

AUG 26 1988

Historic Resources of Hardin County

Historic Name: Embry Chapel Church (HDE-24) Classification: Building
Common Name: Embry Chapel Church

Owner: Congregation, 117 Mulberry St., Elizabethtown, KY 42701.

Location: 117 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 Embry Chapel Church is a one-story brick church constructed in the Romanesque Revival style in 1868. The church is three bays wide on the main facade with the central projecting bay containing a square bell tower. This bay contains the original arched entrance with a two light transom and ca. 1970 metal doors. Above the arched entrance is a row of corbelled brick and a circular window which has been enclosed. Windows on the church are arched, contain stained glass and are recessed within brick bays divided by pilasters. At the roofline are rows of corbelled brick and rectangular brick panels. The small bell tower on the main facade was added ca. 1891 and has a roof gable with fish scale shingles and eave vergeboard. The tower has a pyramidal roof and arched louvered vent windows. The church has a gable roof of metal standing seam. At the rear of the church is a ca. 1970 one-story frame addition.

Period of Significance: 1868/1891-1935

Area of Significance: Black History/Architecture

Criterion: A and C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The Embry Chapel Church is notable for its role in Black history and as an example of the Romanesque Revival style. The church was built in 1868 to house the congregation of the Second Presbyterian Church. This congregation broke off from the First Presbyterian Church over differences caused by the Civil War. The church was built in the Romanesque Revival style with large rounded arch windows, doors and extensive corbelled brickwork. This church was sold to the local African Methodist Episcopal congregation in 1891. This congregation was formed in 1865 and met in a small frame church (now demolished) before acquiring this property. The congregation is one of the largest serving the black community during the 20th century. The church has not been significantly altered and the added rear addition does not visually impact the church from the major facades.

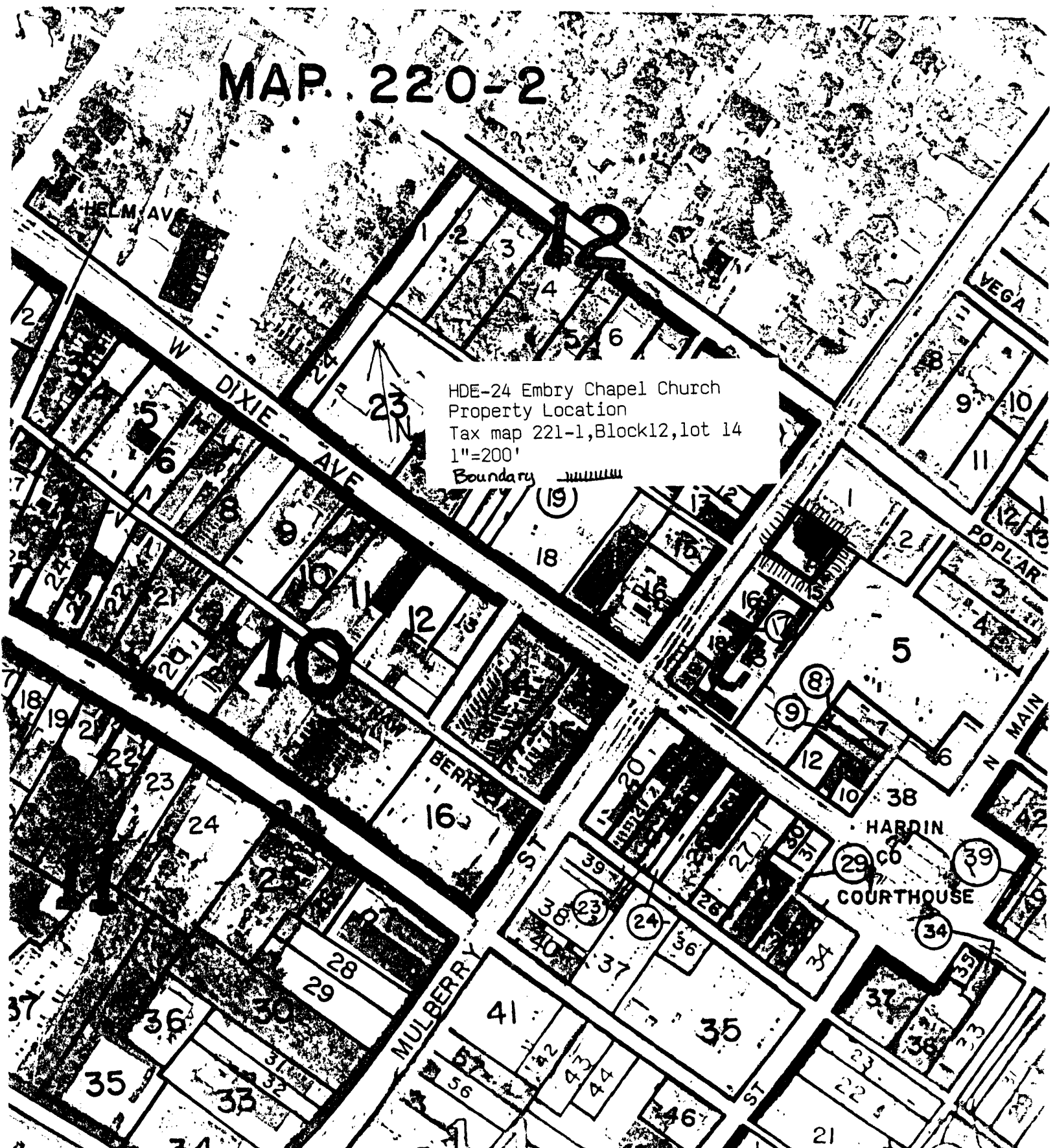
Acreage: Less than one acre.

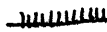
UTM References: Elizabethtown Quad 16/600690/4172350

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The boundary for the Embry Chapel Church is illustrated on the accompanying Hardin County property tax map 221-1, block 12, lot 14, and is defined by the legal property boundary. The boundary includes the church and property sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site.

MAP. 220-2



HDE-24 Embry Chapel Church
Property Location
Tax map 221-1, Block 12, lot 14
1"=200'
Boundary 

HARDIN
COURTHOUSE