## Historic Resources of Hardin County

<u>Historic Name:</u> Richards-Murray House (HD-190) <u>Classification:</u> Building <u>Common Name:</u> Richards-Murray House

Owner: General Roscoe Murray, Route 7, Elizabethtown, KY 42701.

Location: Corner of KY 1136 and US 31W

| Contributing: |   | Non-Contributing: |   |
|---------------|---|-------------------|---|
| Buildings     | 1 | Buildings         | 2 |
| Structures    | 0 | Structures        | 0 |
| Sites         | 0 | Sites             | 0 |
|               |   |                   |   |
| Total:        | 1 | Total:            | 2 |

## Description:

The Richards/Murray House is one and one-half story gable front and wing, or Tee plan residence constructed ca. 1875 with Italianate detailing. On the main (south) facade is a porch with ca. 1960 wrought iron posts. The main entrance has an original frame door. Windows are two-over-two sash with brick relief arching. In the gable field on the main facade is vergeboard trim and drop pendants. The house has a brick foundation, interior brick chimneys and a gable roof with a composition shingle surface. At the rear of the house is an unusual hipped roof wing with matching windows. Also at the rear is a one-story frame ca. 1940 addition. The interior was inaccessible. Non-contributing outbuildings include a ca. 1960 concrete and ca. 1900 one-story frame washhouse.

Period of Significance: ca. 1875

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

## Statement of Significance:

The Richards/Murray House is a notable example of a brick, gable front and wing or Tee plan residence with Italianate detailing. The house was built ca. 1875 for the Richards family who were prominent farmers in the area. The house is one of only two brick gable front and wing or Tee plan residences built in the rural sections of the county. Both were built by the Richards family and the Richards-Hamm House (HD-189) is located one-half mile west of the Richards-Murray House. Despite the porch alterations the basic plan and detailing of the house is extant.

Acreage: Less than one acre.

UTM References: Sonora Quad 16/659775/4158805

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The boundary for the Richards-Murray House is illustrated on the accompanying Hardin County property tax map 208, lot 22, and is defined by St. Anthony Road on the south and east, and by fencelines to the north and west. The boundary includes the house, a non-contributing outbuilding and garage and property sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site.

