

IDENTIFICATION

Historic name: James R. Gettys House
 Common name: Ziegler House
 Address: North No Pone Valley Road (at Sewee)
Ten Mile, Tennessee
 Owner's name: Mrs. Jim Hagler
 Owner's address: Route 4, Box 156
Kingston, Tennessee 37763
 Classification: Building-private
 Tax map reference: Dist. 4, Map 30, Parcel 3
 Acreage: 1.5 acres
 UTM reference: Zone 16 N 3940910
E 710380

STATUS

Open to public: Yes ___ No Restricted ___
 Visible from road: Yes No ___
 Occupied: Yes No ___
 Present use: Private residence
 Current condition: Good
 Alterations: Original detached kitchen now
part of rear ell
 Site features: Several outbuildings (late
1800s and early 1900s) on property; remains
of brick walks around house; across Sewee
Creek from Gettys Mill.

SIGNIFICANCE

Date of construction: 1859
 Architect/builder: Sam Hutsell
 Original or previous owners: 1) James R. Gettys;
2) Mr. Gentry; 3) J.A. Ziegler; 4) Mrs. Jim
(Jean Ziegler) Hagler
 Original use: Private residence
 Theme/s: Primary Architecture
Secondary Commerce
Other N/A

SOURCES

Bibliographical data: _____
Interview with Mrs. Jim Hagler, Kingston,
TN., March 16, 1979.
 Form prepared by: Ann Toplovich
 Title: Cultural Resource Surveyor
 Organization: Tennessee Historical Commission
 Date: 9/3/81

DESCRIPTION

Built in two stories of brick laid in common bond upon a brick foundation, the James R. Gettys House (1859) displays a combination of influences from different styles. The house is Italianate in its shape, low hip roof, and wide eaves, has an entrance door influenced by the Greek Revival, and has a Victorian porch with sawn balustrade. Rectangular in plan, the house is two rooms deep and has a one story brick ell attached to the rear elevation; this ell includes an originally detached brick kitchen. The main part of the house is covered by a stamped metal hip roof with two tall interior corbelled brick chimneys. A plain frieze is beneath the eaves of this roof. The ell is covered by a stamped metal gable roof with an interior brick chimney. The facade (north elevation) of the house is three bays wide and features a central doorway with rectangular transom and sidelights and a 6/6 light window with plain lintel and sill and original louvered shutters to each side. A one story stamped metal hip roof porch extends across most

SIGNIFICANCE

One of only six brick buildings in Meigs County, the Gettys House was built in 1859 by brick and stone mason Sam Hutsell for James R. Gettys, owner of the Gettys Mill. The house is built of bricks made of locally dug and fired clay. The Gettys House is unique in Meigs County as the only two room deep, central hallway brick house in the county, and for its unusual combination of influences from the Italianate, Greek Revival, and Victorian styles. The original owner of the Gettys House, James R. Gettys, built his mill on the bank of the stream running in front of the Gettys House, and this mill became the nucleus of the rural community of Sewee. The mill and miller's house were an important part of this small village which contained the mill, a general store, a

PHOTOGRAPHIC DATA

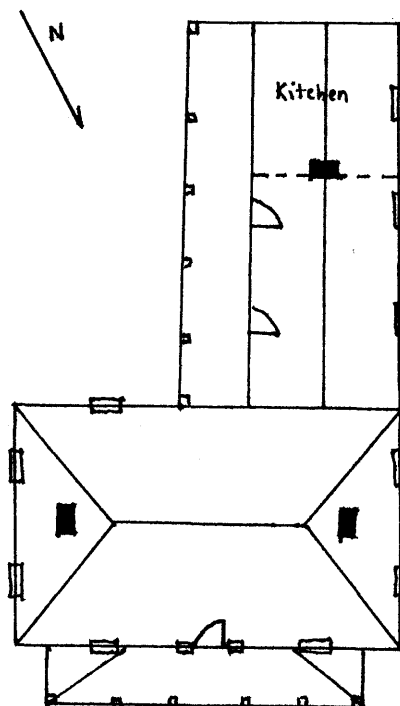
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CONTINUATION

Description (continued)
of the facade. The porch is supported by six turned, bracketed posts with a sawn balustrade. The intact, original woodwork of the house's interior is oak.

Significance: (continued)
grain warehouse, and several homes. Sewee was an important center for trade and social interaction for the surrounding countryside. Although Sewee is now a ghost town, the Gettys House still stands as a reminder of the community.

SITE PLAN - Include North Arrow



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Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

17. The boundaries begin at a point on Clearwater Road at the intersection of Sewee Creek, thence south down said road 100 feet to gravel driveway, thence along said driveway 175 feet, thence west 225 feet to a wire fence, thence north 200 feet to Sewee Creek, thence east 300 feet along said Creek to the beginning, consisting of approximately 1.5 acres.

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Tennessee
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Architectural Resources)

JAMES R. GETTYS HOUSE (#17)

