Historic Resources of Hardin County

Historic Name: Dr. Abel House (HD-200)

Classification: Building

Common Name: Dr. Abel House

Owner: Hobert McGuffin, Route 1, Glendale, KY 42740.

Location: On KY 1904 one mile west of KY 222.

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

Description:

The Dr. Abel House is a two-story brick central passage plan structure built in 1854. The house was built in an ell plan with a two story original brick ell. The main facade is five bays in width with the main entrance displaying an original wood door and six-light transom. Doors on the ell are ca. 1900 additions. Windows in the house are six-over-six sash with jack arching. On the main facade is a one-story porch added ca. 1920 with Doric columns resting on brick piers. At the eaves of the house is dentil molding. The house has interior end brick chimneys, a brick foundation and gable roof of metal standing seam. The house is of common bond brick with a ca. 1920 frame addition in the ell of the house. The interior was not accessible. At the rear of the house is a ca. 1970 non-contributing frame shed.

Period of Significance: 1854

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The Dr. Abel house is a notable example of a central passage plan brick residence constructed in 1854. The house was built with Greek Revival influences such as the eave dentil molding and door surround at the main entrance. The house was built in 1854 for a Dr. Abel but little other information is available on its history. The porch on the main facade is a later addition but the overall design and plan of the residence remains extant. The rear addition is not visible from the major facades. The house has not been significantly altered and retains its original character.

Acreage: Less than one acre.

UTM References: Sonora Quad 16/591658/4162923

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The boundary for the Dr. Abel House is illustrated on the accompanying Hardin County property tax map 149, lot 10, and is defined on the north and east by fencelines, on the west by Old Bacon Creek Road, and on the south by a driveway. The boundary includes the house, a non-contributing outbuilding, and property sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site.

