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Title: Historic Resources of Williamson County

Historic Name: Webb, James, House (WM-261)

Common Name: Kirkview Farm

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Classification: Building

Owner: Mrs. Carl Thoni, Kirkview Farm, College Grove, TN

Location: On Hwy 31A at the junction of Taliaferro Road.

<u>Contributing:</u>		<u>Non-Contributing:</u>	
Buildings	2	Building	0
Structures	0	Structures	1
Sites	0	Sites	0
<u>Total:</u>	2	<u>Total:</u>	1

Description:

The James Webb House is a two-story Italianate design frame residence constructed ca. 1850. On the main (east) facade is a two-story pedimented portico with square columns, paired brackets and Doric pilasters. The main entrance is recessed with an original two panel door with arched inset panels. The doorway has two light sidelights with stained glass. Above the door and sidelights are arched transoms and dividing the door and sidelights are small Doric motif pilasters. On the second story of the central bay is an identical door with a small balcony. The balcony railing has turned balusters.

Windows in the residence are original arched four-over-four sash with original shutters. The house has exterior end brick chimneys, a stone foundation and a gable roof of composition shingles. At the rear (west) facade is an original one-story ell with rectangular four-over-four sash. There was originally an open breezeway between the main section and ell which has been enclosed. The ell has a one-story porch with ca. 1920 square columns and an added brick floor.

The interior retains its original central passage plan and original detailing. This detailing includes Greek Revival influenced mantles with Doric motif pilasters, built in cabinets with pediments and incised moldings and a staircase with turned newel post and balusters. Adjacent to the house are two outbuildings: a log smokehouse built ca. 1850 with V and half-dovetail notching, a gable metal roof and stone pier foundation (contributing); and a ca. 1940 frame and metal shed (non-contributing).

Period of Significance: ca. 1850

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: John Heitmann, Builder

Statement of Significance:

The James Webb House is notable example of a frame ante-bellum central passage plan residence. The house features both Greek Revival influenced detailing in the portico and Italianate details such as eave brackets and arched windows and doors. The house has not been significantly altered and it retains its original site and setting.

In 1811, Dr. William Webb moved to Williamson County from North Carolina and settled on a large tract of land given to Dr. Webb by the government for his work as a surveyor. Webb built a large two-story log residence and reared thirteen children. His son, James Webb, was born in 1805 and he was given 500 acres of land across the road from the original Webb homestead. Around 1850, Webb began construction of a two-story frame residence on the land which was given to him by his father. To insure the quality of the new house, Webb employed a master builder named John Heitmann who lived with the family for three years while the house was under construction. Heitmann was a skillful carpenter and built inset cabinets next to the fireplaces and the ornate central staircase. Heitmann has not been identified as the builder of any other Williamson County residence. The house reflected both the Greek Revival influence in the two-story portico and also the new Italianate style in the arched doors, windows and eave brackets.

Upon completion the house was one of the finest in the College Grove area. It was first named "Sylvan Retreat" for the many fine groves of trees which stood near the house. James Webb was a successful planter and merchant and owned stores in Lewisburg and Culleoka. Webb died in 1891 and the house was sold out of the family in 1919. The house passed through several owners before being purchased and renamed Kirkview Farm by the present owners. Few alterations have occurred to the house and it retains both interior and exterior detailing.

Acreage: 33 acres

UTM References: College Grove Quad/ A. 16/530020/3963620 B.  
16/530020/3963550 C. 16/530120/3963500 D. 16/530120/3963500 E.  
16/530560/3963480 F. 16/530580/3963580

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification: The boundary for the James Webb House is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map # 141, lot 10. The boundary is drawn to include the approaches to the house, house and adjacent outbuildings. The boundary is defined on the north, south and west by wire fences and on the east by Highway 31A. The boundary includes sufficient property to protect the historical setting of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References: Historic Williamson County, Bowman



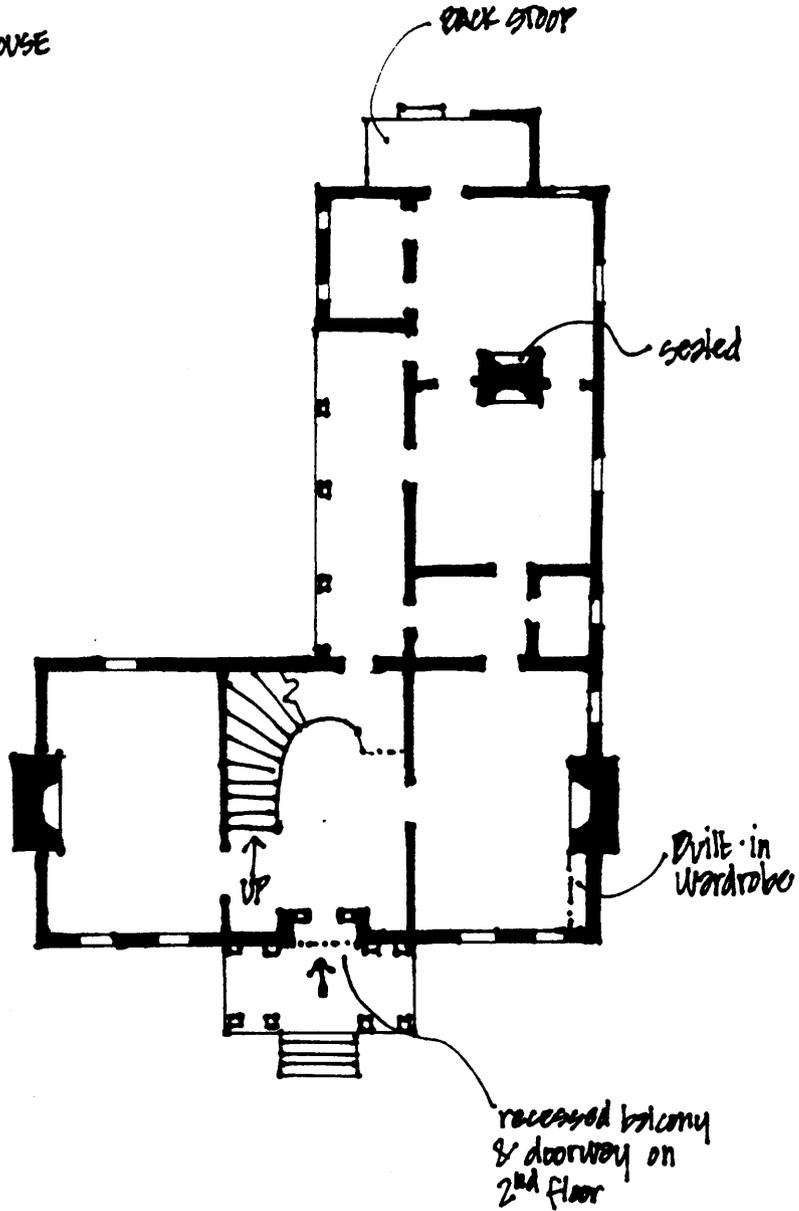
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