

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # 100
Shelby County

1. Name of Resource: Wise House		16. Date: Original Building 1861-65 [6] Addition ca. 1900 [4]	
2. Original Owner: John Wise		17. Style: Vernacular [3V] []	
3. Other Names: None		18. Architect/Builder: Unknown	
4. Prehistoric Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	Object	
Historic Site	Structure	Other	
5. Location: East side of KY 44 and 53, 1/2 mile north of Mt. Eden		19. No. of Stories: 2 [2.0]	
6. Owner's Name: Harry and Aileen Cook [P]		20. Original Floor Plan: Center passage [CP]	
7. Owner's Address: Mt. Eden, KY 40046		21. Single Pile <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Double Pile N.A.	
8. Evaluation: National Register [N]		22. Roof Form & Material: Original <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable, standing seam metal Original	
9. Recognition & Date: Nat.Landmark _____ Local Landmark _____ Nat.Register _____ HABS/HAER _____ Highway Marker _____ KY Inventory 8-15-80 KY Landmark Certificate		23. Structural Material: Wood frame [W]	
10. N.R.Status & Date:		24. Exterior Material: [W] Weatherboards, plain	
11. N.R.Group: District Name: [] Mult.Resource Area: Shelby County [] Thematic Name: []		25. Foundation Material: Stone, ashlar [S]	
12. Historical Theme: Primary: Architecture [030] Secondary: [] Other: []		26. Major Alterations: None Moved/Rebuilt Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additions	
13. Statement of Significance: This property is significant under criterion C as an unusual and well-preserved example of the mid-19th century (1840-65), frame, center-passage, single-pile, 2-story plan in Shelby County. It is one of 7 identified from the period, and it is particularly [C]		27. Special Features: Plan variation	
14. History: The house was built by John and Amanda Wise ca. 1861-65.		28. Outbuildings: Shed [1]	
15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: Interview with Harry and Aileen Cook, March 1986.		29. Original Function: Residential/Domestic, single dwell [01A]	
		30. Present Use: As above [01A]	
		31. Condition: Excellent [E]	
		32. Endangered: Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		33. Attach Photos: Roll: Photo Nos: No. of Slides: 8 17 - 21 1	
15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: Interview with Harry and Aileen Cook, March 1986.		34. Prepared by: C. Worsham	
		35. Organization: V, Shelby Co. Hist. Society	
		36. Date: March 1986	
		37. New Survey _____ Resurvey <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. []
 40. Coordi. Accuracy []
 Quadrant: Mt. Eden 16 6 6 1 5 6 0 4 2 1 4 4 5 0

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

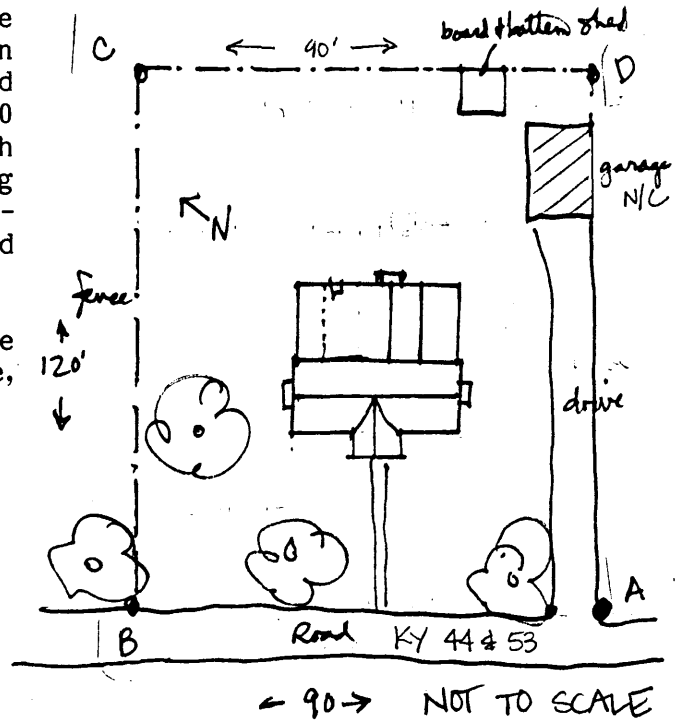
A. ----- D. -----
 B. ----- E. -----
 C. ----- F. -----

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 84.96 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: .24

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

Beginning at Point A, which is the intersection of the southeastern edge of the drive with the northeastern edge of KY 44 and 53, northwestward 90 feet along said edge of road to intersection with a fence (B); then 120 feet northeastward along fence to its intersection with another fence (C); then 90 feet southeastward along fence to its intersection with a line extended from southeastern edge of drive (D); then 120 feet southwestward along said line and edge of drive to point of origin.

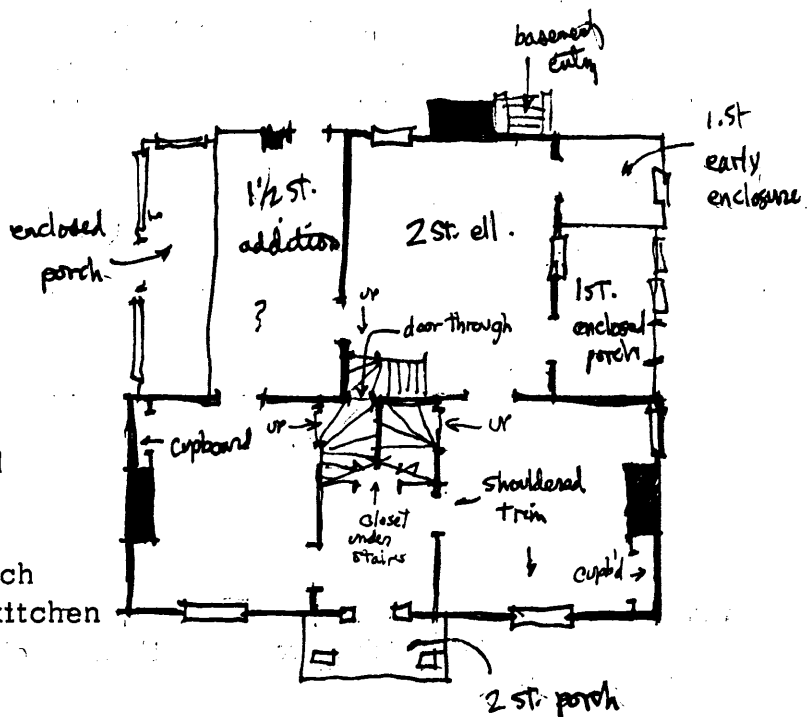
The boundaries were chosen to encompass the house and its domestic space as defined by fences, the drive, and the road.



45. Description and House Plan:

Exterior:

2-story, 3-bay, frame, center-passage, single-pile plan, plain weatherboards, gabled, standing seam metal roof, partially exterior brick end chimneys, 1 1/2-story, frame offset ell, original, 2-story, pedimented Greek Revival portico, balcony at second floor, door flanked by engaged square posts and sidelights with panelled aprons, transom, shallow eared surround frames entire opening, same treatment on second floor, deep frieze board at cornice, corner pilasters, cornices over first floor windows, 6/6 sash, deep cornice returns on gable ends, enclosed 1-story porch and room on south side of ell, 1 1/2-story kitchen addition on north side of ell, exterior brick



13. Statement of Significance: (continued)

unusual for the county in that rather than an open flight of stairs to the second floor in the passage, enclosed corner stairs from both the north and south rooms rise at the rear of the passage. This is the only known example of this plan variation in the county. Changes and additions do not affect integrity of the significant elements of the site.

45. Description and House Plan: (continued)

chimney on east end of ell.

Interior:

Greek Revival trim and mantels, cornices over windows and panelled aprons beneath, Greek Revival pilaster and shelf mantels, cupboards built into end walls, medium low molded baseboards, 4-panel Greek Revival doors, enclosed corner stairs back to back (no connection) at east end of passage open into north and south rooms rather than an open stair to second floor in passage, enclosed stair in northwest corner of ell opens onto stair form north room.

Outbuildings:

Frame, gabled, board and batten shed contributes to the site; modern garage is non-contributing.

The nominated area contains two contributing and one non-contributing buildings.