

Historic Resources of Hardin County

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Historic Name: Penniston House (HD-328)
Common Name: Penniston House

Classification: Building

Owner: J.E. Cralle, Route 1, Elizabethtown, KY 42701., KY 42701.

Location: On US 62 four-tenths of a mile east of Upper Colesburg Road.

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

Description:

The Penniston House is a one and one-half story frame residence built ca. 1860. The house was originally built in a central passage plan with Greek Revival influences. On the southeast facade is a one-story frame addition added ca. 1900 and at the rear is a one-story ca. 1920 screened in porch. The original section has an original frame door at the main entrance with three light sidelights and a four light transom. The house has ca. 1900 four-over-four sash windows. The main facade also has a ca. 1910 entrance porch with square posts. The house has a gable roof of metal standing seam and a stone foundation. The ca. 1900 addition has four-over-four sash windows, a gable roof and original entrance porch with chamfered posts. The interior was inaccessible. There are no significant outbuildings.

Period of Significance: ca. 1860; ca. 1900

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The Penniston House is a notable example of a mid-19th century frame central passage plan residence with a later addition. The house was built ca. 1860 for the Penniston family and is a good example of a central passage frame residence with Greek Revival detailing. It is one of only four ante-bellum homes remaining on the old Bardstown Road and one of the best examples of this period in the eastern section of the county. The house also illustrates the lateral addition principle in its ca. 1900 addition. Alterations are confined to the small porch on the main facade and rear additions.

Acreage: Approximately one acre.

UTM References: Elizabethtown Quad 16/600150/4172170

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

Beginning at a point on the right-of-way line of U.S. 62, 75 feet northwest of the northwest corner of the Penniston House, proceed southeast 150 feet to a point, thence southwest 200 feet to a point, thence northwest 150 feet to U.S. 62, thence along U.S. 62, 200 feet to the point of origin. The boundary includes the house and immediate setting and excludes modern outbuildings to the rear.