Historic Resources of Hardin County

<u>Historic Name:</u> Brackett, Daniel, House (HD-118) <u>Classification:</u> Building <u>Common Name:</u> Brackett, Daniel, House

Owner: Uella Brackett, Route 2, Box 277-B, Upton, KY 42784.

Location: On KY 1391 one-half mile south of KY 224.

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

Description:

The Daniel Brackett House is a two-story, five bay, single pile residence constructed ca. 1812. The house was built in a double cell floor plan and is the only example of this floor plan in early brick homes of the county. A two-story brick kitchen was also built around 1812 and was later connected ca. 1840 to the main section by a two-story brick addition which resulted in an overall ell plan. The house has a gable roof of metal standing seam, interior end brick chimneys and a stone foundation. A small frame room was added ca. 1940 within the ell. Windows are two-over-two and six-over-six sash with jack arching. The two doors on the main facade have original four light transoms and jack arching. At the roofline is a cornice of four rows of projecting corbelled brick. The ell contains a ca. 1920 glass and frame door and windows are four-over-four sash. The ell has a ca. 1930 roof with exposed eave rafters. The interior is unaltered and has Federal influenced fluted mantles, an enclosed corner stairway and built in paneled cupboards. A brick wall separates the upstairs rooms and the original layout of the house has not been changed. There are no significant outbuildings.

Period of Significance: ca. 1812; ca. 1840

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The Daniel Brackett House is a notable example of an early 19th century double cell residence with Federal detailing. The house is the only example of this type of floor plan of existing early brick homes. The house retains its original Federal detailing in the window jack arching and interior details. No significant alterations have occurred to the house and it retains its original form and design.

Daniel Brackett came from England and eventually settled in Hardin County in the early 1800s. The house was the first brick residence constructed in this section of the county and was built facing an early stagecoach road which ran between Greensburg and Paducah. Oral tradition relates that the house was built by a Frenchman using slave labor. After its construction the house was used as a meeting place for area Baptists while the Bethel Church was under construction. Descendants of the Brackett family continue to reside in the house.

Acreage: 1.14 acres

UTM References: Upton Quad 16/592110/4144876

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The boundary for the Daniel Brackett House is illustrated on the accompanying Hardin County property tax map 157, lot 13, and defined by fencelines to the east, by a farm road to the south, and by connecting lines which run 50' to the north and west of the house. 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.

