

Historic Resources of Hardin County

Historic Name: Van Meter, Jacob, House (HD-27) Classification: Building
Common Name: Van Meter, Jacob, House

Owner: William H. Jenkins, Route 1, Glendale, KY 42740

Location: On KY 222 six-tenths of a mile west of Glendale, KY.

<u>Contributing:</u>		<u>Non-Contributing:</u>	
Buildings	1	Buildings	0
Structures	0	Structures	0
Site	0	Site	0
<u>Total:</u>	1	<u>Total:</u>	0

Description:

The Jacob Van Meter House was originally a two-story log building constructed in a double pen plan in 1797. The house's main feature was the massive brick chimney constructed on the north facade. This chimney was built with a porthole window and small room for use as a protected opening for defense against Indian attacks. At the rear (east facade) of the house is a one-story frame addition added ca. 1900. The logs of the original section are "V" notched and were covered with weatherboard in the late 19th century. Windows are two-over-two sash and the house has a gable roof of corrugated metal. On the main (west) facade of the house an added ca. 1900 porch has collapsed. The interior retains original four panel doors and vertical board doors. The original mantles have been removed. There are no significant outbuildings associated with the house.

Period of Significance: 1797

Area of Significance: Settlement

Criterion: B

Architect/Builder: Jacob Van Meter-Builder

Statement of Significance:

The Jacob Van Meter House is associated with noted county settler Jacob Van Meter and was built in 1797. Van Meter served as an officer in the Revolutionary War and was on a flotilla of flat boats which came down the Ohio River in 1779 and settled in Kentucky. Van Meter chose this site for his home which he built in 1797. The house was built in a three room Quaker design with a large brick chimney. Within the chimney a small porthole was built to provide a firing station against Indians. Van Meter operated a grist mill and was a prominent farmer amassing a large farm before his death in 1838. The house has been unoccupied for many years and is in poor condition but its basic form and detailing are evident. The house's design and unique detailing make it an important site for study of early log home construction. There are no significant outbuildings associated with the site.

Acreage: Less than one acre.

UTM References: Sonora Quad 16/594500/4163670

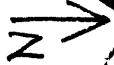
Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The boundary for the Jacob Van Meter House is illustrated on the accompanying Hardin County property tax map 169, lot 8, and is defined by fencelines on the northeast, southeast, and southwest, and by KY 222 on the northwest. The boundary includes the house and property sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site.

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HD-27, Jacob Van Meter House

Property Location

Tax map 169, lot 8

1"=400'

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