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Historic Resources of Hardin County

Historic Name: Morrison Lodge (HDE-48)
Common Name: Morrison Lodge

Classification: Building

Owner: Morrison Lodge, 121 N. Mulberry St., Elizabethtown, KY 42701.

Location: 121 N. Mulberry St., Elizabethtown, 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:

The Morrison Lodge is a three-story brick building constructed in the Arts and Crafts style in 1913. The building was constructed in a rectangular plan with a hipped and monitor roof and stone foundation. On the main facade is an extended metal awning inscribed with the name of the building. The main entrance has original glass and frame doors with structural glass sidelights and a four light stained glass transom. Windows are one-over-one sash with several first and second floor windows displaying transoms of stained glass. At the third story level are small multi-light casement windows. At the eaves of the building are large paired brackets. The roofline features a monitor roof with paired brackets and clerestory casement windows. The interior was not accessible. There are no outbuildings.

Period of Significance: 1913

Area of Significance: Social/Humanitarian/Architecture

Criterion: A and C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The Morrison Lodge is notable for its association with the Morrison F&AM Lodge and its architectural character. The Morrison Lodge No. 76, F&AM was chartered on August 26, 1823 and was one of the first chartered Masonic lodges in Kentucky. Early masters of the Masonic Lodge included Benjamin Helm (HDE-20) and Governor John L. Helm. Throughout the 19th century the Lodge was officered by many of Elizabethtown's leading citizens and it provided assistance to the city's welfare organizations and promoted the business of the community. The lodge has been a notable social organization in Elizabethtown since its founding. In 1913, the lodge constructed this three-story lodge as its headquarters and meeting hall. The building is Hardin County's best example of the commercial Arts and Crafts style and has retained its original detailing. Notable details include the large eave brackets, monitor roof and stained glass at the doorway windows. The building has not been altered since its construction and displays its original character.

Acreage: Less than one acre.

UTM References: Elizabethtown Quad 16/600710/4172370

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The boundary for the Morrison Lodge is illustrate on the accompanying Hardin County property tax map 221-1, block 12, lot 1, and is defined by the legal property boundary. The boundary includes the lodge and property sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site.

MAP. 220-2

HDE-48 Morrison Lodge
Property Location
Tax map 221-1, Block 12, lot 1
1"=200'

