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Title: Historic Resources of Williamson County

Historic Name: McGavock-Gaines House (WM-371) Common Name: Riverside

Classification: Building

Owner: Sharondale Properties, P.O. Box 1952, Brentwood, TN 37027

Location: On Caruthers Road, one mile east of Lewisburg Pike.

Contributing:		Non-Contributing:	
Buildings	2	Buildings	1
Structures	1	Structures	0
Sites	0	Sites	0
Total:	3	Total:	1

## Description:

The McGavock-Gaines House is a two-story brick residence remodeled ca. 1907 into its present Neo-Classical design. The original brick structure on this site was built ca. 1835 but it was gutted by fire in 1905. The brick walls were retained and reused in the ca. 1907 remodeling. On the main (south) facade is a two-story portico with square Doric motif columns with dentil molding. The pediment eave also has dentil molding. Across the first floor is a one-story porch with frame Doric columns and dentils. On the roof of the porch is a balustrade. The main entrance has double doors of frame with egg and dart molding. Flanking the doors are four-light sidelights with a six-light transom over the door. The windows are six-over-six sash with flaired jack arching. The main facade is Flemish bond with other facades seven-course common bond.

The house has a two-story rear ell and in the west facade of the ell is a large leaded glass window. Also on the southwest facade of the ell are added ca.1970 lattice panels over the weatherboard. On the southeast facade of the ell is a two-story porch with Doric motif columns and a square spindled window. Doors on this facade also have egg and dart molding, four-light sidelights and single-light transoms. On the northeast facade are double doors of frame and glass with four-light sidelights and a six-light transom. According to the owner the interior has ca.1907 detailing with Federal style mantles, sliding pocket doors and staircase. The house is presently vacant and the interior was not accessible.

At the rear of the house are several outbuildings. The largest of these is a ca. 1832 double pen two-story log building. This building was originally used as a residence and later as servant's quarters. The building has exposed logs and added rear one and a half story wing. On the main (south) facade is a ca.1970 one-story frame porch with square posts. The main entrance is a ca.1970 addition as are the windows. The logs are square and notched with added concrete chinking. Because of extensive alterations this building is non-contributing to the site.

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NATIONAL REGISTER Contributing outbuildings include a ca.1840 one-story brick smokehouse with a gable metal shingle roof and a ca.1920 frame shed with weatherboard siding and a metal standing seam roof. Both outbuildings are good examples of their type and contribute to the house's setting. The house sits on a hill overlooking the Harpeth River on what was originally a large farm. This area is presently being subdivided into residential lots but the house and outbuildings are to remain on a large lot.

Period of Significance: ca. 1840; ca. 1907; ca. 1920

Area of Significance: Architecture

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Architect/Builder: Unknown

## Statement of Significance:

The McGavock-Gaines House is significant primarily as an excellent Neo-Classical design of the early 20th century. The original brick structure on this site was built ca. 1835 but was gutted by fire in 1905. Using the original brick walls the owner then constructed the present residence.

The original brick residence and log building were constructed by James Randal McGavock, son of wealthy landowner Randal McGavock. In 1832, McGavock married Louisa Chenault and they constructed the two-story log residence and lived there until they completed their brick residence ca. 1835. Upon completion the house was a central passage plan I-House with Greek Revival detailing. The McGavocks were the parents of ten children and in 1859 McGavock owned 714 acres and 7 slaves. McGavock died in 1862 and the house remained in the family until 1905.

In 1905, the house was sold to James Gaines and soon after the sale it caught fire and was partially destroyed. The walls remained sound and Gaines rebuilt the interior using the original exterior Flemish and Common bond walls. Completed ca. 1907, the house boasted a new Neo-Classical design with ornate interior and exterior detailing. Since 1907 few changes have occurred to the house and it retains its original appearance.

Acreage: 3.24 acres

UTM References: Franklin Quad/16/514410/3972710

<u>Verbal Boundary and Justification</u>: The boundary for the McGavock-Gaines House is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map #89, lot 17.01. The boundary is drawn to include the house and adjacent outbuildings. The boundary is defined on the north, west and east by fence lines and on the south by Carothers Lane. The boundary includes sufficient property to protect the historical setting of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References: Historic Williamson County, Bowman.





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