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Title: Historic Resources of Williamson County

Historic Name: Giddens, James, House (WM-752)

Common Name: Moss Side Farm

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Classification: Building

Owner: Malcolm Moss Gibbs, P.O. Box 1, Thompson Station, TN 37179.

Location: On a farm lane at the northern boundary of Thompson Station, Tennessee

Contributing:

Buildings 2
Structures 2
Sites 0

Non-Contributing:

Buildings 0
Structures 0
Sites 0

Total: 4

Total: 0

Description:

The James Giddens House is composed of two sections. The first is a two-story frame residence constructed ca. 1815 which now encompasses the rear ell of the house and was remodeled in 1907. The main section of the house was built ca. 1885 and also remodeled in 1907. On the main facade is a one-story frame porch with Doric motif posts and exposed eave rafters. On the second story is a gabled balcony with Doric posts and turned balusters. The main entrance has an Eastlake design door of single light frame and panel design. Windows are one-over-one sash and over both doors and windows are frame cornices.

The house has a hipped roof of metal standing seam, exterior end chimneys, weatherboard siding and a stone foundation. The rear ell contains the older section of the house which retains its original stone chimney. This facade also has a frame kitchen which was attached to the rear of the house in 1907. The interior of the original section retains a Federal design mantle while those in the other section of the house are 1907 designs. This section also includes its original staircase, grained doors and other woodwork.

At the rear of the house are three contributing outbuildings: a ca. 1900 frame shed with a gable roof; a ca. 1920 frame garage; and a ca. 1900 frame barn. Other outbuildings to the west and northwest of the house are modern farm buildings and are excluded from the boundary. The house sits on a farm located on the northwest edge of the community of Thompson Station.

Period of Significance: ca.1900; 1907; ca.1920

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The Francis Giddens House is a notable example of an early 20th century Neo-Classical style residence. The house was built in several stages during the late 19th and early 20th centuries but its present appearance reflects a remodeling of the house in 1907. Since this period the house has not been altered and is a good example of the Neo-Classical style in the county.

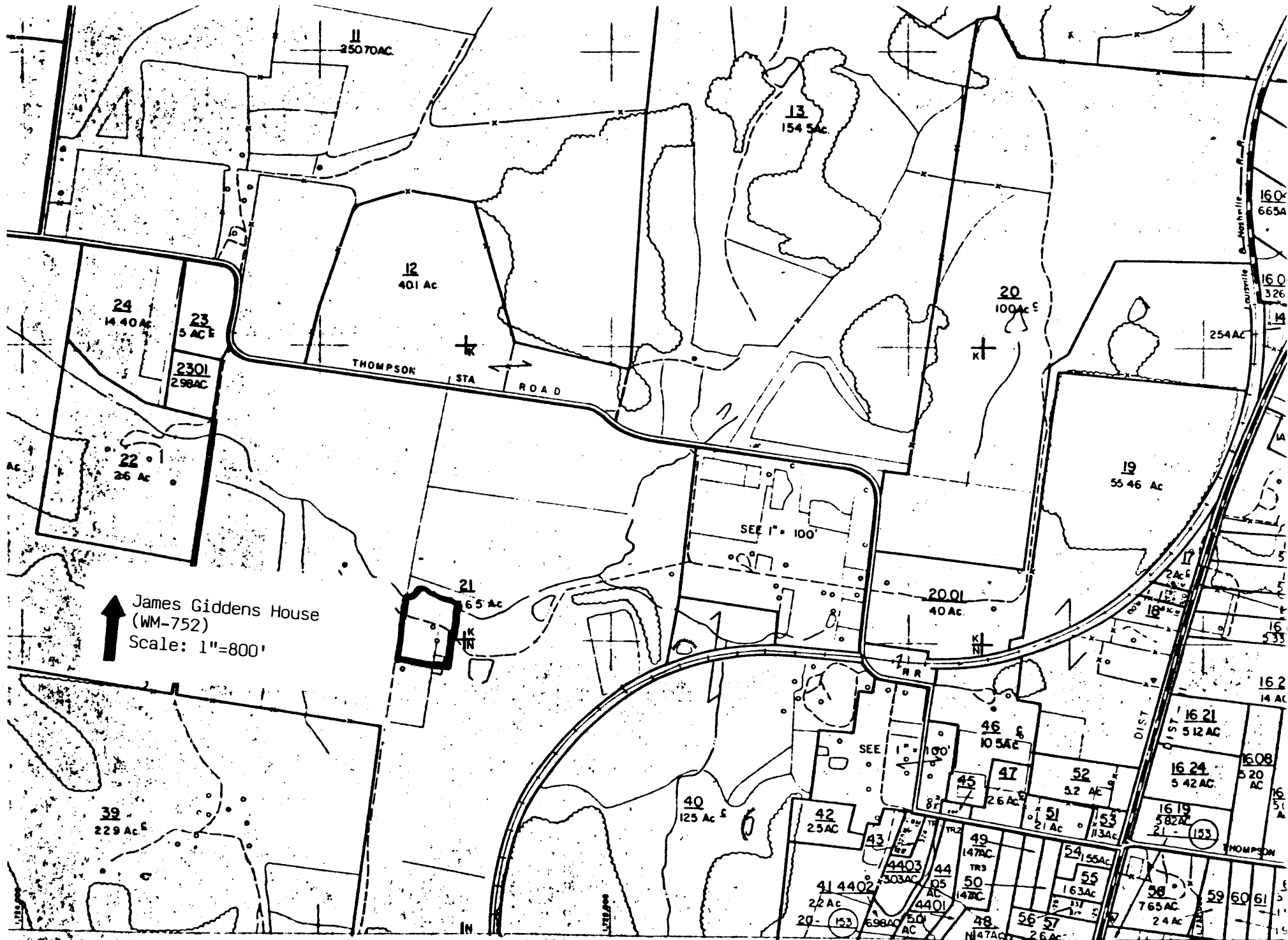
Francis Giddens was born in 1753 and moved with his family to Williamson County in 1800. When his son, James Giddens came of age, he deeded land to the west of his homesite in 1810 and James Giddens completed a two-story frame house ca. 1815. This residence was the home of James Giddens for many years and his three daughters married into the Moss family. During the 1880s a two-story addition was made to the east facade of the house and further remodelings occurred in 1907. Since 1907 the house has not been altered and retains its original site and setting. Adjacent to the house are several outbuildings which are good examples of their type and are contributive to the historical setting of the house.

Acreage: 4.6 acres

UTM References: Spring Hill Quad/16/507130/3961630

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification: The boundary for the James Giddens House is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map # 146, lot 21. The boundary includes the house and adjacent outbuildings and is drawn to exclude modern outbuildings to the west and south. The boundary is defined on the north by a stream bed and on the west, south and east by fence lines. The boundary includes all property sufficient to protect the historical integrity of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References: Historic Williamson County, Bowman.



↑ James Giddens House
 (WM-752)
 Scale: 1"=800'

11
250.70 AC

12
40.1 AC

13
154.5 AC

24
14.40 AC

23
5 AC E

2301
298 AC

22
26 AC

20
100 AC E

THOMPSON STA ROAD

19
55.46 AC

21
6.5 AC

SEE 1" = 100'

20.01
40 AC

39
229 AC E

40
125 AC E

46 &
10.5 AC E

47
2.6 AC

52
3.2 AC E

16.21
5.12 AC

16.24
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16.19
5.82 AC

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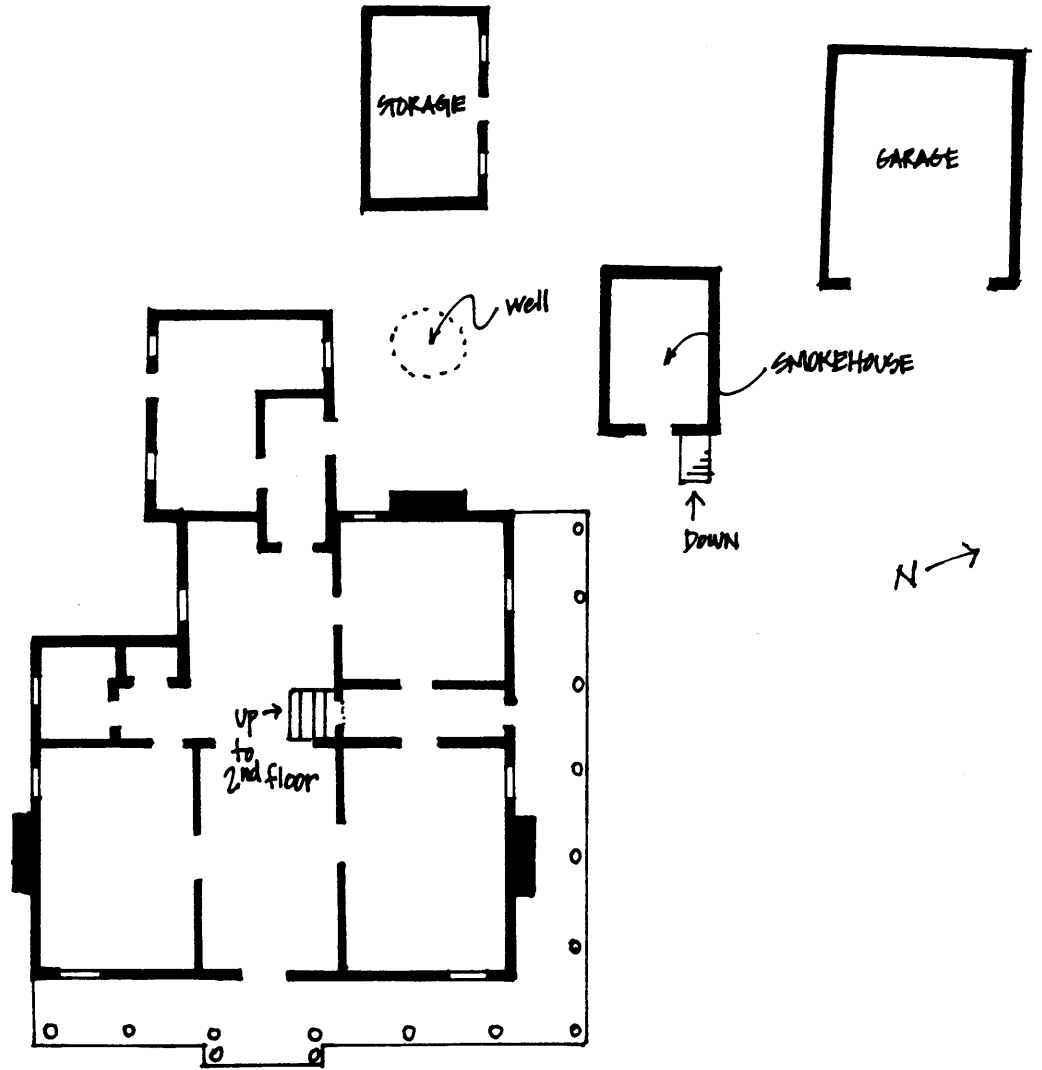
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