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Title: Historic Resources of Williamson County

Historic Name: Crafton, John, House (WM-270)

Common Name: Ralroth Farm

Classification: Building

Owner: Ruth Flathe, Route # 13, North Chapel Road, Franklin, TN 37064

Location: On North Chapel Road, two miles east of Arno Road.

Contributing:

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| Buildings | 1 |
| Structures | 1 |
| Sites | 0 |

Non-Contributing:

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| Buildings | 0 |
| Structures | 1 |
| Sites | 0 |

Total: 2

Total: 1

Description:

The John Crafton House is a one-story, hall-parlor plan brick residence. The house was built in two sections; the original section was built ca.1813 and retains the original nine panel door. The windows also appear to be the original nine-over-nine sash and over the doors and windows is single course jack arching. The main facade was built in Flemish bond with the side facades laid in five and seven course common bond. The house has a stone foundation, exterior end brick chimneys and a gable roof of composition shingles. On the rear (north) facade is also an original nine panel door. On the east facade of the original section is an original six panel door.

Added to the east facade is a one-story brick ca.1830-40 wing. This wing has nine-over-nine sash windows and two doors with jack arching. The doors in this wing are ca.1960 multi-light frame and glass. The south facade has a one-story, ca.1960 wrought iron porch. This wing is of five and six course common bond brick. At the rear of this wing is a ca.1970, one-story frame, shed roof addition with two-over-two horizontal sash windows. The interior was inaccessible.

Adjacent to the house are two outbuildings. These include: a ca. 1830 log smokehouse with half-dovetail notching and a gable metal roof; and a non-contributing ca. 1970 concrete block pumphouse. The house sits on a small farm on North Chapel Road and retains its original site and setting.

Period of Significance: ca. 1813; ca. 1830

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The John Crafton House is an good example of an early brick hall-parlor plan residence in the county. It was built by John Crafton, a Revolutionary War veteran who moved to Williamson County from Virginia in the early 1800s. In 1808, Crafton purchased 540 acres and built the original brick hall-parlor section ca. 1813. Crafton resided here until his death in 1816 with the house then occupied by his widow and grandson until 1835. The property was then purchased by Dennis M. Crafton who appears to have enlarged the house by adding the one-story brick east wing.

By 1860, Dennis Crafton was listed as owning \$18,000 worth of real estate and \$28,000 worth of personal property. The house and 167 acres were sold in 1865 to his son, Dennis S. Crafton. On the 1878 map Crafton is listed at this house and owning 172 acres of adjacent land. Crafton occupied the house until 1909 when it was sold to Robert Tulloss. Since 1909, the house has not been significantly altered. A one-story porch was added on the east wing and a frame addition was added to the east wing's north facade in the 1970s. No alterations have occurred to the original west wing of the house.

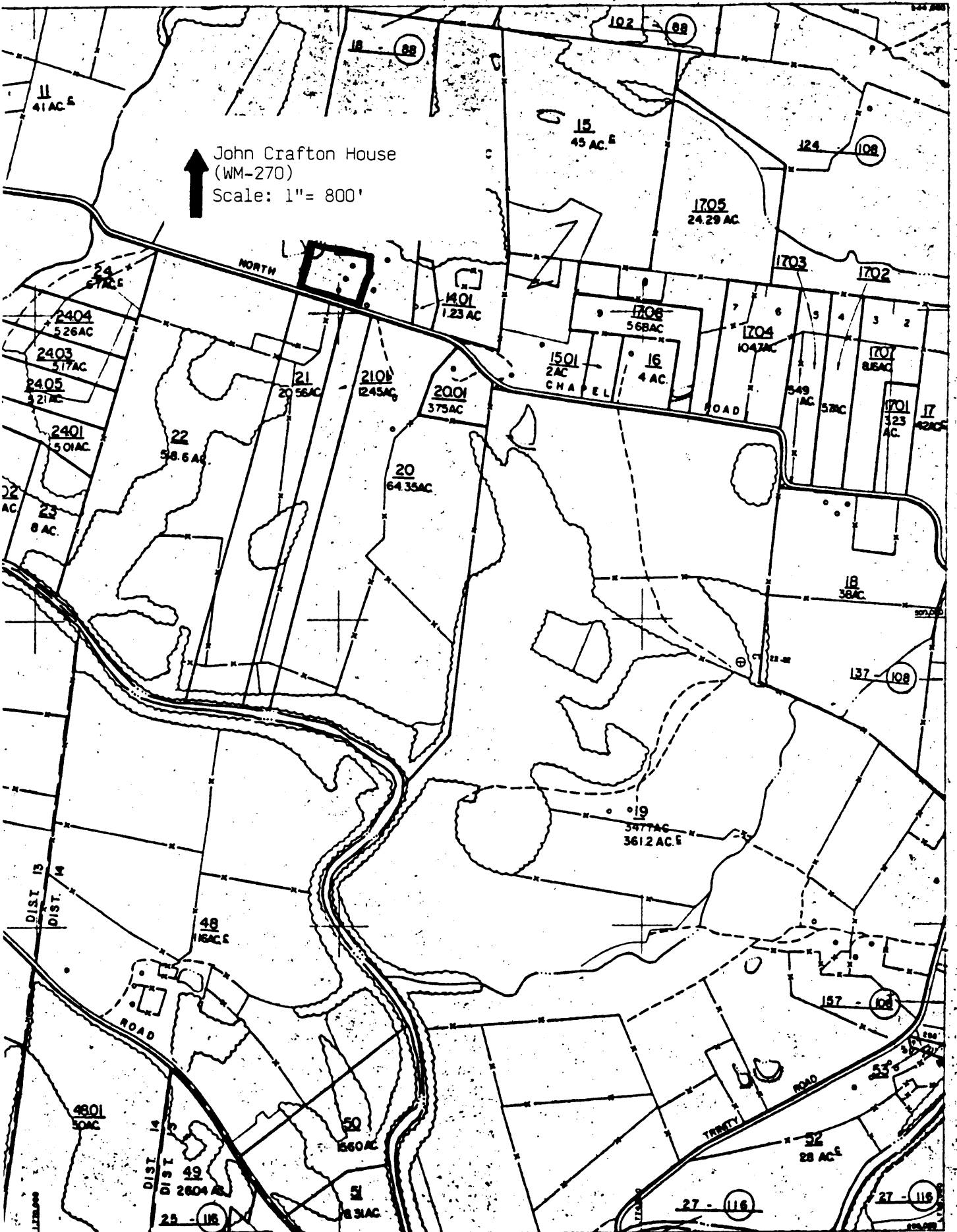
The John Crafton House is a rare example of a one-story brick hall-parlor plan residence. Outside of Franklin there is no other residence remaining from this period which has a similar floor plan and arrangement. The house has not been significantly altered and retains its original site and setting.

Acreage: 2.8 acres

UTM References: Franklin Quad/16/520800/3970350

Verbal Boundary and Justification: The boundary for the John Crafton House is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map # 107, lot 13. The boundary is drawn to include the house and adjacent outbuildings. The boundary is defined on the north and west by fences, on the east by a driveway and on the south by North Chapel Road. The boundary is sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References: Interview, Mrs. Ruth Flathe, October 26, 1987.



↑ John Crafton House
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Scale: 1" = 800'

NORTH

11
41 AC. E

18
68

102
68

15
45 AC. E

124
108

1705
24.29 AC

1703

1702

24
57 AC. E

1401
1.23 AC

1708
5.68 AC

1704
10.47 AC

1707
8.56 AC

2404
5.26 AC

2403
5.17 AC

2405
3.21 AC

2401
5.01 AC

21
20.56 AC

2108
12.45 AC

2001
3.75 AC

1501
2 AC
CHAPEL

16
4 AC

549
AC

578
AC

1701
3.23 AC

17

22
AC

22
58.6 AC

20
64.35 AC

18
38 AC

137
108

DIST. 13
DIST. 14

48
116 AC. E

19
34.77 AC
361.2 AC. E

ROAD

4801
30 AC

50
1560 AC

DIST. 14
DIST. 49
DIST. 2804 AC

51
1.31 AC

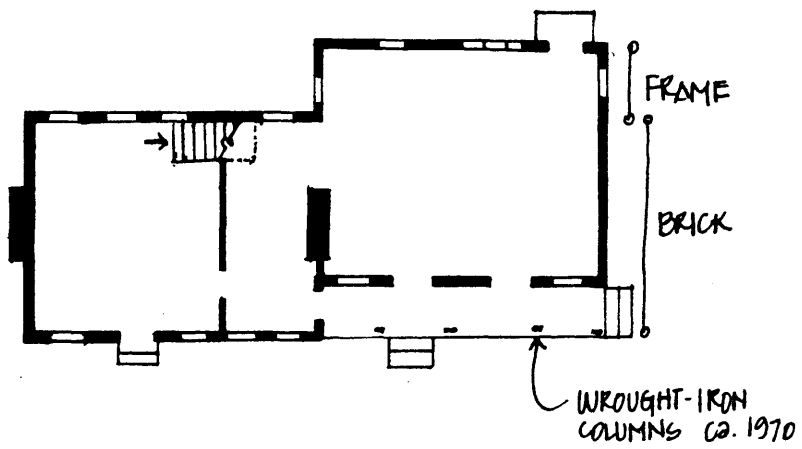
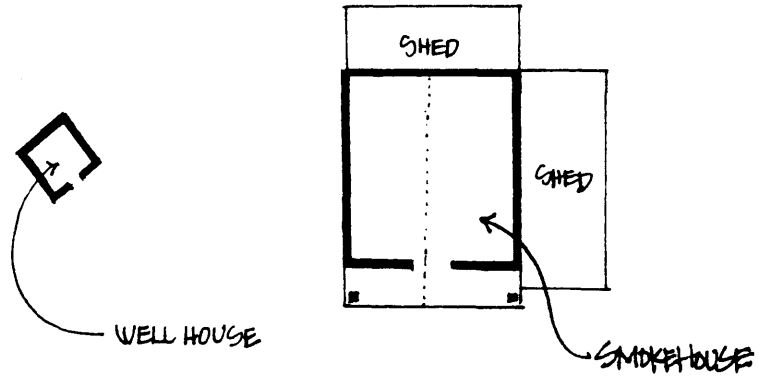
TRINITY
ROAD

22
28 AC. E

27 - 116

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270 JOHN CRAFTON HOUSE



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TO
NORTH CHAPEL ROAD
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* NOT TO SCALE