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Title: Historic Resources of Williamson County

Historic Name: Green, Sherwood, House (WM-194)

Common Name: Green, Sherwood, House

Classification: Building

Owner: Ben Green, Route # 2, Nolensville, TN

Location: On Rocky Fork Road one half mile east of Nolensville.

<u>Contributing:</u>		<u>Non-Contributing:</u>	
Buildings	4	Buildings	0
Structures	0	Structures	2
Sites	1	Sites	0
<u>Total:</u>	5	<u>Total:</u>	2

Description:

The Sherwood Green House is a two-story log and frame residence with the original log section constructed ca. 1810. The house was enlarged and covered with weatherboard ca. 1840. On the main (south) facade is a one-story porch which was added in 1928 and has square posts with Doric motif columns. Across the roof of the porch is a small balustrade with square balusters. The second story porch was added ca. 1840 and retains square columns. The main entrance has the original four panel frame and glass door, two-light sidelights with frame lower panels, and a three-light transom. The two windows on the first floor of the main facade were added in 1928 and are nine-over-nine sash. The windows on the second story are the original six-over-six sash. The door on the central bay of the second story is original four panel frame.

The house has weatherboard siding, a stone foundation, and composition shingles. At the rear are several one-story frame additions added in 1980. The windows on the second story upper facade are six-over-six sash. The porch on the west facade has ca.1900 square posts and balusters. Windows on this facade are four-over-four sash. The door is ca.1928 frame and glass. The interior has a ca.1840 stair with a square newel post and square balusters. Mantles are of simple Greek Revival design with Doric motif pilasters.

Contributing outbuildings include a ca.1840 log kitchen with rock slat and mud chinking and half dovetail notching; a ca.1840 log smokehouse with half dovetail notching; and remnants of a ca. 1840 slave house, now used as a milk house with weatherboard siding and a porch with square posts and a metal roof. Non-contributing outbuildings include a ca. 1920 frame shed and ca. 1920 frame privy. Also on the property is the family cemetery which is listed as a contributing site. The house sits on a large farm on Rocky Fork Road east of Nolensville.

Period of Significance: ca. 1810; ca. 1840; ca. 1928

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The Sherwood Green House is a notable example of an ante-bellum central passage plan residence. The house also illustrates typical changes which occurred to log residences in the 19th century. The original two-story log section of the house was built ca. 1800 and was covered with weatherboard ca. 1840. Also at this time a two-story portico was added to the main facade and rear additions were added. The house was later remodeled ca. 1928 with a new one-story porch on the main facade and other rear additions. Since the 1920s no major alterations have taken place to the main facades. At the rear of the house are also several notable log outbuildings.

Sherwood Green was born in 1766 and learned surveying at an early age. He came through the Cumberland Gap with a surveying crew while Tennessee was still a part of North Carolina. In 1792 he and his brothers were allotted several hundred acres adjoining the land of Thomas Christmas in the eastern section of Williamson County. In 1800, Green married Martha Christmas, whose father, William Christmas, was the city planner of Raleigh and Warrenton, North Carolina. Soon after their marriage, Green built a two-story log house and purchased additional acreage. By 1830, Green had amassed an estate of 1,130 acres and 16 slaves. Green died in 1840 as one of the county's largest landowners. After his death the property was inherited by his son, Edmund J. Green while other lands were divided among his children. Edmund Green was listed in 1859 as owning 450 acres and 13 slaves. The house continues to be in the possession of the Green family.

The Sherwood Green House is a good example of a central passage plan log and frame residence and reflects changes typical to log residences typical of the 19th century. Since porch remodelings of the 1920s no major changes have occurred to the house and it retains its original site and setting.

Acreage: 8 acres

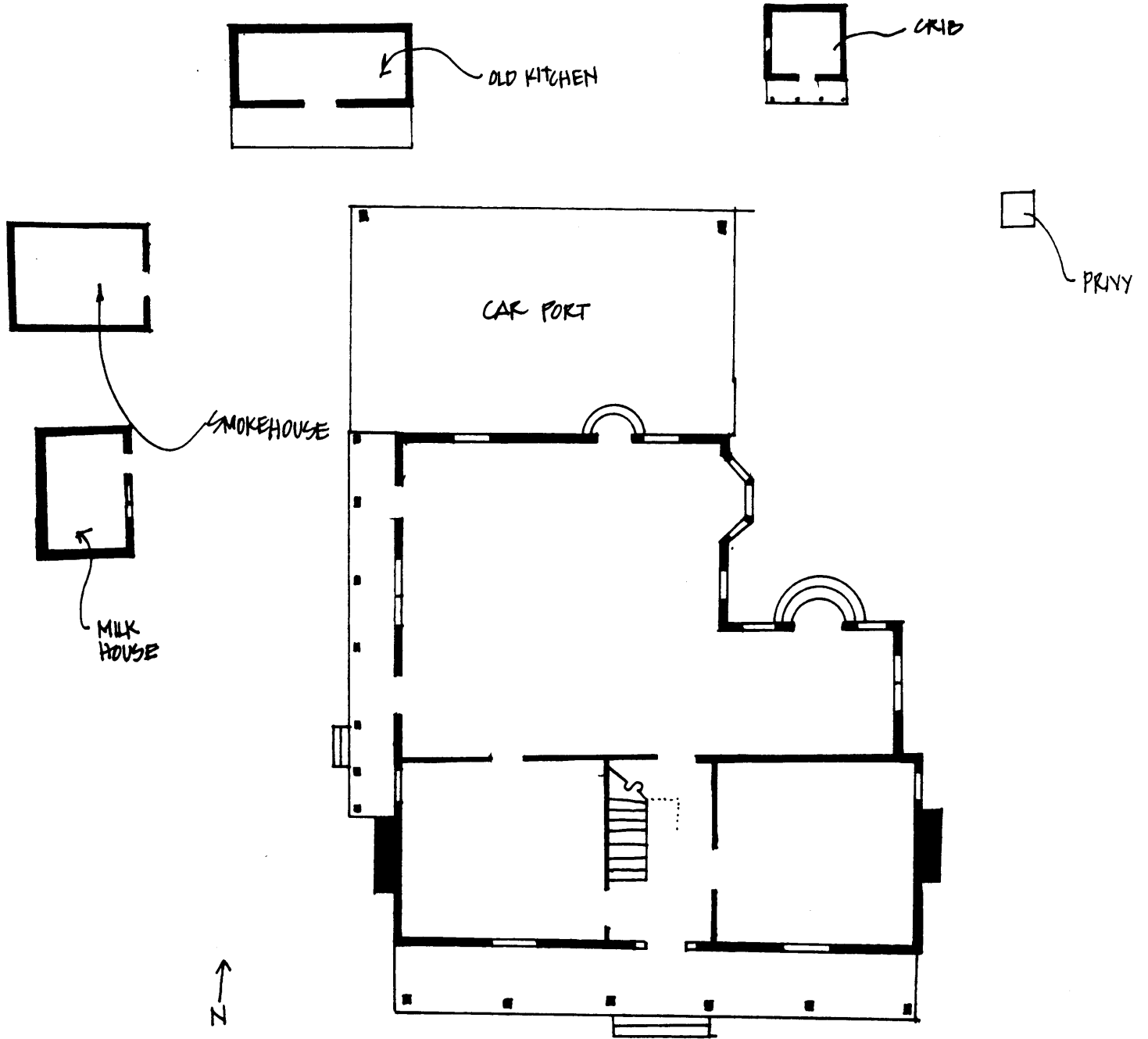
UTM References: Nolensville Quad/16/530820/3978620

Verbal Boundary and Justification: The boundary for the Sherwood Green House is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map # 57, lot 36.02. The boundary includes the legal boundary of the property and encompasses the house, adjacent outbuildings and family cemetery. The boundary includes sufficient property to protect the historical setting of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References: *Historic Williamson County*, Bowman.

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