

TENNESSEE MULTIPLE PROPERTY FORM

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Title: Historic Resources of Williamson County

Historic Name: Mayberry, Henry H., House (WM-64)

Common Name: Splendored, Riverview

NATIONAL REGISTER

Classification: Building

Owner: Dr. A.J. Betherum, 151 Franklin Road, Franklin, TN 37064.

Location: On Highway 31 just across the Harpeth River north of Franklin.

| <u>Contributing:</u> |   | <u>Non-Contributing:</u> |   |
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| Buildings            | 1 | Buildings                | 0 |
| Structures           | 3 | Structures               | 1 |
| Sites                | 0 | Sites                    | 0 |
| <u>Total:</u>        | 4 | <u>Total:</u>            | 1 |

Description:

The Henry H. Mayberry House is a Neo-classical design two-story brick and stucco residence built in 1902. On the main (east) facade is a large two-story pedimented portico with large frame columns and Ionic terra cotta capitals. Beneath the eaves of the portico are large modillion blocks. In the gable field is a Palladian window. The main entrance has original four panel double doors with five-light sidelights with frame lower panels and a fanlight transom with a keystone. The transom has a row of dentils. The windows are nine-over-nine sash except for the tripartite window over the door which has six-over-six sidelights. Also on the main facade is a recessed one-story porch with Doric columns, dentils and balustrade.

On the south facade is a one-story frame wing containing a sunroom with multi-light windows, Doric engaged columns and eave dentils. At the rear or south facade is a ca.1930 garage. At the roofline is eave dentil molding. The house has a stucco surface, gable roof of composition shingles and a stone foundation. The interior retains an elaborate curved staircase with a round newel post and balusters. The mantels are of Greek Revival influence with architrave molding. Other interior features include frame wainscoting and crown molding.

At the rear of the house are three contributing outbuildings. They include: a ca. 1902 stone pump house with a gable roof; a ca. 1902 frame smokehouse; and a ca. 1902 barn with a gambrel roof. Also on at the rear of the house is a ca. 1850 log residence moved to this location in recent years which is non-contributing. The house sits on a large lot adjacent to the Harpeth River just across from downtown Franklin. The house retains its original site and setting.

Period of Significance: 1902

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The Henry H. Mayberry House is a notable example of Neo-Classical residential architecture of the early 1900s. It is one of the largest and most ornate examples of this style built in the county and has not been significantly altered. Constructed in 1902, the house was designed with a massive Ionic portico, elaborate entrance with a fanlight transom and extensive interior and exterior decoration.

The house was constructed by Henry H. Mayberry, the wealthy son of Henry G. W. Mayberry who constructed Beechwood Hall (WM-676). Mayberry purchased this land in 1901 while living in Birmingham and the house was completed in the summer of 1902. A Birmingham architect designed the house but his or her identity is unknown.

Upon its completion the Mayberry House was the most modern of any in the county. It was the first home to have a waterworks system with water from a nearby spring purified and pumped to the main house and outbuildings. The waterworks system was powered by a gasoline powered engine and the pump house still stands south of the house. It was also the first residence to have its own Delco lighting system and central heat furnace. These innovations and its grand design made the Mayberry House one of the most notable constructed in the county during the early 20th century.

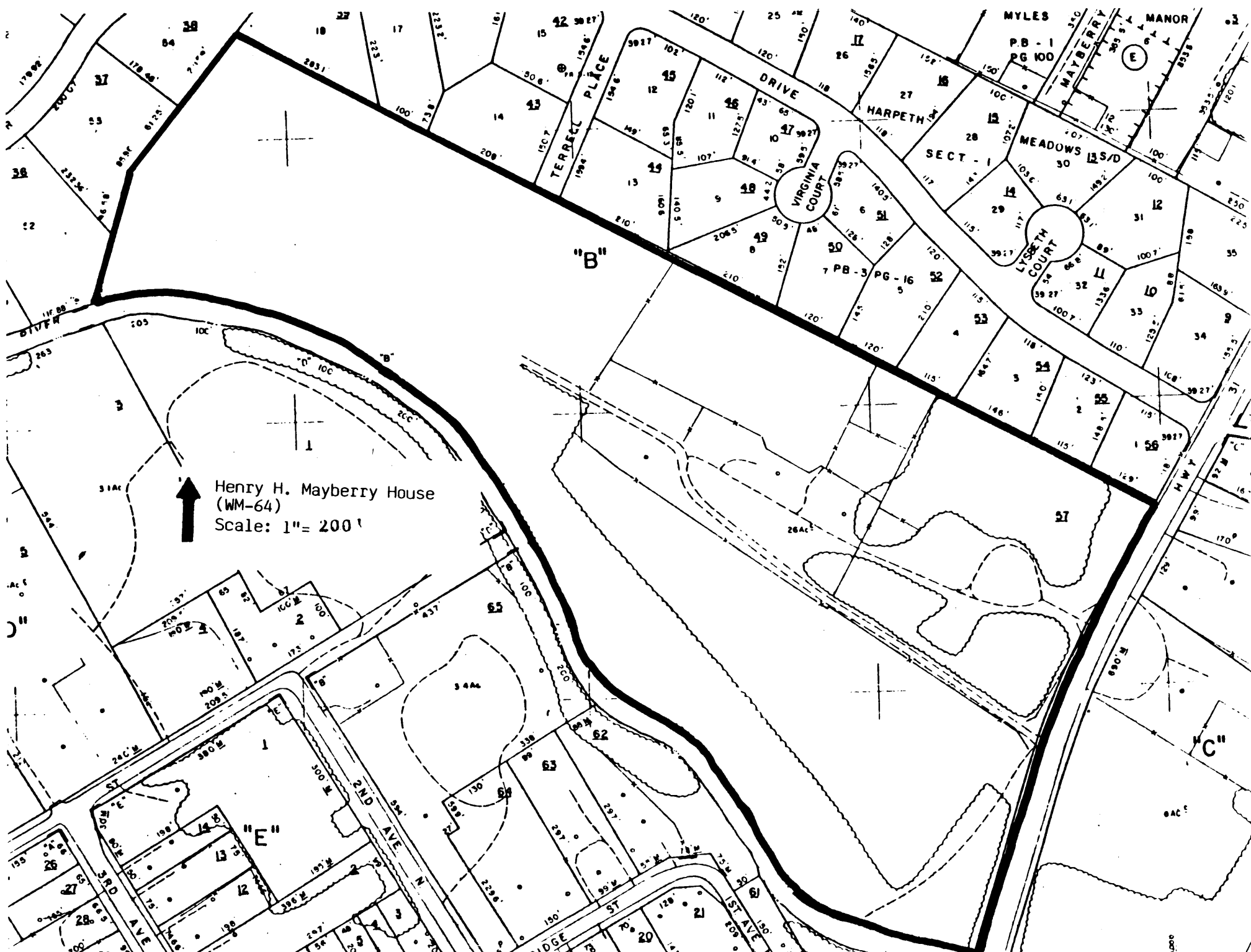
In the early 1900s, Mayberry became interested in electric transportation and he built and was the first president of the Franklin-Nashville Interurban railway. This railway line ran east of the Franklin Road and was an important connecting route between the two cities. Mayberry and his family resided at the residence until 1942 when it was sold to other owners. The house has not been altered and displays its original design and detailing.

Acreage: 26 acres

UTM References: Franklin Quad/A. 16/511720/3976060 B. 16/511760/3976140 C. 16/512120/3975700 D. 16/512200/3975920

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification: The boundary for the Mayberry House is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map 63N, lot 57B. The boundary includes the entire 26 acre tract associated with the property and includes all adjacent outbuildings and fields. The boundary includes all property sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References: Historic Williamson County, Bowman.



Henry H. Mayberry House  
(WM-64)

Scale: 1" = 200'

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"E"

"C"

F. O. B.

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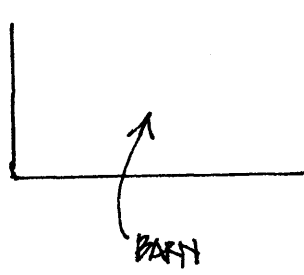
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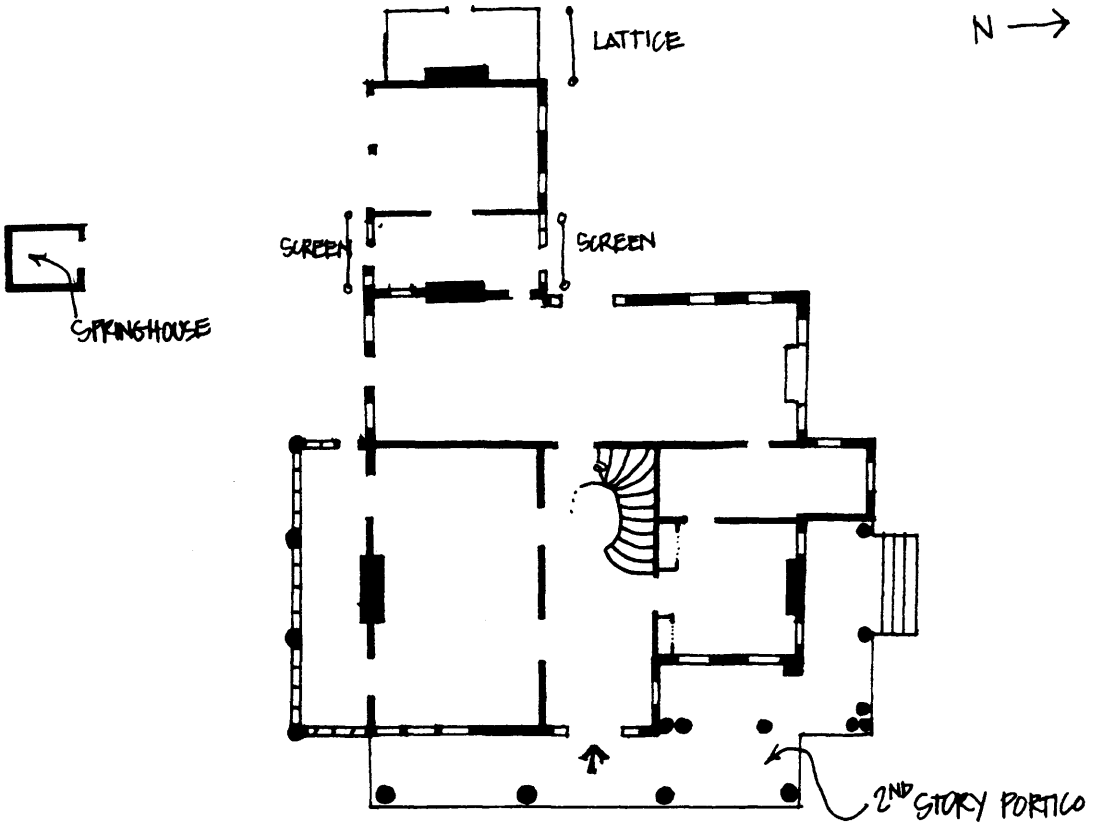
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