

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory FormsResource # MS-403
Mason County

<p>1. Name of Resource: <u>Durrett House</u></p> <p>2. Original Owner: <u>Richard Durrett</u></p> <p>3. Other Names: <u>Kenton Ash Farm</u></p> <p>4. Prehistoric Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Historic Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure Object <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>5. Location: <u>1/2 mile southwest of Clarks Run Road, 1/2 mile west of U.S. 68 at Washington</u></p> <p>6. Owner's Name: <u>Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Shaw</u> [P]</p> <p>7. Owner's Address: <u>Washington, Kentucky</u></p> <p>8. Evaluation: <u>National Register</u> [NR]</p> <p>9. Recognition & Date: Nat. Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> Local Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> Nat. Register <input type="checkbox"/> HABS/HAER <input type="checkbox"/> Highway Marker <input type="checkbox"/> KY Inventory <input type="checkbox"/> <u>KY Landmark Certificate</u></p> <p>10. N.R. Status & Date: <u>N/A</u></p> <p>11. N.R. Group: District Name: [] Multi Resource Area: [] Thematic Name: []</p> <p>12. Historic Theme: Primary: <u>Architecture</u> [030] Secondary: [] Other: []</p> <p>13. Statement of Significance: <u>Very substantial and unusual house of early date with variation of regionally popular dwelling form.</u> [C]</p> <p>14. History: <u>Mrs. Shaw: Richard Durrett bought the house from Simon Kenton in 1801. It was sold by descendants in 1963. A 19th century calling card was addressed to (Continued on Page 2)</u></p> <p>15. Source of historic information and/or contact person: <u>Alice Shaw Calvert & Klee, The Towns of Mason County p. 37</u></p>	<p>16. Date: (1800-1810) <u>Original Building: 1st Qtr, 19th C. [8]</u> <u>Additional: []</u></p> <p>17. Style: <u>Vernacular</u> [2V] []</p> <p>18. Architect/Builder: <u>Unknown</u></p> <p>19. Number of Stories: <u>Two</u> [2.0]</p> <p>20. Original Floor Plan: <u>Two-Room</u> [CU]</p> <p>21. Single Pile <input type="checkbox"/> Double Pile-X <input type="checkbox"/> NA</p> <p>22. Roof Form & Material: <u>Gable, Wood Shingles</u> Original-X Non Original</p> <p>23. Structural Material: <u>Brick</u> [B]</p> <p>24. Exterior Material: <u>Brick</u> [B]</p> <p>25. Foundation Material: <u>Stone</u> [S]</p> <p>26. Major Alterations: <u>None</u> <u>Moved/Rebuilt</u> Other <u>Additions-X</u></p> <p>27. Special Features: <u>Six-bay Facade</u></p> <p>28. Outbuildings: <u>Stone Washhouse & Meathouse (1911) [2]</u></p> <p>29. Original Function: <u>Single Dwelling</u> [01A]</p> <p>30. Present Use: <u>Single Dwelling</u> [01A]</p> <p>31. Condition: <u>Excellent</u> [E]</p> <p>32. Endangered: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X</p> <p>33. Attach Photos: Roll: <u>53</u> Photo Nos: <u>2-18</u> No. of Slides:</p> <p>34. Prepared by: <u>G. & C. Worsham</u></p> <p>35. Organization: <u>BTADD (P)</u></p> <p>36. Date: <u>October, 1989</u></p> <p>37. New Survey <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Resurvey <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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38. UTM Point of Primary Building:	Zone	Easting	Northing	39. G.I.S. Mod.	[]
Quadrant: Mayslick	17	253920	4278420	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: _____ 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary _____

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

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William Durrett at "Kenton Ash".
Calvert & Klee: Richard is said to have built the house in 1801. He was a preacher and a race track owner (as well as a farmer). Camp meetings were held on the race track during the tenure of his son Paul.
Atlas of Mason County, Kentucky: Owned by R. Durrett in 1876.

45. Description and House Plan:

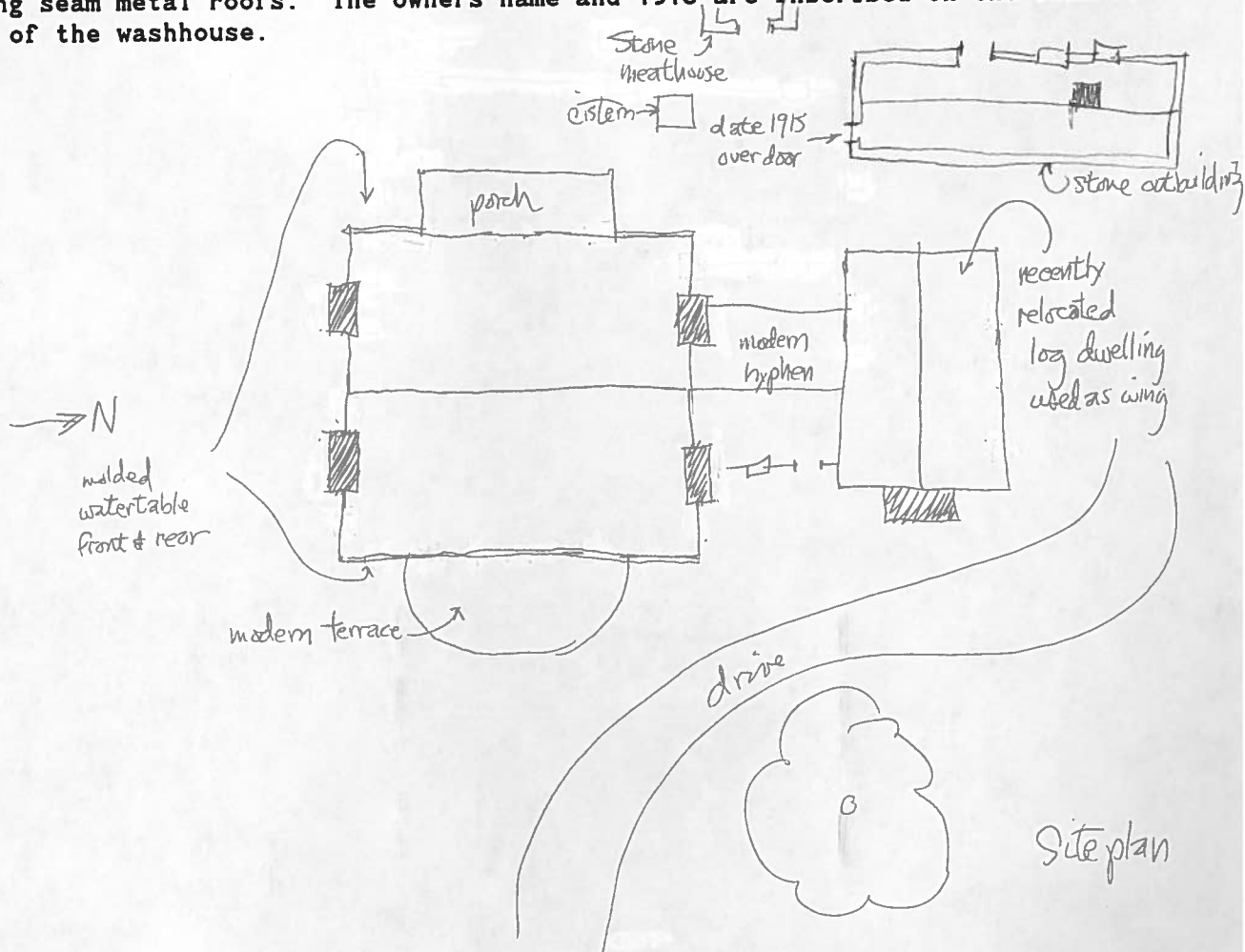
Brick two-story six-bay double-pile two-room dwelling with complex floor plan, two exterior chimneys on each side wall, high gabled roof, molded brick cornice, 12/12 sash windows with added concrete sills and lintels, replaced sash, pair of raised panel six-panel doors in center bays of south (front) facade. Eastern door is original, and has vertical beaded board interior and pintle hinges, as does the door in the center of the three-bay north facade. There is a molded brick water table on the north and south fronts, but only the south front has flemish bond brickwork, while the remaining walls are built in American bond. All brickwork has grapevine joints. The north chimney on the east side is corbelled in and out with molded bricks on both sides to avoid a window on the north and to provide a shelf next to the north door on the south. An early 20th century one-story porch across the front has been removed and a brick terrace substituted in recent years. An addition on the east has been removed also and a relocated log house joined to the east wall by a frame hyphen.

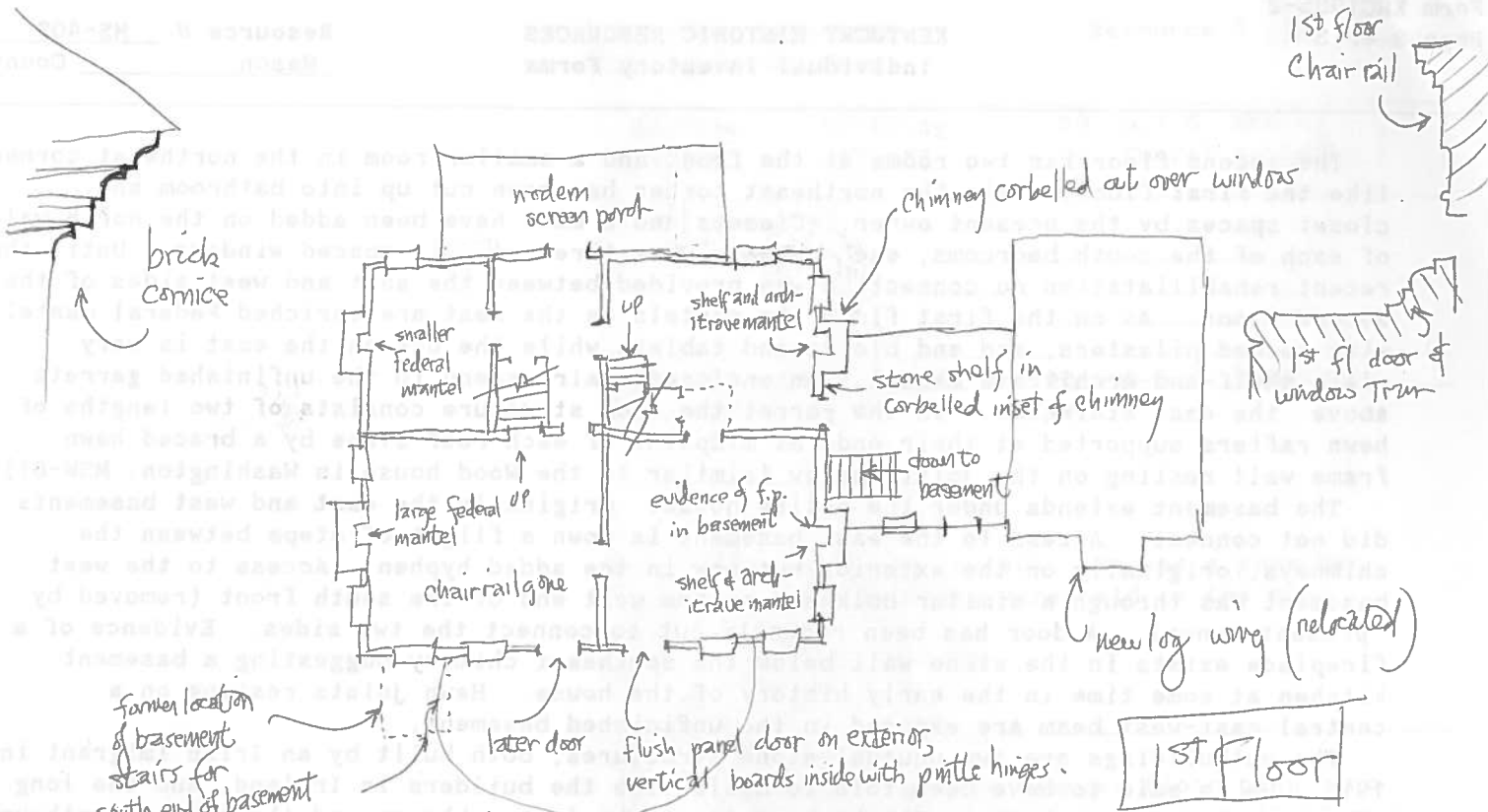
On the interior two large rooms are located inside each of the south doors and separated by a central masonry partition pierced by a door between the two rooms. A door at the rear of the west room gives access to a passage inside the central north door, while a door just beside it gives onto an enclosed stair which rises from the southwest room through the passage. A smaller room is located beside the passage, in the northwest corner. The mantels in the west rooms are both large Federal mantels with reeded pilasters, herringbone reeding on end blocks and a central tablet (The southwest fireplace is the house's largest). There is a full room occupying the space in the northeast corner and having an exterior door between the east chimneys, and interior doors between it and the north passage and the southeast room, as well as a partially enclosed stair in the interior corner. The mantels in the east rooms are similar, simple shelf-and-architrave mantels with paneled frieze and molded shelf. Doors throughout are six-panel doors with raised panels on one side and flush panels on the other. There is a beaded base and molded chairrail throughout the house, except in the southwest room, where it was removed many years ago.

The second floor has two rooms at the front and a smaller room in the northwest corner like the first floor, while the northeast corner has been cut up into bathroom and closet spaces by the present owner. Closets and a bath have been added on the north wall of each of the south bedrooms, each of which has three closely spaced windows. Until the recent rehabilitation no connection was provided between the east and west sides of the second floor. As on the first floor the mantels on the west are enriched Federal mantels with reeded pilasters, and end blocks and tablets while the one on the east is very plain shelf-and-architrave mantel. An enclosed stair ascend to the unfinished garrett above the east staircase. In the garret the roof structure consists of two lengths of hewn rafters supported at their ends at midpoint of each roof slope by a braced hewn frame wall resting on the joists below (similar to the Wood house in Washington, MSW-81).

The basement extends under the entire house. Originally the east and west basements did not connect. Access to the east basement is down a flight of steps between the chimneys, originally on the exterior but now in the added hyphen. Access to the west basement was through a similar bulkhead on the west end of the south front (removed by present owner). A door has been recently cut to connect the two sides. Evidence of a fireplace exists in the stone wall below the southeast chimney suggesting a basement kitchen at some time in the early history of the house. Hewn joists resting on a central east-west beam are exposed in the unfinished basement.

The outbuildings are two unusual stone structures, both built by an Irish imigrant in 1915. He is said to have been told to build like the builders in Ireland, and the long stone meathouse does have an Irish character. The log washhouse and the square meathouse have standing seam metal roofs. The owners name and 1915 are inscribed on the concrete door lintel of the washhouse.

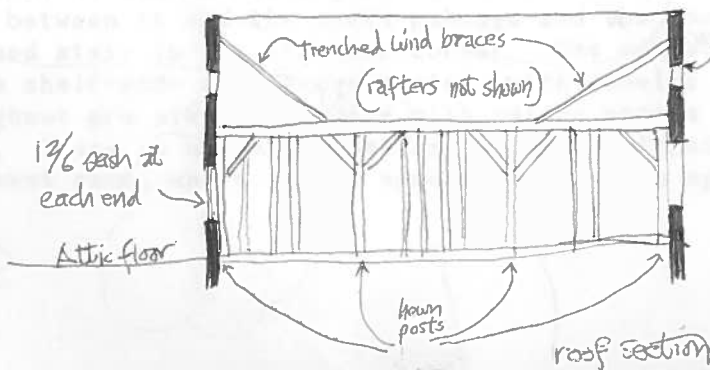
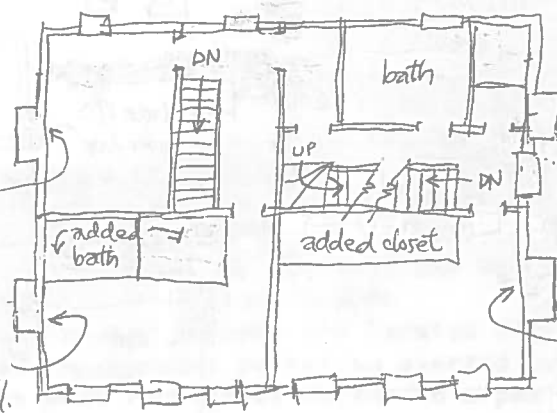




former location of basement stairs for south end of basement (not connected with north half until recently).

late 17th c porch gone

Federal mantel like those on 1st fl.



tiny casement in upper attic each end.

