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Historic Resources of Hardin County

<u>Historic Name:</u> Wintersmith, Horatio, House (HDE-12) <u>Classification:</u> Building Common Name: Wintersmith, Horatio, House

Owner: James L. Duncan, 221 W. Poplar Street, Elizabethtown, KY 42701.

Location: 221 W. Poplar Street, Elizabethtown, KY

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

Description:

The Horatio Wintersmith house is a one and one-half story brick central passage plan residence residence built in 1837. The house was constructed with Federal influenced detailing and is of Flemish bond construction. On the main (south) facade is a one-story porch with ca. 1910 Ionic columns. This facade has a central gable projection with an original elliptical fanlight. Windows are six-over-six sash with wooden lintels and bull's eye corner blocks. On the main facade are brick pilasters. The main entrance is flanked by Doric engaged columns and above is a five light transom. At the roofline are rows of corbelled brick which extend onto the central gable. The gable roof has a composition shingle surface. At the rear of the house are ca. 1910 frame additions not readily visible from the street facade. The interior retains its original Federal style mantles and fluted door surrounds.

Period of Significance: 1837

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: John Y. Hill

Statement of Significance:

The Horatio Wintersmith House is a notable example of an early central passage plan residence with Federal detailing. The house was built by noted county resident John Y. Hill in 1837 for Horatio Gates Wintersmith. The house was built in a central passage plan and detailing included decorative lintels over the windows and corbelled brick at the roofline. The most distinguishing characteristic of the house is the elliptical window in the gable field on the main facade which shows excellent craftsmanship. While some remodeling has occurred to the interior fine fluted mantles and door surrounds are also extant. Around 1910 a new porch was placed on the main facade but few other changes have occurred to the main facades of the residence.

Acreage: Less than one acre.

UTM References: Elizabethtown Quad 16/600590/4172450

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The boundary for the Horatio Wintersmith House is illustrated on the accompanying Hardin County property tax map 221-1, block 14, lot 7, and is defined b the legal property boundary. The boundary includes the house and property sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site.

