

Historic Resources of Hardin County

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Historic Name: Helm, John B., House (HDE-18) Classification: Building
Common Name: Helm, John B. House

Owner: Mr. William Harris, 210 Helm Ave., Elizabethtown, KY 42701.

Location: 210 Helm Avenue, 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 John B. Helm House is a one and one-half story Federal style brick residence built ca. 1825. The house was built in a central passage plan with an rear one-story ell. On the main (south) facade is an original Federal style arched doorway with an elliptical transom and three light sidelights. On the east facade is a similar doorway with matching detailing. Windows are six-over-six sash with jack arching. The house is of Flemish bond construction with a gable roof of composition shingles and interior end brick chimneys. At the rear of the house are ca. 1940 enclosed porches which are not visible from the major facades. At the roofline on the south and east facades are ca. 1920 shed roof dormers with six light windows and exposed rafters. The interior retains original Federal style fluted mantles and built in cupboards. There are no outbuildings.

Period of Significance: ca. 1825 - ca. 1840

Area of Significance: Commerce

Criterion: B

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The John B. Helm House is notable for its association with prominent Elizabethtown attorney and businessman John B. Helm. The house was built ca. 1825 for John B. Helm whose father and grandfather were some of the earliest settlers of Hardin County. Helm attended Hardin Academy and later became a prominent attorney and businessman of the town. He ran the well known mercantile store known as Helm and Green on the public square and was also a well known attorney. Around 1825 he built this brick Federal residence on a farm adjacent to his brother, Benjamin Helm (HDE-20). Helm later built a three-story brick building on the public square for his business but this structure no longer stands. Helm later moved to Missouri around 1840 where he served as a prominent attorney and judge. The house retains its original design and Federal style doorways. However, the introduction of dormer windows on each facade and other alterations renders the house ineligible under criterion C.

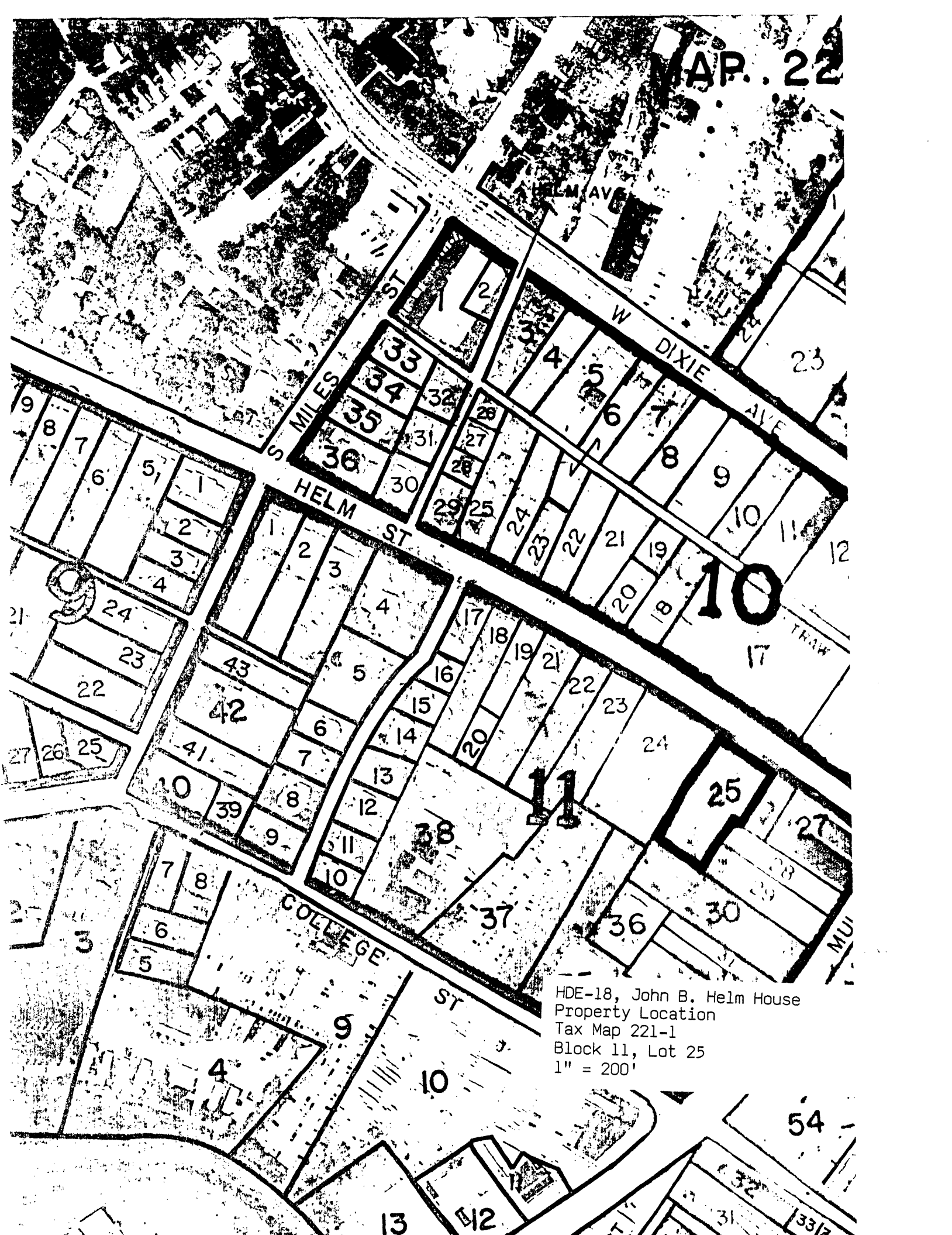
Acreage: Less than one acre.

UTM References: Elizabethtown Quad 16/600430/4172150

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The boundary for the John B. Helm House is illustrated on the accompanying Hardin County property tax map 221-3, block 11, lot 25, and is defined by the legal property boundary. The boundary includes the house and property sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site.

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HDE-18, John B. Helm House
 Property Location
 Tax Map 221-1
 Block 11, Lot 25
 1" = 200'