

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # 61
Shelby County

1. Name of Resource:
Thomas House

2. Original Owner:
Unknown

3. Other Names:
None

4. Prehistoric Site Building Object
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location: West side of Ky 43, 1/4 mile east
of Mulberry-Eminence Pike

6. Owner's Name:
Ben Allen Thomas, Jr. [P]

7. Owner's Address:
Rte. 1, 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: Architecture [030]
Secondary: []
Other: []

13. Statement of Significance:
This property is significant under criterion C
as an unusual and well-preserved example of
the early 19th century (1810-40) 2-story,
frame center-passage, single-pile plan in
Shelby County. The 4-bay facade is rare
in the county as is the wood frame [C]

14. History:
Land acquired by Thomas family in the 1830's.

16. Date:
Original Building ca. 1830-40 [7]
Addition []

17. Style:
Settlement Vernacular [2V]

18. Architect/Builder:
Unknown

19. No. of Stories: 2 [2.0]

20. Original Floor Plan:
Center passage [CP]

21. Single Pile Double Pile N.A.

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

23. Structural Material:
Wood frame (brick nogged) [W]

24. Exterior Material:
Asbestos siding [A]

25. Foundation Material:
Stone, ashlar [S]

26. Major Alterations: None
Moved/Rebuilt Other siding
Additions

27. Special Features: Brick nogging,
4-bay center-passage plan

28. Outbuildings:
Root cellar [1]

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

30. Present Use:
As above [01A]

31. Condition:
Good [G]

32. Endangered: Yes _____
No

33. Attach Photos:
Roll: Photo Nos: No. of Slides:
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15. Source of historical information and/or contact
person: Interview with Betty B. Thomas in
March, 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: Quadrant: <u>Eminence</u>	Zone <u>16</u>	Easting <u>662700</u>	Northing <u>4239000</u>	39. G.I.S. Mod. []
				40. Coordi. Accuracy []

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

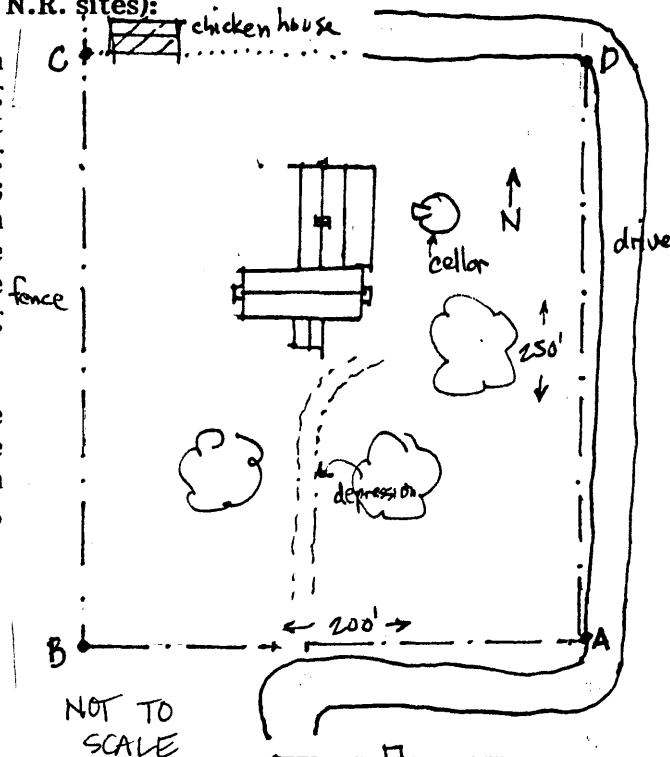
A. ---	D. ---
B. ---	E. ---
C. ---	F. ---

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: unknown 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: 1.15

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

Beginning at A, a point on the fence along the western edge of the drive at its intersection with a fence defining the southern extent of the yard (point A is 110 ft. east of the eastern edge of the walk), 200 ft. westward along said fence to its intersection with another fence (B); 250 ft. northward along fence to a point of intersection with a line extending from the southern edge of the drive (C); 200 ft. eastward along said line and edge of drive to the point of curve in drive (D); 250 ft. southward along fenceline at western edge of drive to point of origin.

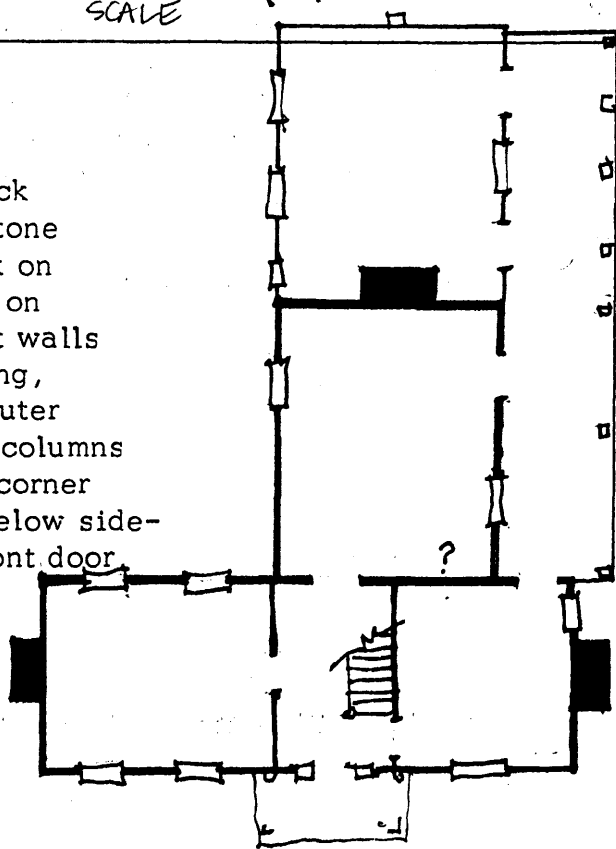
The boundaries were chosen to encompass the house and domestic-related space as defined by fences on the south, east and west, and by a drive on the north. Within the area is a contributing cellar. Several sheds, a barn, and a tenant house are located outside the boundaries.



45. Description and House Plan:

Exterior:

2-story, 4-bay frame center-passage plan with brick nogging, exterior brick end chimneys, handsome stone foundation laid to resemble Flemish bond brickwork on the front, weatherboards covered with vinyl siding on front, east and west end walls, and north and west walls of original 1-story ell, box cornice with bed molding, original 1-story pedimented Greek Revival porch: outer columns replaced and railing missing, inner Doric columns are original, reeded door surround with bull's eye corner blocks and rectangular transom, panelled aprons below side-lights, original horizontal and vertical panelled front door, 6/6 sash original, original blinds, brick nogging exposed on rear wall, stone chimney with brick extension in ell, foundation of south room in ell is coursed rubble, that of north room is concrete, shed-roofed porch on east side of ell, cellar immediately to east of ell.



13. Statement of Significance: (continued)

construction with brick nogging. It is one of only 4 frame center-passage plans identified from the early 19th century period (1810-40). Features of significance remain intact in spite of alterations to the covering of the framing. These are the form and building material.

45. Description and House Plan: (continued)

Interior:

Reeded trim with bull's eye corner blocks in center passage, high molded baseboards, interior largely intact.

Outbuildings:

Included in the nomination is a contributing root cellar. It is of significance as illustrating popular regional food storage techniques and the original function of the domestic space. The boundaries enclose two contributing buildings.