Historic Resources of Hardin County

<u>Historic Name:</u> Richards-Hamm House (HD-189) <u>Classification:</u> Building <u>Common Name:</u> Richards-Hamm House

Owner: Paul Hamm, Route 1, Glendale, KY 42740

Location: On KY 1136 four-tenths of a mile west of US 31W.

| Contributing: | | Non-Contributing: | |
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| Buildings | 3 | Buildings | 0 |
| Structures | 0 | Structures | 0 |
| Sites | 0 | Sites | 0 |
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| Total: | 3 | Total: | 0 |

Description:

The Richards-Hamm House is a ca. 1875, one and one-half story gable front and wing or Tee plan residence with Italianate detailing and a rear wing. On the main (south) facade is a porch with ca. 1960 wrought iron posts. The main entrance has an original four panel wood door, two light transom and four light sidelights. A modern storm door has been added at this entrance. At the corners of the house are brick quions painted white. Windows on the first story are floor to ceiling design, of original four-over-four sash and display brick relief arching. The house has a brick foundation, interior end brick chimneys and a gable roof with a metal standing seam surface. Some brick repointing has taken place on the main facade of the projecting gable. At the rear of the house is a one-story frame ca. 1910 addition. The house has two outbuildings; a one-story frame gable roof servant's quarters with a brick chimney and a one-story frame coalhouse. Both buildings were constructed ca. 1875.

Period of Significance: ca. 1875

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The Richards-Hamm House is a notable example of a gable front and wing or Tee plan residence with Italianate detailing constructed in the late 19th century. The house was built ca. 1875 for the Richards family who were prominent farmers in the area. The house is one of only two examples of brick one and one-half story Tee plan residences built in the county. The other example was also built by the Richards family (HD-190) which is located one-half mile east of the Richards-Hamm House. The Richards-Hamm House displays its original Italianate features such as arched windows and quoining. Despite the porch alterations the basic plan and detailing of the house remains extant. The house also retains two contributing outbuildings.

Acreage: 1.1 acres

UTM References: Sonora Quad 16/599290/4158944

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The boundary for the Richards/Hamm House is illustrated on the accompanying Hardin County property tax map 208, lot 17, and is defined by fencelines on the northeast and southeast, by a driveway on the northwest, and by St. Anthony Road on the southwest. The boundary includes the house, two contributing outbuildings, and property sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site.

