Historic Resources of Hardin County

Historic Name: Maplehurst (HD-7) Classification: Building Common Name: Maplehurst

Owner: Robert Cates and Ella Wade, Route # 2, Box 497, Elizabethtown, KY 42701.

Location: Off KY 222, one mile northeast of Glendale, KY.

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

Description:

Maplehurst is a two-story brick residence built in 1876 in the Italianate style. It was built with an assymettrical floor plan and has a prominent two-story rear wing. On the main facade is a ca. 1900 one-story porch with square porch posts and a dentilled cornice. On the north and east facades are prominent bay windows and all windows are arched four-over-four sash with brick relief arching. At the roof eaves are large paired brackets and dentil molding. The main entrance is recessed with original wood double doors. The hipped roof has a composition shingle surface. At the rear of the house is an enclosed one story porch and 1968 brick garage. The interior of the house retains much of its original Italianate design woodwork and detailing. This includes six paneled doors, an elaborate milled newel post and balusters at the staircase and original cast iron mantles. There are no significant outbuildings and adjacent to the house at the rear facade is a ca. 1940 water tower which is a non-contributing structure.

Period of Significance: 1876

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Attributed to builder Joseph Lott.

Statement of Significance:

Maplehurst is a notable example of the Italianate style of the late 19th century. The house was built in 1876 for George Washington Smith as a present for his son, Elijah Ashcraft Smith. The house is one of three which were built by Smith and all are attributed to builder Joseph Lott. Chestnut Grove (HD-5), Maple Hill (HD-9) and Maplehurst are the finest remaining examples of the Italianate style in the rural areas of the county. Maplehurst retains its original floor plan, bay windows, arched windows, eave brackets and interior detailing. The house has not been significantly altered with additions restricted to the rear of the house.

Acreage: 1.15 acres

UTM References: Sonora Quad 16/596205/4164295

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The boundary for Maplehurst is illustrated on the accompanying Hardin County property tax map 189, lot 5, and is defined on the north, west, and south by fencelines and on the east by a driveway. The boundary includes the house and is drawn to exclude modern outbuildings. The boundary includes property sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site.

