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Title: Historic Resources of Williamson County

Historic Name: Morton, George W., House (WM-184)

Common Name: Morton, George W., House

Classification: Building

Owner: Buford Cockrum, 3725 Faulkner Dr., Nashville, TN 37211.

Location: On Highway 41A one-half mile north of Sunset Road intersection.

Nelsonville vicinity

Contributing:

Buildings	1
Structures	0
Sites	0

Non-Contributing:

Buildings	2
Structures	1
Sites	0

Total: 1

Total: 3

Description:

The George W. Morton House is a one-story frame T-plan residence with Italianate detailing constructed ca. 1870. On the main (west) facade is a porch with original milled columns with fan brackets, milled spindled frieze and vergeboard. The main entrance has original double doors of arched single light and frame panels and original screen doors. Above the door is a single light arched transom. Windows are original arched four-over-four sash and some retain their original shutters. On the south bay of the main facade is a glass and frame door with a rectangular single light transom.

The house has weatherboard siding, a stone foundation, interior brick chimneys and a hipped and gable roof of metal standing seam. In the gable fields is decorative weatherboard cut in a wave pattern, decorative vent grilles, eave dentils and vergeboard. At the rear of the structure is a one-story ell containing the kitchen. An open breezeway between the kitchen and main section was enclosed ca. 1910. The rear porch on the south facade of the ell was enclosed ca. 1960 with single light windows.

The interior of the house retains original Greek Revival influenced mantels with Doric motif columns, four panel doors with fluted molding and corner blocks, and chair-rails. At the rear of the house are three non-contributing outbuildings: a ca. 1910 frame smokehouse; a ca. 1910 frame shed; and a ca. 1920 frame privy. The house sits on a small rural lot facing Highway 41A.

Period of Significance: ca. 1870

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The George W. Morton House is a good example of a one-story frame T-plan vernacular design of the 19th century and is included in the nomination as the best representative example of this prevalent style. This type of vernacular house form is common in Williamson County with approximately 160 surveyed. This house form is distinguished by its T-plan or ell plan design with a projecting gabled bay at right angles to the main section of the house. These T-plan house forms were built between 1865 and 1920, of balloon frame construction and often displayed Greek Revival or Italianate detailing. The Morton House is a good example of this design, was built with Italianate detailing in the doors, windows and decorative elements and has not been significantly altered.

George W. Morton bought this property in 1859 and constructed this one-story frame house around 1870. The design was typical of the period with a prominent projecting bay and Italianate influenced windows, doors and porch trim. Morton sold the house in 1882 to the James Brittain family who lived in the house until 1960. The house has not been significantly altered and it displays its original form and detailing.

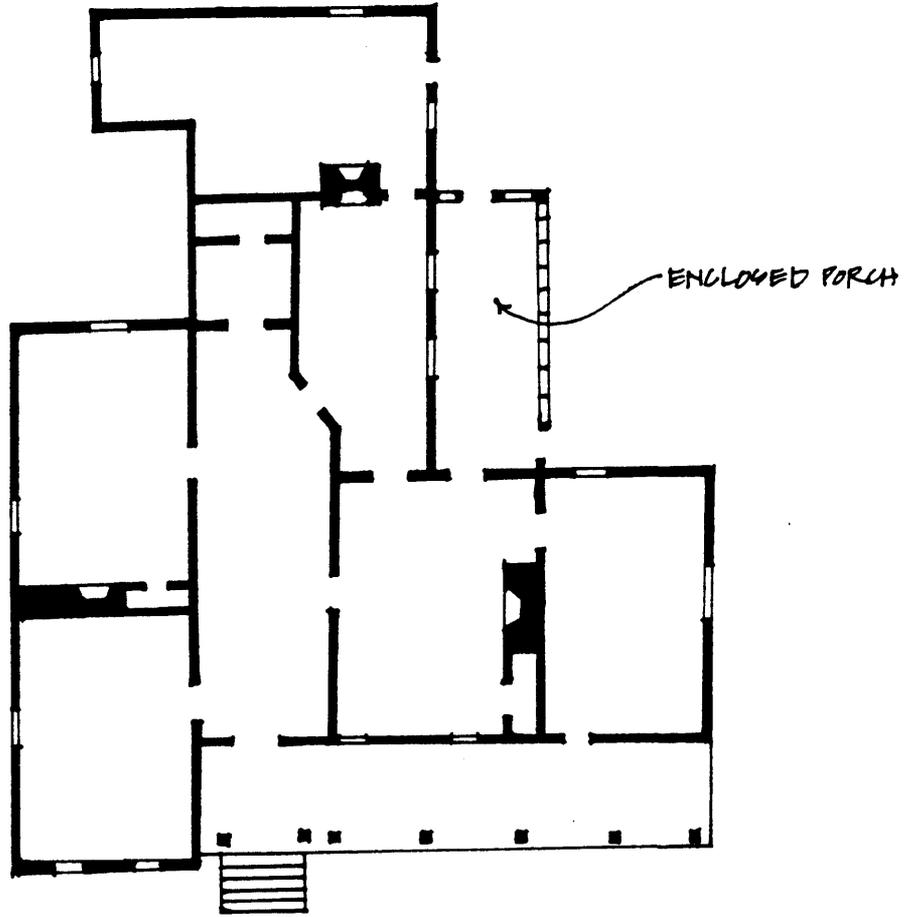
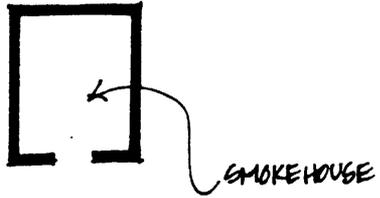
Acreage: 3.1 acres

UTM References: Nolensville Quad/16/529220/3980040

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification: The boundary for the George W. Morton House is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map # 56, lot 57. The boundary is drawn to include the house and adjacent outbuildings and exclude modern outbuildings to the east. The boundary is defined on the north and west by fences, on the south by Highway 41A and on the east by a driveway. The boundary includes sufficient property to protect the historical setting of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References:

* 18A GEORGE W. MORTON HOUSE



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