TENNESSEE MULTIPLE PROPERTY FORM

Title: Historic Resources of Williamson County

Historic Name: Boyd, William, House (WM-999) Common Name: All Bright Hill

Classification: Building

Owner: William T. Powell, Route # 4, Boyd Mill Pike, Franklin, TN 37064

Location: On Boyd Mill Pike one tenth of a mile north of Boxley Valley Road.

Contributing:		Non-Contributing:	
Buildings	1	Buildings	0
Structures	0	Structures	1
Sites	0	Sites	0
Total:	1	Total:	1

Description:

The William Boyd House is a one and one-half-story log and frame residence with an added one-story wing. The original one and one-half-story log section of the residence was erected ca. 1800 and this section was covered with weatherboard and a frame addition added ca. 1850. On the main (south) facade is a one-story porch added ca. 1980 with chamfered posts and square spindles in the railing. The main entrance has an original door of tongue and groove vertical boards. Windows are ca. 1820 six-over-six sash. In the half story are four light casement windows added ca. 1850. The house appears to have been designed in a double pen design with a rear kitchen which has been enclosed. The house has exterior stone and brick chimneys.

On the north and east facades are one and two-story frame wings added in 1850. The north wing retains two original vertical board doors with three light transoms. Windows in the additions are original six-over-six sash and the north wing has a brick chimney. The north facade of the east wing has a ca. 1970 picture window, an exterior limestone chimney and ca. 1970 six-over-six sash windows. The house has a gable roof with composition shingles. To the east of the house is a ca. 1850 frame smokehouse which has been altered into a garage and is non-contributing. The interior was inaccessible. The house is located on a hill in a rural area overlooking the West Harpeth River.

Period of Significance: ca. 1800-1828; ca. 1850

Area of Significance: Architecture/Settlement

Criterion: B and C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The William Boyd House is a notable example of an early log residence and is

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associated with prominent settler William Irby Boyd. It is one of the oldest log residences in the county and reflects the evolvement of log residences in the 19th century. The addition of weatherboard siding over logs and added wings is an architectural progression found throughout the county. The house is also notable through its association with William Irby Boyd who was one of the first settlers in this section of the county and was one of the original commissioners of the county.

William Irby Boyd was a prominent settler of Williamson County. He was one of the earliest settlers in the county and his log residence was one of the first to be built in this section of the county. Boyd was one of the first commissioners appointed in 1797 by the Tennessee Legislature to regulate Williamson County and the town of Franklin. He is mentioned prominently in early court records for his work on juries and other govermental duties. In 1820, Boyd was listed as owning several hundred acres and 18 slaves. Boyd constructed this log residence ca. 1800 and he lived here until his death in 1828.

The property was inherited by his son, William A. Boyd who constructed Boyd's Mill nearby (WM-990) and was a prominent miller of the area. Boyd married Christiana Wall in 1836 and they raised thirteen children. In 1850, Boyd remodeled the original log structure adding weatherboard siding and additions to the north and east facades. By 1860, Boyd owned real estate valued at \$20,000 and personal estate valued at \$20,000. William Boyd died in 1888 and the house remained in the Boyd family until 1940. Since 1850 few alterations have occurred to the structure except for the small one-story porch on the main facade. The house retains its site and setting on a hillside overlooking the West Harpeth River.

Acreage: 1 acre

UTM References: Leipers Fork Quad/16/503140/3975350

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification: The boundary for the William Boyd House is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map # 76, lot 29. The boundary is defined on the east and north by wire fences and on the south and west by a driveway. The boundary includes sufficient property to protect the historical significance of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References: Historic Williamson County, Bowman





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