Historic Resources of Hardin County

Historic Name: Stader Hotel (HD-74)

Classification: Building

Common Name: Stader Hotel

Owner: Lula Yates, 104 E. Main St., Vine Grove, KY 40175

Location: 104 E. Main St., Vine Grove, KY

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

Description:

The Stader Hotel is a five bay, two story, ca. 1875 Italianate brick structure constructed in an ell plan. On the main (north) facade is a one-story porch with square posts, milled balusters and vergeboard brackets. The main entrance has a glass and frame door with a single light transom and narrow sidelights. On the second story is a similar door which originally opened onto a second story balcony which has been removed. Windows are rectangular two-over-two sash with stone lintels. At the roofline is a wide eave with no significant detailing. The interior retains an original staircase with milled newel post and balusters and cast iron mantles. At the rear of the house is a one-story frame addition added ca. 1920. Also at the rear is a one-story frame ca. 1900 non-contributing shed.

Period of Significance: ca. 1875

Area of Significance: Transportation/Architecture

Criterion: A and C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The Stader Hotel has been nominated under criterion A and C due to its importance as an early railroad hotel and through its architectural character. The village of Vine Grove relocated to this location in the late 1860s to be astride the route of the Illinois Central Railroad. By the mid-1870s the railroad brought many travelers through the town and the Stader Hotel was constructed to take advantage of this rail traffic. The hotel was built directly adjacent to the tracks and near the site of the depot. Vine Grove resident "Doc Smith" appears to have either built the hotel or was an early owner as his name is associated with its early years. The origin of the name "Stader Hotel" is unknown. The hotel remained in operation until after World War I when it became a private residence. The building is presently utilized for shops and a restaurant. The hotel is an important reminder of Vine Grove's dependence on the railroad in its early history. The hotel is also important as the best remaining example of the Italianate style in Vine Grove. It is one of the few

19th century brick buildings constructed in the community and it has not been significantly altered.

Acreage: Less than one acre.

UTM References: Vine Grove Quad 16/589575/4184955

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The boundary for the Stader Hotel is illustrated on the accompanying Hardin County property tax map 118-4, lot 6, and is defined by the legal property boundary. The boundary includes the main building, a non-contributing outbuilding, and property sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site.

