

IDENTIFICATION

Historic name: Jim Godsey House  
 Common name: Goodner House  
 Address: TN 30 West  
Decatur, Tennessee  
 Owner's name: Dean Goodner  
 Owner's address: P.O. Box 52  
Decatur, Tennessee 37322  
 Classification: Building-private  
 Tax map reference: Dist. 3, Map 41, Parcel 10  
 Acreage: .9 acres  
 UTM reference: Zone 16 N 3933200  
E 694800

STATUS

Open to public: Yes  No  Restricted   
 Visible from road: Yes  No   
 Occupied: Yes  No   
 Present use: Private residence  
 Current condition: Fair  
 Alterations: Concrete foundation has replaced stone piers and lattice work. (ca. 1970)  
 Site features: Outbuildings (ca.1910) include a crib and barn.

HISTORY

Date of construction: 1910  
 Architect/builder: B. Bunch, carpenter  
 Original or previous owners: Jim Godsey, original owner  
 Original use: Private residence  
 Theme/s: Primary Architecture  
 Secondary N/A  
 Other N/A

SOURCES

Bibliographical data: None  
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 Organization: Tennessee Historical Commission  
 Date: 9/23/81

DESCRIPTION

A two-story frame house resting on a concrete block foundation, the Jim Godsey House is covered by weatherboarding and is rectangular in plan. A one-story ell is attached to the house's rear elevation. The house has a metal gable roof, with paired interior brick chimneys on the main part of the house, and with a central brick chimney on the ell. The three bay facade (north elevation) has a central doorway with 2/2 light windows on each side. The second floor repeats this arrangement. The windows and doors have cornice heads and wood surrounds. A two-tiered porch with shed roof extends across most of the facade and four square bracketed posts with sawn balustrades are found on each floor of the porch. The rear ell has a one story porch with shed roof supported by three square bracketed posts. Other decorative elements on the house include cornerboards with molded heads and bargeboards in the gable ends.

SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1910, the Jim Godsey House typifies the most common Meigs County form of the I-house—two stories in height with gable roof, interior paired chimneys, and two-tiered porch. The second most frequent housing type in the county, I-houses were built from the early 1800's until the early 1900's in the survey area. The Jim Godsey House is representative of the turn-of-the-century tastes reflected in the details on its I-house form, with its two-tiered porch with bracketed posts and sawn balustrade, bargeboards, decorative window and door surrounds, and cornerboards with molded heads. The Jim Godsey House has been very little altered, while many other I-houses in Meigs County have been "modernized" or replaced.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC DATA**

Photographer: Stephen T. Rogers

Date: 10/17/80

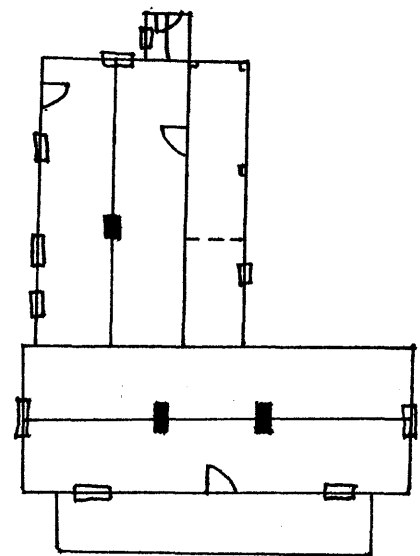
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Photographer facing: East elevation facing west

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**CONTINUATION**

**SITE PLAN - Include North Arrow**



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Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

32. The boundaries begin at the southeast corner of the intersection of Concord Road and Highway 30, thence south along Concord Road 150 feet, thence west 275 feet, thence north 150 feet to the property line, thence easterly along said property line 300 feet to the beginning. Due to the lack of property lines or visual boundaries on the south and west sides, imaginary boundary lines were established to include the house and approximately .9 acres of land on which it sits.

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