

## TENNESSEE MULTIPLE PROPERTY FORM

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Title: Historic Resources of Williamson CountyHistoric Name: Brown, Thomas, House (WM-397)Common Name: Old Town (Preferred)NATIONAL  
REGISTERClassification: BuildingOwner: Patrick M. Cooper, Route # 11, Old Natchez Trace, Franklin, TN 37064.Location: On Old Natchez Trace one and one-half mile south of Moran Road.

<u>Contributing:</u>		<u>Non-Contributing:</u>	
Buildings	1	Buildings	0
Structures	1	Structures	2
Sites	0	Sites	0
<u>Total:</u>	2	<u>Total:</u>	2

Description:

Old Town is a two-story frame central passage plan ante-bellum residence with Greek Revival detailing constructed ca. 1846. On the main (east) facade is an original two-story portico with square columns and Doric motif capitals. On the second story balcony is a lattice railing and in the gable field is dentil molding. The main entrance has an original four panel frame door, two light sidelights with frame lower panels and a two light transom. Dividing the door and sidelights are fluted Doric motif pilasters. The door has rectangular frame panels and a dentilled cornice.

On the central bay of the second story is an original door with features to match the main entrance. Windows on the main facade are original paired four-over-four sash with 19th century shutters. Over the windows are dentilled cornices and dentils are also located along the roof cornice. The house has weatherboard siding, exterior end brick chimneys, a gable roof of composition shingles and a stone foundation. On the south facade are original four panel doors which open onto a ca. 1960 one-story porch with square Doric motif columns. The rear two-story ell also has a brick chimney. The rear and side facades have original six-over-six sash windows.

The interior of the house has not been significantly altered and retains its original central passage design. The interior was not accessible, however, according to the owner original detailing includes Greek Revival influenced doors, mantles and staircase. To the west of the house is a contributing ca. 1846 log smokehouse with half-dovetail notching and a gable roof. Also adjacent to the house is a ca. 1930 non-contributing board and batten shed. A ca. 1850 log building is also on the site which was moved to this location and is now used as a garage. Due to alterations this structure is non-contributing. Surrounding the house is a stone wall and wood picket fence.

Period of Significance: ca. 1846Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Pryor Lilly - Builder

Statement of Significance:

Old Town is a notable two-story central passage plan frame ante-bellum residence with Greek Revival detailing. Constructed ca. 1846, the house displays its original design and has not been significantly altered. The house features detailing typical of this style and period such as a two-story portico and Greek Revival influenced doorway. Additions have been confined to the rear facade of the house and it retains its original site and setting.

Thomas Brown was born in Virginia in 1800 and moved to Williamson County in 1822. Brown became a prominent farmer and purchased a large amount of land from William O'Neal Perkins in 1840. Brown began construction of this two-story frame house in 1846 with builder Pryor Lilly acting as contractor. Little is known about Lilly but he is also the attributed contractor of the H.G.W. Mayberry House (WM-676) a brick central passage plan residence built ca. 1856. Thomas Brown was listed in 1860 with real estate valued at \$25,000 and personal property of \$34,500. At his death in 1870, he owned 546 acres of valuable land along the Harpeth River. Brown had six children and his daughter, Bethenia Brown Miller, lived at the house until her death in 1913. The house then passed through several hands until its purchase by the present owners.

Since its construction few changes have occurred to the residence with additions confined to the rear of the house. The house sits on a small lot in a rural area and faces the Harpeth River. In front of the house are two small Indian burial mounds and others are located to the west and north of the house. This area is an important archaeological site and a consensus decision on its eligibility for listing on the National Register has occurred by the Tennessee Historical Commission.

Acreage: 2.8 acres

UTM References: Leipers Fork Quad/16/505750/3983030

Verbal Boundary and Justification: The boundary for Old Town is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map # 26, lot 16.01. The boundary includes the legal boundary of the property and is sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References: "Old Town", Henry Goodpasture



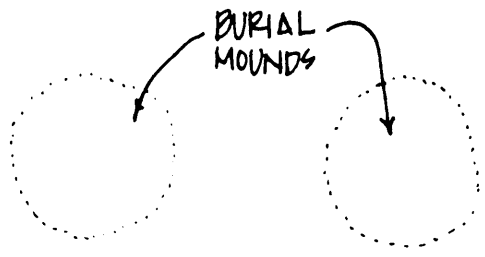
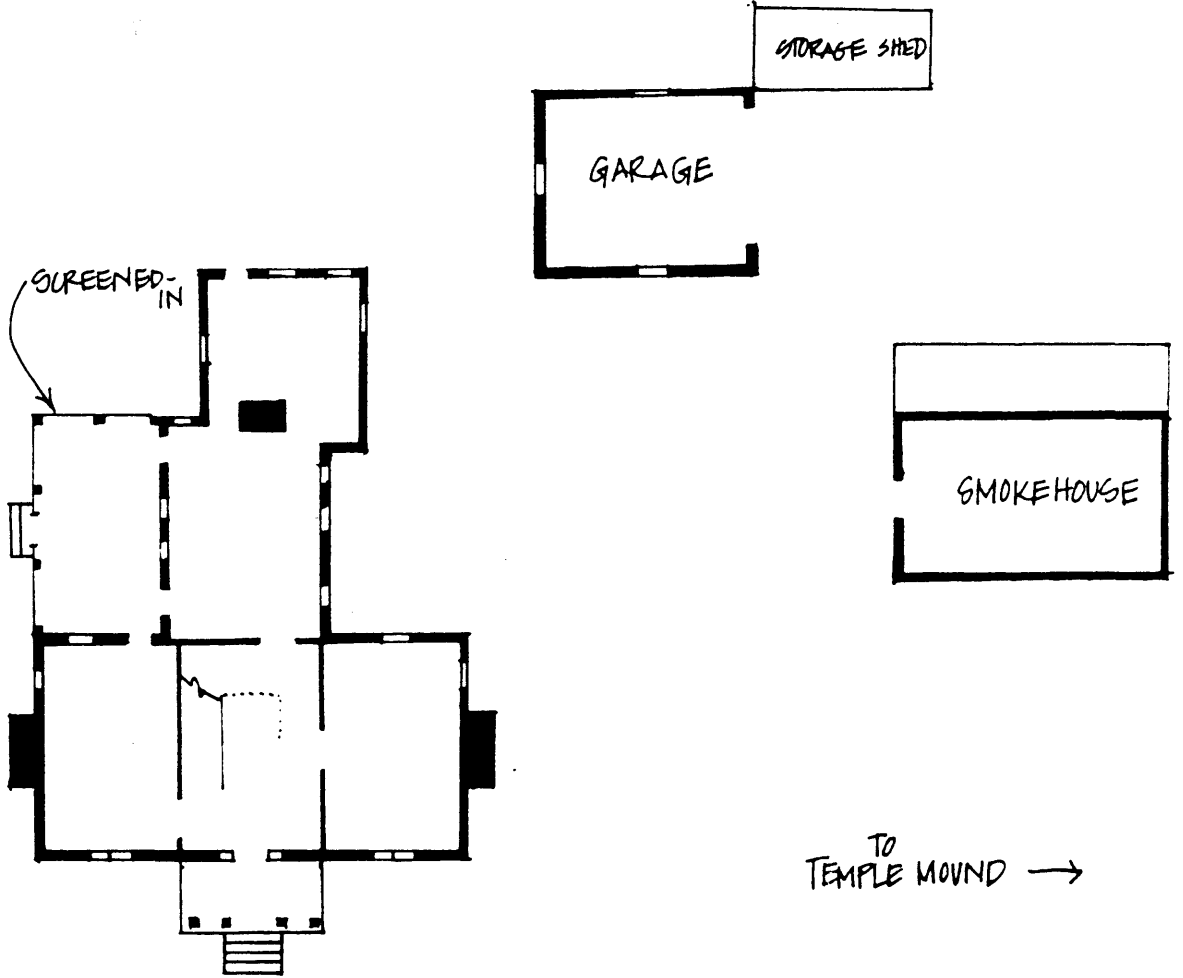
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- 5 PARCEL NUMBER
- 4 PARCEL HOOP
- INTERIOR TRACT LINE
- - - DISTRICT LINE
- 20 SUBD. LOT NO.
- PARCEL OUTLINE
- 11/4 TOTAL ACREAGE
- 30 SECTION CORNERS

- 21/4 PARCEL B CONTROLLING MAP NO.
- C HORIZONTAL MEAS.
- FENCE
- CEMETERY
- CHURCH
- SCHOOL
- BOUNDARY AREA
- POOL

- CREEK
- STATE LINE
- CO. LINE
- CROSS LIMITS
- TRANSMISSION LINE
- ROAD
- RAILROAD
- WILD LINE

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