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Title: Historic Resources of Williamson County

Historic Name: Martin, William, House (WM-805)

Common Name: Boxwood Hall

Classification: Building

Owner: James Fowler, 5215 Seward Rd, Brentwood, TN 37027

Location: 5215 Seward Rd., Brentwood

<u>Contributing:</u>		<u>Non-Contributing:</u>	
Buildings	2	Buildings	0
Structures	0	Structures	0
Sites	0	Sites	0
<u>Total:</u>	2	<u>Total:</u>	0

Description:

The William Martin House is a two-story stone veneer residence which was originally built ca. 1850 but extensively altered into a Colonial Revival design ca. 1910. On the main (east) facade is a one-story porch with ca. 1910 fluted Doric columns. The porch rests on a stone slab floor. The main entrance has ca. 1910 multi-light glass and frame doors with single-light sidelights and transom. Over the door is a projecting dentilled cornice. Flanking the doors on the main facade are French design, three-light sidelights with frame lower panels and added shutters. The windows are four-over-four sash with original shutters. On the roofline of the main facade are three hipped dormers with modillion blocks and four-over-four sash windows with shutters. The windows have stone sills and lintels.

On the north facade is a small one-story porch with square frame posts. At the southwest corner is a one-story sunroom with four-over-four sash windows and screened porch. The stone foundation has two-light casement windows. In the gable fields of the upper facade is slate, and the eaves have modillion blocks. The interior is organized in a central hall plan with all details dating from the ca. 1910 remodeling. According to the owner these include architrave molding at the doors and ornate, Federal style fluted mantles. Interior photography was not possible. To the rear of the house is a ca.1910 one-story stone garage.

Period of Significance: ca. 1910

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The William Martin House is a notable example of a Colonial Revival Residence

of the early 20th century. It is the only stone residence built in this style in the county outside of Franklin and one of the largest and unaltered. The other five nominated Neo-Classical or Colonial Revival design residences are of frame or brick construction. The house displays Colonial influenced detailing in the porch, doors, windows and other exterior details. The house has not been significantly altered and retains its original appearance.

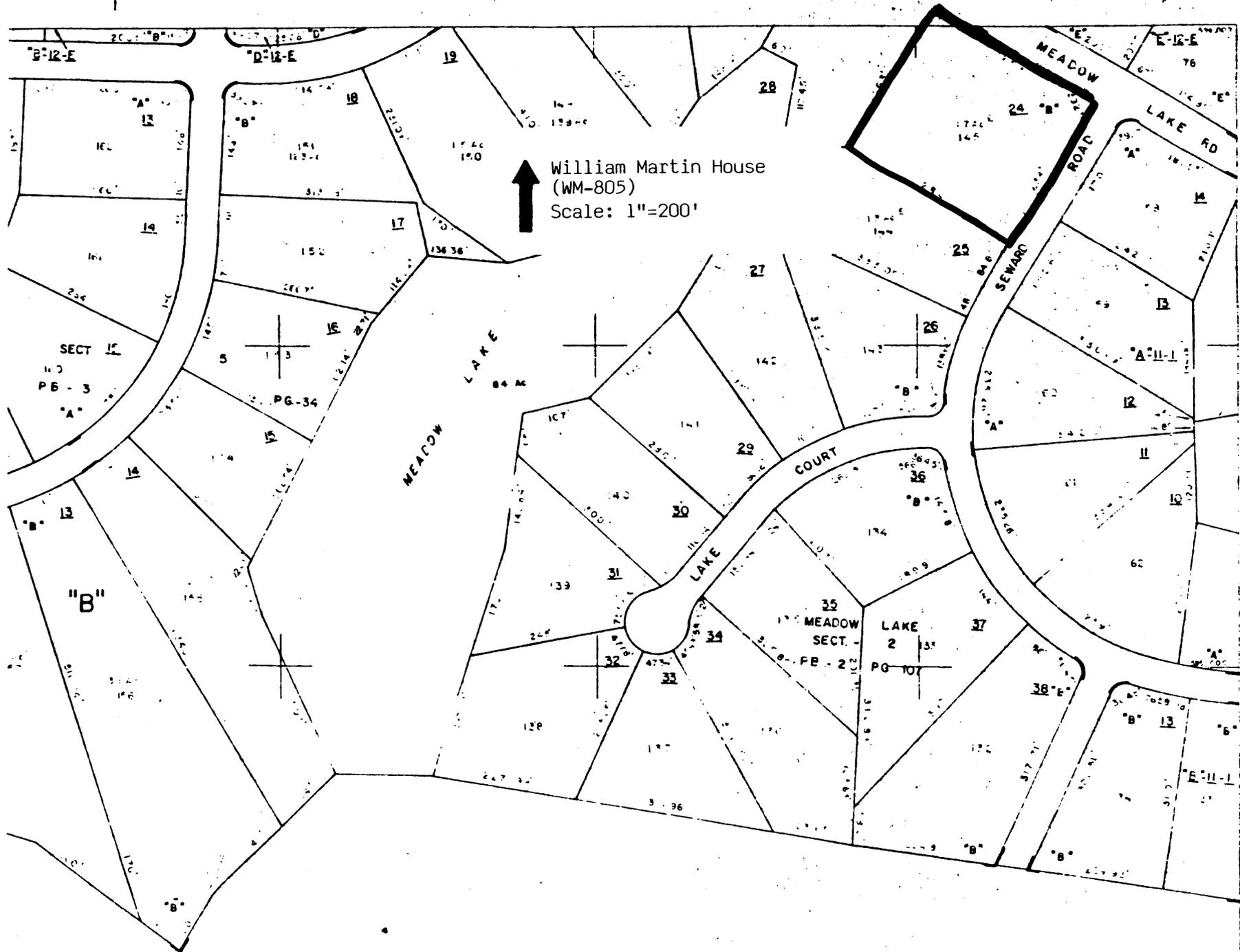
The earliest house on this site was a ca. 1850 single story frame residence owned by the Hayes family. In the late 19th century Elizabeth Hayes married Dr. William Martin, a college professor and they resided here at the turn of the century. Around 1910, the house was totally remodeled into a large two-story stone veneer Colonial Revival residence. The original frame structure was supposedly incorporated into the present building. Upon completion the house was one of the most prominent of its style in the county. In 1924, the house was sold to Mrs. William Smartt and it was later the home of A.J. Dyer. The William Martin House remains one of the largest and most notable Colonial Revival residences in the county and has not been altered.

Acreage: 1.7 acres

UTM References: Oak Hill Quad/16/517440/3986660

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification: The boundary for the William Martin House is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map # 12-L, lot 24. The boundary includes the legal boundary of the property and is sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References: Interview, Mrs. Robert Fowler, November 30, 1987.



William Martin House  
(WM-805)  
Scale: 1"=200'

#805 WILLIAM MARTIN HOUSE

