

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # 189
Shelby County

1. **Name of Resource:**
William Blades House

2. **Original Owner:**
William Blades

3. **Other Names:**
None

4. **Prehistoric Site** **Building** **Object**
Historic Site **Structure** **Other**

5. **Location:**
South side of KY 1005, 1/2 mile west of KY 395

6. **Owner's Name:**
John V. Barnett [P]

7. **Owner's Address:**
Rte. 1, Bagdad, KY 40003

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 a well-preserved example of the early 19th century (1810-1840) 1-story, brick, hall-parlor (two-room) plan in Shelby County. It is one of 23 hall-parlor plans and one of 7 1-story brick examples identified C]

14. **History:**
House built by William Blades (or Blaydes) (1780-1853) of Powhatan, VA. Owned by Jacob E. Sandusky in 1882. House said to have been built by Augustine Barnett, a mason, who is also credited with building the first Buffalo Lick Baptist Church located south of this site on KY 395 (for more information on Barnett, see Shi-85). Stones from graveyard about 75' east of house have been moved and placed in front of the house. Owned by Richard Bland from 1920-1975 when present owner acquired the property.

15. **Source of historical information and/or contact person:** 1882 Atlas of Henry and Shelby Counties KY; tombstones on property; research by Mary David Myles, Shelby Co. Hist. Society, 1986

16. **Date:**
Original Building ca. 1820 ? [8]
Addition []

17. **Style:**
Settlement Vernacular [2V]

18. **Architect/Builder:**
Augustine Barnett ?

19. **No. of Stories:** 1 plus attic [1.0]

20. **Original Floor Plan:**
Hall-parlor (two-room) [HP]

21. **Single Pile** **Double Pile** **N.A.**

22. **Roof Form & Material:** Original
Gable, asphalt shingle Not Original

23. **Structural Material:**
Brick, Flemish bond facade [B]

24. **Exterior Material:**
Brick [B]

25. **Foundation Material:**
Stone, coursed rubble [S]

26. **Major Alterations:** None
Moved/Rebuilt Other modernized

27. **Special Features:**
None

28. **Outbuildings:**
Non-contributing [NC]

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:
18 15A - 24A 1
19 2

34. **Prepared by:** C. Worsham

35. **Organization:** y Shelby Co. Hist. Society

36. **Date:** April 1986

37. **New Survey** _____ **Pesurvey**

45. Description and House Plan: (continued)

Interior:

Main door opens into slightly larger of two rooms in main part of house; this west room has the more elaborate woodwork: molded chairrail, baseboard, and trim, with reeded panelled reveals at the connecting door and the splayed window openings; mantel gone; east room has plain trim, enriched shelf and architrave mantel with coal grate insert; enclosed winder stair rises from west room through east room; ell is reached from the smaller east room and has been largely modernized with new windows and partial panelling and carpeting, it contains the added bathroom; added stair cut through the rear wall of the main house provides access from the ell to the staircase; 5 horizontal-panel door in center front entry of main house with corresponding door on rear wall is blocked up.

Outbuildings:

There are no contributing outbuildings.

13. Statement of Significance: (continued)

in the county. Assymettrical facade (off-center door) is unusual in the region during this period, and is nearly unique in Shelby. The alteration, chiefly in the ell, do not affect the significant form and details of the house.

The boundaries incorporates one contributing building and one non-contributing structure (well).