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Historic Resources of Hardin County

Historic Name: Bush, William, House (HDE-183) Classification: Building  
Common Name: Bush, William, House

Owner: Fraseur Reesor, 1927 Tunnel Hill Road, Elizabethtown, KY 42701.

Location: 1927 Tunnel Hill Rd., Elizabethtown, KY

<u>Contributing:</u>		<u>Non-Contributing:</u>	
Buildings	1	Buildings	0
Structures	0	Structures	1
Sites	0	Sites	0
<u>Total:</u>	1	<u>Total:</u>	0

Description:

The William Bush House is a two-story Federal style structure built in 1817. The house was built in two stages with the original western brick section constructed in a three bay central passage plan. Other additions were constructed in the 1820s and 1830s which resulted in a seven bay, two-story brick residence. These additions were added to match the original design and detailing of the house including the brick corbelling at the cornice. The doors in the house are ca. 1900 glass and wood design. Windows are ca. 1900 four-over-four sash. On the main (north) facade is a one-story ca. 1910 porch with Doric columns. At the roofline are several rows of corbelled brick. The house has both interior and exterior chimneys. The gable roof has a surface of composition shingles. At the rear are two ca. 1950 concrete and brick additions. The interior was inaccessible. There are no significant outbuildings. In front of the house is a ca. 1900 non-contributing cast iron fence.

Period of Significance: 1817; ca. 1825; ca. 1835

Area of Significance: Settlement/Exploration/Architecture

Criterion: B and C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The William Bush House is a notable example of an early 19th century brick residence and is also notable for its association with early settler William Bush. William Bush was the son of Christopher Bush, an early settler who moved to Hardin County in the 1780s. William Bush amassed a large farm in the early 1800s and in 1817 he had the original three bay brick section of this home constructed which is one of the oldest within the city limits of Elizabethtown. Bush's sister, Sara Bush Johnston, married Thomas Lincoln in 1819 and became Abraham Lincoln's stepmother. The house is noteworthy for its unusual lateral addition plan of the early 19th century. The house was enlarged in the 1820s and 1830s by the construction of matching two-story brick additions. These additions were carefully constructed with corbelled brick at the cornice and windows and door openings to match those on the original structure. This type

of lateral addition is unusual in the county with most additions of this period occurring at the rear of structures. Since the early 1800s modern additions have been confined to the rear of the house and it displays its original 19th century character.

Acreage: 3.2 acres

UTM References: Elizabethtown Quad 16/602700/4176140

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The boundary for the William Bush House is illustrated on the accompanying Hardin County property tax map 231-1, block 1, lot 14, and is defined by fencelines to the west and south, by a cast iron fence to the north, and by fencelines and a driveway to the east. The boundary includes the house, a non-contributing cast iron fence, and property sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site but excludes modern outbuildings to the west and south.

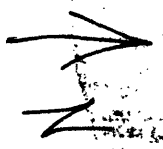
HDE-183, William Bush House  
Property Location  
Tax Map 231-1  
Block 1, Lot 14  
1" = 400'

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SEE MAP 231-2

MAP 2

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