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Title: Historic Resources of Williamson County

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Historic Name: Mayberry, H.G.W, House (WM-676) Common Name: Beechwood Hall

Classification: Building

Owner: Calvin Hoagland, P.O. Box 22711, Nashville, TN 37202

Location: On Bear Creek Road one-half mile west of Carters Creek Pike.

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

Description:

The H.G.W. Mayberry House is a two-story brick and stucco central passage plan antebellum residence with Greek Revival and Italianate influences. On the main (south) facade is a two-story portico with two original square Doric motif columns. On the second story within the portico is a small iron balcony added in 1967. The main entrance has original double doors with rounded arch four light sidelights and an arched transom with round and oval lights. On the second story of the central bay is an original four panel door with sidelights and transoms which match those on the first story. Windows are original arched four-over-four sash with the first floor windows on the main facade of floor to ceiling design.

The corners of the house display Doric motif pilasters and the house has four paired exterior end brick chimneys. At the rear is a one-story ell with doors, posts and twelve-over-twelve sash windows added in 1967. Windows on the west facade are six-over-six added in 1967. Interior access was not possible but according to the owner the interior of the house retains its original massive cantilevered staircase with milled balusters and original paneled doors. No original outbuildings remain and at the east of the house is a ca. 1970 frame wellhouse which is non-contributing.

Period of Significance: 1856

Area of Significance: Architecture

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Architect/Builder: Pryor Lilly, Builder

Statement of Significance:

The H.G.W. Mayberry House is a notable example of a central passage plan brick ante-bellum residence. Despite alterations to the structure the house retains its original form and design. The house is one of few in the county with both Greek Revival and Italianate detailing. The porch configuration and corner pilasters are Greek Revival influences while the house retains important Italianate detailing in the arched windows and door transom. The house is sited on a prominent hill and retains its original site and setting.

Henry G.W. Mayberry married Saphronia Hunter in 1849 and they received a large tract of land from her father, Henry Hunter as a wedding present. They constructed and lived in a log house called Liberty Hall which burned in 1851. They then began construction of a large two-story brick residence which was completed in 1856. The builder of the house was Pryor Lilly who has also been credited with the construction of the Thomas Brown House (WM-397) but little else is known of his work. Upon completion, the house displayed both Italianate and Greek Revival detailing.

By 1860, Mayberry was one of the largest landowners in Williamson County. In that year he was listed as owning 1,608 acres valued at \$90,000 and 24 slaves. Mayberry served as a captain in the Confederate Army during the Civil War and returned back to his estate after the war. In 1871, he was listed as owning 1,533 acres and had cotton gins and mills located on his farm. Upon his death in 1875 the property was sold to Robert Bailey who owned the house into the early 20th century. In the early 1900s, the original brick surface was covered with stucco.

By the mid-1900s the Mayberry residence had been abandoned as a residence and used as a barn. Extensive vandalism took place during these years with only the main staircase surviving to the present. Renovation of the property in 1967 resulted in a rebuilding of the porch on the main facade and interior remodeling. The original porch columns were retained on the main facade along with the gable roof but the second story balcony was deteriorated and removed. Despite these changes the original form and design of the residence remains intact.

Acreage: 2.2 acres

UTM References: Spring Hill Quad 16/502840/3969250

<u>Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:</u> The boundary of the Mayberry House is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map # 103, lot 14. The boundary is drawn to include the house and exclude modern outbuildings to the north and west. The boundary is defined on the north and west by driveways and on the east and south by fence lines. The boundary includes sufficient property to protect the historical setting of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References: Historic Williamson County, Bowman







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