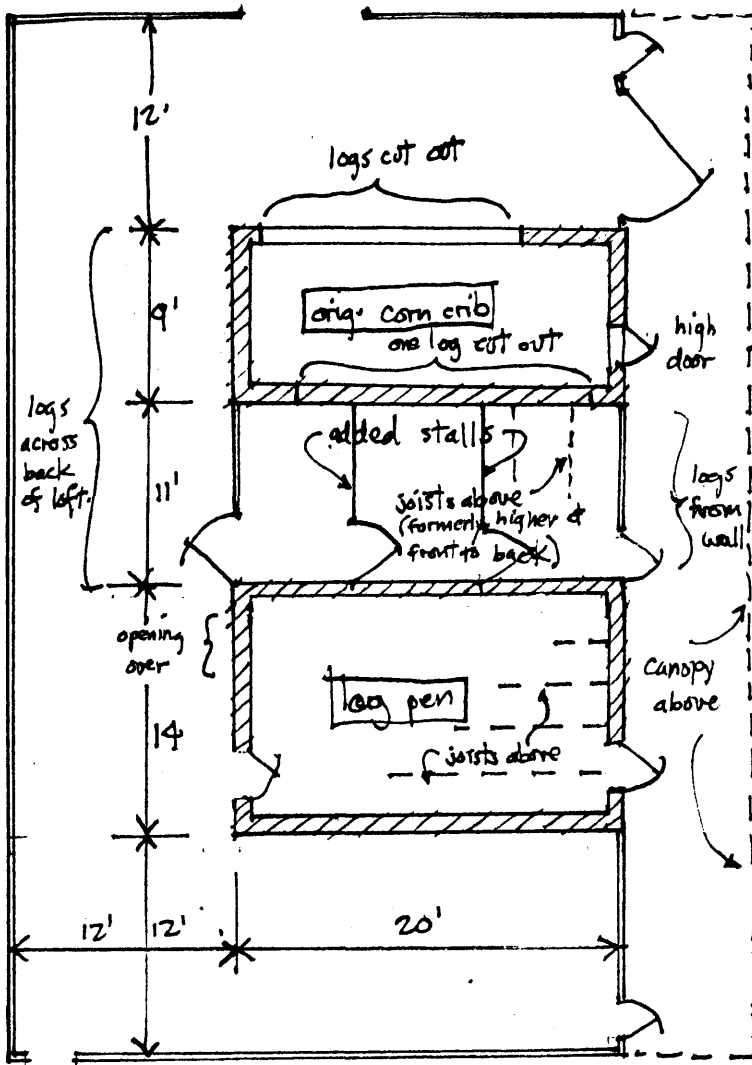
Outbuildings: A double-crib log barn stands c.350 feet directly north of the house on a line with the end of the ell. The barn is unusual in its assymetry of plan: threshing floor/drivethrough is flanked by a 9'x20' corn crib on the north and a 14'x20' stall on the south. Threshing floor has been subdivided in this century for cattle or horse stalls. Loft above central space has been lowered. Low loft originally above 14'x20' pen. Logs whitewashed. Frame shed on north, west, and south, as well as a canopy on braces over east front, may be original, as are many such sheds, but shows no direct evidence of such, such as sharing continuous top plates with the log section. A nearby frame corn crib shares a gable roof with a drivethrough wagon shed. the early twentieth-century structure, which has a storage shed attached to the east on the opposite side of the drive-through from the crib, forms an L-shape with the barn. A frame buggy house with board-and-batten siding and decorative sawn vergeboards similar to those on the house, stands southeast of the house the the end of the entrance road. It is similar to a buggy house at the Pickett House (Sh-162)

The boundaries enclose four contributing buildings.

13. Statement of Significance (continued)

It has been expanded to form a center-passage whole but still retains its fenestration and other features from its original form. The 2-story addition, and other alterations extend the buildings period of significance to c. 1900, demonstrating how buildings changed through time. The agricultural complex to the north demonstrates the form and relationship of the barn and crib to the house. The unusual barn is a relatively rare survival of an early barn.

2h-201 Pemberton House
 site Plan
 all dimensions paced 1986
 NOT TO SCALE



Log Barn

- log barn has half dovetailed logs joints.
- stone foundation piers
- whitewashed exterior logs
- projecting log plate
- braced shed canopy
- enclosed sheds on west (rear) and north & south ends.
- contains corn crib & log pen separated by threshing floor or drive through (all built in one campaign)
- not clear if sheds part of first construction

