

TENNESSEE MULTIPLE PROPERTY FORM

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Title: Historic Resources of Williamson County

Historic Name: Hyde, Hartwell B., House (WM-247)

Common Name: Solitude

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Classification: Building

Owner: J.H. Ferguson, Route #2, Harpeth School Rd., Franklin, TN 37064

Location: On TN Highway 96, one mile east of Highway 41A.

<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 Hartwell B. Hyde House was originally a double pen dogtrot log residence constructed ca. 1801. This original log section was later enlarged with frame additions ca. 1880 which have Italianate detailing. On the main (east) facade is a recessed porch with original square chamfered posts with Doric motif columns. The main entrances to the house are ca. 1880 Eastlake design of single light glass and frame. Windows throughout the house are one-over-one sash. The house has a stone foundation, gable roof of composition shingles and wide eaves with Italianate brackets.

The original log section has exterior limestone chimneys in excellent condition. On the west facade one section of a log pen is exposed and the logs display half dovetail notching and are one to two feet in width. The open breezeway between the two original log pens has been enclosed. The interior of the house has detailing of Eastlake influence which was added with the additions ca. 1880.

To the southeast of the house is a stone smokehouse erected ca. 1820. This smokehouse is one of the best remaining stone outbuildings in the county. On the west facade is a small door added ca. 1900 of vertical board construction. On the second story of the north facade is a small hinged frame door. The stone block construction is in excellent condition and the building has a gable roof of composition shingles. There are no other significant outbuildings.

Period of Significance: ca. 1801, ca.1820, ca.1880

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The Hartwell B. Hyde House is a notable example of a vernacular design frame residence of the late 19th century and displays the evolution of log structures common in the county. The original log core of the residence was erected ca. 1801. This log section was later enlarged with a frame addition ca. 1880 and part of the log residence was covered with weatherboard. The ca. 1880 alterations resulted in a vernacular T-plan design with simple columns and eave brackets. Since this time few alterations have occurred to the residence. This progression of additions to log structures was common in the 19th century and the Hyde House is a good example of this type.

In 1801, Hartwell Hyde purchased 1,000 acres of a Revolutionary grant and moved here with his wife and eleven children. Soon after arriving in Williamson County, Hyde constructed a double pen log residence. This log residence was built in a dogtrot design with a large loft in the upper floor. At the rear of the house a log kitchen was also constructed.

Hyde was a prosperous farmer and developed an extensive plantation complex. Among the buildings constructed were a cobbler's shop, cooper's shed, cotton gin, mill and other buildings which served the plantation and adjacent families. It was one of the major ante-bellum plantations in this section of the county but Hyde was content with his log home and did not construct a brick or frame residence even as his financial situation improved. Hyde died in 1833 and his son Hartwell B. Hyde inherited the plantation. In 1860, Hyde owned real estate valued at \$25,000 and personal estate valued at \$85,000. By 1871, the Hyde farm still totaled over 1,000 acres. Hyde died in 1874 and his widow remodeled the house ca. 1880 with the addition of new frame rooms to the east facade of the original log section. The house continues to be occupied by descendants of the Hyde family.

Acreage: Approx. 1.1 acre.

UTM References: College Grove Quad/16/533190/3967730

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification: The boundary for the Hartwell B. Hyde House is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map # 113, lot 45. The boundary is defined by fence lines on the north, south and west and by a farm lane on the east. The boundary includes sufficient property to protect the historical setting of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References: Historic Williamson County, Bowman

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