

TENNESSEE MULTIPLE PROPERTY FORM

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Title: Historic Resources of Williamson County

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Historic Name: Motheral, John, House (WM-41)

Common Name: Motheral, John, House

NATIONAL REGISTER

Classification: Building

Owner: John L. Lackey, Route # 3, Moran Rd., Franklin, TN 37064

Location: On Moran Road where it crosses the Big Harpeth River.

Contributing:

Buildings 1
Structures 0
Sites 0

Non-Contributing:

Buildings 1
Structures 0
Sites 0

Total: 1

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Description:

The John Motheral House is a two-story log and frame structure with the original log section built ca. 1805. The house was enlarged ca. 1870 with frame additions and the log section was covered with weatherboard. On the main (north) facade is a two-story veranda with square Doric motif columns. The porch railing has been removed on the first story but original square balusters are on the second story. Beneath the porch eaves are paired Italianate brackets. The main entrance has a four panel frame door and single light sidelights. Windows are ca. 1870 four-over-four sash.

On the second story of the veranda is a four panel glass and frame door. The house has a gable roof of metal standing seam and exterior limestone chimneys. At the rear is a ca. 1870 frame addition with weatherboard siding and four-over-four sash windows and four panel doors. The porch on the west facade has simple square chamfered posts. At the rear is another one-story porch with square chamfered columns and a square baluster railing. The interior was inaccessible. Adjacent to the residence is a ca. 1960 one-story garage. The house faces Moran Road on a small lot with modern homes nearby. At the rear of the house is the Big Harpeth River and the Moran Road bridge is located just west of the house.

Period of Significance: ca. 1805; ca. 1870

Area of Significance: Architecture

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Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The John Motheral House is a notable example of an early log residence with later frame additions and is typical of the evolution of log structures in the

county. The residence is one of fourteen early log homes included in the nomination. Around 1870 the original double pen log section was covered with weatherboard and a frame addition was added at the rear of the original section.

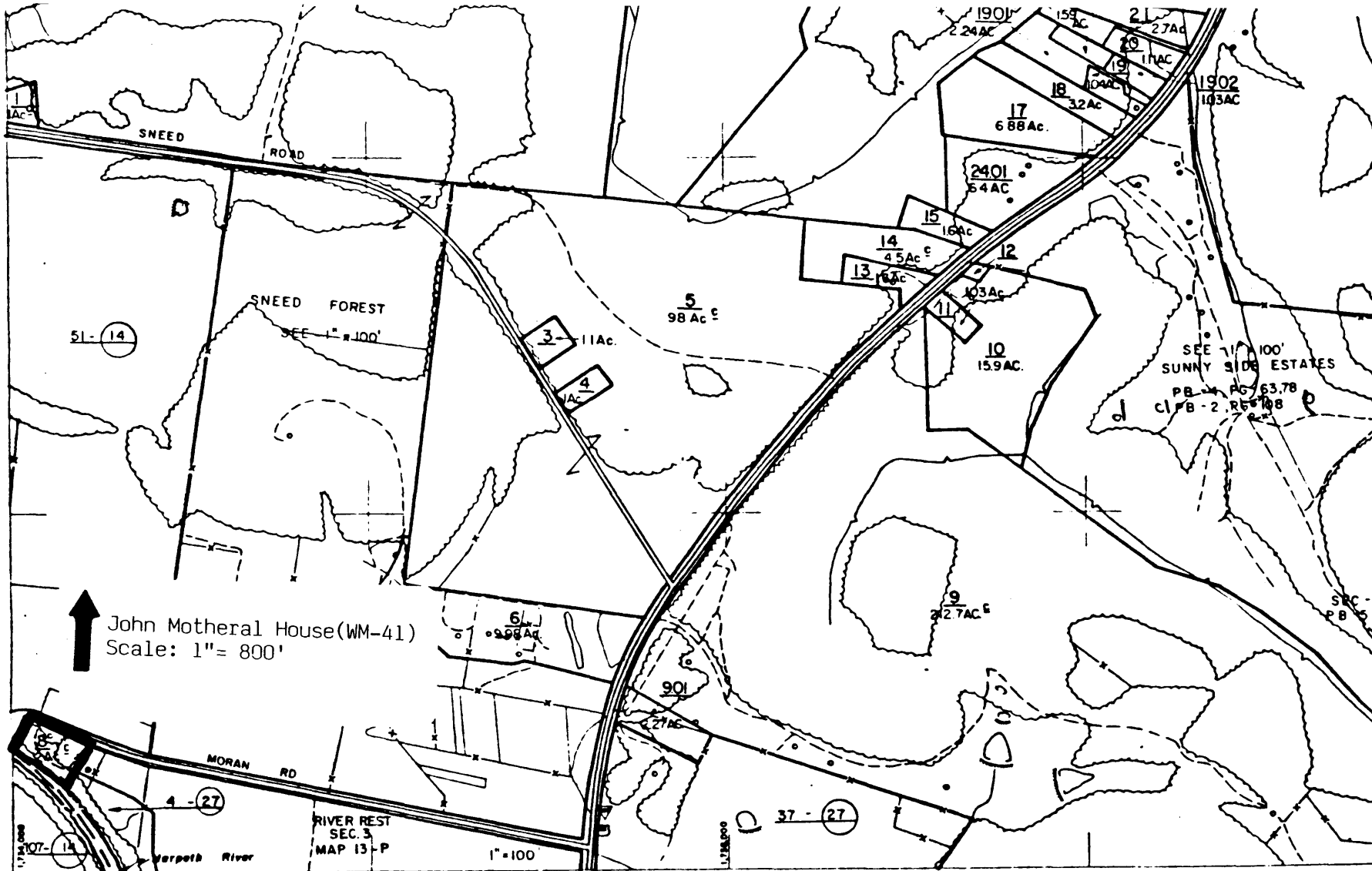
John Motheral came to Williamson County in 1800 and purchased 500 acres of land along the Harpeth River. Motheral soon built a large log house facing the Harpeth River. A wagon road paralleled the river and ran in front of the house. In 1820, Motheral was listed as owning several hundred acres and 14 slaves. Motheral died in 1824 and his house was bequeathed to his daughter Mary, who in 1830, married Dr. Joel Walker. The Walker family continued to own the house until 1873 when it passed into the hands of the Moran family. The John Motheral House has not been significantly altered since the late 19th century and displays its original detailing.

Acreage: 2 acres.

UTM References: Bellevue Quad/16/ 509120/3985640

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification: The boundary for the John Motheral House is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map # 13, lot 8. The boundary includes the legal boundary of the property and includes sufficient property to protect the historical setting of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References: Historic Williamson County, Bowman



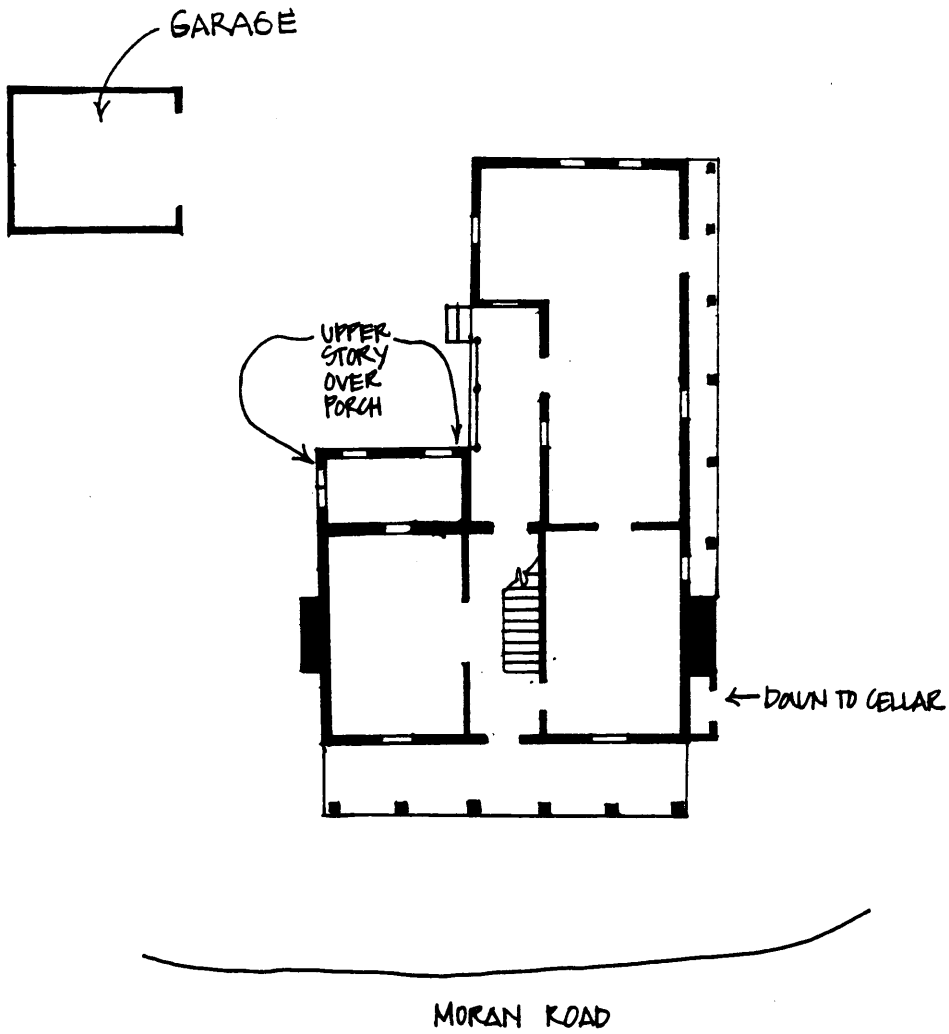
↑ John Motheral House (WM-41)
 Scale: 1" = 800'

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 PARCEL NUMBER 7 PARCEL HIGH --- INTERIOR TRACT LINE --- DISTRICT LINE 20 SUBD LOT WP --- PARCEL OUTLINE 1120 AC TOTAL ACREAGE 28 SECTION CORNERS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21 (20) PARCEL B CONTROLLING MAP WP ○ IMPROVEMENT --- FENCE ⊙ CEMETERY ⊙ CHURCH ⊙ SCHOOL ⊙ WOODED AREA ⊙ POND | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --- CREEK --- STATE LINE --- CITY LINE --- CORPS LIMITS --- TRANSMISSION --- ROAD --- RAILROAD --- RIDGE LINE |
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#41 JOHN MOTHERAL HOUSE

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