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## Historic Resources of Hardin County

<u>Historic Name:</u> Skees, Richard, House (HD-220) <u>Classification:</u> Building Common Name: Skees, Richard, House

Owner: Jerome Peerce, Route 1, Glendale, KY 42740.

Location: On Jerome Peerce Road off KY 1823.

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

## Description:

The Richard Skees House is a two-story log and frame residence built ca. 1835 and remodeled ca. 1860. The house originally was built in a double pen, single pile arrangement with an open breezeway. The exterior logs and breezeway were enclosed with weatherboard ca. 1860 and a frame two-story addition was added ca. 1900. On the main (south) facade is a one-story porch added ca. 1900 with square posts. On the east facade is a small one-story porch with milled posts added ca. 1900. Windows on the first floor are nine-over-six sash while those on the upper story are six-over-six. Windows in the rear ell are four-over-four sash. The main entrance has a ca. 1860 wood door with a six light transom and five light sidelights. The house has large exterior end stone chimneys, a gable roof of composition shingles and a stone foundation. The interior was not accessible. There are no significant outbuildings.

Period of Significance: ca. 1835; ca. 1860; ca. 1900

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

## Statement of Significance:

The Richard Skees House is a notable example of 19th century log residence progression and evolution. The original two-story log section was constructed in 1835 with an open breezeway. Later around ca. 1860 the logs were covered with weatherboard and the open breezeway enclosed. Additional changes occurred around 1900 when a rear two-story frame addition was added. This progression of additions and enclosures was typical of log structures in the county in the 19th century and the Richard Skees House is illustrative of this form.

The house was built on the site of a previous log home built for Richard Skees in 1817. In 1835, his descendants had this two-story log home constructed which has been attributed to an unknown slave carpenter. The house was covered with weatherboard ca. 1860 with the main entrance displaying simple Greek Revival

detailing. Since 1900, few alterations have occurred to the house and it displays its 19th century plan and form.

Acreage: 1.15 acres

UTM References: Sonora Quad 16/589856/4158837

## Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The boundary for the Richard Skees House is illustrated on the accompanying Hardin County property tax map 130, lot 1, and is defined by fencelines on the northwest, northeast, and southeast, and by Jerome Pierce Road on the southwest. The boundary includes the house and property sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site but excludes modern outbuildings to the north and east.

