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Title: Historic Resources of Williamson County

Historic Name: Leaton, William, House (WM-37)

Common Name: Grassland

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Classification: Building

Owner: Reese Smith, Jr., 2033 Richard Jones Road, Nashville, TN

Location: On Hillsboro Road (HWY 431) at the junction of Manley Lane.

Contributing:

Buildings 1
Structures 0
Sites 0

Non-Contributing:

Buildings 0
Structures 1
Sites 0

Total: 1

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Description:

The William Leaton House is a two-story frame central passage plan frame ante-bellum residence. The original log section was constructed ca. 1802 and it was remodeled into its present appearance ca. 1850. On the main (east) facade is a two-story portico. The first story of the portico has ca. 1975 Doric motif square columns added to match the original second story columns. The balcony of the second story has milled balusters. At the eaves of the portico and extending along the roofline are dentils. The main entrance has an original four-panel door with two sidelights and frame lower panels as well as a two-light transom and Doric motif pilasters. In the central bay of the second story is an identical entrance. The windows are four-over-four sash with pedimented hoods and dentils.

The house has exterior end stone chimneys, a stone foundation, weatherboard siding, and a gable roof with added wood shingles. On the south facade is a small ca. 1975 one-story, frame shed addition, and at the rear is a one-story ca. 1975 frame addition with twelve-over-twelve sash windows and weatherboard siding. The interior of the house was inaccessible but according to the owner retains its central hall with the original staircase, four-panel doors, and Greek Revival design mantles. In front of the house is the original stone wall which has been reworked, and to the northwest is a ca. 1975 swimming pool which is listed as a non-contributing structure. There are no outbuildings.

Period of Significance: ca. 1802; ca. 1850

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The William Leaton House is a notable example of an ante-bellum frame central passage plan residence with Greek Revival detailing. The original section of the house is of log construction and may date to 1802. Around 1850 the house was enlarged with a two-story frame addition on the main facade and this new section was designed using Greek Revival detailing.

The original owner of the early log section is not known. The property was in dispute in the early 1800s with William Leaton acquiring the property through a court decision in 1826. Leaton lived with his family here until he died in 1839. The house was sold by his heirs to Pryor Smith in 1846 and he made enlargements to the house in later years. The house was later owned by W.D. Fullton whose wife ran a post office for the surrounding community in the rear section of the house. This post office was in operation until at least 1888 and the house was the center of the Grassland community. In 1904, the house was sold to the Moran family who owned it well into the 20th century.

The William Leaton House remains as a good example of an ante-bellum central passage plan residence and has not been significantly altered. In recent years land around the house has been subdivided for residential development. The house now sits on a suburban lot as part of River Rest Estate.

Acreage: 3 acres

UTM References: Bellevue Quad/16/510000/3984990

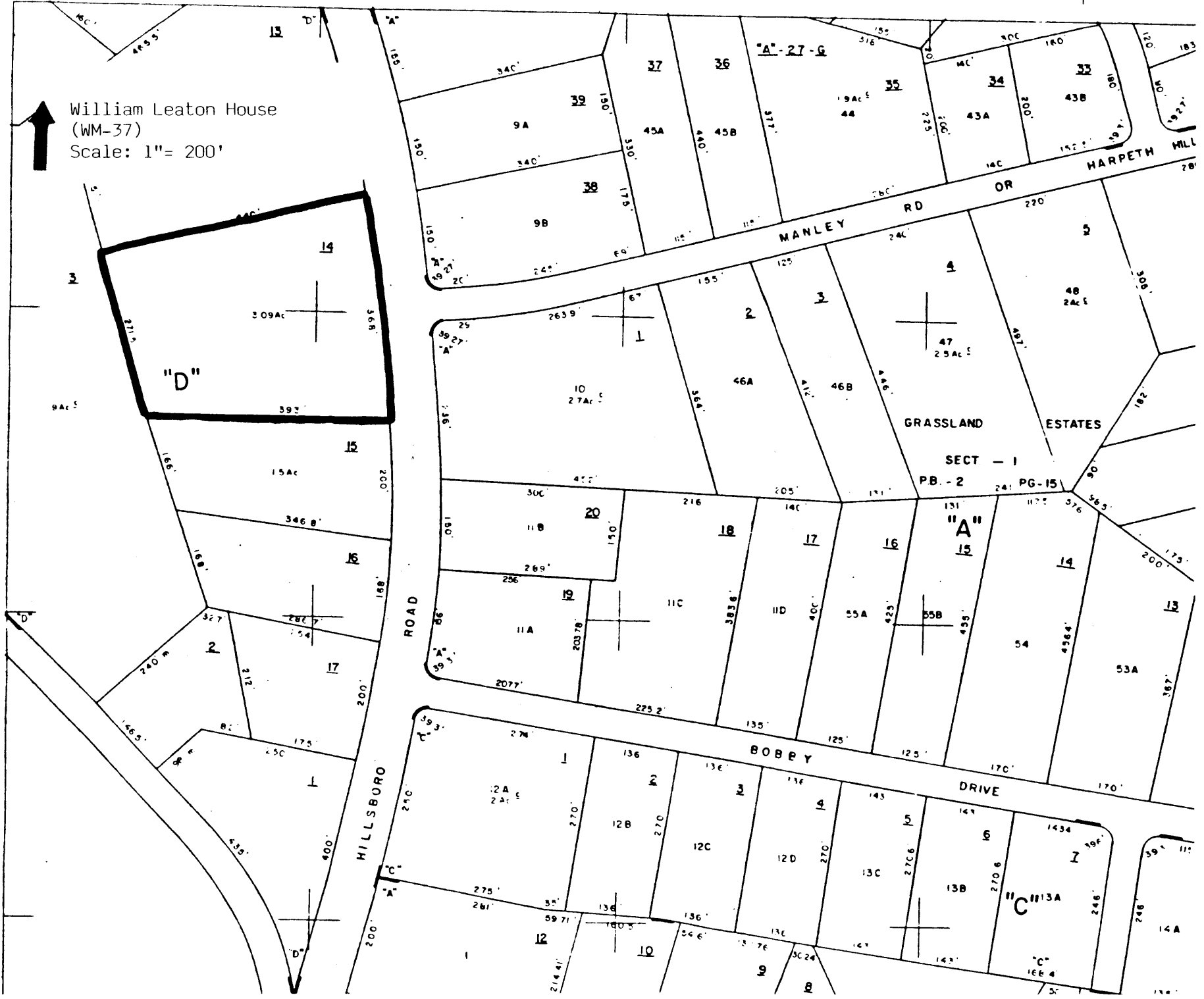
Verbal Boundary Description and Justification: The boundary for the William Leaton House is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map # 27-J, lot 14. The boundary is drawn to include the legal boundary of the property. The boundary includes sufficient property to protect the historical setting of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References: Historic Williamson County, Bowman

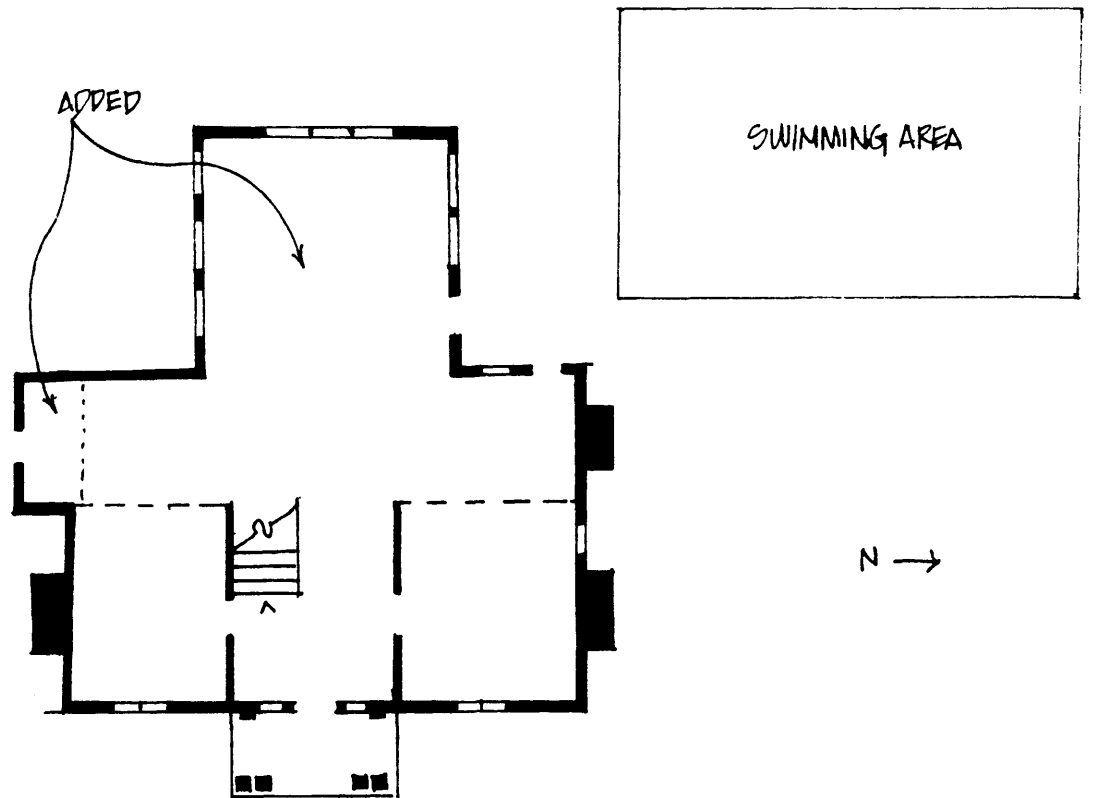


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Scale: 1" = 200'



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