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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Searcy-Matthews-Tarpley Farm

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 455 West Jefferson Pike

N/A not for publication

city or town Walter Hill

N/A vicinity

state Tennessee code TN county Rutherford code 149 zip code 37129

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

E. Pate's M.D.T.L.

May 24, 2011

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State Historic Preservation Officer, Tennessee Historical Commission

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See Continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet

determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other,

(explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in count.)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Contributing	Noncontributing	
5		buildings
1		sites
5	4	structures
1		objects
12	4	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

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**Number of Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

N/A

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

- Domestic/single dwelling
- Domestic/secondary structure
- Agriculture/agricultural field
- Agriculture/storage
- Agriculture/animal facility
- Agriculture/agricultural outbuilding

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

- Domestic/single dwelling
- Domestic/secondary structure
- Agriculture/agricultural outbuilding
- Agriculture/agricultural field

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

GREEK REVIVAL

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE

walls WOOD, SYNTHETIC

roof ASPHALT

other WOOD, GLASS

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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## 7. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

### Overview

The Searcy-Matthews-Tarpley Farm is approximately 106 acres in Rutherford County, Tennessee, and is bounded by West Jefferson Pike to the east, an unnamed road to the north, the east fork of Stones River to the west, and private property to the south. The cultivated fields are separated by mature tree lines, and sections of the property remain wooded. The main house was built c. 1830 and faces east toward West Jefferson Pike. It is a Middle Tennessee I-House with a dominating two-story Greek Revival portico. The house sits on a limestone foundation, is covered in weatherboard, and has two exterior end chimneys. An ell was added to the rear of the structure c. 1871 containing a kitchen and dining room. An original c. 1830 kitchen was once a separate structure, but was attached to the house c. 1952. The house underwent renovations c. 1952 to modernize and improve the house that left a majority of the original materials and woodwork intact. A driveway leads from West Jefferson Pike up to the domestic complex. It circles in front of the house and continues behind the house to the garage and carriage house. The entrance to the driveway is flanked by square, stone pillars made of Crab Orchard stone that are contributing resources.

The house and adjacent outbuildings sit on a relatively cleared area with several mature trees. Eleven contributing outbuildings are extant. Located behind the house are a garage, chicken coop, carriage house and well. Toward the north of the house and leading back to the dairy barn and silo are additional contributing outbuildings including a cook's house, milk house, and well house. One non-contributing structure, the foundation of a demolished silo, is located in the area between the dairy barn and the carriage house, and three non-contributing chicken coops are vacant and in poor condition in the woods at the north end of the property. A line of mature trees separates the domestic complex from the agricultural fields to the north, south, and west.

### Inventory

1. Searcy-Matthews-Tarpley Farm Main House (c. 1830, c. 1871, c. 1952, c. 1972, contributing building).

The I-house and kitchen were constructed c. 1830 as separate buildings, and a series of renovations and additions in the twentieth century connected them. An ell was added c. 1871 extending west from the north end of the I-house and included a dining room, kitchen, and porch. In the early 1950s, this porch was enclosed to create a den and connect the c. 1830s kitchen to the house, a new patio was built on the south elevation, and a small addition was constructed on the southeast corner of the I-house including a bedroom and full bathroom. In the 1970s, the patio was enclosed to create a second den and add a full bathroom, and a new patio was constructed on the south elevation.

### EXTERIOR

The Greek Revival main house is a two-story, three-bay, central-hall design with a side gable roof and weatherboard walls. It has a limestone foundation. Single, exterior brick chimneys are located on each gable end, which are on the north and south elevations of the c. 1830 I-house. The façade faces east and features a full-height, central portico. The façade walls within the portico are covered in original board-and-

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batten wood panels. The pediment is supported by four square wood columns and has a single round wood vent and wood boards in the gable field. The front double-door entrance is flanked by five-light rectangular sidelights and topped by a four-light transom. The original two-panel wood doors are protected by wood screen storm doors. The portico floor is limestone. There are two eight-light casement windows above the main entrance door on the second floor that replaced original second floor balcony doors c. 1952. The original four-light transom and four-light sidelights remain on the second story entrance. This surround is flanked by wood shutters. The shutters are historic, dating to at least the 1920s when they appear in a historic photograph of the house. They have recently been restored and repainted. The original balcony was removed c. 1952 due to deterioration and safety concerns. A light fixture hangs from the center of the porch roof. Flanking the central entrance bay are single bays with single windows on the first and second story. The façade windows were replaced c. 1952 and are double-hung, twelve-over-twelve wood windows on the first floor and double-hung eight-over-eight wood windows on the second floor. All are flanked by wood shutters. The c. 1952 bedroom addition is visible on the south end of the façade. It is one-story with a hipped asphalt roof and paired, double-hung, six-over-six wood windows flanked by shutters.

The south elevation of the 1830s I-house has an exterior brick chimney with a double-hung, nine-over-nine wood window to its west. To its west is the c. 1952 addition, which has no details on the south elevation. To its west is the 1970s addition, which features a flat roof, vertical board siding, and multi-light door, and a small patio. To its west is the original kitchen building, which features a gabled, asphalt roof and paired, double-hung, six-over-six wood windows flanked by shutters. All windows were replaced c. 1952.

The west elevation of the original kitchen features one double-hung, four-over-four wood window flanked by shutters. The entrance to a cellar is located beneath the window. Between the original kitchen and the c. 1871 ell is the c. 1952 addition that connected the two. A wood panel door sheltered by a wood screen door provides access to the c. 1952 connection and a multi-light fixed window is located just north of that door. The west elevation of the c. 1871 ell consists of the laundry room that was once a closet off the porch and the west wall of the c. 1871 kitchen. The west wall of the laundry room has a set of paired, double-hung, four-over-four wood windows. The west elevation of the c. 1871 kitchen has one double-hung, six-over-six wood window. All windows were replaced c. 1952.

The north elevation of the original kitchen features one wood board entrance door and a full porch with a shed roof and iron columns. To its east is the north elevation of the c. 1871 ell, which features paired, double-hung, six-over-six windows flanked by shutters and a large, twelve-over-twelve double-hung window flanked by six-over-six double-hung windows. To its east is the north elevation of the I-house, which features one double-hung, nine-over-nine wood window and an exterior brick chimney. All windows were replaced c. 1952.

## INTERIOR

### I-House Interior

The interior of the I-house is the original two-over-two, central hall plan. The entrance door surround is original wood. The central hall features original chair rails and a central ceiling light fixture. Original molded wood door surrounds and wood baseboards remain in the hall. The wood floor dates to c. 1952, but the original wood floors remain underneath. The stair has a heavy turned newel post and slender turned

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balusters supporting a wood handrail. The undercarriage of the stair has a small closet and is filled in with wood panels.

On the first floor, the central hall leads to the master bedroom, or south parlor, to the south; the living room, or north parlor, to the north; and the c. 1952 den to the west. An open doorway leads into the living room, an original four-panel wood door with original hardware leads into the master bedroom, and an original four-panel wood door with original hardware leads into the den. The bedroom and sitting room are the original parlors of the I-house. Both rooms retain original window and door surrounds, original baseboards, and original brick fireboxes. The fireplace in the north parlor, or living room, has a marble hearth, a slate firebox surround, and a fluted wood mantel. The fireplace in the south parlor, or master bedroom, has a tile hearth, a glazed brick firebox surround, and a paneled wood mantel. Both mantels date to c. 1952. Both parlors have c. 1952 wood floors with original wood floorboards underneath. The walls and ceilings are plaster. The living room, or north parlor, has an open doorway in its west wall leading into the c. 1871 ell wing. The master bedroom, or south parlor has a c. 1952 four-panel wood door leading into the c. 1952 bedroom addition.

The second floor of the c. 1830 I-house has a central hall and two original bedrooms. The original staircase extends upward along the north wall to a landing, which extends along the west wall, then continues upward along the south wall to the second floor. The second floor central hall is used as a small sitting area and has original wood floors, original baseboards, an original chair rail, original door surrounds, and an original balustrade with turned wood balusters. The walls and ceiling are plaster. On the east wall is the original door surround with original transom and sidelights that led out onto the second floor balcony. C. 1952, the door was replaced with a pair of eight-light casement window for safety purposes. The north and south bedrooms are accessed from the hall through original four-panel wood doors with original hardware. The bedrooms have original wood floors, original wood baseboards, and original wood window and door surrounds. The walls and ceiling are plaster. The south bedroom has a fireplace that has been filled in. The hearth and surround are glazed brick. The wood mantel dates to c. 1952, has wood paneled pilasters supporting a denticulated wood frieze and mantelshelf. The fireplace in the north bedroom has been removed.

## c. 1871 Ell Interior

Extending west from the north parlor, or living room, is the c. 1871 ell. The living room leads directly into the dining room that has original wood baseboards, original molded wood chair rails, original wood ceiling molding, and original window and door surrounds. The firebox is brick with surrounding glazed bricks and a tile hearth. The mantel dates to c. 1871 and is larger and more distinctive than the parlor mantles. Wood pilasters flank the opening to support a wood mantleshelf, and a plain wood frieze tops the opening accented with wood dentils underneath. On either side of the frieze is a fluted wood block. The mantel extends beyond the traditional width on the north side. The pilasters, frieze, and mantle shelf match the main portion of the mantel, but another cabinet opening with a wood door with molded detailing sits between the pilasters. The wood floors date to c. 1952, but the original wood floors are underneath. The walls and ceiling are plaster. An original six-panel wood door with original hardware is on the south wall into the den and an original six-panel wood door is on the west wall into the kitchen.

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The dining room leads west into the c. 1871 kitchen. The kitchen has original wood window and door surrounds, original wood wainscoting, and original built-in shelves on the south wall. The cabinets and appliances have been updated. The floor is tile, and the walls and ceiling are plaster. An original four-panel wood door with original hardware is located on the south wall leading into the c. 1952 addition.

The c. 1952 den was originally the c. 1871 porch. A room at the west end of that space, now used as a laundry room, appears to date to c. 1871 and may have been a closet at the end of the porch. The room has tongue-and-groove wood walls, a bead-board ceiling, wood baseboard, and wood window surrounds. The floor is modern tile.

### c. 1952 Addition Interior

C. 1952, a porch running from the central hall westward along the dining room and kitchen was enclosed into a den. This portion of the den has c. 1952 wood paneling, built-in wood cabinets and shelving, wood door surrounds, and wood baseboards and ceiling molding. The floor is covered with carpet, with original wood underneath. The ceiling is plaster. On the west end of the den, a four-panel wood door leads into a small c. 1952 hallway with linoleum floors, plaster walls and ceilings, and wood baseboards and surrounds. At the west end of this hallway is a four-panel wood door opening onto the laundry room.

Also constructed c. 1952 is the bedroom wing to the west of the master bedroom, or south parlor. The bedroom is accessed via a small hallway from the c. 1952 den and the master bedroom, or south parlor. The hall has carpeted floors, plaster walls and ceilings, and wood baseboards and door surrounds. On the west wall of the hall is a c. 1952 bathroom. The c. 1952 bedroom is on the south end of this hall. The bedroom has hardwood floors, plaster walls and ceiling, and wood baseboards and window and door surrounds. West of this bedroom is a c. 1972 bathroom.

### c. 1972 Addition Interior

In 1972, a final addition was made to the house that filled in the space between the c. 1952 bedroom addition and the original kitchen. This addition is an extension of the c. 1952 den and consists of tile floors, wood paneled walls, wood board ceilings with exposed beams, and a large fireplace on the west wall. The fireplace is brick, with a brick hearth and wood mantel. Also a part of this addition is a c. 1972 bathroom accessed through both the c. 1972 den and the c. 1952 bedroom.

### Original Kitchen Interior

Connected to the house via the c. 1952 and c. 1972 additions is the original kitchen building. This building dates to c. 1830 and consists of two rooms. The easternmost room is the kitchen and is now accessed through a small enclosed porch connecting the kitchen to the c. 1952 den addition. The exterior weatherboard of the original kitchen is exposed on this porch. The kitchen is accessed through the south wall of this porch through a wood board door. A screen door is on the west wall of this porch leading out onto the open porch of the north elevation.

The kitchen retains its original bead-board wall and ceiling, but the original fireplace has been filled in. To the west of the kitchen is a second room that is accessed through the door off the exterior porch and through a small door on the west wall of the kitchen. This room may have been used for the preparation of

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meals or as servants' quarters and retains original tongue-and-groove walls and ceiling. Underneath the kitchen is a restored cellar with plaster walls, exposed wood beams in the ceiling, and wood floors.

**OUTBUILDINGS**

**2. Garage (c. mid-1900s, contributing building)**

The garage is a small, one-story frame structure with three walls, weatherboard siding, and a dirt floor. It has a metal shed roof that overhangs the opening facing north. It is located to the south and west of the main house and is used for equipment storage. Equipment sheds became popular with gas-powered machinery, which is typically what was stored in them.

**3. Chicken Coop (c. 1930s, contributing structure)**

The chicken coop is a one-story frame building with a shed metal roof, vertical board cladding, and a dirt floor. It features exposed rafters and four rectangular windows facing south on its front façade. A small entry door is on the east elevation. The building is located to the west of the main house.

**4. Well (c. 1830, contributing structure)**

An original well is located between the chicken coop and carriage house. The well is no longer in use, but the stone opening and stone surround remain. No well house is known to have ever covered the well.

**5. Carriage House (c. 1830s, contributing building)**

The carriage house is a one-story frame building with gabled metal roof, vertical board cladding, and a dirt floor. It features a large opening in the east façade that connects with the original driveway. It has a small shed roof addition that extends to the north with an entry on its east façade. Neither opening has a door. It was originally used for the storage of carriages, and now is used for equipment storage. The building is deteriorating and requires stabilization.

**6. Cook's House (c. 1830s, contributing building)**

The cook's house is a one-story, frame building with a hand-cut stone foundation, an asphalt gabled roof, and weatherboard siding. It features double-hung, four-over-four windows flanked by shutters and a wood vertical board door. On the east elevation of the cook's house is a set of three four-light sliding windows. The front façade faces south. The interior has original tongue-and-groove walls and a bead-board ceiling. Original wood floors, baseboards, and window and door surrounds also remain. It is located to the northwest of the main house and has recently been cleaned out and restored.

**7. Milk House (c. early to mid-1900s, contributing structure)**

The milk house is a small, one-story, frame building with a poured concrete foundation, a metal gabled roof, and exposed rafters. The façade is covered in horizontal wood boards and the elevations in vertical wood boards. The front façade features a wood board door and faces south. It has a four-pane window on the west elevation. It is located northwest of the main house, directly west of the cook's house. Milk houses are associated with a boom in the dairy industry in twentieth-century Tennessee and they stored modern dairy equipment.

**8. Well House (c. early to mid-1900s, contributing structure)**

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The well house is a small concrete block building with a vertical board door and no windows. It has a raised-seam metal gable roof and exposed rafters. The door faces the adjacent milk house directly to its south. Well houses were constructed over dug-out or drilled wells to underground water, and were commonly built beginning in the twentieth century.

9. Dairy Barn (c. 1930s-1940s, contributing building)

The three-portal barn is a two-story, frame building with a metal gambrel roof, weatherboard siding, a dirt floor, exposed rafters, and sheds on either side of a center aisle. There are large openings in both sheds as well as the center of the barn on both stories. A smaller pedestrian entry is also on the façade, which faces south. The sheds feature feeding racks for dairy cows, and the barn contains original farming equipment. Tongue-and-groove wood paneling is extant on the interior of the barn. It is located the farthest from the main house and to the northwest.

10. Concrete Block Silo (c. 1930s-1940s, contributing structure)

A concrete block silo is attached to the south façade of the Dairy Barn. The circular silo sits on a concrete foundation.

11. Silo Foundation (c. pre-1930s, non-contributing structure)

The foundation of a silo is located between the barn and the carriage house. It was probably constructed 1900-1920 when circular, wooden structures were common, and used to store ensilage.<sup>1</sup>

12. Crab Orchard Stone Pillars (c. 1952, contributing object)

At the entrance to the property from West Jefferson Pike, on either side of the driveway, are pillars made of brick and Crab Orchard stone. Crab Orchard stone forms the pillars with brick quoins on the edges. A concrete slab tops the pillar with concrete flower urns sitting on top.

13. Chicken Coops (c. 1930s, 3 non-contributing structures)

Three chicken coops are located in the woods toward the northern end of the property along an area recently cleared for a TVA right-of-way. The coops have vertical board and board-and-batten siding and are all vacant and in poor condition.

14. Agricultural Landscape (c. 1830-1960, contributing site).

The agricultural landscape includes fields, pastures, tree lines, fences, gates, ponds, and farm roads throughout the property. Stone and barbed-wire fences are found throughout the property as are dirt farm roads. Agricultural fields are located to the north, west, and south of the main domestic complex. These elements of the agricultural landscape are integral to the operation of a working farm and complement the built components.

The Searcy-Matthews-Tarpley Farm retains many of its original buildings and much of its historic material. It reflects common trends in rural domestic architecture with early construction c. 1830 and additions in the

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<sup>1</sup> Historic Family Farms in Middle Tennessee Multiple Property Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, 1995 (hereafter cited as Multiple Property Nomination).

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post-Civil War period and mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. The farm retains a high degree of integrity of location, setting, materials, and association.

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations N/A**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

- AGRICULTURE
- ARCHITECTURE
- SETTLEMENT

**Period of Significance**

c. 1830-1960

**Significant Dates**

- c. 1830—construction of original portion of house
- c. 1871—addition of ell
- c. 1952—addition to southeast portion of house

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

unknown

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- Previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State Agency
- Federal Agency
- Local Government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Searcy-Matthews-Tarpley Farm is located in Walter Hill, a rural unincorporated community approximately 10 miles north of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. The property is being nominated to the National Register under Criteria A and C for its local significance in settlement, agriculture, and architecture. It is significant under Criterion C for architecture as it embodies distinctive characteristics from its periods of construction, including the c. 1830 construction of a Middle Tennessee I-house with a dominating two-story Greek Revival portico, the addition of an ell c. 1871, and the 1952 modernization and restoration of the home.

It is significant under Criterion A for settlement and agriculture as it follows the themes outlined in the Multiple Property Nomination, Historic Family Farm in Middle Tennessee. It exhibits significance during the settlement and subsistence farming period as one of the first farms established following the creation of Rutherford County in 1803. William Washington Searcy planted his first crop in 1804 and established a productive agricultural environment. The c. 1830 farmhouse was one of the earliest constructed in the area; it and the surviving outbuildings from the c. 1830 period portray the prominence of the family to the early history of the area and stand to represent the settlement and antebellum period in Middle Tennessee agriculture. The farm continued to follow agricultural trends in subsequent periods outlined in the Multiple Property Nomination, expanding into market production during the second half of the nineteenth century by adding crops such as cotton. In the first half of the twentieth century, the family introduced progressive trends such as dairy production that is seen in the extant Dairy Barn, Silo, and Milk House. During the post-war period, the family modernized the farm, adding electricity and plumbing, a trend seen across Middle Tennessee in the 1950s.

The Searcy-Matthews-Tarpley Farm retains 106 acres of agricultural land and its original c. 1830 farmhouse and numerous historic outbuildings. The outbuildings and agricultural landscape remain intact and represent continuous agricultural production from its founding to the present-day. The farm is registered as a Tennessee Century Farm, having been in continuous agricultural production by the same family for at least 100 years. The surrounding area includes a number of other agricultural complexes, including the National Register-listed Riverside Farm (NR 12/12/2006), but is undergoing rapid suburban development. Amid this development pressure, the Searcy-Matthews-Tarpley Farm stands as an intact rural historic landscape. The period of significance ranges from the construction of the house c. 1830 until 1961.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

William Washington Searcy was born January 1, 1769 in Granville, North Carolina, to Bartlett and Lucy Searcy.<sup>2</sup> After his father died, William and his mother moved to Kentucky. In 1803, the same year that Rutherford County was created, William settled on land along the East Fork of the Stones River in what is now the Walter Hill area. Historically, this area was called Blacks Crossroads in honor of a prominent family in the area, but was renamed Walter Hill in 1895 when postmaster Walter Hill named the local post office for himself. William Searcy's land holdings along the river and near the intersection of Jefferson Pike and

<sup>2</sup> Donald Detwiler and Susan G. Daniel, eds., *Rutherford County, Tennessee Deaths & Estate Settlements, Volume I, 1804-1849*, (Murfreesboro, TN: Rutherford County Historical Society, 2008), 188.

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Lebanon Pike were extensive and included the 106 nominated acres. Family records indicate that William planted his first crop in 1804. It is not know whether crops were planted on the nominated acreage at this time, but he likely expanded his cultivated acreage quickly.<sup>3</sup>

### Settlement and Subsistence Farming (1780-1850)

William Searcy was an important figure in the early history of the county. He was active in the local militia, heading up the W.W. Searcy Company of the first local militia company in 1805. He later was commissioned as lieutenant colonel commandant of the Rutherford County, Tennessee, militia in 1810.<sup>4</sup> He served in public office as Justice 4<sup>th</sup> Division (1813), as a Senator in the 14<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (1821-1823), and as Trustee for Union University (1825).

William married three times, first to Elizabeth T. Searcy, then to Sarah Morton Searcy, and finally to Sarah Searcy.<sup>5</sup> William and his second wife Sarah Morton Searcy had several children, one being Anderson Searcy, Sr., born in 1811.<sup>6</sup> Anderson, Sr., married Elizabeth White in 1833, and by the time of his father's death in 1846, Anderson was living on the nominated property with his wife and five children. However, it is unclear whether William or Anderson constructed the house c. 1830 and who was primarily responsible for the agricultural activity on the farm during this period. William continued to own the property and likely maintained control of farm activities until his death. Constructed c. 1830, the house was built around the same time as the c. 1831 Pierce-Randolph home of Riverside Farm (NR 12/12/2006) just west of the Searcy homeplace on Jefferson Pike. William's daughter Lucy married Beverly Randolph of the Pierce-Randolph family.

Upon his death on January 8, 1846, it appears that William left the farm, including the nominated property, and eight of his slaves to Henry and Levi White (grandfather and father of Elizabeth White Searcy) as trustees for his son Anderson, Sr., who was living on the property with his family.<sup>7</sup> His only son, Anderson, Jr., was only twelve at the time but would later come to own the property.

Only a year after William's death in 1846, Anderson Sr. passed away. It seems that his children went to live with other relatives in the area, but records are unclear as to what happened with the occupation of the house after 1847.

The original founding of the farm up through the construction of the house c. 1830 until the death of William and Anderson in the late 1840s falls within the Settlement and Subsistence Farming Period identified in the Historic Family Farms of Middle Tennessee Multiple Property Nomination. This identified period ranges from 1780 to 1850 with the earliest founding date of a farm in Rutherford County listed as 1807.<sup>8</sup> Although

<sup>3</sup> Tarpley Family Personal Collection.

<sup>4</sup> "Rutherford County-History of Tennessee", by Goodspeed Publishing Co. 1887, available on TN Gen Web, <http://www.tngenweb.org/rutherford/goodspeeds.htm> (accessed March 21, 2011).

<sup>5</sup> Detwiler and Daniel, *Deaths and Estate Settlements, Volume I*, 188.

<sup>6</sup> Tarpley Family Personal Collection.

<sup>7</sup> William W. Searcy Will, Tarpley Family Personal Collection.

<sup>8</sup> Multiple Property Nomination. Founding dates are according to Tennessee Century Farms files that are able to trace ownership clearly back to a founder. The founding date of the Searcy-Matthews-Tarpley farm in Century Farms files is 1871, as this is the earliest clear deed on record.

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the location of William's first crop in 1804 is unknown, the larger acreage owned by William is a particularly important early farm and land holding in the area.

Like many Middle Tennessee Farms in the first half of the eighteenth century, farm operation required a large labor force. This can be documented through census records from 1810, 1820, 1830, and 1840 while the land was owned by William Searcy. In 1810, William reported 18 slaves; in 1820, 24 slaves with 18 working in agriculture; in 1830, he owned 73 slaves. The 1840 census, the first census following the construction of the nominated house lists both William and his son Anderson as slave owners. William Searcy reported owning 46 slaves: 18 under 10 years old, 15 that were 10 to 23 years old, 6 that were 24 to 35 years old, 6 that were 36 to 55 years old, and 1 over 55 years old. He also reported 19 persons were employed in agriculture. His son Anderson reported owning 5 slaves: 1 under 10 years old, 3 between 10 and 23, and 1 between 36 and 54 years old. One of these was employed in agriculture.

While the extent of the products grown by William and Anderson Sr. is not known, later generations produced corn, wheat, cattle, mules, pigs, and cotton, all common trends in Middle Tennessee during this period. The most popular crops produced by Middle Tennessee farms before 1850 included corn, cattle, pigs, wheat, horses/mules, hay, tobacco, sheep, cotton, and grains (listed in order of most production to least). The production of subsistence products, especially corn, tops the list while market crops, like tobacco and cotton, were produced in much less quantity.<sup>9</sup>

Subsistence farming and slave labor is also reflected in the buildings of the domestic complex. The c. 1830 buildings include the I-house dwelling, separate kitchen, carriage house, and cook's house. The I-house is a common form for farmhouses of this period and has been identified by Stager and Straw as a Middle Tennessee I-house, a vernacular I-house with a dominating two-story Greek Revival portico.<sup>10</sup> Oral tradition indicates that slave houses were located in the side yard south of the house; however, no documentation is available to verify the location. An 1830s well is extant on the property, although a new wellhouse was constructed in the early to mid-twentieth century. All of the surviving elements are intact and serve to portray the early settlement period of the farm. The farm was largely self-sufficient and relied heavily on farm and house slaves and laborers for productivity and efficiency.

## Expansion and the Market Economy (1850-1900)

At some point between 1847 and 1871, the house came under the ownership of Lunsford Pitts Black. Lunsford and his father Thomas C. Black were both physicians in Rutherford County, and Thomas C. Black was named power of attorney over some of William Searcy's property in county records. It is possible that Thomas's wife Catherine Morton was related to William's wife Sarah Morton. No documents have been located to verify the exact lineage of the nominated property during this period, but following Anderson Sr.'s death in 1847, Thomas C. Black may have acquired the property and then passed it to his son Lunsford. The next clear record found for this property dates to 1871 when Lunsford Pitts Black sold 150 acres to Anderson Searcy, Jr.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>9</sup> Multiple Property Nomination.

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>11</sup> Rutherford County Deeds.

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Anderson Searcy, Jr., was born July 26, 1834 to Anderson Searcy, Sr., and Sarah Morton Searcy. Although he did not acquire the farm from Lunsford Pitts Black until 1871, it is likely that he lived in the area with other family after the death of his father in 1847. In April 1855, he married Amanda Batey in Rutherford County and had ten children.<sup>12</sup> After the death of Amanda in 1881, Anderson, Jr., married Nancy K. Speer.

Like many Middle Tennessee families, the Searcy family was impacted by the Civil War. Anderson, Jr., left to join the Confederate army and helped recruit the 45<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Infantry Regiment. He was captain of Company C until 1862 when he was promoted to colonel of that regiment. He served until the end of the war, participating in the battles at Shiloh, Stones River, Chickmauga, Missionary Ridge, Atlanta, and Baton Rouge, all with heavy losses.<sup>13</sup> At the dedication of the Confederate Monument in the Murfreesboro Square on November 7, 1901, Colonel Bennett Young spoke about the regiment: "It was the man in the ranks, the man who carried the musket, who was the true Southern hero... the men who carried the guns and never reasoned why, but only dared to do and die."<sup>14</sup>

Following the Civil War, Anderson, Jr., returned to Rutherford County and soon purchased his family's farm in 1871 from Lunsford Pitts Black. The condition of the house at this time is unknown, but the original c. 1830 I-house and c. 1830 detached kitchen were extant along with outbuildings. After acquiring the home, Anderson, Jr., added an ell to the house and likely made interior renovations. Although a few smaller additions have been made to the house, the c. 1871 building phase undertaken by Anderson, Jr., is evident and intact today.

Although little is known about the activities of the farm between 1847 and 1871, the family has documented the agricultural production following the purchase of 150 acres of the farmstead by Anderson Searcy, Jr., in 1871. Searcy produced corn, wheat, cattle, mules, pigs, and cotton during his ownership from 1871 until 1895. These are particularly significant products as they portray the shift to market crops as outlined in the Historic Family Farms in Middle Tennessee during the Expansion and the Market Economy context from 1850-1900.

Wheat, livestock hides, tobacco, and cotton became more common products for Middle Tennessee farms with the coming of the railroads by 1860.<sup>15</sup> The Searcy-Matthews-Tarpley Farm continued to produce subsistence items, especially corn, but also began producing wheat, cattle, and cotton for market. The farm is adjacent to Stones River and Jefferson Pike, both of which may have been used to transport goods south to the railroad in Murfreesboro or north to Nashville.

After the Civil War, market goods like wheat, cattle, and cotton remained important in Middle Tennessee. In the 1890s, state officials promoted the inclusion of poultry, winter cover crops, silage, Percheron horse breeding, truck farming, and new cultivation techniques for tobacco production.<sup>16</sup> As with many farms in

<sup>12</sup> Mike West, "Remembering Colonel Searcy's Roots," *Murfreesboro Post*, [www.murfreesboropost.com/news.php?viewStoryPrinter=6097](http://www.murfreesboropost.com/news.php?viewStoryPrinter=6097) (accessed August 27, 2007).

<sup>13</sup> Lamb, *Images of 19<sup>th</sup> Century Rutherford County*, 158.

<sup>14</sup> West, "Remembering Colonel Searcy's Roots."

<sup>15</sup> Multiple Property Nomination.

<sup>16</sup> *Ibid.*

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Middle Tennessee, the Searcy-Matthews-Tarpley Farm did not subscribe this trend until the 1930s, during the progressive era, with the addition of the chicken coops.

Farm outbuildings from this era feature distinct qualities. Outbuildings became more specialized and silos common. Silos were usually constructed of wood, and were rectangular at first with round shapes becoming common by 1900.<sup>17</sup> The original silo at the Searcy-Matthews-Tarpley Farm may have been constructed during this era, around the turn of the century.

### Rural Reform and Agriculture (1900-1945)

On January 19, 1895, Anderson, Jr.'s son-in-law, Andrew Johnson (A.J.) Matthews, took possession of 105 acres including the house.<sup>18</sup> Matthews had married Anderson, Jr.'s daughter, Elizabeth "Lizzie" Searcy, November 13, 1878.<sup>19</sup> Anderson, Jr., may have continued to live with his daughter and son-in-law until his death on May 11, 1910.

A.J. Matthews owned the farm until his death in 1936 and during this period, he introduced dairy production to the farm, a significant progressive trend in Middle Tennessee agricultural production of the period identified in the Historic Family Farms in Middle Tennessee Multiple Property Nomination as the Rural Reform and Agriculture period from 1900-1945. In the early twentieth century, beef and dairy cattle became increasingly important to Middle Tennessee agriculture, followed by gas-powered machinery in the 1940s.<sup>20</sup>

The introduction of dairy farming can be seen in the extant dairy barn, silo, and milk house that were constructed in the 1930s. Middle Tennessee farmers were encouraged to undertake dairy farming by the University of Tennessee agricultural extension service who built a demonstration dairy farm in Marshall County outside of Lewisburg. Farmers across Middle Tennessee begin adopting this technique, including the Matthews family. Also extant from this period of development is a chicken coop, ponds, and a new well house. These all reflect agricultural practices pushed by reformers during the first half of the twentieth century, particularly the construction of ponds to aid in cattle production and the construction of well houses to shield water pumps from the elements.

A.J. Matthews died in 1936 and left numerous tracts of land to his son Grover Cleveland Matthews. Over the next twelve years, the property transferred ownership within the Matthews family several times. On July 29, 1940, G.C. Matthews sold 160 acres that included the nominated parcel to his brother Epps Edwin Matthews. Just a few weeks later, E.E. Matthews sold the property to his sister Erline Matthews Erwin on August 22, 1940.<sup>21</sup>

### Post-War Transformations (1945-1960)

In 1948, E.E. Matthew Sr., E.E. Matthews Jr., and Thomas M. Tarpley (married to Jane Matthews) jointly purchased the property from Erline. Four years later in 1952, Thomas M. Tarpley and his wife Jane

<sup>17</sup> Ibid.

<sup>18</sup> Rutherford County Deeds.

<sup>19</sup> Century Farms File, Center for Historic Preservation, Middle Tennessee State University.

<sup>20</sup> Multiple Property Nomination.

<sup>21</sup> Rutherford County Deeds.

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Matthews Tarpley acquired full ownership of the property, but E. E. Matthews, Jr., continued to farm the land.

In the late 1940s and 1950s, the Searcy-Matthews-Tarpley Farm continued to follow common trends in Middle Tennessee farms during the Post-War Transformations period from 1945-1960 as outlined in the Historic Family Farms of Middle Tennessee Multiple Property Nomination. The family continued to farm the land, and during this time Epps Edwin Matthews, Jr., planted and harvested wheat and soybeans on the property, common crops during the post-war period.

The most significant changes during this period were with the house. When the Tarpleys acquired the property in 1952, the house had not been occupied for several years and was in need of restoration. The Tarpleys made important improvements and modernizations to the house that included the enclosure of a c. 1871 porch to create a den and connect the c. 1830 kitchen to the main house, the addition of a bedroom and bathroom on the southwest end of the house, and the replacement and repair of windows, woodwork, and floors throughout the house. It is thought that this is when plumbing, and perhaps electricity, was added to the house with construction of the bathroom. The additions are minimal and the restoration of the house sought to restore the historic character of the original farmhouse.

Increasing urban and suburban growth marked the years immediately following World War II. Industry boomed in Tennessee with TVA projects, Oak Ridge, and the Milan Arsenal, resulting in many rural people moving into cities and in turn causing many city residents to move to the suburbs. This was especially true along major transportation corridors, including Lebanon Road, less than a mile east of the nominated property. Areas of Jefferson Pike around the farm saw some 1950s housing development with several ranch houses constructed on large lots of land, but the community but remained mostly agricultural until later in the twentieth century.

Many farms shifted from diverse products to specialized farming, and they relied more heavily on machinery than human labor. Specialization resulted from the influence of extension agents and soil conservation practices, and beef cattle, dairy products, and tobacco remained popular products in Middle Tennessee. The Tarpley family focused largely on cattle, wheat, and soybeans in the Post-War period. Modern elements were added to the landscape to house equipment, seen here in the mid twentieth century, probably 1950s, garage. Farmhouses also depicted modernization of the farm, and many have additions that added indoor bathrooms, including the Tarpley farmhouse.

### The Farm Today (1960-2011)

In 1972, the Tarpleys added a final addition to the house, extending the c. 1952 den and enclosing the patio between the c. 1952 bedroom and c. 1830 kitchen. A second bathroom was added at this time.

In 1976, the Tarpleys reported the farm was still operated by Epps Edwin Matthews, Jr. and produced cattle.<sup>22</sup> In 1986, Middle Tennessee Century Farms were producing beef cattle, hay, corn, tobacco, soybeans, wheat, pigs, pasture, dairy cattle, and grains (in order from most production to least).<sup>23</sup> While the

<sup>22</sup> Century Farms File, Center for Historic Preservation, Middle Tennessee State University.

<sup>23</sup> Multiple Property Nomination.

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Tarpleys retain the historic acreage of 106 acres, they have reduced the acreage in cultivation, currently using approximately 70 acres on the production of soybeans, dairy cattle, and wheat, which are not major market products in the region today. The remaining acreage is left untouched as wooded areas. The farm remains in the possession of the Tarpley family under the ownership of the Tarpley Family Limited Partnership.

## Architecture

Originally constructed c. 1830, the Searcy-Matthews-Tarpley house stands to represent common architectural patterns on Middle Tennessee farms. The house is a Middle Tennessee I-house with a dominating two-story Greek Revival styled portico. As identified in the Historic Family Farms in Middle Tennessee Multiple Property nomination, this is a vernacular house type common to the area between 1830 and 1875. In the 1830s and 1840s, the Greek Revival front was popular, while the later years saw the introduction of more Victorian era designed fronts. Vernacular forms such as the Middle Tennessee I-house were often built on farms geared toward subsistence agriculture rather than market production. In addition to the main house, the 1830s kitchen, well, carriage house, and cook's house are all intact as physical representations of a self-sufficient farm in the mid-nineteenth century. Built around the same time as the NR-listed Pierce-Randolph home of Riverside Farm just west of the nominated property on Jefferson Pike, these two houses are two of the earliest extant structures remaining in the Walter Hill area.

Like the Pierce-Randolph home, a large ell was added to the house c. 1871 when Anderson Searcy, Jr., purchased the property. This was a common trend in the Reconstruction period to improve housing and increase living space as farms were moving more into market production of crops such as cotton. The addition was made in keeping with the vernacular style of the original building.

Another important architectural phase of the house was in 1952 when Thomas and Jane Tarpley moved into the home. They undertook significant renovations and modernizations after it had been vacant for several years. These modernizations, most importantly, included the introduction of plumbing and electricity to the house. A bathroom, bedroom, and den were added on to the rear of the house, connecting the original c. 1830 detached kitchen to the house. Additions such as these were common post-war trends in rural areas.

The area around the Searcy-Matthews-Tarpley farm has experienced immense development pressure, particularly in the late-nineteenth and early twentieth centuries as Murfreesboro has expanded in all directions. The farm remains intact amid this modern development and the property owners have made great efforts to maintain the historic character of the property. A majority of the historic materials remain in both the farmhouse and domestic and agricultural outbuildings, making the farm an excellent intact example of a Middle Tennessee rural agricultural landscape.

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County and State

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of Property 106 acres Walter Hill, TN 315 NW

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

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**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Tarpley Family Limited Partnership (contact Laws Nelson, 455 West Jefferson Pike, Murfreesboro, TN 37129)  
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## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

### Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property consists of 106 acres identified as parcel 04300 on the attached Rutherford County Tax Map.

The nominated property is bounded on the northeast by West Jefferson Pike, on the south by adjacent rural and residential parcels, on the west by Stones River, and on the north adjacent rural properties and an unnamed road.

### Verbal Boundary Justification

The nominated property contains all of the extant acreage historically associated with the property.

See figure 1.

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## PHOTOGRAPHS

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Date: September 2010; December 2010

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- 1 of 44 Main House, east façade, photographer facing west.
- 2 of 44 Main House, east façade, detail of second floor windows, photographer facing west.
- 3 of 44 Main House, south elevation, photographer facing northwest.
- 4 of 44 Main House, south elevation, photographer facing north.
- 5 of 44 Main House, west elevation, photographer facing east.
- 6 of 44 Main House, north elevation of c. 1830 kitchen, photographer facing southeast.
- 7 of 44 Main House, north elevation, photographer facing south.
- 8 of 44 Main House Interior, Central Hall, photographer facing northeast.
- 9 of 44 Main House Interior, Central Hall, stair, photographer facing northwest.
- 10 of 44 Main House Interior, North Parlor, photographer facing north.
- 11 of 44 Main House Interior, South Parlor, photographer facing south.
- 12 of 44 Main House Interior, Second Floor Hall, photographer facing northeast.
- 13 of 44 Main House Interior, Second Floor Hall, photographer facing southwest.
- 14 of 44 Main House Interior, North Bedroom, photographer facing northeast.
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- 16 of 44 Main House Interior, Dining Room, photographer facing west.
- 17 of 44 Main House Interior, Kitchen, photographer facing west.
- 18 of 44 Main House Interior, Laundry Room, photographer facing west.
- 19 of 44 Main House Interior, c. 1952 Den, photographer facing west.
- 20 of 44 Main House Interior, c. 1952 Rear Hall, photographer facing west.
- 21 of 44 Main House Interior, c. 1952 Bedroom, photographer facing south.
- 22 of 44 Main House Interior, c. 1972 Den, photographer facing west.
- 23 of 44 Main House Interior, Rear Enclosed Porch, photographer facing southwest.
- 24 of 44 Main House Interior, c. 1830 Kitchen, photographer facing west.
- 25 of 44 Main House Interior, c. 1830 Kitchen, photographer facing south.
- 26 of 44 Main House Interior, Cellar below c. 1830 Kitchen, photographer facing east.
- 27 of 44 Garage (#2), photographer facing northeast.
- 28 of 44 Chicken Coop (#3), photographer facing northwest.
- 29 of 44 Well (#4), photographer facing southwest.
- 30 of 44 Carriage House (#5), photographer facing west.
- 31 of 44 Cook's House (#6), photographer facing north.
- 32 of 44 Cook's House Interior, photographer facing south.
- 33 of 44 Milk House (#7), photographer facing north.
- 34 of 44 Well House (#8), photographer facing northeast.
- 35 of 44 Dairy Barn and Concrete Block Silo (#9 and 10), photographer facing north.
- 36 of 44 Dairy Barn, detail of hay loft, photographer facing north.
- 37 of 44 Dairy Barn, Interior, photographer facing north.

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- 38 of 44 Original Silo (#11), photographer facing northwest.
- 39 of 44 Crab Orchard Stone Pillars (#12), view down driveway from house, photographer facing east.
- 40 of 44 Crab Orchard Stone Pillars, detail.
- 41 of 44 Agricultural Landscape (#13), west field, photographer facing west.
- 42 of 44 Agricultural Landscape, north field, photographer facing northeast.
- 43 of 44 Agricultural Landscape, chicken coop near north field, photographer facing west.
- 44 of 44 Agricultural Landscape, stone wall beside Dairy Barn, photographer facing northwest.

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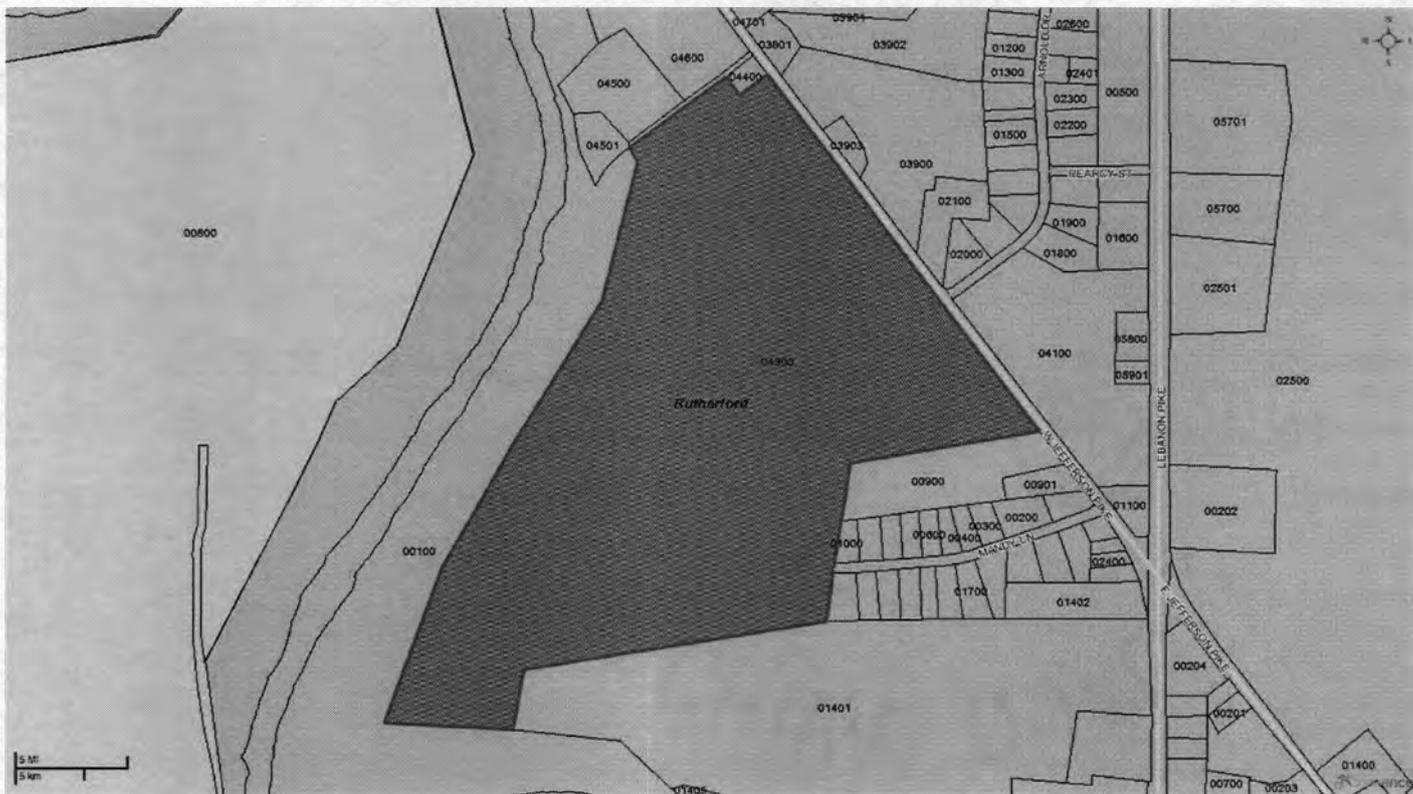


Figure 1. Tax Map.



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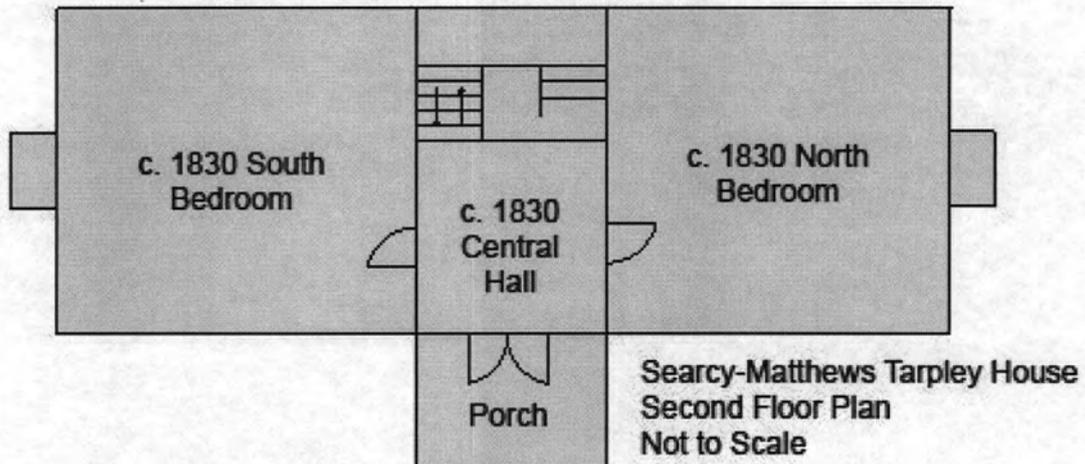


Figure 3. Second Floor Plan.

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Figure 4. Site Plan.

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Searcy--Matthews--Tarpley Farm  
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MULTIPLE Historic Family Farms in Middle Tennessee MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TENNESSEE, Rutherford

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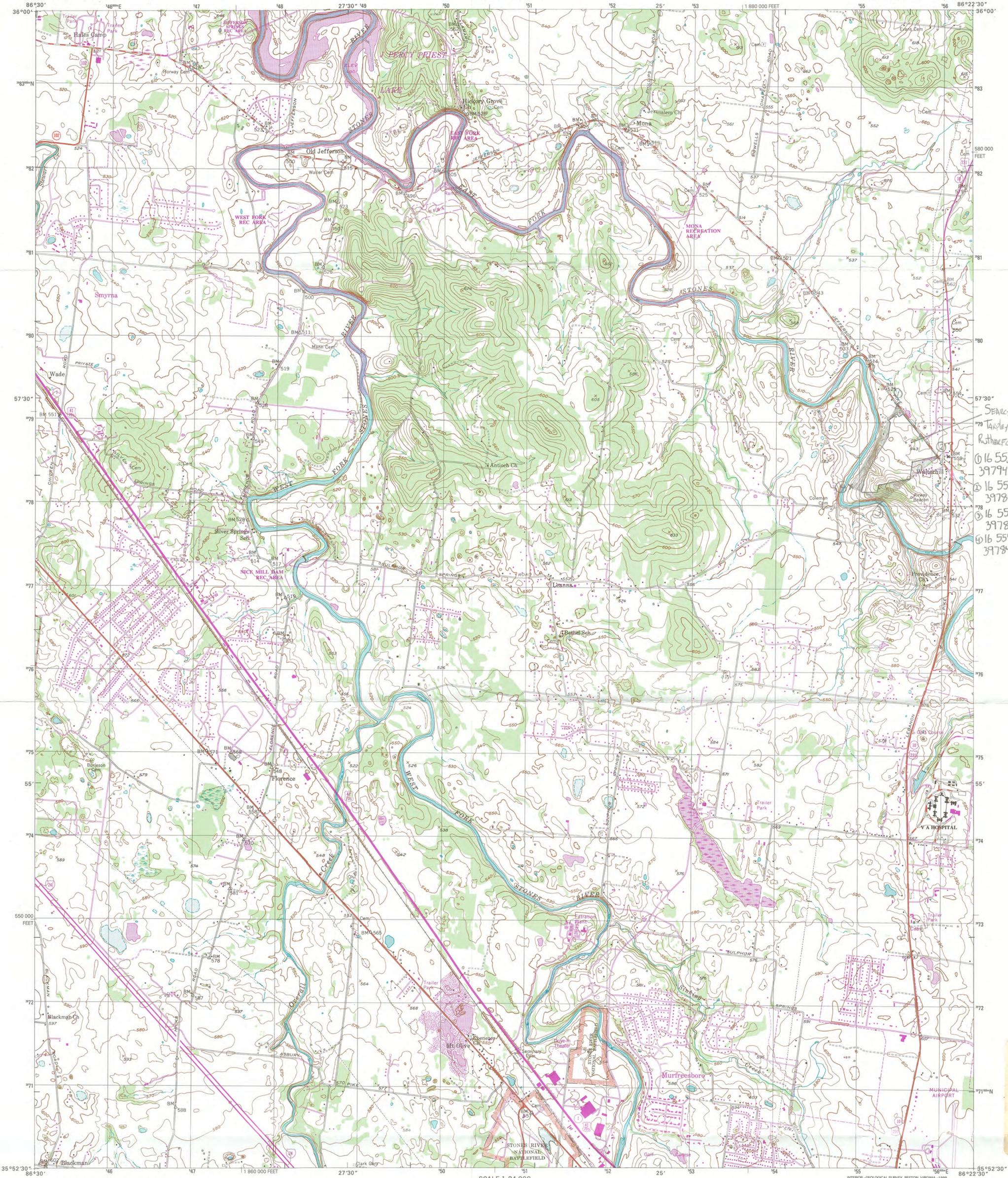
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CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
 NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929  
 TO CONVERT FROM FEET TO METERS, MULTIPLY BY 0.3048

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway hard surface .....	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface .....
Secondary highway hard surface .....	Unimproved road .....
Interstate Route	U.S. Route
	State Route

QUADRANGLE LOCATION

1	2	3	1 La Vergne
			2 Gladville
			3 Vine
4	5	6	4 Smyrna
			5 Lascassas
			6 Rockvale
			7 Murfreesboro
6	7	8	8 Dillon

ADJOINING 7.5' QUADRANGLE NAMES

UTM GRID AND 1999 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

24" = 44 MILES  
 0° 20' = 6 MILES

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May 23, 2011

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Dear Ms. Shull:

Please find the enclosed documentation to nominate the *Searcy-Matthews-Tarpley Farm* to the National Register of Historic Places.

If you have any questions or if more information is needed, contact Brian Beadles at 615/532-1550, extension 125 or [Brian.Beadles@tn.gov](mailto:Brian.Beadles@tn.gov).

Sincerely,

E. Patrick McIntyre, Jr.  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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