

TENNESSEE MULTIPLE PROPERTY FORM

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Title: Historic Resources of Williamson CountyNATIONAL
REGISTERHistoric Name: Neely, John, House (WM-693)Common Name: Hilltop ManorOwner: Mr. George Beuerlein, Route #1, Box 169, Thompson Station, TNLocation: On Sedberry Road two miles south of junction of West Harpeth Road.Classification: Building

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

Description:

The John Neely House is a two-story brick, hall-parlor plan residence constructed ca.1810. On the main (south) facade is the main entrance with a ca.1900 frame and glass door. Over the door is a wood lintel. The windows are ca.1960 six-over-six sash with added brick sills and original wood lintels. The main facade of the house is of Flemish bond construction with the other facades of five and six-course common bond. The house has a gable roof, stone foundation, and exterior end brick chimneys.

Within the ell of the house is a ca. 1970 one-story frame addition with shiplap siding. The door on the east facade was added ca.1900 and is of glass and frame design. Some windows on this facade also have the original wood sills. On the main facade a ghost of a 19th century porch is visible, and a doorway in the central bay has been enclosed to create a window. It is unknown if this door was original to the house or a later addition although its addition at a later date is more likely. The interior of the house retains its original plan and according to the owner has retained its original detailing. Access to the interior was denied. There are no significant outbuildings. At the rear of the house are the stone foundations of the original kitchen. The house sits on a hill overlooking Sedberry Road and retains its original site and setting.

Period of Significance: ca.1810; ca. 1900Area of Significance: ArchitectureCriterion: C

The John Neely House is a notable example of a hall-parlor brick residence from the early 19th century. Hall-parlor floor plans are rare in the county and only three intact examples are included in the nomination. Despite the removal of 19th century porches and door and window alterations, the original floor plan and appearance of the house are evident.

John Neely moved to Williamson County from Virginia in 1806 and purchased lots in Franklin during those years. In 1808 he purchased land south of Franklin and began construction of a two-story brick residence. Neely lived at his residence until he died in 1818. The house was then purchased by John Fitzgerald, and his family occupied the residence for many years. Fitzgerald was listed as owning 15 slaves in 1820 and owned property valued at \$30,000 in 1850. John Fitzgerald Sr. died in 1858, and his home was then occupied by his son, John Jr., until his death in 1884. The house remained in the Fitzgerald family until 1926 when it was purchased by William Sedberry.

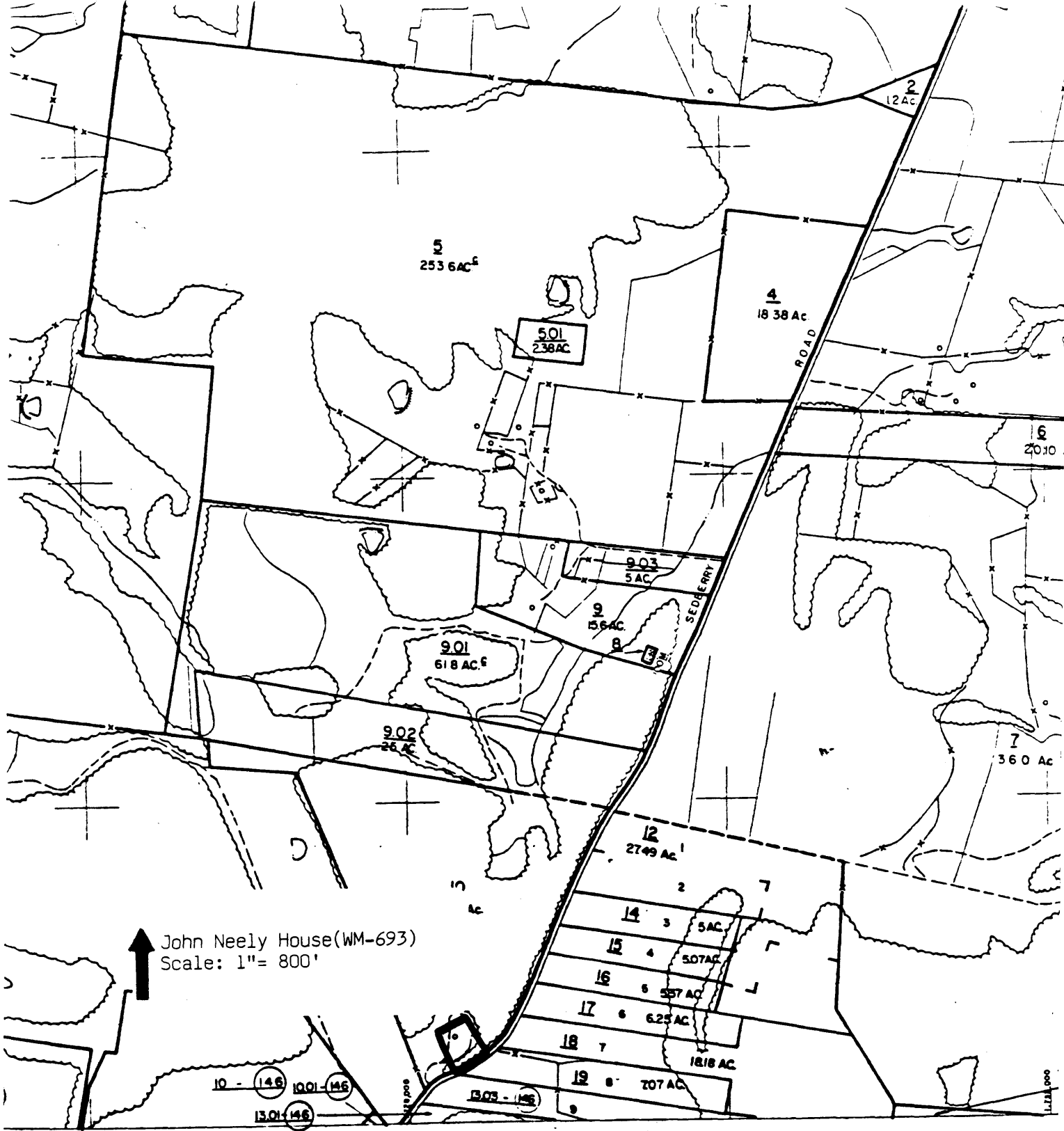
Alterations to the house occurred primarily around 1900 when new glass and frame doors were added. Added 19th century porches have been removed and new windows added in recent years. Despite these changes the house displays its original form and notable hall-parlor plan.

Acreage: 1.1 acres

UTM References: Spring Hill Quad/16/507530/3963630

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification: The boundary of the John Neely House is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map 131, lot 10. The boundary is drawn to include the house and exclude modern buildings to the west. The house sits in the middle of a rectangular lot measuring fifty feet from the house on all sides. This boundary includes sufficient property to protect the historical setting of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References: Historic Williamson County, Bowman



↑ John Neely House (WM-693)
 Scale: 1" = 800'

27. (C) PARCEL & CONTROLLING MAP NO
 ○ IMPROVEMENT
 - FENCE
 ☙ CEMETERY
 CHURCH
 SCHOOL
 Ⓢ SHOES AREA
 POND

- CREEK
 --- STATE LINE
 --- CO. LINE
 --- COMPS LINE
 --- TRANSMISSION LINE
 --- ROAD
 --- RAILROAD
 --- PIPE LINE

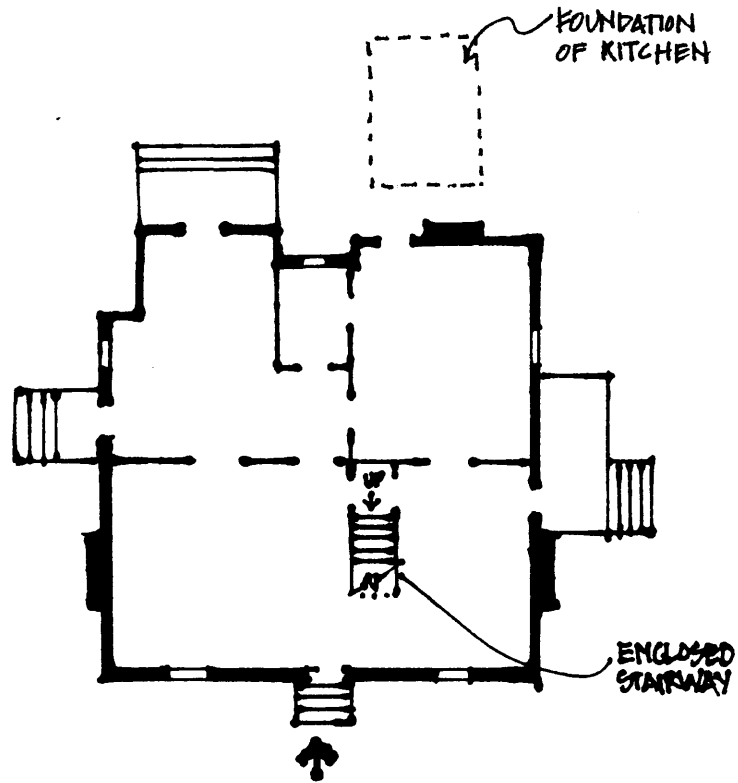
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160	170	180

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3	9/84	8	10
4	5/88	9	10
5	9/88	10	10

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