

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES  
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # 104  
Shelby County

1. Name of Resource:  
Froman Fry Farm

2. Original Owner:  
Froman Fry

3. Other Names:  
Unknown

4. Prehistoric Site x Building Object  
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location: South side of KY 714, 1 1/2 miles  
east of Southville

6. Owner's Name:  
Gene A. Snider [ P ]

7. Owner's Address:  
Rte. 3, Taylorsville, KY 40071

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: Agriculture [010]  
Other: [ ]

13. Statement of Significance:  
This property is significant under criteria A and C as both a well-preserved example of an early 19th century (1810-40) 2-story, center-passage, single-pile brick plan in Shelby County and as one of few largely intact farm complexes to survive [A,C]

14. History:  
Property acquired by Benjamin Fry in 1790's. Owned by F. Fry in 1882.

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: 1976 KY Historic Resources Inventory Form; Atlas of Henry and Shelby Counties, KY, 1882.

16. Date:  
Original Building ca. 1830-40 [ 7 ]  
Addition [ 5 ]

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 x Double Pile 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 [ S ]

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

27. Special Features:  
None

28. Outbuildings: Log barn, frame barn,  
Slave house, cellar [ 4 ]

29. Original Function:  
Residential/Domestic, single dwell [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:  
19 22 - 24  
20 1 - 10

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: Mount Eden 16 6 6 1 1 0 0 4 2 2 0 4 4 0 40. Coordi. Accuracy [ ]

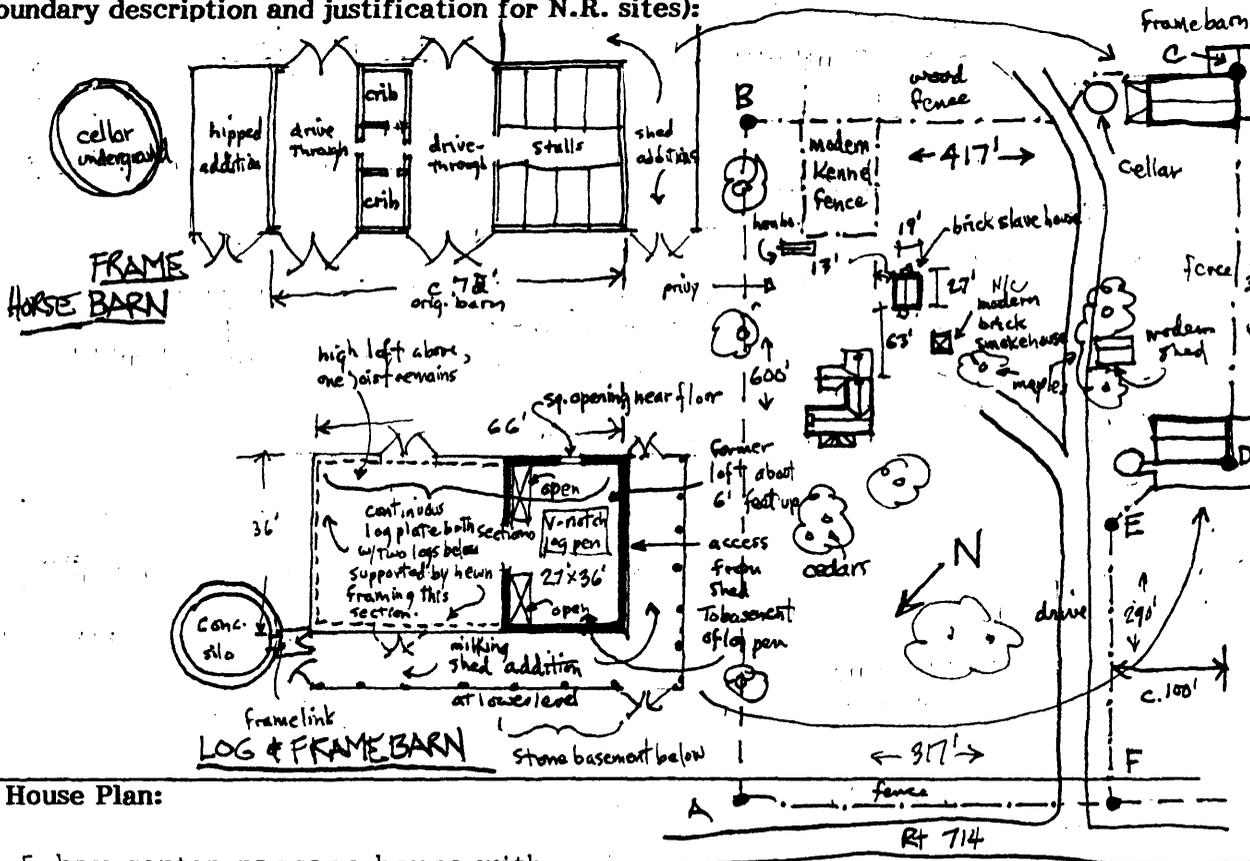
41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):

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

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 155 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: 2.26

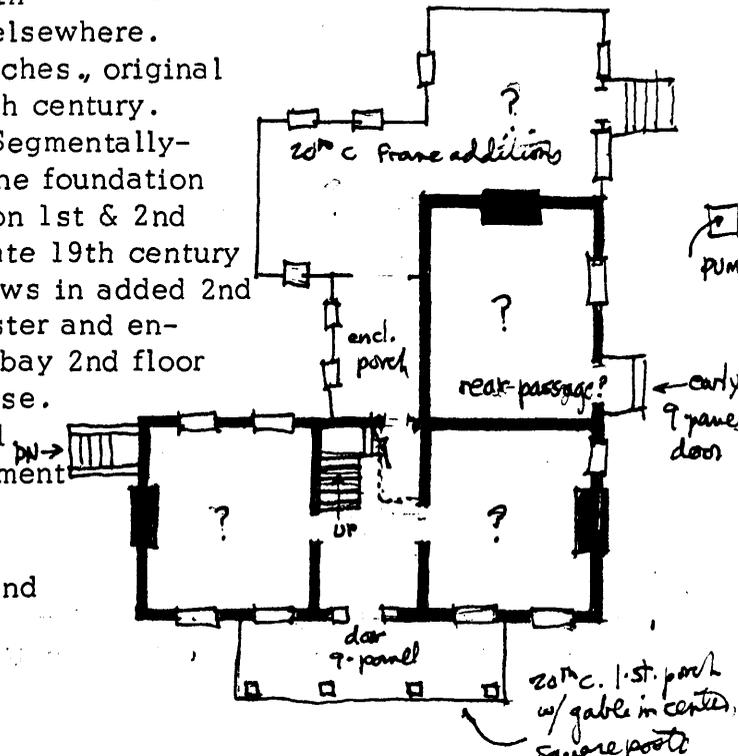
44. Site Plan (and boundary description and justification for N.R. sites):

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NOT TO SCALE



45. Description and House Plan:

Exterior: Two-story, 5-bay center-passage house with Flemish bond front (NW) and 5-course common bond elsewhere. Asphalt shingle roofing, 6/6 sash windows w/jack arches, original box cornice with gable end returns added in early 20th century. Garret windows flank slightly projecting chimneys. Segmentally-headed basement vents w/splayed jack arches in stone foundation under each window, molded backbands all openings on 1st & 2nd floors. 1-story integral ell raised to two stories in late 19th century or early twentieth century. Segmentally arched windows in added 2nd floor w/2/2 sash. Greek Revival front door with pilaster and entablature, sidelights and transom. Window in center bay 2nd floor slightly off center. Basement at east corner main house. 20th century frame one-story addition at SE end of ell. Enclosed one-story porch along NE side of ell. Basement extends under entire front section.



The nominated area includes five contributing and three non-contributing buildings.

## 13. Statement of Significance: (continued)

from the period. 12 houses of the same material and plan were identified in the county from the period. Only 2 other farm complexes with surviving outbuildings are recorded from the period (see Sh-85 and Sh-163). Changes to the house and outbuildings do not effect the integrity of the site. The outbuildings contribute to the site's 19th-century use and form.

## 44. Boundary Description and Justification

Beginning at point A and proceeding southeast 600 feet along a tree line to point B, thence 417 feet southwest along a fence to point C at the south corner of the frame barn, thence 310 feet northwest to point D at northwest corner of log barn, thence 100' north along barn's northwest wall and fence to point E at intersection of fences, thence 270 feet northwest to point F, thence 317 feet northeast along fence to point of origin. The boundaries were drawn to include the domestic and immediate agricultural workspace of the farm, and that space is defined by fences and treelines indicating former fences. The property includes the house and four contributing outbuildings: a brick slave house, a frame barn and adjacent underground cellar, and a log and frame barn. Non-contributing outbuildings are a frame henhouse, a modern brick smokehouse and a modern shed.

Point A is the intersection of a fenceline and a treeline in the northern corner of the yard, and is 300 feet east/northeast of the northernmost edge of the drive and 35 feet south/southeast of the southernmost edge of Rt. 714.

## 45. Description and House Plan: (continued)

Interior: The center passage contains a dogleg open-stringer stair with square balusters, turned newels, and a ramped and eased railing. Single panelled reveals at all doorways, containing 9-panel doors at exterior locations and four-panel doors to rooms flanking passage. Door trim consists of reeded flat trim with bull's eye corner blocks.

Outbuildings: Immediately behind the main house stands a 1-story two-room brick slave house. Although the rear (southwest) wall has been altered, the principal (northeast) front of 2 bays remains, a door into each room. Unlike the other slave houses in the county, this example, apparently the earliest, has a chimney at each end rather than a central one. The large exterior chimneys incorporate stone fireboxes on the exterior. In addition a pair of attic windows flank the north west chimney, the doors have splayed jack arches and beaded batten doors. The interior features plastered brick walls, modern board ceilings, and large segmental arched fireplaces without surviving mantels. It incorporates 6-course common bond brickwork.

To the southwest of the main house and directly in line with the SW gable end is a barn consisting of a log pen (27' x 36') with an adjoining partially framed section (39' x 36'). It stands on a coursed rubble foundation which incorporates a usable space or animal pen under the log pen. The existing barn seems to have been created by removing the lower part of one of the pens in an unusually large double-crib barn. It is the only barn with a lower story, built into a bank, and the only barn with a stone foundation, in the county. The original form would have consisted of 27' x 36' cribs flanking a 12' threshing floor. Modern sheds on the northwest and southwest have been added on a lower level.

Approximately 300 feet directly southeast and in line with the above barn along the side of the main farm road stands a frame barn of later nineteenth century date. The weatherboarded barn originally contained a drive through at one end separated from another drivethrough by a narrow corn crib divided into two sections. On the opposite end of the barn (southwest) a lateral aisle led to eight stalls ranged along each side of the barn. The form of drive/crib/drive stalls is an unfamiliar one and unusual in the region. At the northeast end of the barn a domed cellar is located, raising questions about the function of a cellar so far from the house and near to the barn. Sheds at each end have been added. The barn extends the farm's period of significance to the late 19th century.