

Historic Resources of Hardin County

Historic Name: Heller Hotel (HD-152)
Common Name: Heller Hotel

Classification: Building

Owner: Hannah Brown, 901 Dogwood Circle, Elizabethtown, KY 42701.

Location: Robinson Street, Cecilia, KY

<u>Contributing:</u>		<u>Non-Contributing:</u>	
Buildings	2	Buildings	0
Structures	0	Structures	0
Sites	0	Sites	0
<u>Total:</u>	2	<u>Total:</u>	0

Description:

The Heller Hotel is a two-story gable front plan frame building constructed ca. 1890 with Italianate influenced detailing. The building has two sections: a two-story gable front, three bay section; and a one-story, single bay section with a false front. Both sections were built at the same time as a hotel, office and store complex. The two-story section has original glass and frame doors and nine light windows. The one-story section has an original glass and frame door and two-light transom. Across the main facade of both sections is a one-story porch with chamfered posts. Windows are six-over-six sash with those on the main facade displaying projecting cornices. At the second story roofline is eave vergeboard. The roofs are of metal standing seam. The interior of the building has not been altered and displays an original small lobby, Italianate design mantles, a staircase with milled newel post and balusters and original wood paneled doors. At the southeast corner of the building is an inset two-story porch. At the rear of the building is a two-story frame outbuilding constructed ca. 1890 as servant's quarters. This building has not been substantially altered and has original doors and four-over-four sash windows.

Period of Significance: ca. 1890 - 1933

Area of Significance: Transportation/Architecture

Criterion: A and C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The Heller Hotel is a notable example of a late 19th century gable front design hotel building and is also significant as a railroad hotel of the turn of the century. Cecilia was a major stop on the Elizabethtown and Paducah Railroad in the 19th century. To take advantage of the busy rail traffic this two-story hotel was built ca. 1890 by Maggie Heller. The hotel served guests and travellers until closing in 1933. The building has since been a private residence. The building has not been altered and retains its original character. It is a fine example of a late 19th century frame commercial building and is the only remaining building in Cecilia directly associated with the railroad. At the rear

of the building is an intact two-story outbuilding which served as servant's quarters.

Acreage: Less than one acre.

UTM References: Cecilia Quad 16/594060/4169000

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The boundary for the Heller Hotel is illustrated on the accompanying Hardin County property tax map 147-3, lot 39, and defined by the legal property boundary. The boundary includes the main building, a contributing outbuilding, and property sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site.

