Historic Resources of Hardin County

Historic Name: Raine, John, House (HD-60) Classification: Building Common Name: Raine, John, House

Owner: William Chenault est., c/o Mrs. Connie Copelin, Sonora, KY 42776.

Location: KY 84, eastern city limits of Sonora, KY.

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

Description:

The John Raine House is a one-and-one-half story frame, central passage plan house with both Gothic Revival and Italianate influenced detailing. The house was built in an ell plan, has a gable roof with a metal standing seam surface and interior chimneys. On the main (west) facade is a prominent gable roof porch with original square posts. At the eaves of the house and porch is vergeboard in a fleur-des-lis motif design. The main entrance features an original Italianate design glass and wood door and arched sidelights. Flanking the entrance is board and batten siding while the rest of the house has weatherboard siding. Windows are paired four-over-four rectangular sash with bracketed cornices. Windows on the second story of the main section are arched six-over-six sash. At the rear of the house on the east and south facades is a one-story porch with replacement ca. 1970 concrete block posts. The porch post replacement is the only alteration to the home. The interior was inaccessible. There are no significant outbuildings.

Period of Significance: 1868 - ca. 1880

Area of Significance: Architecture/Commerce

Criterion: B and C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The John Raine House has been nominated under criterion B and C due to its association with noted Sonora resident John Raine and through its architectural character. Raine moved to Hardin County in 1822 and was involved in merchandising and farming. He served as county coroner in 1838 and was elected deputy sheriff of the county in 1840. During the Civil War, Raine moved to Louisville where he prospered with his wholesale shoe business and returned to Sonora in 1868 when he built this two-story frame residence. Raine again was active in local farming and commerce and served as postmaster of Sonora in the 1870s. The house is a notable example of both Gothic and Italianate influences with the combination of the Gothic vergeboard trim and Italianate design doors and windows. It is one of the few frame Italianate design homes built in the county and has not been significantly altered.

Acreage: 2.2 acres

UTM References: Sonora Quad 16/598095/4153405

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The boundary for the John Raine House is illustrated on the accompanying Hardin County property tax map 210-2, lot 69, and is defined by fencelines on the north and west, by driveways on the east and south, and by Western Avenue on the south. The boundary includes the main house and property sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site but excludes modern or altered outbuildings to the east and north.

