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## TENNESSEE MULTIPLE PROPERTY FORM

Title: Historic Resources of Williamson County

<u>Historic Name:</u> Pope, John, House (WM-636) Common Name: Eastview

Classification: Building

Owner: Leonard Grigsby, Pope Chapel Road, Thompson Station, Tennessee.

Location: Pope Chapel Road.

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## Description:

The John Pope House is a two-story log and frame residence constructed ca. 1806. The exterior of the house was covered with weatherboard ca. 1880. On the main (east) facade is a one-story gable roof porch added ca. 1950 with square Doric motif columns and square baluster railing. A similar porch has also been added on the north facade. The main entrance has a ca. 1920 multi-light frame and glass door. Windows are ca. 1880 four-over-four sash. The house has a gable metal standing seam roof, weatherboard siding, a stone foundation and exterior brick chimneys.

At the rear of the house is a ca. 1920 one-story frame addition with ca. 1940 metal siding. This addition has six-over-six sash windows. The interior of the house retains its original hall-parlor plan. A number of important original details exist such as chairrails and rectangular wainscoting in the main rooms of the first story. Several original six panel doors are also extant. On the second story are original mantles of simple Federal influenced design. Part of an original staircase is also extant. No historic outbuildings remain on the property and modern outbuildings to the west and south of the house are excluded from the boundary. To the north of the house is a ca. 1950 garage which is included in the boundary and is non-contributing. The house sits on a hillside on a several hundred acre farm and retains its original site and setting.

Period of Significance: ca. 1806; ca. 1880

Area of Significance: Architecture

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Architect/Builder: Unknown

## Statement of Significance:

The John Pope House is a notable example of a single pen log residence

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constructed in the early 19th century. This two-story log residence was constructed ca. 1806 and retains significant interior detailing such as wainscoting, chairrails, staircase and mantles. The interior of the house was designed in a hall-parlor plan and it is the only existing example of this type floor plan in a log home in the county. The exterior of the house was covered with weatherboard ca. 1880 with porches and doors altered in the 20th century. Despite the additions and changes to the exterior, the basic exterior and interior form of the house remains evident.

John Pope was born in North Carolina in 1762 and came to Williamson County in the early 1800s. Around 1806, Pope constructed this two-story log residences which he named Eastview. The house was one of the more ornate log residences built during this period in the county with wainscoting, chairrails and plaster walls. Over the next two decades Pope amassed one of the largest amounts of acreage in the county with holdings in 1828 of over 2,000 acres. In addition to being a successful planter and farmer, Pope was also an independent Methodist minister and he preached throughout the area. In 1818, Pope deeded land for the construction of Pope's Chapel nearby which stood until 1910. Pope died in 1829 and is buried in the family cemetery near the house.

The John Pope House remained in the family until the late 19th century. The exterior of the log house was covered at this time with weatherboard. With the exception of the porch replacements and rear addition few other changes have occurred to the house and it retains its original site and setting.

Acreage: 1.8 acre

UTM References: Spring Hill Quad/16/501980/3961430

<u>Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:</u> The boundary for the John Pope House is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map # 147, lot 53. This boundary is drawn to include the house, adjacent garage and approaches to the house and to exclude modern farm buildings to the west and south. The boundary is defined by a fence on the west, Pope's Chapel Road to the east and lines running fifty feet to the south and north of the house from the fence to the road. The boundary includes sufficient property to protect the historical integrity of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References: Historic Williamson County, Bowman



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