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Name: Dabney Post Office (PU-44)

Owner: Mrs. Maggie Pryce Route # 3, Box 190 Somerset, KY 42501 Location: Route 39 Classification: Building

<u>Description</u>: The Dabney Post Office is a one-story frame structure with weatherboard siding located at the junction of Route 39 and County Road 1317. The building is rectangular in shape with a metal gable roof and is three bays wide on the main elevation. Windows are two-over-two sash with attached four paneled wooden shutters. The building rests on a cut stone foundation. The interior is composed of open space with counters and shelved flanking a central aisle. There are no outbuildings associated with the structure.

<u>Significance</u>: The Dabney Post Office is one of the few vernacular frame structures which served as a community store and post office in the county. This type of building was often the center of community activities and trade and most such buildings are no longer in existence in the county. A post office at Dabney was established in 1853 and renewed in 1875. The present structure was constructed ca. 1900 by Ped May who operated both the post office and a general store. The structure was the center of activity in the community until it closed during the 1960s. The building is presently vacant but remains in fair condition.

Acreage: Approximately one-tenth of an acre.

<u>Verbal Boundary Description</u>: The boundary for the Dabney Post Office includes the 25' by 50' parcel immediately surrounding the building.

UTM References: (Bobtown Quadrangle) 16/717500/4117740