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Historic Resources of Hardin County

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Historic Name: May, David L., House (HDE-50) Classification: Building
Common Name: May, David L., House

Owner: John Dorough, 201 N. Main St., Elizabethtown, KY 42701.

Location: 201 N. Main St., Elizabethtown, KY

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

Description:

The David L. May House is a one-story brick residence built in a T-plan in 1886. On the main (west) facade is a one-story porch added ca. 1910 with Doric columns. On the man facade is also a rectangular bay window. The north bay of the porch is enclosed with frame and has one-over-one sash windows. On the south facade is an original porch with chamfered posts and vergeboard brackets. The main entrances display their original glass and frame doors. Windows are one-over-one rectangular sash. The hipped roof displays original iron cresting, a surface of composition shingles and interior brick chimneys. The interior was inaccessible. At the rear of the house is a ca. 1960 non-contributing garage.

Period of Significance: 1886 - ca. 1920

Area of Significance: Commerce/Politics

Criterion: B

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The David L. May House is notable for its association with prominent citizen David L. May. May was a leading citizen of Elizabethtown at the turn of the century serving as state senator in the 1880s and operating a large hotel on the public square. He financed the building of the May Hotel in the late 1870s and operated the business until in burned in 1883. In 1885, May purchased this lot and had this one-story brick building constructed as his residence. May continued to be active in local commerce and helped to form the Elizabethtown Electric Light Company in 1897. This was the first electric company in Elizabethtown and was in business for 17 years until the company was sold. In 1915, May was appointed postmaster of Elizabethtown and served in this capacity until he retired around 1920.

Acreage: Less than one acre.

UTM References: Elizabethtown Quad 16/600830/4172470

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The boundary for the David L. May House is illustrated on the accompanying Hardin County property tax map 221-1, block 13, lot 35, and is defined by the legal property boundary. The boundary includes the house, a non-contributing building, and property sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site.

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