

TENNESSEE MULTIPLE PROPERTY FORM

RECEIVED

MAR 03 1983

Title: Historic Resources of Williamson County

Historic Name: Scales, James, House (WM-224)

Common Name: Scales, James, House

NATIONAL REGISTER

Classification: Building

Owner: G.G. McCord, Route # 1, College Grove, TN 37046

Location: On Highway 31A at Kirkland.

Contributing:

Buildings 1  
Structures 3  
Sites 0

Non-Contributing:

Buildings 0  
Structures 0  
Sites 0

Total: 4

Total: 0

Description:

The James Scales House is a two-story central passage plan frame residence constructed ca. 1885. On the main (west) facade is a one-story porch with original milled columns, spindled frieze and vergeboard brackets. This design is repeated on the second story balcony with a spindled frieze, vergeboard trim and cutout panels. At the roofline of the second story porch is a frame finial. The main entrance consists of an original Eastlake design glass and frame door. On the second story of the central bay is a similarly designed Eastlake door and both doors have fluted surrounds and cornices. Windows are one-over-one sash with fluted surrounds and cornices on the main facade.

The siding on the first floor of the main facade consists of vertical rectangular panels and tongue-in-groove wainscoting. The remainder of the house is covered with weatherboard. The house has two interior brick chimneys and a stone foundation. Doors on the rear facade are original single light frame and glass design. In the gables of the side facades is vergeboard decoration. The rear one-story ell has added tile and vertical board siding. The interior of the house is inaccessible. At the rear of the house are three contributing outbuildings: a ca. 1885 well house with lattice walls and a pyramidal roof; a ca. 1885 frame smokehouse; and a ca. 1885 board and batten stable or shed. The house sits on a large urban lot in the small crossroads community of Kirkland.

Period of Significance: ca. 1885

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The James Scales House is a notable example of a two-story frame central

passage plan I-House of the late 19th century. The house retains an exceptionally intact porch with original milled columns, spindles and vergeboard. The house is one of the most intact and ornate I-House residences built in the late 19th century. Approximately 81 two-story central passage plan vernacular residences were surveyed in the county and along with the William Johnson House (WM-166) the Scales House is one of the finest examples of this form.

The house was built around 1885 by James A. Scales whose father, Absalom G. Scales purchased the property in the mid-19th century. Absalom Scales died in 1881 and the land was purchased by James Scales in 1886. It appears that James Scales built the house during this period and he is listed as living here on the 1886 deed. Scales owned the house for only three years before selling it to I.J. Jordan in 1889. The house remained in the Jordan family until 1924 and it has since had several owners. The James Scales House is the only historic structure remaining in the community of Kirkland and it is one of the best examples in the county of the vernacular central passage plan form.

Acreage: 5.84 acres

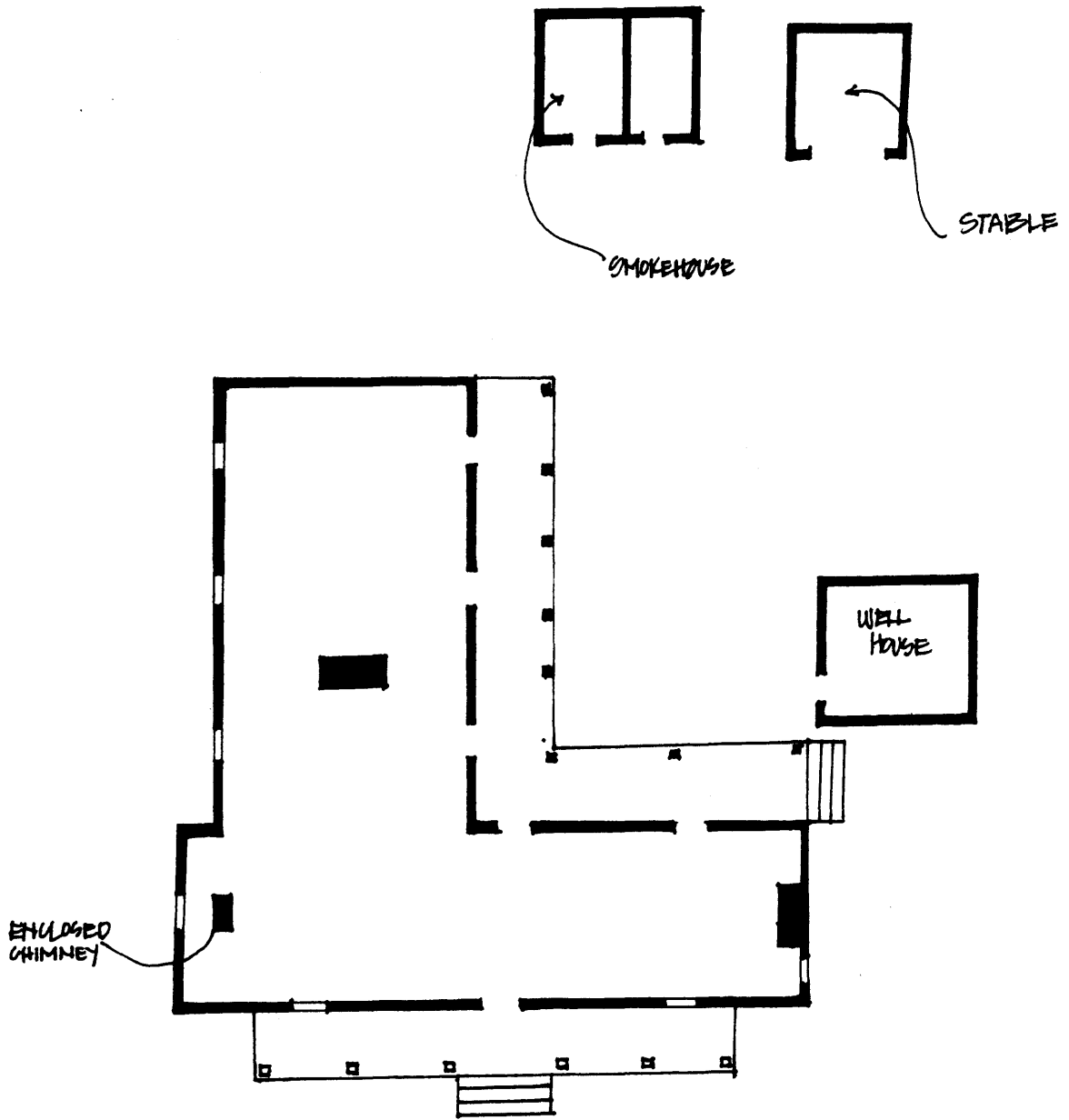
UTM References: College Grove Quad/16/ 530560/3962160

Verbal Boundary and Justification: The boundary for the James Scales House is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map # 141, lot 35. The boundary includes the legal boundary of the property and is sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References:



#224 JAMES CALES HOUSE



ENCLOSED CHIMNEY

SMOKEHOUSE

STABLE

WELL HOUSE

← N

NOT TO SCALE