

Historic Resources of Hardin County

Historic Name: Hamilton, Hance, House (HD-13) Classification: Building  
Common Name: Hamilton, Hance, House

Owner: Billy Hall, 4821 Imperial Terrace, Louisville, KY 40216.

Location: On Porter Road one mile east of junction of Porter Road and US 62.

<u>Contributing:</u>		<u>Non-Contributing:</u>	
Buildings	2	Buildings	0
Structures	0	Structures	0
Sites	0	Sites	0
<u>Total:</u>	2	<u>Total:</u>	0

Description:

The Hance Hamilton House is a three bay, two-story brick, central passage plan residence built in 1825. At the rear of the house is an unusual two story ell with the first story of brick and the second story of wood construction. The house is of common bond brick, has a stone foundation, exterior end brick chimneys and a gable roof of metal standing seam. Windows are ca. 1970 two-over-two horizontal sash which replaced original nine-over-six sash. Over the windows is brick jack arching. The porch on the main facade was added ca. 1870 and has Doric motif posts resting on added ca. 1970 concrete piers. The main entrance has an original paneled door with a three light transom. At the roofline of the house is a projecting brick cornice with sawtooth corbelling. The most distinctive feature of the house is the large brick arch located in the rear ell. This arch has been enclosed with a ca. 1950 door. On the west facade of the ell is a large brick chimney. Within the ell of the house is a ca. 1930 one-story frame addition. The interior was inaccessible. To the west of the house is an original stone icehouse which is a contributing building.

Period of Significance: 1825

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The Hance Hamilton House is a notable example of a central passage plan ante-bellum brick residence. Constructed in 1825, the house displays features of the Federal period including a corbelled brick cornice and window jack arching. An unusual feature of the house is the large brick arch in the rear ell which tradition states was used as egress for horse and rider. Hance Hamilton was an early settler of the county and the house may have been used as an inn during the years following its construction. A number of legends concerning visitors such as Andrew Jackson and General John Morgan but none have been confirmed. In recent years the house has been remodeled with new windows and porch alterations. Despite these additions the basic plan and form of the house

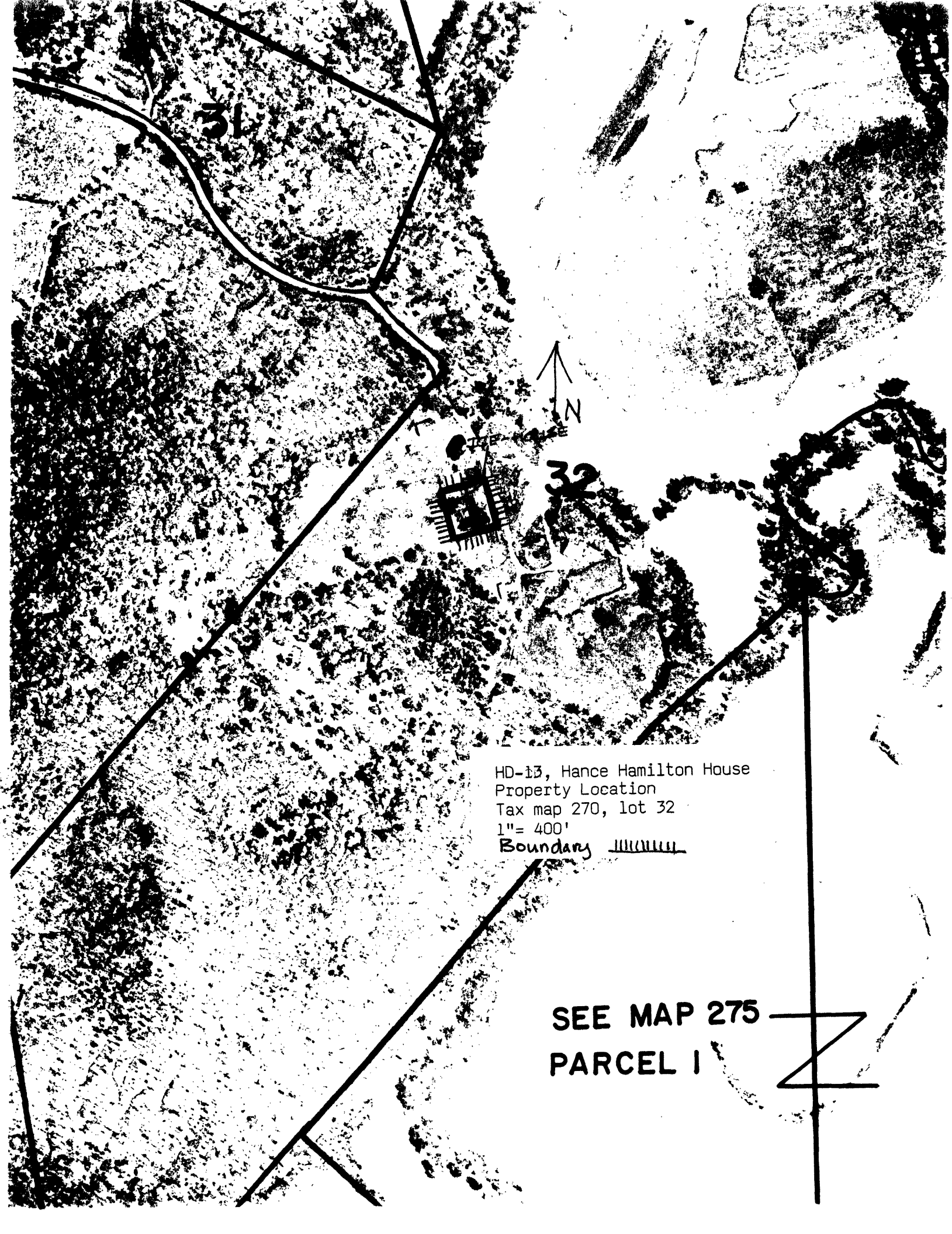
remain including the unique arch in the ell. The stone icehouse at the rear of the residence is one of only two stone outbuildings in the county.

Acreage: Less than one acre.

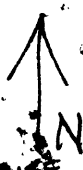
UTM References: Lebanon Junction 16/613972/4179135

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The boundary for the Hance Hamilton House is illustrated on the accompanying Hardin County property tax map 149, lot 1, and the house is centered in a rectangle with 75' to the north, 50' to the west, south, and east. The boundary includes the house and icehouse and excludes modern buildings. The boundary includes property sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site.

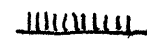


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HD-13, Hance Hamilton House  
Property Location  
Tax map 270, lot 32  
1" = 400'  
Boundary 

SEE MAP 275  
PARCEL 1

