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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # Be-70
Boone County

1. Name of Resource:
Chambers, A.E., Octagonal Barn

2. Original Owner:
A. E. Chambers

3. Other Names:
Oak Knoll Farm

4. Prehistoric Site	Building Structure	Object Other
Historic Site		

5. Location:
5009 Petersburg Road
Burlington, KY

6. Owner's Name:
Jack and Mary Lillie []

7. Owner's Address:
5009 Petersburg Road
Burlington, KY

8. Evaluation: National Register []

9. Recognition & Date:
 Nat.Landmark _____ Local Landmark _____
 Nat.Register _____ HABS/HAER _____
 Highway Marker _____ KY Inventory 1977
 KY Landmark Certificate _____

10. N.R.Status & Date:

11. N.R.Group:
 District Name: []
 Mult.Resource Area: Boone County []
 Thematic Name: []

12. Historical Theme:
 Primary: Architecture []
 Secondary: Agriculture []
 Other: []

13. Statement of Significance:
 This property is significant under criterion C as a good, well-preserved example of the vogue in the period 1860-1880 for octagonal form buildings. The best-preserved of only two octagonal form buildings identified in Boone County, this barn is of local significance.
The property is also significant []

14. History: under criterion A as a good example of a specialized agricultural outbuilding in the period 1870-1900.
 The owner indicated in the 1883 atlas was A. E. Chambers.

16. Date:
 Original Building c. 1870s []
 Addition []

17. Style:
 vernacular []

18. Architect/Builder: unknown

19. No. of Stories: N/A []

20. Original Floor Plan:
 cross-axis []

21. Single Pile Double Pile N.A. X

22. Roof Form & Material: Original X
 octagonal/asph. shingle Not Original

23. Structural Material:
 wood frame []

24. Exterior Material:
 board-and-batten []

25. Foundation Material:
 fieldstone []

26. Major Alterations: None X
 Moved/Rebuilt Other

27. Special Features:
 axial, not central feeding of livestock

28. Outbuildings:
 five []

29. Original Function:
 livestock and hay barn []

30. Present Use: none []

31. Condition: fair []

32. Endangered: Yes X
 the barn is leaning southeast No

33. Attach Photos:
 Roll: 2 Photo Nos: 3-6 No. of Slides:
 16 8
 17 22 & 23

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: William Conrad

34. Prepared by: Kenneth T. Gibbs
 35. Organization: Boone Co. Hist. Pres. Rev. Bd.
 36. Date: September 1986
 37. New Survey _____ Resurvey X

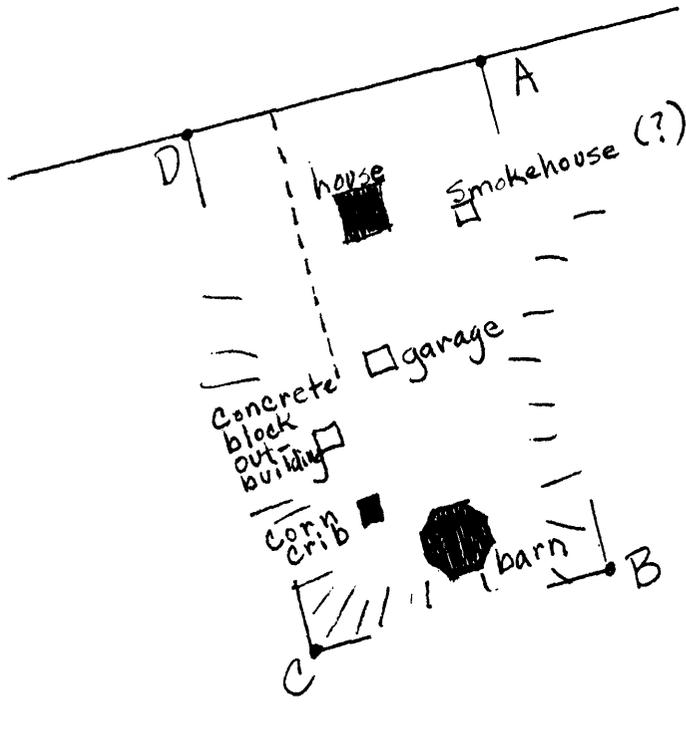
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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone 16 Easting 689100 Northing 4326500
 39. G.I.S. Mod. []
 40. Coordi. Accuracy []
 41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):

A. _____ D. _____
 B. _____ E. _____
 C. _____ F. _____

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 2.192 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: 2.192
 44. Site Plan (and boundary description and justification for N.R. sites):



The boundary follows the property line and is referred to as parcel 16-01A by the tax maps. The boundary, shown by points A, B, C, and D, is a rectangle approximately 200' x 475'. It includes the barn, the farmhouse, and four outbuildings, as well as sufficient acreage to provide a setting. Boundary D-A is on the south side of Petersburg Road.

Contributing: 2 buildings (octagonal barn, farmhouse)
 1 Structure (corncrib)
 Noncontributing: 3 buildings (garage, concrete block outbuilding, smokehouse)

45. Description and House Plan:

Although octagonal barns were devised to permit efficient feeding of livestock from the center of the structure, the two barns built in Boone County were planned for cross-axis feeding. The main axis of the A. E. Chambers octagonal barn extends southward from the main door on the north face. The silo, on the southeast face of the barn, seems to have been added at a later time, perhaps when the barn was adapted for dairy cattle.

The barn is capped with a cupola-like, louvered air vent. The louvers of the vent have deteriorated, as have the solid shutters of other openings and the board-and-batten covering of the building. Also, portions of the fieldstone foundation have been replaced with concrete blocks. Although several walls are leaning noticeably toward the silo, the barn may be structurally sound.

The barn is complemented by the contemporary frame farmhouse and four outbuildings between the barn and house. The two-story, gabled, T-form house has recently been vinyl-sided, although the decorative wooden porches flanking the stem of the T remain, and the windows have been replaced with aluminum versions. The stem of the T faces Petersburg Road (north), and there are matching 1-story porches, decorated with wooden jigsaw work, in the angles of the T. A 1-story octagonal bay lights the main parlor, in the stem of the T. A 1-story, frame addition was constructed at the south end of the house in the 1970s. The farmhouse contributes to the significance of the property in that it was both the residence of the original owners and the center of the family-run farm.

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45. Description and House Plan: (Continued)

The other outbuildings include a late 19th century frame corn crib, a concrete block shed, an early 20th century frame garage, and a small frame outbuilding used perhaps as a smokehouse. Although the corn crib, consisting of 2 cribs flanking an open central bay, with gable roof covered with standing-seam metal, appears to have been erected after the period of significance of the property, it contributes to the setting by illustrating the variety of uses required in 19th century agricultural outbuildings in Boone County.

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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 88003268

Date Listed: 2/7/89

A. E. Chambers Octagonal Barn
Property Name

Boone
County

KY
State

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 Arduus

Signature of the Keeper

2/7/89

Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

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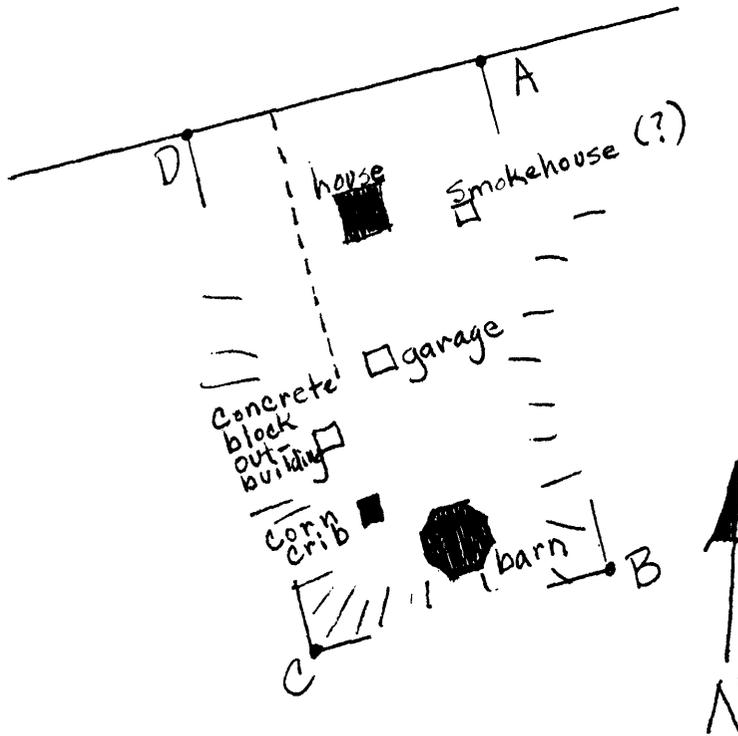
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