

TENNESSEE MULTIPLE PROPERTY FORM

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Historic Name: Knight-Moran House (WM-44)

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Common Name: Woodland

Classification: Building

Owner: Ann Elizabeth Moran, Route # 11, Old Natchez Trace, Franklin, TN 37064

Location: Off Old Natchez Trace one-tenth of a mile south of Moran Road junction.

<u>Contributing:</u>		<u>Non-Contributing:</u>	
Buildings	6	Buildings	0
Structures	4	Structures	0
Sites	0	Sites	0
<u>Total:</u>	10	<u>Total:</u>	0

Description:

The Knight-Moran House is a one and a half story, frame and log residence constructed in several stages. The original ca. 1820 log section is the east wing and has ca. 1920 six-over-six sash windows, stone chimney, stone foundation, and a gable roof of composition shingles. On the main (north) facade of this log section is an original vertical board door and one-story porch with Doric motif columns. Adjacent to this log section is another ca. 1840 log pen with two stone chimneys and four-over-four sash windows. The breezeway between the two log pens has been enclosed. The west facade has a ca. 1960 one-story frame addition. The south wing was added ca. 1860 and has six-over-six sash windows. In the ell of the east and south wing is a small porch with original ca. 1860 columns. The door in the south wing is ca. 1860 four-panel design with a three-light transom. The door in the breezeway of the south facade of the east pen is a ca. 1940 multi-light design with single-light sidelights. The interior of the house is inaccessible.

The outbuildings of the house are especially numerous and intact and represent a wide range of farm building construction of the 19th and early 20th century. They include: a ca. 1900 frame smokehouse with weatherboard siding; a ca. 1900 board and batten barn; a ca. 1920 shed roof vertical board shed; a ca. 1820 log smokehouse with wood slat and mud chinking and half-dovetail notching; a ca. 1890 frame board and batten shed; a ca. 1920 frame shed and chicken coop; a ca. 1920 frame barn to the east of the house; a ca. 1820 log crib; and a ca. 1870 log barn with added frame open drive-thrus.

Period of Significance: ca. 1820; ca. 1840; ca. 1860; ca. 1870; ca. 1890; ca. 1920

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The Knight-Moran House is a notable example of an early log and frame residence and displays evolution patterns common in 19th century log buildings. The property is also notable for its extensive collection of 19th and early 20th century log and frame outbuildings. The original section of the house was built ca. 1820 and illustrates the common method of additions and alterations to log residences in the 19th century. A second log pen was added to the house ca. 1840 and frame additions were added before the Civil War as sawn lumber became more available. The log exterior was also covered with weatherboard at this time. This additive progression was often found in 19th century log residences and the Knight-Moran House is one of the best examples of this pattern in the county.

The log and frame outbuildings are good examples of their type and consist of smokehouses, sheds, barns, cribs and livestock pens which were integral to 19th and early 20th century farm life. The Knight-Moran House property contains the largest number of adjacent outbuildings of properties included in the nomination. Most are unaltered and display their original designs.

The original single pen log section appears to have been constructed ca. 1820 by Winfield Knight. Knight and his family lived on a small farm here until 1857 when the property was sold to Samuel H. Moran who moved to the house with his family. Moran and his wife had twelve children and as the family grew the original log section was enlarged with other log and frame additions. Moran served in the Confederate army and returned home in 1863 after a long illness. He died in 1896 and his descendants continue to own the house.

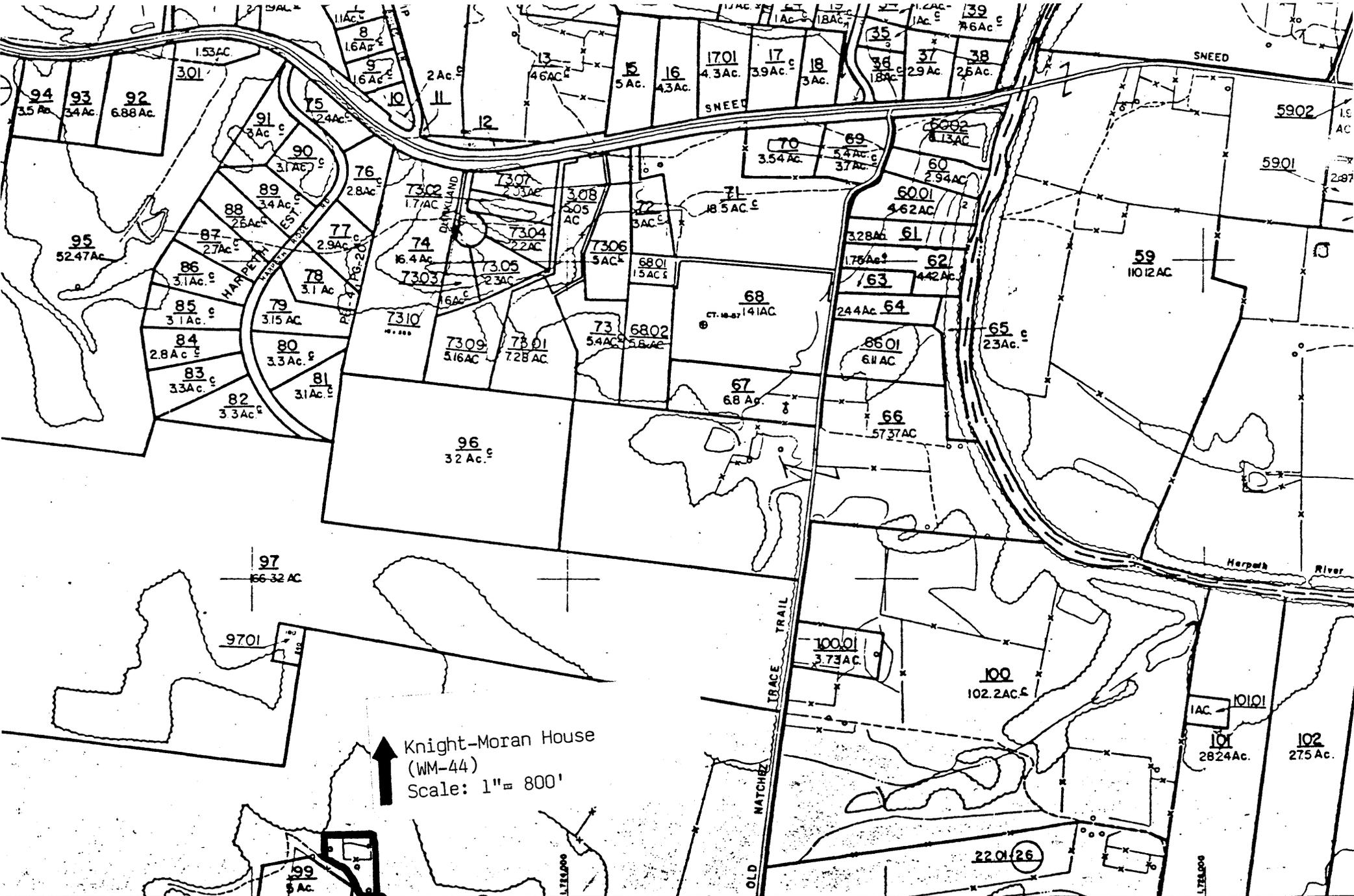
The Knight-Moran House is notable as displaying a series of log and frame additions typical of the 19th and early 20th century. The house also contains an interesting collection of outbuildings constructed over a 100 year period.

Acreage: Approx. 4 acres

UTM References: Bellevue Quad/16/505550/3985430

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification: The boundary for the Knight-Moran House is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map # 14, lot 98. The boundary is drawn to include the house and adjacent outbuildings. The boundary is defined on the north, west and east by wire fences and on the south by a driveway. The boundary includes sufficient property to protect the historical setting of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References: Historic Williamson County, Bowman



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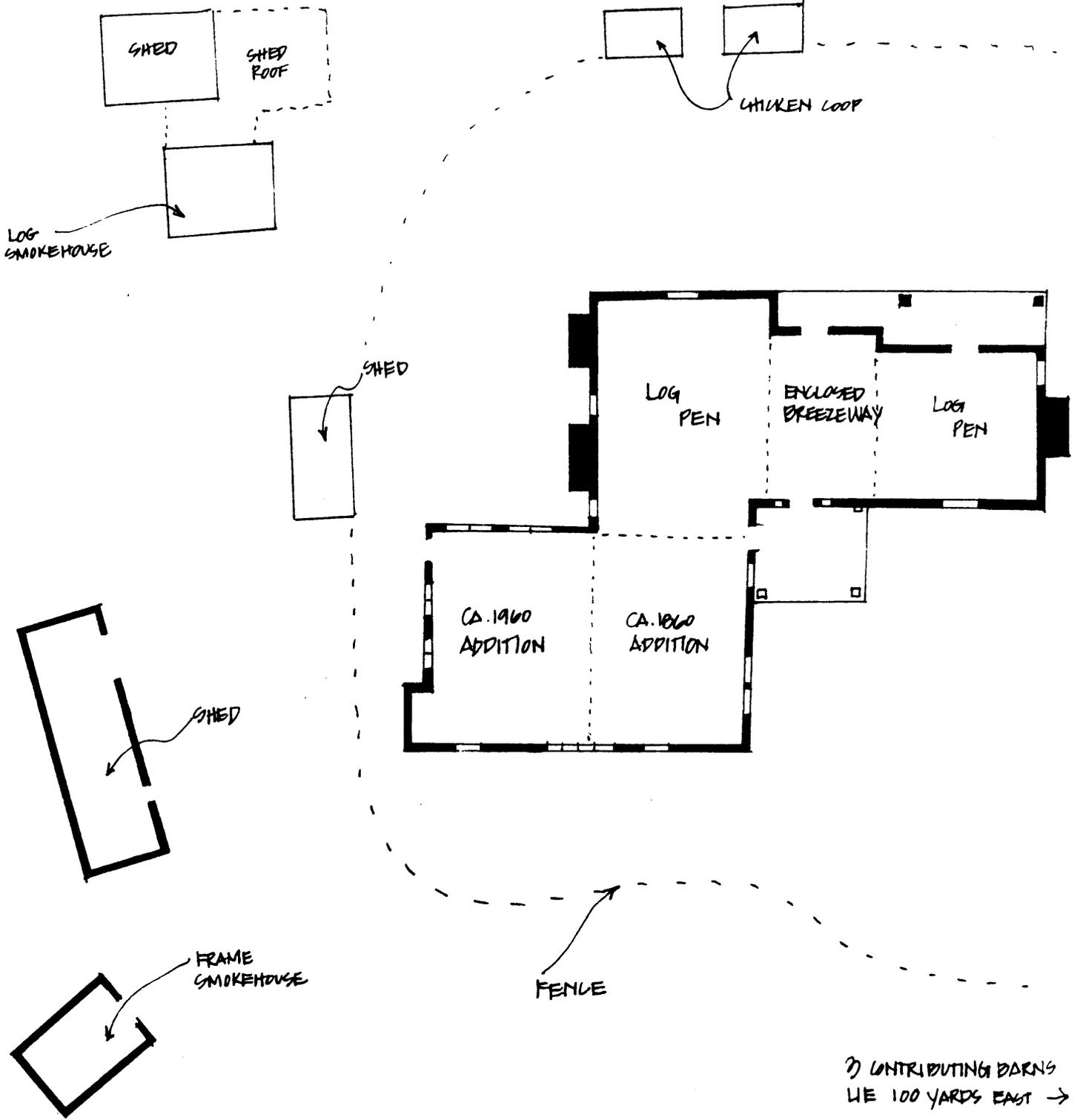
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 - PARCEL BOUNDARY
 --- INTERIOR TRACT LINE
 --- DISTRICT LINE
 29 SUBD LOT #
 --- PARCEL OUTLINE
 120 AC TOTAL ACREAGE

37 (26) PARCEL B CONTROLLING MAP #
 ○ IMPROVEMENT
 - FENCE
 - CEMETERY
 - CHURCH
 - SCHOOL
 - WOODED AREA

--- CREEK
 --- STATE LINE
 --- CO LINE
 --- COPPS LIMITS
 --- TRANSMISSION LINE
 --- ROAD
 --- RAILROAD

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10	14
20	26

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