

Historic Resources of Hardin County

Historic Name: Chestnut Grove (HD-5)  
Common Name: Chestnut Grove

Classification: Building

Owner: Robert Cates, Route 2, Box 497, Elizabethtown, KY 42701

Location: Off KY 222, one mile west of Glendale, 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:

Chestnut Grove is a two-story, common bond brick Italianate residence built in 1876. The house was built in a four bay, asymmetrical floor plan with a prominent two-story rear wing. On the main facade is a one-story porch with milled posts, eave vergeboard and dentils. Also on the main facade is a prominent one-story bay window. Windows are arched two-over-two and four-over-four sash with brick relief arching. The bay windows and cornice display bracketed eaves and dentil molding. The main entrance is recessed within a vestibule and has an original arched wood double door. On the south facade is a one-story porch with a shed roof, milled posts and vergeboard decoration. On the north facade is a one-story ca. 1960 frame porch. The house has a brick foundation, interior brick chimneys and gable roof of metal standing seam surface. The interior of the house retains its original cast iron mantles and Italianate design staircase with an ornate newel post and turned balusters. The interior also retains original paneled doors and surrounds. There are no significant outbuildings.

Period of Significance: 1876

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Attributed to builder Joseph Lott.

Statement of Significance:

Chestnut Grove is a notable example of the Italianate style of the late 19th century. Constructed in 1876, the house retains its original asymmetrical form and Italianate detailing such as bay windows, eave brackets and arched windows. The house was constructed for George Washington Smith as a present for his daughter Mary Smith Botts. The house is attributed to builder Joseph Lott who is known to have built the similarly designed Italianate residence Maplehurst (HD-7). Chestnut Grove, Maplehurst and Maple Hill (HD-9) are the most high style Italianate style residences remaining in the rural sections of the county. Chestnut Grove has not been significantly altered since its construction and retains its original design and integrity of site.

Acreage: 2.0 acres

UTM References: Sonora Quad 16/595564/4163645

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The boundary for Chestnut Grove is illustrated on the accompanying Hardin County property tax map 189, lot 2, and is defined on the north and west by fencelines, on the east by a driveway, and on the south by Herbert Crump Road. The boundary includes the house and property sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site.



HD-5, Chestnut Grove  
Property location  
Tax map 189, lot 2  
1"=400'