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Historic Name: Chenault House (HD-222) Classification: Building

Owner: Rudolph Meredith, Route 1, Sonora, KY 42776.

Location: On KY 1375 one and one-half miles north of KY 84.

Contributings:		Non-Contributing:		
Buildings	1	Buildings	0	
Structures	0	Structures	0	
Sites	0	Sites	0	
Total:	1	Total:	0	

Description:

The Chenault House is a two-story brick Federal style residence built ca. 1820. The house was originally built in a hall and parlor plan with a central staircase. This original arrangement was altered in recent years with the addition of a new wall resulting in a central passage plan. The house has a five bay facade, exterior end brick chimneys and one-story original brick ell. The house is of Flemish bond construction with a gable roof of composition shingles and a stone foundation. At the rear of the house is a ca. 1900 frame porch and one-story frame addition. On the main (north) facade is a one-story porch added ca. 1910 with square posts. Windows are original nine-over-six sash on the first story and six-over-six sash on the second story. Windows on both floors have jack arching. The main entrance has a ca. 1930 glass and frame door and original three light transom. The interior retains Federal style fluted mantles with Doric motif pilasters, built in cupboards adjacent to the fireplace and an original corner staircase with square newel posts and balusters. There are no significant outbuildings.

Period of Significance: ca. 1820

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The Chenault House is a notable example of an early 19th century hall and parlor brick residence with Federal detailing. The house is one of the few hall and parlor plan designs known to have been built in the county and although recently altered, its original design is apparent. The house retains jack arching over the windows and interior Federal influenced woodwork. Built ca. 1820, the house is traditionally associated with the Chenault family but the original owner is unknown. With the exception of the porch, entrance and rear frame addition, few other alterations have taken place to the exterior of the house and it retains its original character.

Acreage: 1.8 acres

UTM References: Sonora Quad 16/590732/4158835

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The boundary for the Chenault House is illustrated on the accompanying Hardin County property tax map 151, lot 7, and is defined by fencelines to the south and east, by a driveway to the north, and by KY 1823 to the west. The boundary includes the house and property sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site but excludes modern outbuildings to the north and east.

