

Historic Resources of Hardin County

Historic Name: Melton House (HD-208)
Common Name: Melton House

Classification: Building

Owner: Mr. Leslie Wilmoth, Route 2, Elizabethtown, KY 42701.

Location: On KY 1904 two miles east of KY 1375.

<u>Contributing:</u>		<u>Non-Contributing:</u>	
Buildings	1	Buildings	0
Structures	0	Structures	0
Sites	0	Sites	0
<u>Total:</u>	1	<u>Total:</u>	0

Description:

The Melton House is a two-story log and frame residence built ca. 1820 and remodeled ca. 1900. The house originally was built in a double pen, single pile arrangement with an open breezeway and detached rear log kitchen. The exterior logs and breezeway were enclosed with weatherboard ca. 1900 and a frame ell addition was added to connect with the kitchen. On the main (south) facade is a one-story porch added ca. 1900 with square posts. Windows on the first floor are four-over-four sash while those on the upper story are six-over-six. The house has an original exterior end brick chimney on the east facade and a ca. 1940 rebuilt chimney on the west facade. The house has a gable roof of metal standing seam and a stone foundation. The interior retains Federal style fluted mantles with Doric motif pilasters. There are no significant outbuildings.

Period of Significance: ca. 1820; ca. 1900

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The Melton House is a notable example of the evolution of 19th century log residences. Early examples of log construction in the county are rare with most either razed or altered. Those which survive display similar remodelings of the late 19th and early 20th century. This remodeling includes the application of weatherboard siding over the logs, the enclosure of the central breezeway, the addition of a frame rear addition and often new doors and windows. Most alterations of this type occurred from 1860 until 1910.

The Melton House is a good example of this type of architectural progression and displays remodelings from ca. 1900. The house was built ca. 1820 and was remodeled by the Melton family around 1900. The house is one of three remaining structures at the site of Yeagersville, a 19th century community. Since 1900 few alterations have occurred to the residence.

Acreage: 2.4 acres

UTM References: Sonora Quad 16/592425/4161684

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The boundary for the Melton House is illustrated on the accompanying Hardin County property tax map 150, lot 6, and is defined on the northwest, northeast, and southwest by the legal property boundary and on the southeast by Bacon Creek Road. The property includes the house and property sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site but excludes all modern outbuildings to the north and west.

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HD-208, Melton House
Property location
Tax map 150, lot 6
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Boundary

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