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Title: Historic Resources of Williamson County

Historic Name: Johnson, William W., House (WM-166) Common Name: Johnson, William W., House

Classification: Building

Owner: Robert Mosely, Route # 1, Nolensville, TN 37135

Location: On a farm road one-half mile south of Clovercroft Road. This road is located on Clovercroft Road one half mile east of Pleasant Hill Road intersection. $\lambda_{\rm Cl}$

Non-Contributing:	

Description:

The William W. Johnson House is a two-story log and frame central passage plan I-House which was remodeled ca. 1875. The original section of the house is a single pen log cabin which was built ca. 1820. This section was added to and covered with weatherboard during the ca. 1875 remodelings. On the main (north) facade is a one-story porch with square Doric motif columns, vergeboard brackets and a milled baluster railing. The main entrance has a ca. 1875 Eastlake design door with decorative woodwork and border glass lights. Windows are four-over-four sash and at the roofline are paired Italianate brackets.

The house has weatherboard siding, exterior stone chimneys and a metal standing seam roof. At the rear of the house is a one-story wing with six-over-six sash windows and a brick chimney. This wing was added ca. 1900 and has a small porch with square posts on the east facade. The interior of the house has exposed logs in the east log pen. The original mantel in this room has been removed but the other rooms retain original ca. 1875 Greek Revival influenced mantels with brackets and raised panels. The interior also retains an Italianate design staircase with a large newel post and turned baluster railing.

To the south and west of the house are three contributing outbuildings. These are: a ca. 1880 one-story frame single pen residence which was built by Mr. Johnson for his mother-in-law; a ca. 1840 single pen log smkehouse with half-dovetail notching; and a ca. 1900 board and batten frame shed. These outbuildings are good examples of their type and are contributing to the property's setting.

Period of Significance: ca. 1820; ca. 1840; ca.1875; ca.1880; ca.1900.

Area of Significance: Architecture

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Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The William W. Johnson House is a notable example of a two-story frame central passage plan I-House. This vernacular design is a common 19th century house form in the county and the Johnson House is one of the best remaining unaltered examples. Approximately 81 two-story central passage plan residences were surveyed in the county and date primarily from 1840 to 19²0. The Johnson House is an excellent example of this vernacular form which is distinguished by a central hall and flanking rooms on both floors. Exterior detailing is most often Italianate influenced brackets and porch trim from the late 19th century.

The original log section of the house was built either by James Bradley or John Irion before 1830. In 1840 the house was purchased by William W. Johnson who lived here until his death in the early 1870s. His property was willed to his son, William W. Johnson, Jr. in 1874 and enlargements to the house probably occurred at this time. The house was enlarged into a central passage plan using Italianate detailing. A rear wing appears to have been added or remodeled around 1900. No major alterations have occurred to the house since the early 1900s and it retains its original design and site and setting.

Acreage: Approx. 1.5 acres

UTM References: Nolensville Quad/16/526180/3975870

<u>Verbal Boundary Description and Justification</u>: The boundary for the William Johnson House is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map # 60, lot 97. The boundary is drawn to include the house and adjacent outbuildings. The boundary is defined on the west, south and east by wire fences and on the north by a rail fence. The boundary is sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References:



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