

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # 94
Shelby County

1. Name of Resource: Charles Ware House		16. Date: Original Building 1820's [8] Addition ca. 1900 [4]	
2. Original Owner: Charles Ware		17. Style: Settlement Vernacular [2V]	
3. Other Names: Robertson House		18. Architect/Builder: Unknown	
4. Prehistoric Site	x Building	19. No. of Stories: 1 1/2 [1.5]	
Historic Site	Structure	20. Original Floor Plan: Hall-parlor (two-room) [HP]	
5. Location: South side of Pea Ridge Rd , 1/2 mile west of KY 395		21. Single Pile x Double Pile N.A.	
6. Owner's Name: Mrs. Thomas A. Lewis [P]		22. Roof Form & Material: Original x Gable, asphalt shingle Not Original	
7. Owner's Address: 129 Broadway Lawrenceburg, KY 40342		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 rubble [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: Grained woodwork	
12. Historical Theme: - Primary: Architecture [030] Secondary: [] Other: []		28. Outbuildings: Non-contributing [NC]	
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 such houses identified in the county from the period, 13 of which [C&D]		29. Original Function: Residential/Domestic, single dwel [01A]	
14. History: House appears to have been built in the 1820's by Charles Ware on land given to him by his father-in-law, Aaron Tilley (part of a 100-acre tract acquired by Tilley in July 1808 for 50 pounds) on April 11, 1821. Ware's tract consisted of 50 acres situated on Beech Creek. Charles Ware (b. 11/9/1796 - d. 3/30/1887) was son of William and Nancy(Saunders) Ware of Virginia. He married Susan Tilley (b. 3/30/1798 - d. 5/25/1873). Their daughter, Susan, married George T. Robertson. The property passed to		30. Present Use: As above [01A]	
15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: Information from Eleanor Robertson Milligan, 3-22-77; research by Frances Cottongim, Shelby Co. Hist. Society, 1986; tombstones in front yard of house.		31. Condition: Excellent [E]	
		32. Endangered: Yes _____ No x	
		33. Attach Photos: Roll: Photo Nos: No. of Slides: 7 28 - 36 1	
15. Source of historical information and/or contact person:		34. Prepared by: C. Worsham	
		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: Quadrant: <u>Glensboro</u>	Zone <u>16</u>	Easting <u>6 6 6 9 7 0</u>	Northing <u>4 2 1 7 4 8 0</u>	39. G.I.S. Mod. []
				40. Coordi. Accuracy []

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

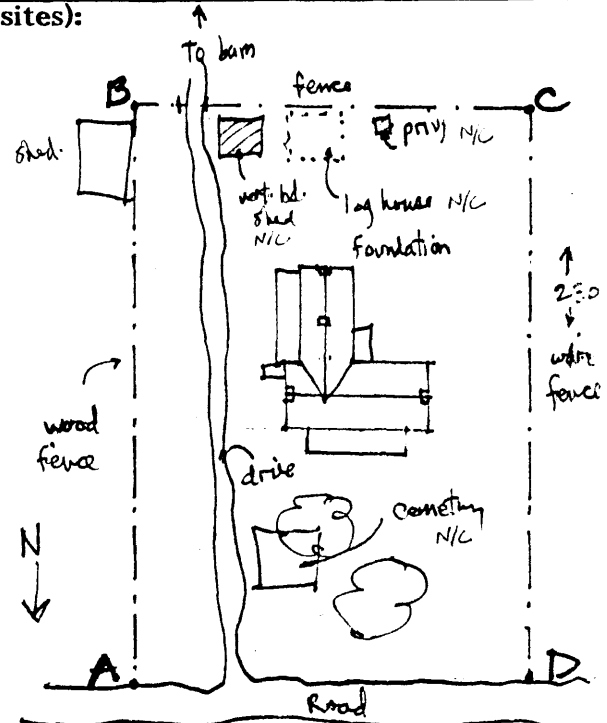
A. -----	D. -----
B. -----	E. -----
C. -----	F. -----

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 135 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: .66

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

Beginning at Point A, which is located on the southern edge of Pea Ridge Road 36 feet east of the eastern edge of the drive, 230 feet southward along a wooden fence to its intersection with another fence (B); then eastward 125 feet along fence to its intersection with a wire fence (C); then 230 feet northward along fence to its intersection with the southern edge of Pea Ridge Road (D); then 125 feet westward along said road edge to the point of origin.

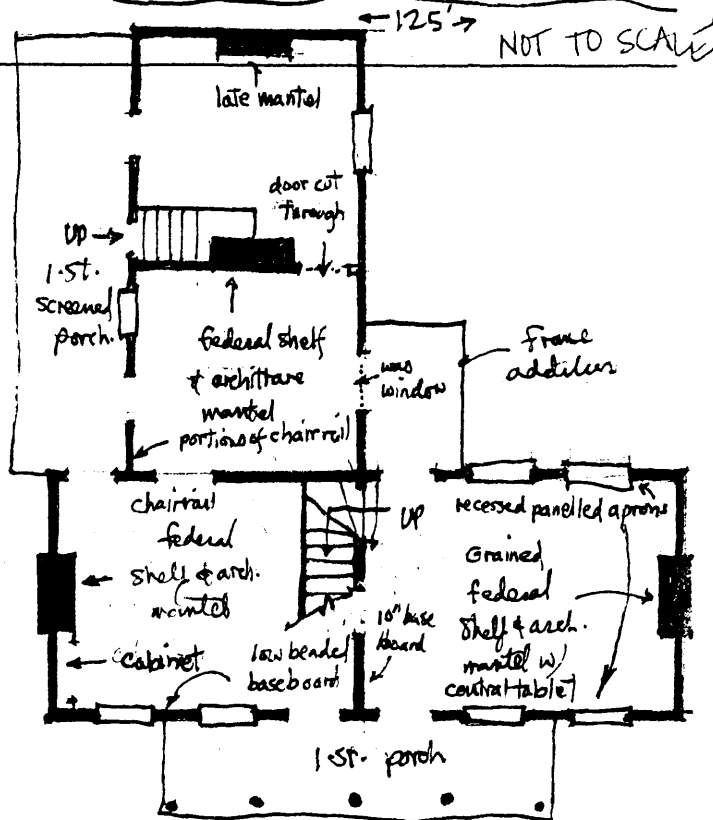
The boundaries incorporate two outbuildings (shed, privy) and two sites (cemetery, site of log building) in addition to the dwelling. Although these are all non-contributing features in this nomination, the fences and road enclose them within a clearly identifiable domestic yard area. These non-contributing elements could not be eliminated from the boundaries without compromising the setting of the dwelling (see discussion under #45 OUTBUILDING for further explanation).



45. Description and House Plan:

Exterior:

1 1/2-story, 6-bay, brick, hall-parlor (two-room) plan, Flemish bond principal (north) facade, coursed rubble foundation, partially exterior brick end chimneys, jack arches, 6/6 sash in 2 outermost bays, 2 central doors, pair of large frame gabled dormers with 4/4 sash windows added to north side in late 19th century, jig-sawn wooden front porch also late 19th century addition, segmentally arched, barred cellar vents, 2-room, 1-story brick ell screened porch on east side of ell, gabled dormers added to east and west sides of ell, modern framed bathroom addition in angle of ell.



13. Statement of Significance: (continued)

are brick with 7 being of one story. The house is particularly significant because it retains all of its original woodwork from the federal period as well as excellent examples of graining which probably date from the late 19th century when the front porch and dormers were added. The log house foundation contains significant information about the use of the domestic space around the house and gives the site significance under

14. History: (continued) criterion D.

their son, Charles Samuel Robertson, the father of the present owner, Mary Elizabeth R. Lewis.

45. Description and House Plan: (continued)

Interior:

Each room measures 18' x 18' and is entered by separate doors in center of facade, west room has original woodwork, graining apparently dates from the late 19th century, 10' baseboards, federal mantel consisting of shelf and architrave with a central tablet, recessed panelled aprons under windows, rear exterior door in wall now gives access to bathroom, enclosed stairs located in south end of wall, east room contains enclosed stair in SW corner, low beaded baseboard, federal shelf and architrave mantel with built-in cabinet on north, north room of ell contains portions of chairrail and a federal shelf and architrave mantel, window in west wall lengthened to door giving access to bathroom; originally no connection between north and south rooms of ell, passage has been cut to west of mantel, south room probably a kitchen, later mantel in south wall, stairs which open onto porch run along north wall of this room, narrow door has been cut giving access to stairs from south room.

Outbuildings:

Two outbuildings are located south of the dwelling at the rear fenceline. These are a vertical-board shed and privy, both of which are non-contributing due to their relatively recent (20th century) dates of construction.

The domestic area also contains two sites: a cemetery, located in a grove of trees in front of the house and immediately east of the drive; and the site of a log building (probably a kitchen) located at the rear fenceline. Although these are non-contributing for the purposes of this nomination insufficient evidence exists to establish the information potential of the log building site and the cemetery as an exception to the criteria--they are important features of the property and are therefore incorporated within the boundaries. The site of the log building could provide information about the construction materials of outlying kitchens, as well as that on dwelling-outbuilding functional and spatial relationships, while the cemetery, as sited in very atypical relationship to the house.

The boundaries enclose one contributing and two non-contributing buildings and two non-contributing sites.

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 88002845

Date Listed: 12/27/88

Charles Ware House
Property Name

Shelby
County

KY
State

Shelby County MRA
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Patrick Andrus
Signature of the Keeper

1/4/89
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

At the top of page 3 of the form the site of a log house foundation is listed as contributing, while at the bottom of the page it is listed as non-contributing. Marty Perry with the KY SHPO has clarified that it is non-contributing. The form is now amended to show it as non-contributing.

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