

TENNESSEE MULTIPLE PROPERTY FORM

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Title: Historic Resources of Williamson County

Historic Name: Scales, Joseph, House (WM-212)

Common Name: Scales, Joseph, House

NATIONAL REGISTER

Classification: Building

Owner: W. Criswell Freeman, P.O. Box 140478, Nashville, TN 37214

Location: Off Cox Road on a farm lane one mile west of Highway 41A.

Contributing:

Buildings 4
Structures 3
Sites 0

Non-Contributing:

Buildings 0
Structures 0
Sites 0

Total: 7

Total: 0

Description:

The Joseph Scales House is a two-story frame, central passage plan residence with Greek Revival detailing constructed ca. 1845. On the main (south) facade is a two-story porch added ca.1925. The porch has square columns and railings with square balusters. In the gable field of the portico are asbestos shingles. The main entrance has the original double doors of two-panel design. The doors have four-light sidelights with frame lower panels and an eleven-light transom. On the central bay of the second story is a single frame door with a two-panel design, four-light sidelights with frame lower panels, and a seven-light transom.

The house has weatherboard siding, a metal gable roof, and exterior brick chimneys. Windows are the original pegged, twelve-over-twelve sash on the first floor of the main facade and nine-over-six sash on the second story. Shutters are both original and ca. 1900 additions. On the east facade is an original four panel frame door adjacent to the chimney. The house rests on a stone pier foundation with concrete block infill. In the gable end are original four-light casement, attic windows. The rear first story ell was added ca.1900 with four-over-four sash windows and an enclosed porch. On the west facade of the ell is an original door and porch.

The interior retains its original form and detailing. These details include Greek Revival influenced mantles, paneled wainscoting beneath the windows in the main rooms and original staircases with turned newel posts and square spindles. The outbuildings consist of a vertical board shed built ca.1900 to the east of the house; a ca. 1900 frame shed to the north of the house; a vertical board ca. 1900 privy also to the north of the house. These outbuildings are within the fenced boundaries of the yard. Outside the fence and to the east of the house is another ca. 1900 vertical board storage shed. Also on the property stand two vertical board barns built ca.1900. These outbuildings are good examples of their type and are contributing to the house's setting. In front of the house are frame gateposts which were made from the original portico columns blown down by a tornado in 1925. The house sits on a large farm north of Cox Road and retains its original site and setting.

Period of Significance: ca. 1845; ca. 1900; ca. 1925

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The Joseph Scales House is a notable example of a frame central passage plan residence with Greek Revival detailing. The house retains most of its original interior and exterior detailing with the exception of the portico on the main facade. This portico was replaced in 1925 after a tornado blew down the original columns. The replacement portico was designed to match the original in shape and scale. No other major alterations have occurred to the interior and exterior and it retains its original site and setting.

Joseph Scales was born in 1798 and he moved with his parents to Williamson County in the early 1800s. He married Frances Webb in 1819 and they settled on a farm in the eastern section of the county. They originally lived in a log residence until they constructed this house ca. 1845. The house was built in a traditional central I-House plan with the main staircase in the central hall. Each of the flanking rooms contains a Greek Revival influenced mantle and fireplace. The room arrangement on the second story had only one room accessed by the main staircase. The east room was reached by a separate staircase through the east room of the first floor. This design was used to separate the boys and girls accommodations.

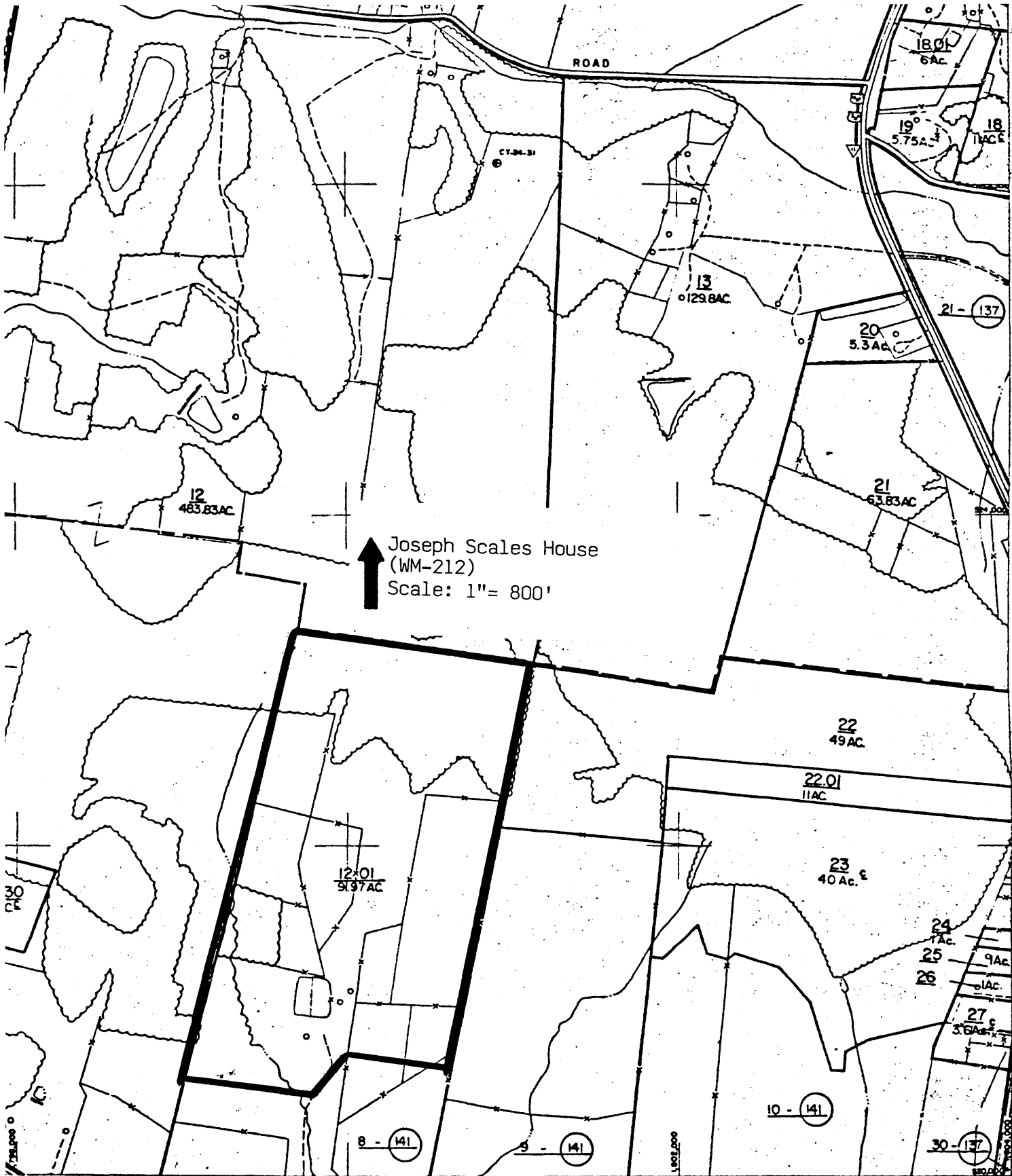
Scales operated a medium sized farm for many years and raised nine children. In 1859, he was listed as owning 300 acres and 7 slaves. He had \$12,000 worth of real estate and \$15,000 worth of personal property in 1860. Scales died in 1870 and the farm was sold in 1887 to C.W. Daniels. The front porch was replaced in 1925 when a tornado destroyed the original porch. Since 1925 no major alterations have occurred to the house and it retains most of its original and exterior detailing.

Acreage: 91.97 acres.

UTM References: College Grove Quad/A. 16/529300/3964780 B. 16/529760/3964710 C. 16/529080/3963680 D. 16/529580/3963680

Verbal Boundary and Justification: The boundary for the Joseph Scales House is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map 136, lot 12.01. The boundary is drawn to include all property historically associated with the house, outbuildings and setting. A number of the outbuildings are located several hundred yards east of the house and open fields and pastures extend all sides of the house. The large amount of acreage includes the approaches to the house which is set substantially back from Cox Road. The boundary is defined by the lot lines of the property which is fenced on all four sides. The boundary includes the house, outbuildings and open fields and woodlands. 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"= 800'

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MAP #

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SCALE 1"=400'	DISTRICT	136
DATE OF FLYING MAY, 1906		
DATE COMPILED NOV, 1966		

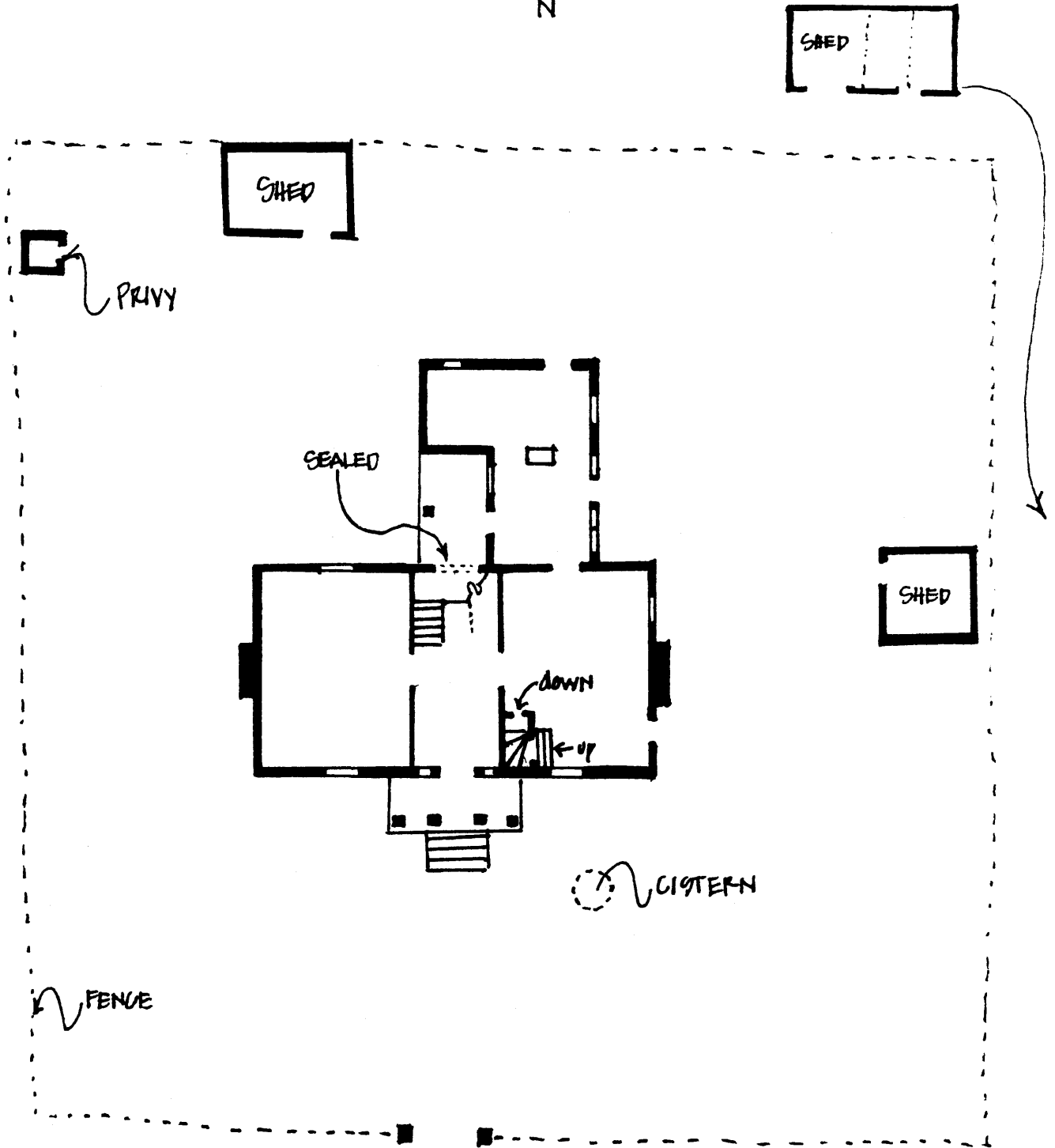
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23-81	7		12
19/83	10		13
4/85	9		14
29-86	10		15

106	108	109
107	106	107
102	104	105

#212 JOSEPH SCALES HOUSE

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