

# TENNESSEE MULTIPLE PROPERTY FORM

**TITLE:** Historic Resources of Grundy County

**COUNTY:** Grundy

**SITE:** 8

**HISTORIC NAME:** Patton, John E., House

**COMMON NAME:** Patton, John E., House

**ADDRESS:** Roddy Creek Road  
Coalmont, Tennessee

**OWNER:** Ray Winton

**ADDRESS:** Box 295  
Cowan, Tennessee 37318

**HISTORIC USE:** Residence

**CURRENT USE:** Residence

**CATEGORY/BUILDING TYPE:** Building/Residence

**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:** c. 1904

**ARCHITECT/BUILDER:** unknown

**ORIGINAL SITE:** yes **MOVED:** N/A **DATE:** N/A

**ORIGINAL OWNER/SIGNIFICANT INDIVIDUALS:** John E. Patton

**HAS THIS PROPERTY BEEN DETERMINED ELIGIBLE?** no **DATE:** N/A

**CONTRIBUTING:**

**NON-CONTRIBUTING:**

buildings	1	buildings	0
structures	0	structures	2
sites	0	sites	0
objects	0	objects	0

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>
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**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

The boundaries for the John E. Patton House begin at a point on Roddy Creek Road approximately 200 feet from the eastern boundary line. The boundary goes easterly approximately 200 feet along the south fence line to the east fence line, thence northerly approximately 200 feet to the north fence line, thence westerly along the north fence line approximately 250 feet to the west fence line, thence southerly along the west fence line 200 feet to the south fence line, thence easterly along the south fence line 60 feet to the point of beginning. See Map #8. This includes enough property to protect the historic integrity of the property.

**ACREAGE:** less than one acre

**UTM REFERENCE:** Tracy City, Tennessee 99SW  
16/617560/3910470

**SUPPLEMENTAL BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

The John E. Patton House is located on a hill that sits above Highway 56 on the outskirts of Coalmont. The one-and-a-half story Craftsman style house was built circa 1904 with round logs and concrete chinking. The house has a variety of dormer and gable peaks that contains both straight edged and random cut shingles. On the main or east facade of the house is a simple screened-in shed roof porch with rectangular posts. A circular turret with a conical shaped roof is located on the northeast corner of the porch. The house contains a variety of windows including 1/1 sash, 20/1 sash, and small multi-paned sash in the dormers. A small rear porch has turned porch posts.

The interior of the house has been altered with the addition of 4' x 8' panel boards. However, all of the original wood trim has been retained around the doorways, fireplaces, and staircase. The door surrounds are pilaster trim with bullseye cornerblocks. The stairway is partially enclosed with beaded wainscot siding. The upper portion of the enclosing wall is composed of a ball and spindle frieze. Original fireplaces with a variety of glazed tile surrounds remain in all the downstairs rooms. All fireplaces with the exception of the living room fireplace have wooden mantels with Ionic columns and applied decorative trim. The dining room fireplace is larger than the bedroom fireplaces and contains a built-in mirror above the mantle shelf. The living room fireplace is of brick and stone. The brick ascends from the egg and dart mantel shelf in a stepped pyramidal pattern with a second egg and dart molding about halfway up the chimney.

There are two non-contributing outbuildings on the property, a concrete block heating plant on the north side of the house and a small frame shed at the rear of the house.

**SIGNIFICANCE:**

**CRITERIA:** B and C

**CONSIDERATION:** N/A

**AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE:** Architecture and Industry

**PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE/SIGNIFICANT DATES:** c.1904 - 1937

**LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:** Local

The John E. Patton House is nominated under criteria B and C for its significance in architecture and industry in Grundy County. The Craftsman Style house is a good example of the vernacular adaption of a revival log cabin. The house is also significant because of its association with John E. Patton, a prominent person in the development of Coalmont.

Coalmont was founded in 1903 as an open company town by the Sewanee Coal, Coke and Land Company. John E. Patton was the first postmaster

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of the town. In 1908 the Sewanee Coal, Coke and Land Company was reorganized as the Sewanee Fuel and Iron Company with Patton as president. In 1939 the coal company was once again reorganized with Patton as president of the new company, the Coalmont Coal and Coke Company. In addition to his association with the coal companies, Patton was also director of the Coalmont Bank.

The John E. Patton House is important in both architecture and industry in Grundy County. The house is a good representative example of the Craftsman style of architecture in Grundy County and is important for its association with a prominent official of a coal company, the major industry in the county.

