

TENNESSEE MULTIPLE PROPERTY FORM

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Title: Historic Resources of Williamson County

Historic Name: Wilhoite, James, House (WM-234)

Common Name: Reed Corlette House

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Classification: Building

Owner: Della Corlette, Route # 2, Box 36, College Grove, TN 37046.

Location: On Highway 31A in the community of Allisona.

Contributing:

Buildings 2
Structures 3
Sites 0

Non-Contributing:

Buildings 0
Structures 0
Sites 0

Total: 5

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Description:

The James Wilhoite House is a two-story frame, Italianate design residence constructed ca. 1877. On the main (east) facade is a one-story porch added ca.1910 with square fluted Doric columns. The porch extends beyond the south facade of the house to form a porte-cochere. The main entrance has original double doors with single-light and frame panels. Above the doorway is an arched, single-light transom. Flanking the door are two-light sidelights with tinted red glass and frame lower panels. The first story of the main facade is sheathed with rectangular frame vertical board panels. Also on the main facade is a secondary entrance with arched double doors of frame and glass panels. Windows throughout the house are arched one-over-one and two-over-two sash.

In the projecting gable of the main facade are paired one-over-one sash windows and a connecting arched transom. At the roofline are frame rectangular panels and paired eave brackets and in the gable field is a decorative vent window. On the north facade are paired floor to ceiling doors with frame cornices. At the rear is a one-story original ell with a ca. 1910 addition and part of the rear porch was enclosed ca. 1960. The house has three interior chimneys, a gable roof and corner frame pilasters.

The interior of the house retains its original central passage floor plan and original detailing. These details include original four panel doors and architrave surrounds, an ornate newel post and turned balusters on the staircase and cast iron mantles with Greek Revival influences. At the rear of the house are four contributing outbuildings: a ca. 1900 board and batten, shed roof shed; two ca.1900 shed roof sheds; and a ca.1877 smokehouse with tongue and groove siding with attached ca. 1910 drive-through sheds. These outbuildings are good examples of their type and are included as contributing to the property. The house sits on a large open lot in the crossroads settlement of Allisona.

Period of Significance: ca. 1877; ca. 1900; ca.1910

Area of Significance: Architecture

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Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The James Wilhoite House is a notable example of the Italianate style in Williamson County. The house was built ca. 1877 and with the exception of a ca. 1910 Colonial influenced porch, few alterations have occurred to the structure. Recent changes have occurred at the rear of the house and are not readily visible from the main facades. Metal siding was added to the upper floor of the house but no historic detailing was removed and the metal siding matches the width and shape of the original weatherboard siding.

The house was built ca. 1875 by James Wilhoite, a prominent merchant and farmer. Wilhoite was born in 1846 and at the age of nineteen he moved to Allisona where he worked in several mercantile establishments. In 1875, Wilhoite moved to Shelbyville for two years where he operated a grocery business. Wilhoite returned to Allisona in 1877 and purchased a farm of 200 acres and constructed this two-story frame residence.

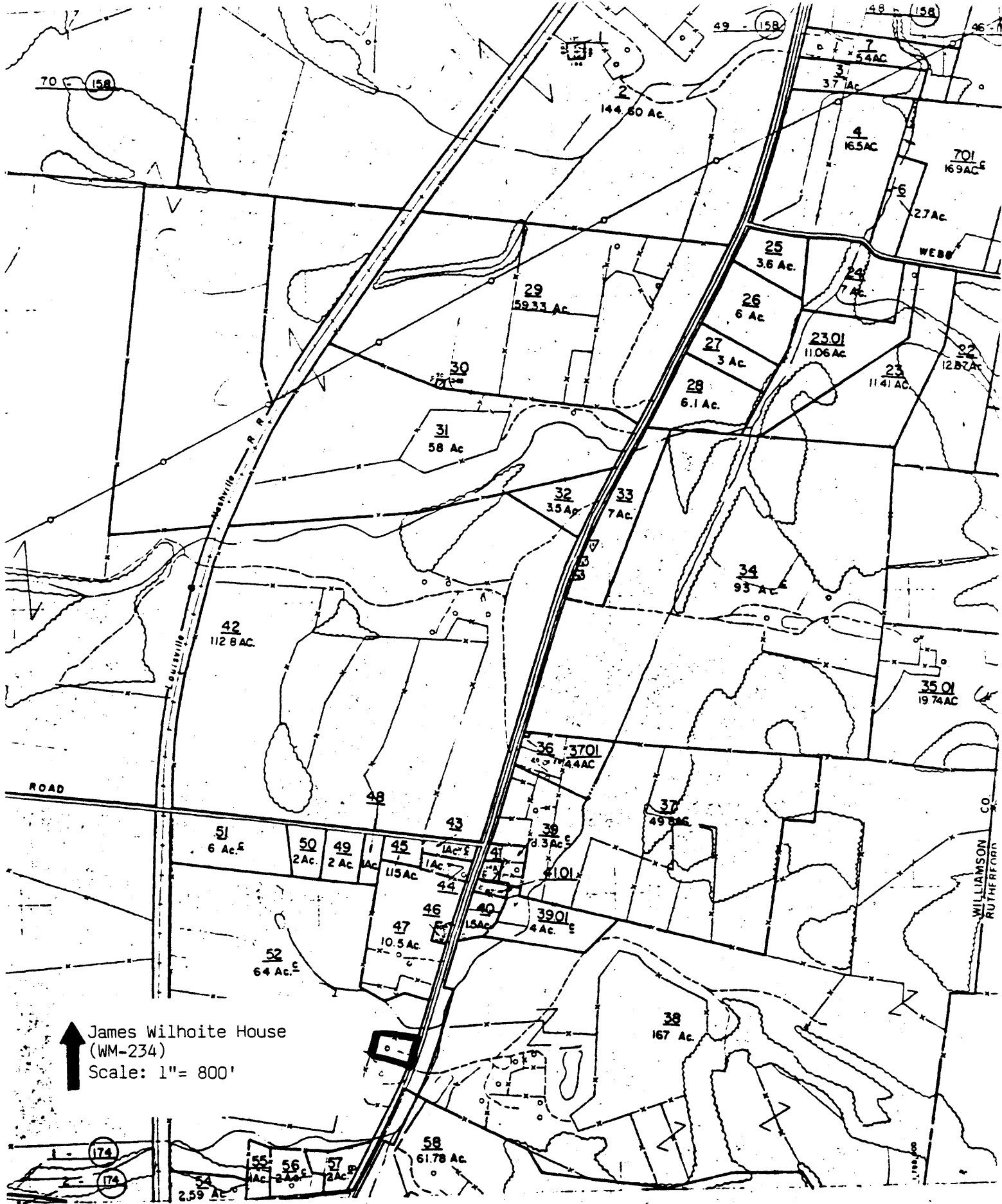
The house constructed by Wilhoite was one of the largest frame Italianate style homes in the county. It was built with arched doors and windows, decorative beaded vertical board on the main facade and elaborate interior details. The house was built facing the main highway and was located in the center of the community of Allisona. Wilhoite operated a nearby tobacco factory and was involved in several other businesses in addition to his farm. In 1886, Wilhoite was profiled in the Goodspeed bibliographical index which listed him among many prosperous merchants of the county. After Wilhoite's death the house passed through several hands before being purchased by the Corlette family. Around 1910 a one-story porch was added to three sides of the residence. No other significant historic residence or commercial building remains in Allisona.

Acreage: 1.4 acres

UTM References: College Grove Quad/16/528790/3956650

Verbal Boundary and Justification: The boundary for the James Wilhoite House is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map # 162, lot 52. The boundary is drawn to include the house and adjacent historic outbuildings. The boundary is defined on the north, west and south by fence lines and one the east by Highway 41A. The boundary includes sufficient property to protect the historical setting of the site.

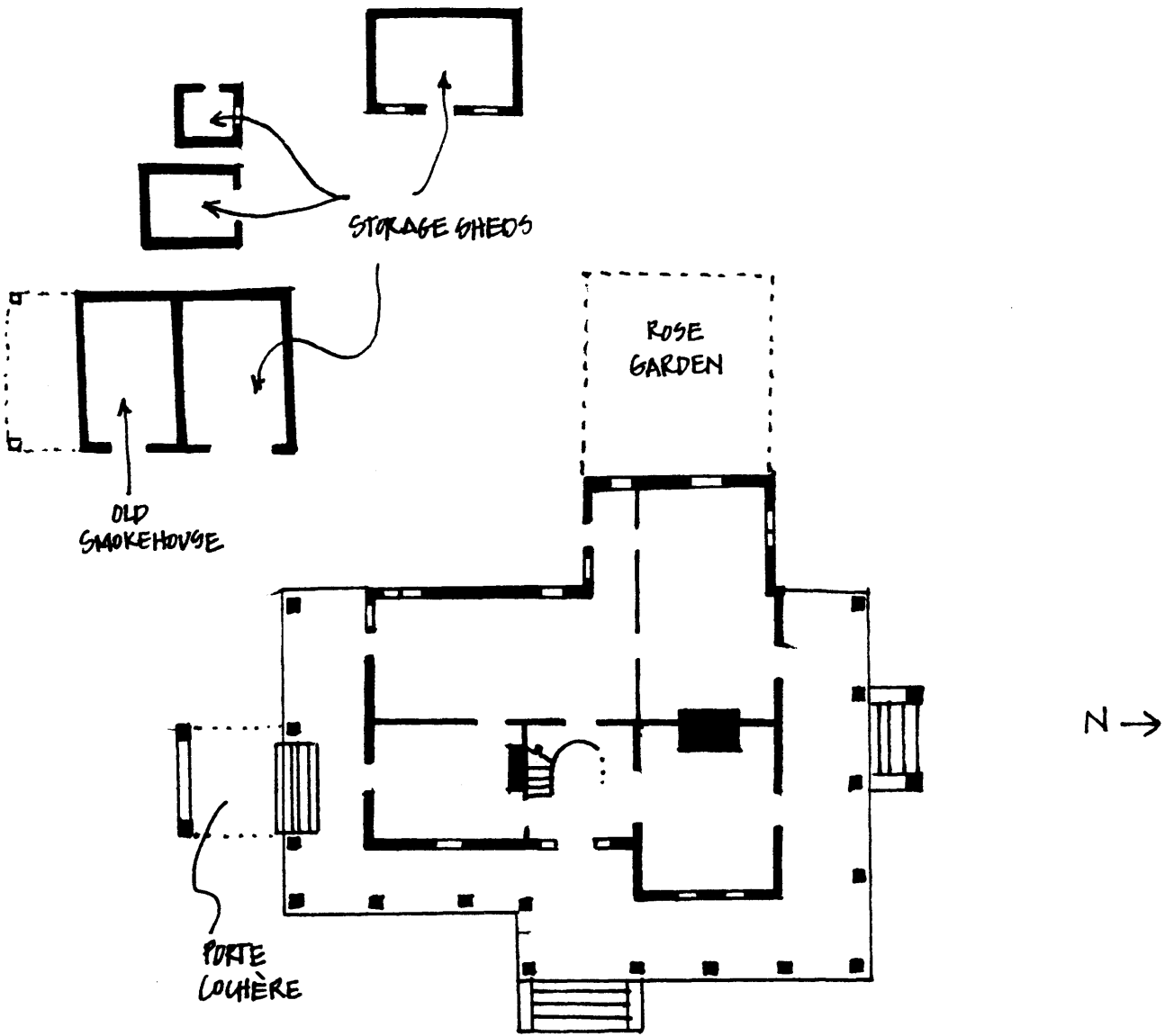
Supplemental Bibliographical References: Goodspeed History of Tennessee



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 Scale: 1" = 800'

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