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Title: Historic Resources of Williamson County

Historic Name: Puryear, Mordecai, House (WM-287)

Common Name: Puryear, Mordecai, House

NATIONAL REGISTER

Classification: Building

Owner: James and Pamela Ogelsby, Box 190, Lewisburg Pike, Franklin, TN 37064.

Location: On Lewisburg Pike, two-tenths of a mile north of Henpeck Lane.

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

Douglas County

Description:

The Mordecai Puryear House is a one-story Federal influenced brick residence constructed ca. 1830. The house is of Flemish bond brick on the main facade with the side and rear facades composed of five course common bond. On the main (west) facade is a one-story frame gable roof porch added ca. 1907. The porch has plain detailing and square Doric motif columns. The main entrance has an original eight panel door and four light transom. Flanking the door are Doric motif pilasters. Windows are original nine-over-nine sash with brick jack arching and wood sills.

The house was constructed on a stone foundation and features exterior end brick chimneys and a gable roof of metal standing seam. In the half story adjacent to the chimneys are small attic windows with ca. 1900 multi-light sash windows. At the rear of the house is a one-story brick addition added ca. 1907. This addition has original five paneled doors and one-over-one sash windows. The brick ell has a one-story frame porch with square Doric motif columns and square balusters on the railing. At the northeast corner of the addition is an enclosed porch.

The interior of the house was built in a central hall plan and features much of its original detailing. The house has Federal influenced fluted mantles, chair rails, and a staircase with a simple newel post and square balusters. Adjacent to the house is a ca. 1850 one-story brick carriage house which has been renovated into a garage. The building is of five course common bond construction and has a gable composition roof. Doors on the building were added in recent years.

Period of Significance: ca. 1830; ca.1850; ca.1907

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The Mordecai Puryear House is a notable example of a central passage plan ante-bellum brick residence. The residence was constructed ca. 1830 and retains much of its original interior and exterior detailing. Around 1907 a new porch and brick rear wing were added to the residence. Since this time few alterations have taken place to the house and additions have been confined to the rear facade.

Mordecai Puryear was born in 1806 and was the son of Major Hezekiah Puryear, an early settler who moved to the county from Virginia. The family owned a large amount of land along the Lewisburg Pike and around 1830 Mordecai Puryear constructed a one-story brick residence. The house was typical of the period with a central hall plan, exterior brick chimneys and central doorway. The house was built with a detached kitchen but this has been razed.

The Puryear farm was a self supporting plantation of the early 19th century. On the plantation was a cotton gin, mill and other buildings. In 1860, Puryear was listed as owning several hundred acres valued at \$17,000 and personal estate valued at \$26,000. During the Civil War many of the outbuildings were destroyed but the main house was not significantly damaged. Puryear owned the house until his death in 1883 and it remained in the family until 1907 when it was bought by Louis Dedman. The Dedman family made several changes at the rear of the house including the addition of a brick wing and porch. The house continued to be owned by the Dedman family until 1942 and it has since had several owners. The house is a fine example of the early Federal influenced homes built in the county and has not been significantly altered since the 1907 additions.

Acreage: 4 acres

UTM References: Bethesda Quad/16/514170/3969750

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification: The boundary for the Mordecai Puryear House is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map # 106, lot 24. The boundary is drawn to include the legal boundary of the property and is sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References: Historic Williamson County, Bowman

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