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Title: Historic Resources of Williamson County

Historic Name: Forest Hills School (WM-670) Common Name: Forest Hills School

Classification: Building

Owner: Lewis B. Apple, Route # 2, Carter's Creek Pike, Franklin, TN 37064.

Location: On Carters Creek Pike two-tenths of a mile south of Bear Creek Road.

Contributing:		Non-Contributing:	
Buildings	1	Buildings	0
Structures	0	Structures:	0
Sites	0	Sites	0
Total:	1	Total:	0

Description:

The Forest Hills School is a one-room frame schoolhouse constructed in 1907. On the main (west) facade is an original entrance with a six-panel frame door. The building was constructed in a rectangular plan with weatherboard siding, gable metal standing seam roof and stone foundation. Windows are original four-over-four sash, however, they are presently boarded over. There is an original six-panel frame door and two windows on the rear facade. The interior is composed of one large room divided by an added partition wall in the east section. The walls and ceilings have tongue and groove siding. Interior photographs were not possible. The building now sits in an open field approximately 75 yards east of Carter's Creek Pike.

Period of Significance: 1907-ca. 1937

Area of Significance: Education

Criterion: A

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The Forest Hills School is notable as an excellent example of a public educational building of the early 20th century. After 1900, there was a large increase in funding for public education in the state. In Williamson County this was reflected by the large number of one and two story frame schoolhouses built in the rural area. By 1910 there were dozens of these simple vernacular form school buildings located throughout the county. These schools served area students with generally one teacher being responsible for all ages. This pattern of public education continued until the 1940s when schools were consolidated in the county.

Built by the county school system in 1907, the Forest Hills School served students of the area for over thirty years. The school was called Forest Hills in honor of the Forest Hills mansion which stood across Carter's Creek Pike near the site of the present Overby House. The school was constructed on land owned by Glenn Overby. Teachers at the school included Ruby Jefferson and Sybil Lillie. The school closed in 1945 when county schools were consolidated. The school is an important example of a one-room schoolhouse and has not been altered.

Acreage: Approximately 1 acre.

UTM References: Spring Hill Quad 16/504140/3968670

<u>Verbal Boundary Description and Justification</u>: The boundary of Forest Hills School is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map # 103, lot 11.03. The school is centered in the middle of a rectangular boundary line drawn to include fifty feet of adjacent field around the building. The boundary is sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References:

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