

TENNESSEE MULTIPLE PROPERTY FORM

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Title: Historic Resources of Williamson County

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Historic Name: Shute, Thomas, House (WM-69)

NATIONAL REGISTER

Common Name: Creekside

Classification: Building

Owner: J.M. Adkerson, Box 441, Route # 5, Franklin, TN 37064

Location: On Highway 31 (Franklin Road) at the junction of Spencer Creek Road.

Contributing:

Buildings 3  
Structures 2  
Sites 0

Non-Contributing:

Buildings 0  
Structures 0  
Sites 0

Total: 5

Total: 0

Description:

The Thomas Shute House is a two-story brick Greek Revival influenced residence constructed ca. 1845. On the main (west) facade is a two-story gabled portico with four square Doric motif columns. On the second story is a balcony with square balusters in the railing. The main entrance has original double doors of two rectangular panel design. Dividing the doors and two light sidelights are Doric motif pilasters. In the door surrounds are also pilasters and above is a projecting cornice.

On the second story of the central bay is a single door of glass and frame added ca. 1900. Windows are original six-over-six sash with flaired jack arching and wood sills. The brick on the main facade and south facades is Flemish bond while the rest of the house is of five course common bond construction. The rear and side facades have original four panel frame doors. In the rear ell is an original two story frame porch with square Doric motif columns with square balusters.

A notable feature of the house is the rear one-story brick ell added 1868 on the site of an earlier kitchen. Within this ell is the kitchen, servant's quarters and smokehouse. The interior has simple Greek Revival design mantles and two original staircases with round newel posts and square balusters. Interior photography was not possible. To the south of the house are four outbuildings all of which are contributing and are good examples of their type. These include: a ca. 1910 chicken coop with a shed roof and shiplap siding; a ca. 1910 two-story frame garage with shiplap siding; a ca. 1900 frame barn and a ca. 1860 stone springhouse. The house is sited on farmland east of Highway 31 (Franklin Road) north of Franklin.

Period of Significance: ca. 1845; ca. 1868; ca. 1900; ca. 1910

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The Thomas Shute House is a notable example of a brick central passage plan residence with Greek Revival detailing. It is one of the best examples of this style in the county and has not been altered. At the rear of the house are a series of connected outbuildings which are also good examples of their type. The Shute House retains its original architectural character and setting.

In 1801, William Shute purchased land along Spencer's Creek adjacent to lands owned by the McEwen family. His son Thomas Shute appears to have constructed the house ca. 1845 although the exact construction date is unknown. Shute sold the house and 166 acres in 1866 and later that year it became the property of John McEwen. McEwen purchased the house as a present for his daughter Sarah Florence and son-in-law Rev. William Rosser. Rosser operated a well known farm here until his death in 1899. The house continues to be owned by descendants of Rosser.

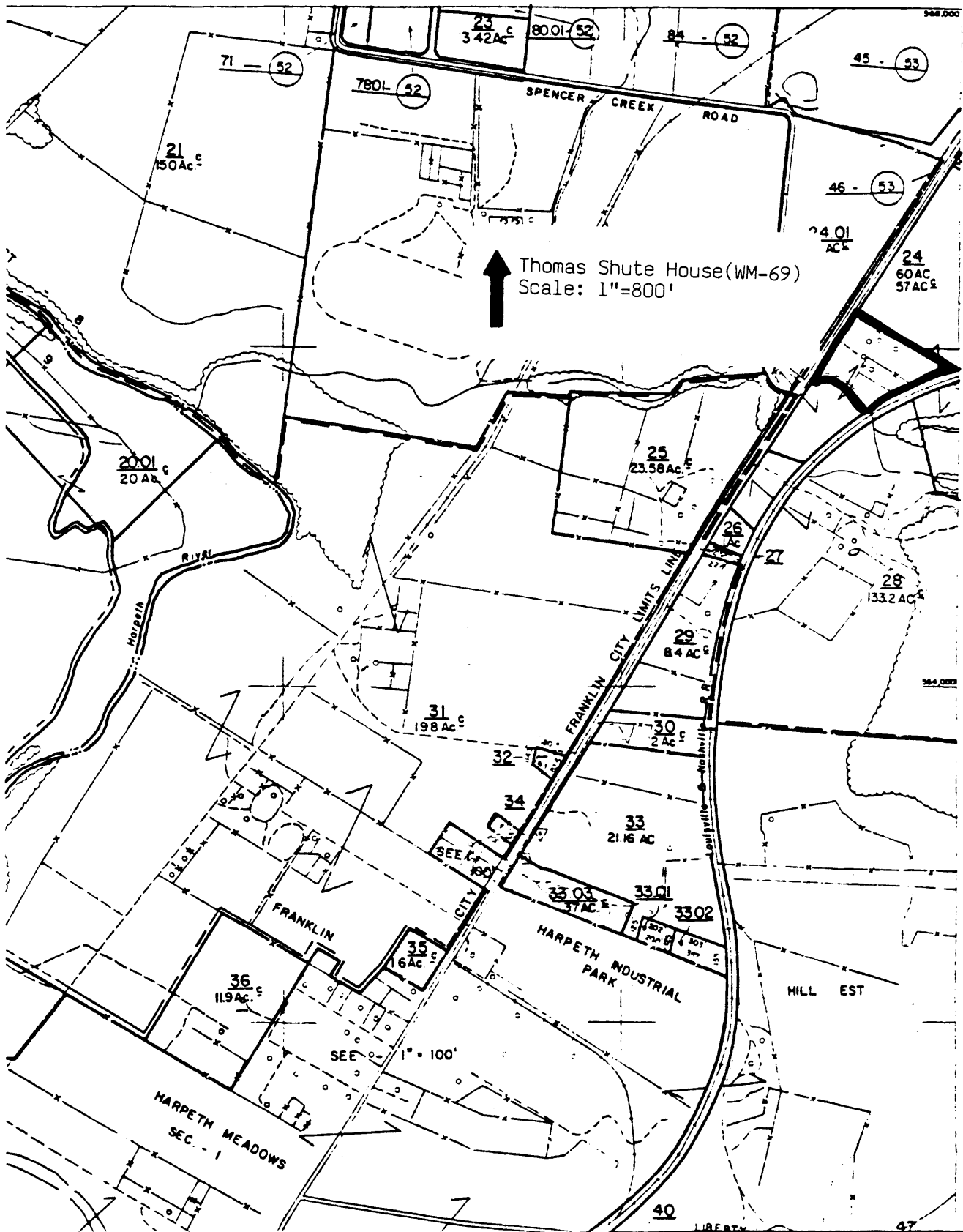
The Thomas Shute House is a notable example of a mid-19th century central passage plan brick residence. The house has not been altered and retains its original portico, exterior details, interior plan and outbuildings. No major alterations have occurred to the house and it is one of the county's best preserved ante-bellum homes.

Acreage: 4.8 acres.

UTM References: Franklin Quad/16/513240/3978560

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification: The boundary of the Thomas Shute House is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map # 63, lot 24. The boundary includes the legal boundary of the property and is sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References:



↑ Thomas Shute House (WM-69)  
Scale: 1"=800'

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SPENCER CREEK ROAD

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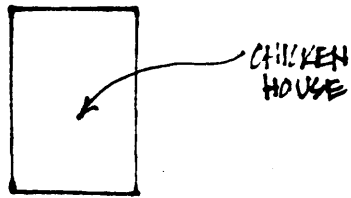
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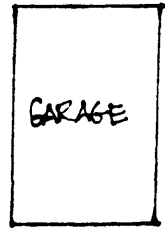
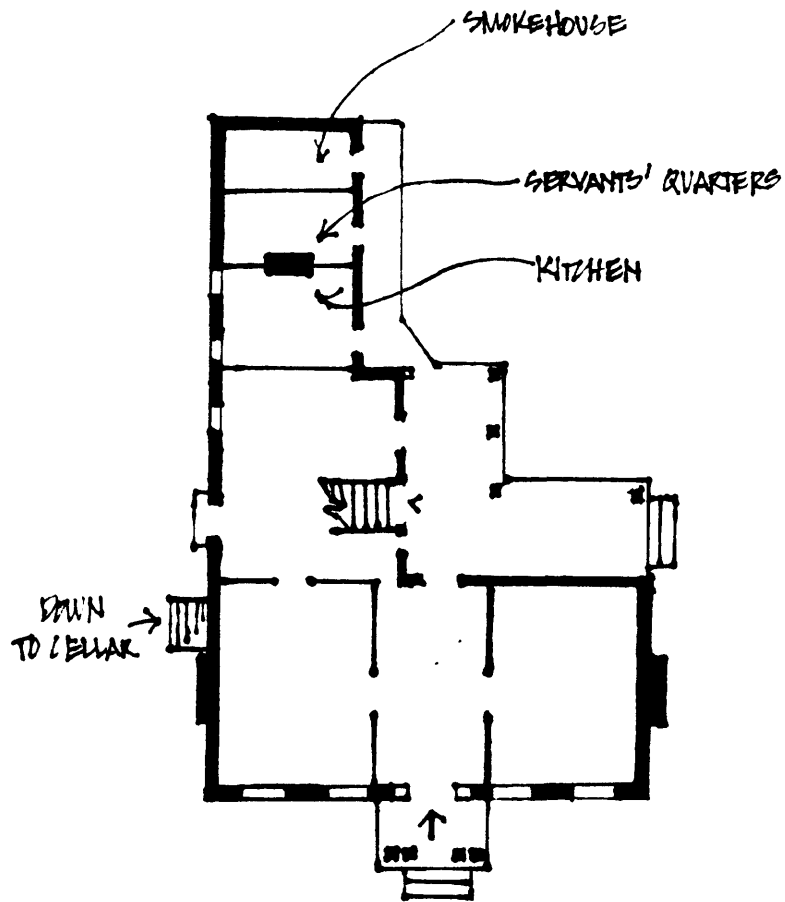
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# 69 THOMAS SHUTE HOUSE



TO BARN →



TO → STRINGHOUSE

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