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## Historic Resources of Hardin County

Historic Name: Skees, William, House (HD-153) Classification: Building  
Common Name: Skees, William, House

Owner: Ron Sallengs, Route 4, Elizabethtown, KY 42701

Location: Off KY 1866 two miles north of KY 720 junction.

<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 William Skees House is a two-story log, double pen residence constructed built ca. 1830. The house was originally built in a double pen and open breezeway design. The house has a one-story log kitchen at the rear and was covered with weatherboard ca. 1880. The house retains its original six-over-six sash windows and wood doors. The kitchen has its original stone chimney but the chimneys on the main house have been removed. The gable roof has a corrugated metal surface. The interior of the house retains original Federal style mantles with Doric pilasters, ca. 1880 four panel doors and an enclosed corner staircase. There are no significant outbuildings.

Period of Significance: ca. 1830

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

### Statement of Significance:

The William Skees House is a notable example of an early 19th century log double pen residence. The house was originally built ca. 1830 in a dogtrot plan with an open breezeway. This breezeway was later enclosed and the entire house covered with weatherboard in the late 19th century. Since ca. 1880 the house has not been altered with the exception of the removal of its stone chimneys. The house is one of the most intact examples of 19th century log construction and illustrates the typical evolution of log county residences.

William Skees settled in the western part of Hardin County ca. 1830 and was the original owner of this two-story log cabin. His family resided here during much of the 19th century. Around 1880 the house was covered with weatherboard siding and the open breezeway was enclosed. The house is one of only a few log structures remaining in the western part of the county. Although the chimneys have been removed it retains its original floor plan and interior detailing.

Acreage: Less than one acre.

UTM References: Summit Quad 16/583235/4151765

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The boundary for the William Skees House is illustrated on the accompanying Hardin County property tax map 92, lot 5, and is defined by fencelines on the north, west, and south, and a driveway on the east. The boundary includes the house and property sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site.

# MAP 76

HD-153, William Skees House  
Property Location  
Tax map 92, lot 5  
1"=400'

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