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Historic Resources of Hardin County

Historic Name: (Former) U.S. Post Office (HDE-227) Classification: Building  
Common Name: Public Library

Owner: Library Board, 200 W. Dixie Ave., Elizabethtown, KY 42701.

Location: 200 W. Dixie Ave., Elizabethtown, KY

<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 (Former) U.S. Post Office is a Colonial Revival design one-story brick building constructed in 1931. The building is rectangular in form and located at a prominent downtown corner. The main facade is five bays with the central bay containing the primary entrance. This entrance consists of ca. 1960 doors of frame and glass with engaged Doric columns. The entrance is set within a large arch with a fanlight transom and keystone. Windows flanking this entrance are tripartite six-over-six sash and two-over-two sash with large multi-light arched transoms. Other windows on the facade are eight-over-eight sash. The building rests on a brick foundation with a rusticated stone belt course prominent below the first floor. On the main facade are stone pilaster strips. Windows on the east bay are eight-over-twelve arched sash with multi-light transoms. The building has a hipped roof of slate and stone quoins. The interior has been remodeled but retains original Colonial Revival design woodwork such as modillions and dentils at the ceiling and door surrounds. There are no outbuildings.

Period of Significance: 1931

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: James Wetmore and Louis Simon, Supervising Architects.

Statement of Significance:

The (Former) U.S. Post Office is a notable example of a early 20th century Colonial Revival style governmental building. The building was constructed in 1931 to serve as Elizabethtown's main post office. The building was constructed as part of the public works program of the early 1930s and is a good example of the standard Colonial Revival designs utilized by the postal service in the 1930s. The building was used as the main post office for Elizabethtown until 1967 when it was converted into the public library. The building has not been extensively altered and retains its original architectural design.

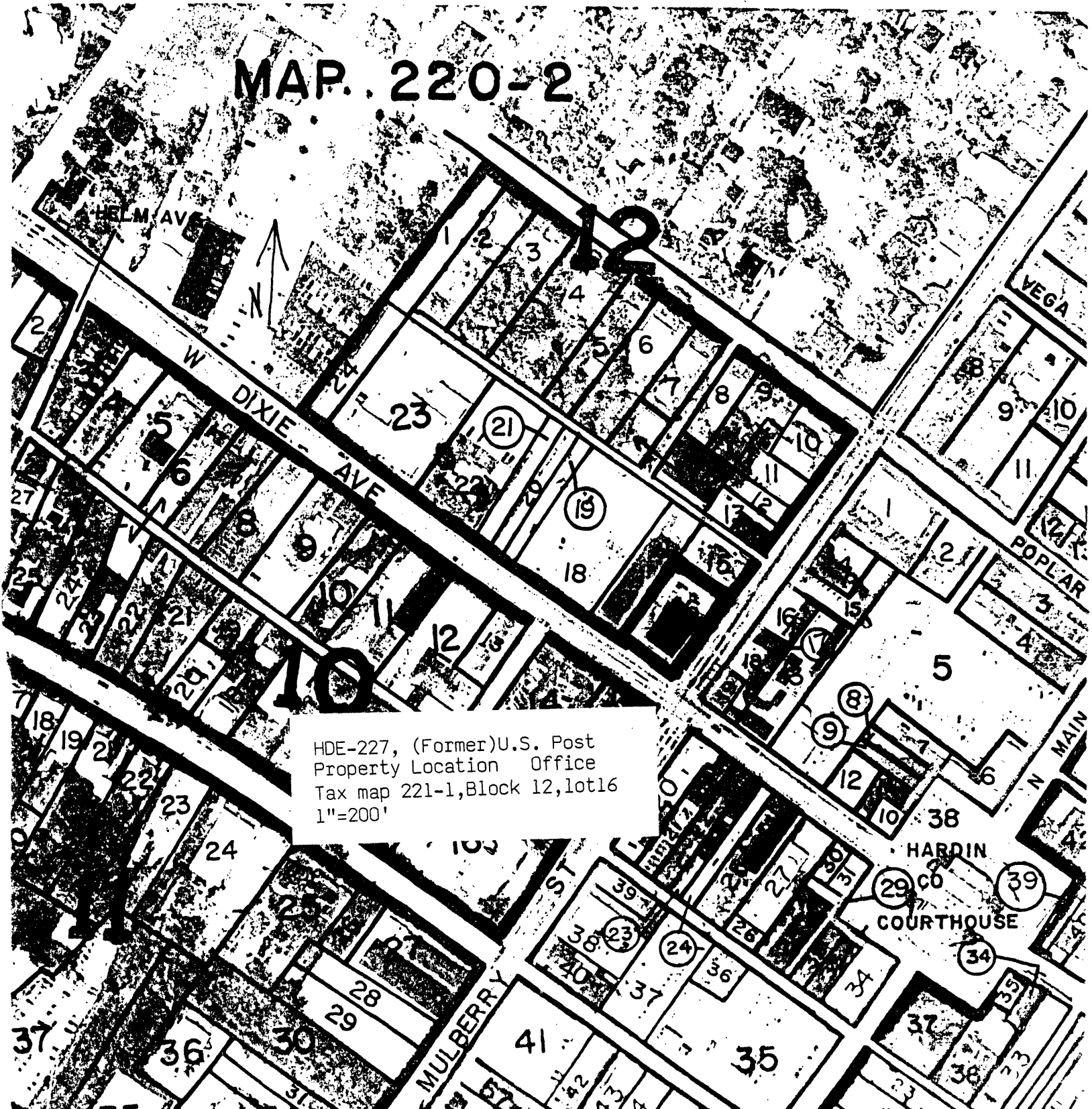
Acreage: Less than one acre.

UTM References: Elizabethtown Quad 16/600630/4172290

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The boundary for the (Former) U.S. Post Office is illustrated on the accompanying Hardin County property tax map 221-1, block 12, lot 16, and is defined by the legal property boundary. The boundary includes the building and property sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site.

MAP. 220-2



HDE-227, (Former) U.S. Post  
Property Location Office  
Tax map 221-1, Block 12, lot 16  
1"=200'