

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # 53
Shelby County

1. Name of Resource: Venable-Chase House

2. Original Owner: James Venable or James Chase

3. Other Names: Chevy Chase

4. Prehistoric Site	x Building	Object
Historic Site	Structure	Other

5. Location: West side of Ky 43, 2 1/2 miles northeast of Shelbyville

6. Owner's Name: Dr. Ronald Waldrige [P]

7. Owner's Address: Rte. 1, Box 56, Shelbyville, KY 40065

8. Evaluation: National Register [N]

9. Recognition & Date:

Nat.Landmark	Local Landmark
Nat.Register	HABS/HAER
Highway Marker	KY Inventory 12-21-70
KY Landmark Certificate 3-11-71	

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 2-story, double-pile, center-passage plan in Shelby County. It is the earliest recorded such structure in the county. The only other recorded earlier double-pile structure is the [C]

16. Date: Original Building ca. 1803 ? [8]
Addition 1840 [7]

17. Style: Antebellum Vernacular [3V]

18. Architect/Builder: Unknown

19. No. of Stories: 2 [2.0]

20. Original Floor Plan: Center passage [CP]

21. Single Pile Double Pile x N.A.

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

23. Structural Material: Brick [B]

24. Exterior Material: Brick, Flemish bond facade [B]

25. Foundation Material: Stone, coursed rubble (stuccoed) S []

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

27. Special Features: None

28. Outbuildings: Non-contributing [NC]

29. Original Function: Residential/Domestic, sin. dw. [01A]

30. Present Use: As above [01A]

31. Condition: Excellent [E]

32. Endangered: Yes
No x

33. Attach Photos:

Roll:	Photo Nos:	No. of Slides:
13	15 - 19	1

14. History:
Date of construction of original brick 1-story, 5-bay, single-pile, center-passage house is unknown. Land purchased by James Venable from John Pope in 1803. Capt. William Q. Morton owned property in 1833. Assumed that first brick house built between 1803-1833. James and Salvisa Chase probably transformed the 1-story house into a 2-story, double-pile house ca. 1840. This date appears in metal scrolls at the two front corners of the house at the eaves. Chases named property "Chevy Chase"

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: 1970 and 1979 Ky. Historic Resources Inventory forms.
"Lovely Old Brick 'Chevy Chase' Once Drovers Inn." The Sentinel-News. Shelbyville, KY and

34. Prepared by: C. Worsham

35. Organization: V, Shelby Co. Hist. Society

36. Date: April 1986

37. New Survey Resurvey x

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. []
 Quadrant: Shelbyville 16 6 5 9 1 9 0 4 2 3 3 3 2 0 40. Coordi.Accuracy []

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

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

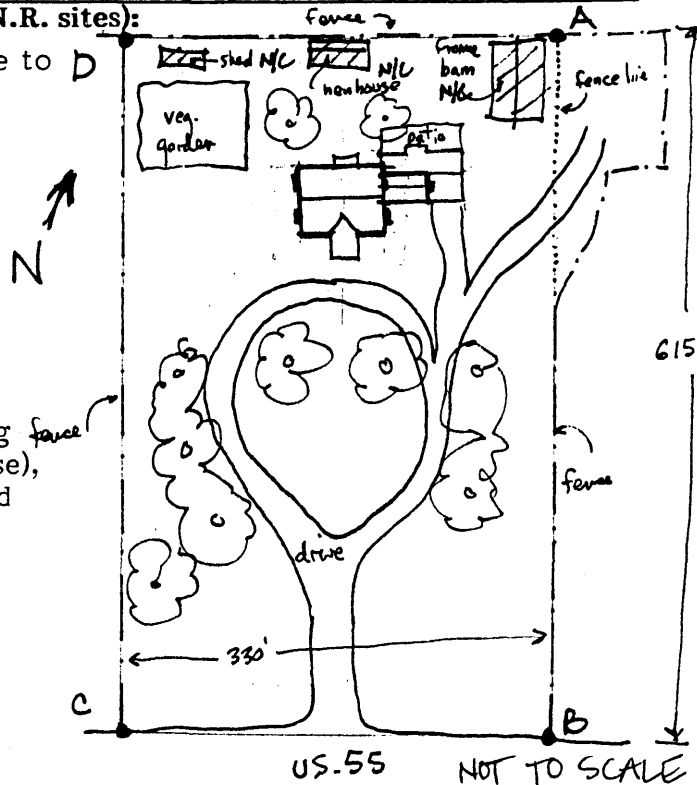
42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 4.84 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: 4.16

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

Beginning at A, south 550' along a fence & fenceline to the northwest side of KY 43, thence west along the north side of said road 330' to C, thence north along a fence 550' to D, thence east along a fence 330' to the point of origin. The boundaries were chosen to include the house and domestic space enclosed by fences and set apart from surrounding fields. There are 3 non-contributing outbuildings

Although the nominated area contains three non-contributing outbuildings (of much more recent construction than the house), these are located a short distance behind the house and could not be excluded from the boundaries without disrupting the relationship of the house to its setting.

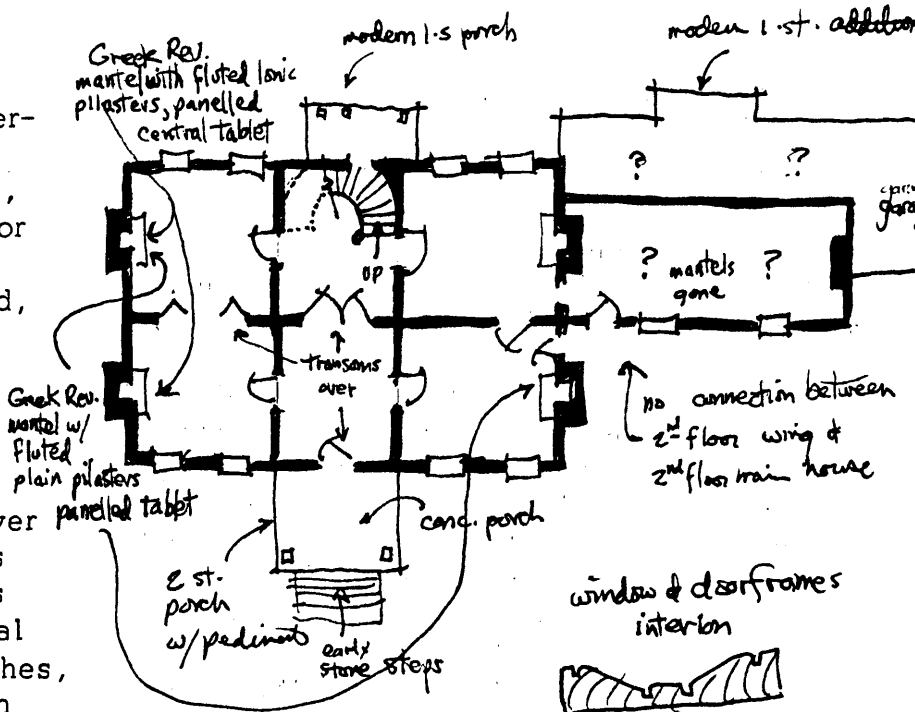
Point A is at the intersection of two fences in the north-eastern corner of the yard, and is 22 ft. east northeast of the northeastern corner of the barn.



45. Description and House Plan:

Exterior:

Originally a 1 1/2-story, 5-bay, center-passage, single-pile plan, raised to 2 stories and made double-pile ca. 1840, joint visible in west gable end, exterior chimneys on both gable ends, later 2-story, 2-bay brick addition on east end, Flemish bond principal (south) facade, common bond on sides and rear, jack arches over 6/6 sash windows, stucco over coursed rubble foundation, 2-story double portico on square posts, covered in aluminum siding, transom over first floor door, transom and sidelights at second floor door, early stone steps leading up to concrete porch, horizontal barred cellar vents with stone jack arches, additions to rear (north) include modern 1-story porch over door and 1-story frame wing appended to the east wing and ex-



13. Statement of Significance: (continued)

Old Stone Inn (Sh-1), a 1-story, stone double-pile building of ca. 1827. The house is also noteworthy as it illustrates the transformation of a 1-story, single-pile, center-passage plan into a major 2-story double-pile structure. The alterations and additions to the house have not affected its significance as a form in its period of significance: 1800-1840.

14. History: (continued)

Chase." A log structure to the north of the house (now demolished) and believed to pre-date the brick structure is said to have served as a "drovers inn." The site is located on the old Shelbyville-Christiansburg Road which was an early north-south pioneer route through the county. Later this became an important transportation route for livestock and other produce that was shipped by train from Christiansburg in northern Shelby County.

45. Description and House Plan: (continued)

tending beyond the house to the north.

Interior:

Little but the plan and the opening locations remains of the original interior with some moldings around doors. Mantels have been removed from east wing, mantel in northwest & south east room has plain pilasters and panelled tablet, mantel in southwest room has fluted Ionic pilasters and a panelled central tablet, pair of doors located in original rear wall of passage retain transom and give access to rear passage of double-pile which contains a spiral staircase in the northwest corner, windows have splayed reveals and panelled aprons, unusual Greek molding with bull's eye corner blocks in ca. 1840 addition, no connection between east wing and main block at second floor level.

Outbuildings:

Non-contributing outbuildings consist of a barn, a hen house, and a storage building of recent construction.

The nominated property includes one contributing building and three non-contributing buildings.