Historic Resources of Hardin County

Historic Name: Bland, John D., House (HD-4) Common Name: Bland, John D., House

Classification: Building

Owner: Mary Mason est., Route 1, Sonora, KY 42776.

Location: On KY 720, two miles west of intersection with KY 84.

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

Description:

The John D. Bland House is a two-story brick, ell shaped, central passage plan residence built in 1860 with Italianate influences. The house is of five bay, common bond brick construction with a one-story frame ca. 1920 addition at the rear and a ca. 1960 brick garage on the west facade. The house has six-over-six windows with brick relief arching. The main entrance has a three light transom, four light sidelights and simple wood cornice. The entrance on the east facade also has a three light transom. At the roofline is a simple cornice. The hipped roof has composition shingles and prominent exterior end brick chimneys. The interior was inaccessible but according to the owner it retains original mantles and staircases. There are no significant outbuildings.

Period of Significance: 1860

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The John D. Bland House is a notable example of a two-story brick, central passage plan, ell shaped residence with Italianate features. Built in 1860, the house was constructed by John D. Bland on land given to him by his father Jesse Bland. The house is one of a series of two-story brick residences constructed in the south section of the county in the mid-19th century. The Bland House is among the best remaining examples of central passage plan brick residences with restrained Italianate detailing such as the arched windows and simple cornice at the entrance. At the rear of the house is a one-story frame addition and on the west facade is a non-contributing one-story ca. 1960 brick garage. Neither of these additions significantly compromise the integrity of the house.

Acreage: Less than one acre.

UTM References: Sonora Quad 16/595955/4151910

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The boundary for the John D. Bland House is illustrated on the accompanying Hardin County property tax map 194, lot 16, and is defined on the north and west by fencelines and on the east and south by lines which connect with the fences and are located fifty feet in each direction from the house. The boundary includes the house, a non-contributing ca.1960 garage attached to the west facade. The boundary contains property sufficient to protet the historical setting of the site.

