Historic Resources of Williamson County

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Historic Name: Wilson, William, House (HDE-17) Classification: Building Common Name: Wilson, William, House

Owner: Jack Scott, 200 Logan Ave., Elizabethtown, KY 42701.

Location: 200 Logan Avenue, Elizabethtown, KY

Contributing:		Non-Contributing:	
Buildings	1	Buildings	0
Structures	0	Structures	0
Sites	0	Sites	0
Total:	1	Total:	0

Description:

The William Wilson House is a one-story, T-plan, Italianate style home built in 1870. The house is a double pile, central passage design brick structure with a hipped and gable roof. On the main (east) facade is a prominent bay window with one-over-one sash windows and label hood molding. A similar bay window is located on the south facade. Other windows are one-over-one and two-over-two sash. The main entrance has an arched recessed doorway with the original glas and frame door. In the half-story gables are arched single pane windows. The house has interior chimneys and a standing seam roof. At the rear of the house are ca. 1900 one-story frame additions. The interior was inaccessible. There are no significant outbuildings.

Period of Significance: 1870-1891

Area of Significance: Commerce/Architecture

Criterion: B and C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The William Wilson House is notable for its association with prominent Elizabethtown businessman William Wilson. The house was built in 1870 for William Wilson, a prominent lawyer and land speculator of Elizabethtown. After the Civil War, Wilson was the local attorney for the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. He became one of the city's most prominent and successful attorneys and invested in land and other commercial enterprises. Wilson purchased a large area to the east and north of Elizabethtown and erected several large structures for resale. This move opened up new residential areas for development and extended the city's boundaries. This house was built as his residence and it is a fine example of the Italianate style. The house has prominent arched windows and bay windows and has not been significantly altered.

Acreage: Less than one acre.

UTM References: Elizabethtown Quad 16/601820/4173010

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The boundary for the William Wilson House is illustrated on the accompanying Hardin County property tax map 221-3, block 9, lot 46, and is defined by a square of which the sides are 50' from the facades of the main house. The boundary includes the house and property sufficient to preserve the historical setting of the site but excludes modern outbuildings to the north.

