

TENNESSEE MULTIPLE PROPERTY FORM

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Historic Name: Davis, Stokely, House (WM-46)

Common Name: Fairmount

NATIONAL REGISTER

Classification: Building

Owner: E.A. Covington Jr., Rte. # 11, Old Natchez Trace, Franklin, TN 37064.

Location: On Old Natchez Trace, one mile south of Moran Road.

Contributing:

Buildings 1
Structures 0
Sites

Non-Contributing:

Buildings 2
Structures 4
Sites

Total: 1

Total: 6

Description:

The Stokely Davis House is a two-story frame central passage plan residence built ca. 1850. On the main (east) facade is a two-story portico with fluted Doric columns. The second story balcony has an original railing of square balusters. In the gable field are large modillion blocks and paired Italianate brackets. The main entrance has two panel double doors with two light sidelights and frame lower panels. Over the door is an original six light transom.

On the second story is a door and surround in the central bay which matches the door and surround in the main entrance below. Most windows are original six-over-six sash with a few replacement windows of six-over-six sash also added. The house has weatherboard siding and exterior end brick chimneys. At the southwest corner is a two-story frame ca. 1900 addition with eight light casement windows. Beneath the roof eaves are modillion blocks and paired brackets. On the north facade is also a ca. 1850 two panel design door with three light sidelights and a six light transom. There are two added gable dormers on the north facade and an enclosed porch.

The interior of the house retains much of its original detailing. This includes two Greek Revival influenced mantles in the main rooms with architrave molding. The doors are also original frame panel design with architrave moldings. The staircase in the central hall has also been retained with the original newel post and square balusters. Interior photography was not allowed. The house was constructed in a central hall plan and additions have been confined to the rear of the house. To the west and northwest of the house are a number of non-contributing outbuildings from the early 20th century. These include two ca. 1920 frame, gable roof sheds; a ca. 1920 frame, gable roof smokehouse; a ca. 1920 frame garage; a ca. 1940 frame playhouse and ca. 1850 log slave cabin which has been significantly altered. The house sits on a rural farm on the Old Natchez Trace and it retains its original site and setting.

Period of Significance: ca. 1850; ca. 1900

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The Stokely Davis House is a notable example of an ante-bellum frame central passage plan residence with Greek Revival influenced detailing. The house is a good example of this design and features a two-story portico and original exterior and interior details. Additions to the house took place ca. 1900 and are confined to the rear facade. The house has not been significantly altered and retains its original character.

The house was constructed ca. 1850 by Stokely Davis who purchased this property in 1842. The house was mentioned on an 1855 deed when it was sold to John H. Hill. Hill owned the house and several hundred acres in the late 19th century and his residence was known as "Harpeth Home". In 1878, Hill is listed as owning the house and 262 acres. Hill was a well known farmer and citizen of the county and merited an entry in the 1886 Goodspeed biographical index. In 1896, the property was sold to T.R. Hill and it remained in the Hill family into the 20th century. Additions at the rear of the house took place ca. 1900 and consist of frame enlargements typical of the period. The interior has not been significantly altered and retains its original appearance. The house sits on a large farm and its site and setting has not been altered.

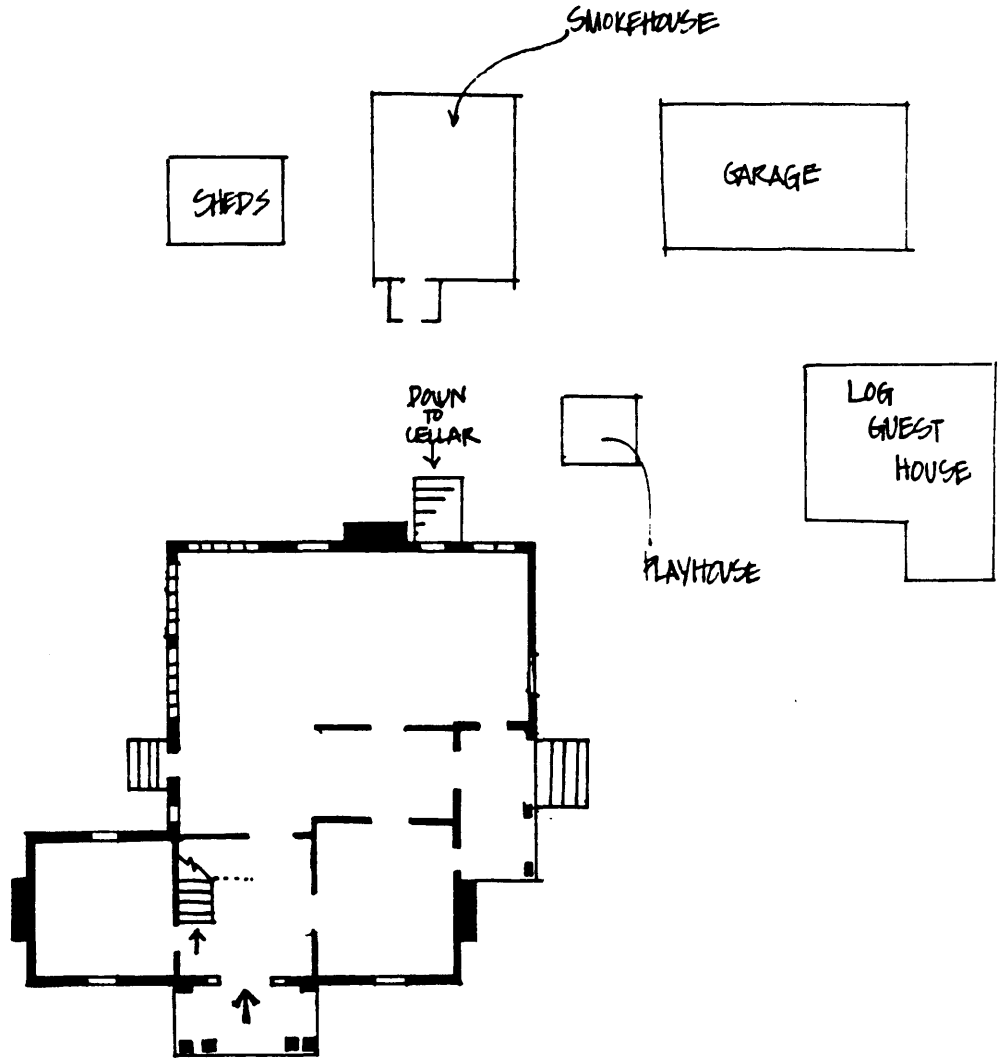
Acreage: 5 acres

UTM References: Bellevue Quad/16/505690/3983800

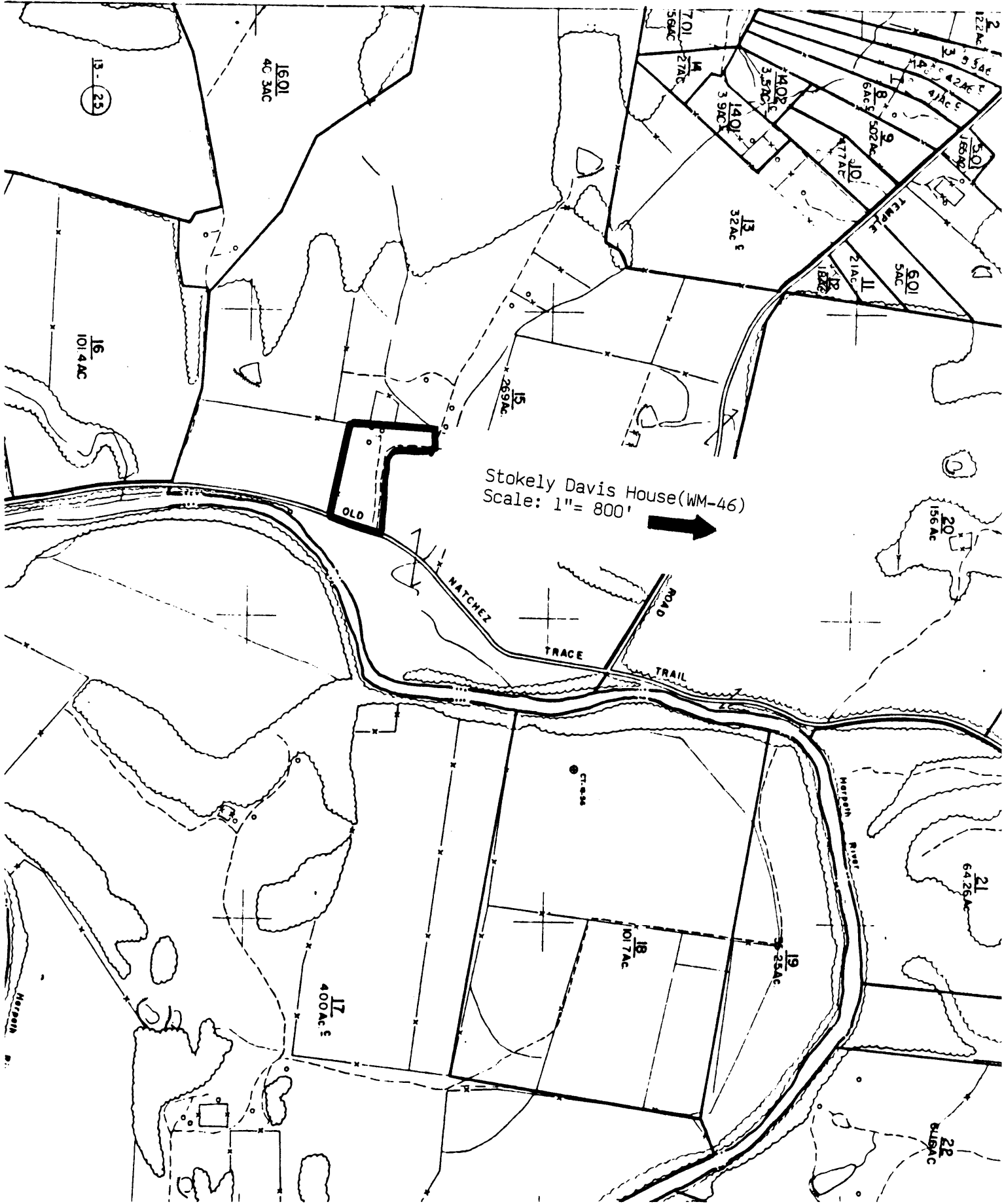
Verbal Boundary and Justification: The boundary for the Stokely Davis House is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map # 26, lot 15. The boundary is defined on the south and west by fence lines, on the north by a farm lane and on the east by the Natchez Trace. The boundary includes the house and adjacent outbuildings and is sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References: Goodspeed History of Tennessee

*46 STOKELY DAVIS HOUSE



* NOT TO SCALE



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Scale: 1" = 800'



1601
40.3 AC

13 - 25
101.4 AC

16
101.4 AC

15
269 AC

OLD

NATCHEZ

TRACE

ROAD

TRAIL

Harrison River

17
400 AC

18
101.7 AC

19
23 AC

20
156 AC

21
64.25 AC

22
51.8 AC

13
32 AC

14
3.9 AC

140P
3.5 AC

9
6 AC

8
502 AC

601
5 AC

11
21 AC

10
477 AC

501
189 AC

3
9.3 AC

4
42 AC

122 AC

Harrison R.