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Title: Historic Resources of Williamson County

Historic Name: Beasley-Parham House (WM-433)

Common Name: Beasley-Parham House

Classification: Building

Owner: Nolen Warf, Route # 6, Franklin, TN 37064

Location: On Lick Creek Road one mile north of Natchez Trace.

<u>Contributing:</u>		<u>Non-Contributing:</u>	
Buildings	2	Buildings	0
Structures	4	Structures	0
Sites	0	Sites	0
<u>Total:</u>	6	<u>Total:</u>	0

Description:

The Beasley-Parham House is a one-story double pen dogtrot log residence constructed ca. 1840. On the main (south) facade is a ca. 1880 frame shed roof porch with square posts. The entrance in the enclosed breezeway has an original ca. 1880 four paneled door. Flanking the door are two four light fixed windows. Other windows are ca. 1880 four-over-four sash. Doors on the log pens are original ca. 1840 vertical board design. On the main facade the logs are covered with weatherboard while on the rear or north facade only the chinking is covered with weatherboard.

In the west pen the mantle has been removed. In the east pen is an original enclosed stair leading to the loft area. The east pen also contains an original Greek Revival influenced ca. 1840 mantle with Doric pilasters and raised rectangular panels. The interior of the east pen has tongue in groove siding. Logs are half dovetail, one to two feet thick with adze marks. The house has exterior stone chimneys and a gable corrugated metal roof.

The main facade of the house faces south towards an old road bed and large spring. The existing road was built in the 1930s and now runs north of the house. To the west of the house is a ca. 1840 log and frame barn and four small ca. 1840 log cribs for hay and corn storage. The barn has half-dovetail notched logs and added weatherboard siding with a gable roof. The log cribs have half-dovetail notching and gable roofs. The house sits approximately twenty feet from Lick Creek Road road in a rural valley along Lick Creek.

Period of Significance: ca. 1840; ca. 1880

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The Beasley-Parham House is a notable example of double pen dogtrot log construction and illustrates the evolution of log residences typical of those in the county. The original log sections were constructed ca. 1840 by the Beasley family although the exact member of the family who built the house is unknown. The house was owned by John Parham in the 1850s and he sold the house to William T. Parham in 1866. Around 1880, part of the house was covered with weatherboard which was an embellishment typically added to log residences after the Civil War. The residence remained in the Parham family until 1916.

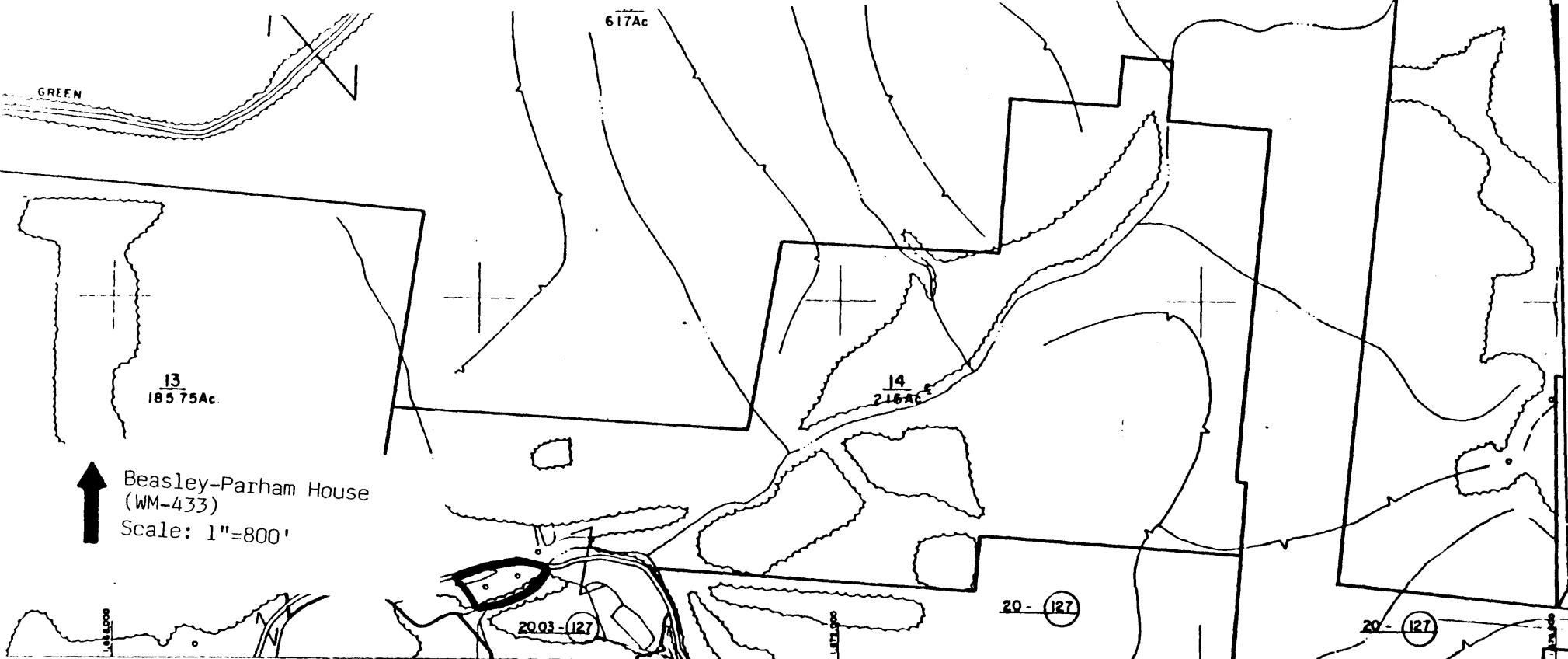
For the last forty years the Beasley-Parham House has been used for storage and it is in unusually intact condition. The house retains its original form and details such as interior stairs and an original Greek Revival influenced mantle. The exterior and interior plan and details are in good condition and retain their 19th century integrity. No alterations have taken place to the structure since the 19th century and it retains its original site and setting.

Acreage: 1.8 acres

UTM References: Theta Quad/16/489760/3965850

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification: The boundary for the Beasley-Parham House is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map # 123, lot 14. The boundary is drawn to include the house and contributing outbuildings to the west. The boundary is defined on the north and east by the South Lick Creek Road, on the south by the north bank of South Lick Creek, and on the west by a wire fence. The boundary includes sufficient property to protect the historical setting of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References:



↑ Beasley-Parham House  
(WM-433)  
Scale: 1"=800'

- 5 PARCEL NUMBER
- 1 PARCEL WIDTH
- INTERIOR TRACT LINE
- DISTRICT LINE
- 28 SUBD LOT #
- PARCEL OUTLINE
- (A) AC. TOTAL ACREAGE
- SECTION CORNERS

- 37 (69) PARCEL & CONTROLLING MAP #
- IMPROVEMENT
- FENCE
- CEMETERY
- SCHOOL
- WOODED AREA
- POND

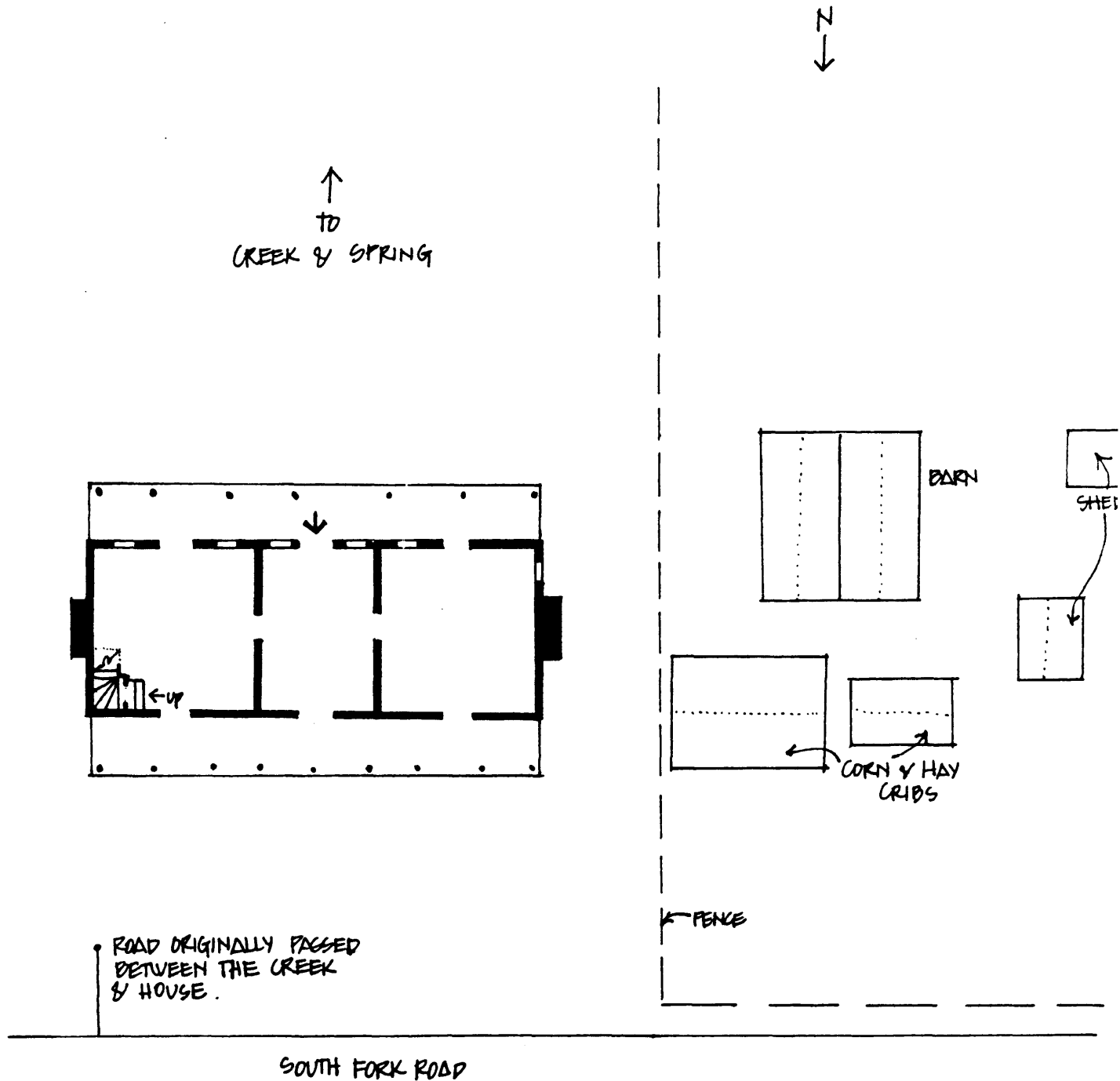
- CREEK
- STATE LINE
- CO LINE
- CORPS LIMITS
- TRANSMISSION LINE
- ROAD
- RAILROAD
- RIDGE LINE

99	100	101
104	105	102
126	127	108

- REVISIONS -		
1 1/79	5 4/87	11
2 5/81	7	12
3 9/83	6	13
4 6/85	9	14
5 9/86	10	15

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\* NOT TO SCALE