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REGISTERTitle: Historic Resources of Williamson CountyHistoric Name: Lee, Samuel B., House (WM-345)Common Name: MaplewoodClassification: BuildingOwner: John Napier Lee, Route # 2, Box 734, Spring Hill, TNLocation: On Duplex Road one-half mile west of Lewisburg Pike.

<u>Contributing:</u>		<u>Non-Contributing:</u>	
Buildings	5	Buildings	0
Structures	0	Structures	1
Sites	0	Sites	0
<u>Total:</u>	5	<u>Total:</u>	1

Description:

The Samuel B. Lee House is a two-story central passage frame ante-bellum residence built ca. 1835. On the main (south) facade is a one story porch added ca. 1870. This porch has square Doric columns with arched connecting trim, turned balusters on the railing and paired eave brackets. The main entrance is original with a six panel door, three light sidelights with a frame lower panel and a seven light transom. The door surround has rectangular panels, fluted molding and corner blocks. Windows are original six-over-six sash with fluted surrounds, plain corner blocks and some original shutters.

The house has weatherboard siding, a stone foundation and gable roof. At the roofline is a boxed cornice with eave returns. At the rear facade is a one story porch with square columns added ca. 1900. The entrance on this facade is an arched six panel door which matches the door on the main facade. The house has two interior brick chimneys and rectangular vent windows in the gable. On the west facade is a one story ca. 1980 frame addition with matching windows and siding. The interior has an excellent curved staircase with an ornate newel post and turned balusters, two and four panel doors with original locks and simple Greek Revival influenced mantles.

To the southeast of the residence is a double pen log residence erected by Samuel B. Lee ca. 1830. This log structure is badly overgrown and no photographs are possible. The house was built in a double pen dogtrot design with half-dovetail notching on the logs. At the rear of the house is a one-story log kitchen built ca. 1835 with half-dovetail notched logs, a gable roof with metal siding and a large exterior brick chimney. The fireplace opening remains on the interior along with a built in bread oven. Another significant outbuilding is a ca. 1900 frame smokehouse with a gable roof and weatherboard siding. Other contributing outbuildings include a ca. 1900 frame milk house with a shed roof and ca. 1900 frame grainery with weatherboard siding and original door and window openings. These outbuildings are good examples of their type and contribute to the property's setting. Also at the rear is a non-contributing structure, a ca. 1950 metal water tower.

Period of Significance: ca. 1830; ca. 1835; ca. 1870; ca. 1900

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The Samuel B. Lee House is a notable example of a central passage plan ante-bellum frame residence constructed ca. 1835. The house is one of the oldest frame residences in the county and has not been significantly altered since the late 19th century. It features a fine Victorian era porch on the main facade and retains original detailing. The property also includes a notable collection of outbuildings.

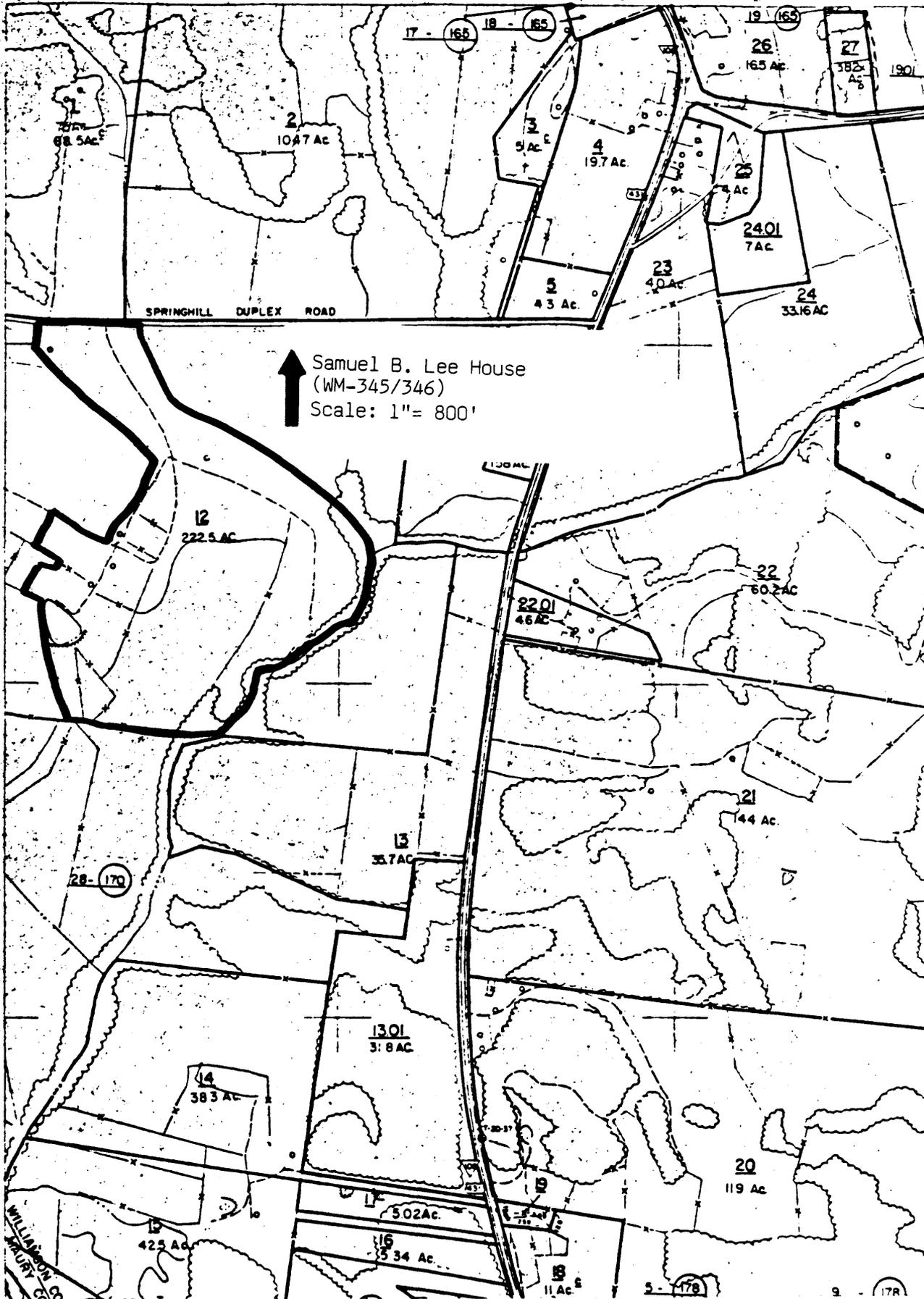
Samuel B. Lee was born in 1768 and moved to Rutherford County, Tennessee in 1816. He later moved to Memphis where he became involved in iron manufacturing but by 1830 settled on land in Williamson County and constructed a one-story log cabin. During the next few years Lee became a prosperous farmer and constructed a two-story frame house he called "Maplewood." In 1837, Samuel Lee married Susan Napier and over the next several decades Lee became a prominent planter with real estate holdings valued at \$79,000 in 1860. In 1865, Lee died leaving his property to his two sons, Samuel Lee Jr., and John Napier Lee. The two sons revived the estate and were well known for their thoroughbred race horses. In 1872 their horse called Duplex won the world's champion pacing record and sired many well known offspring. The house remained in the Lee family until the early 20th century when it was sold. In recent years, however, descendants have purchased the house and it is presently under restoration.

Acreage: 72 acres

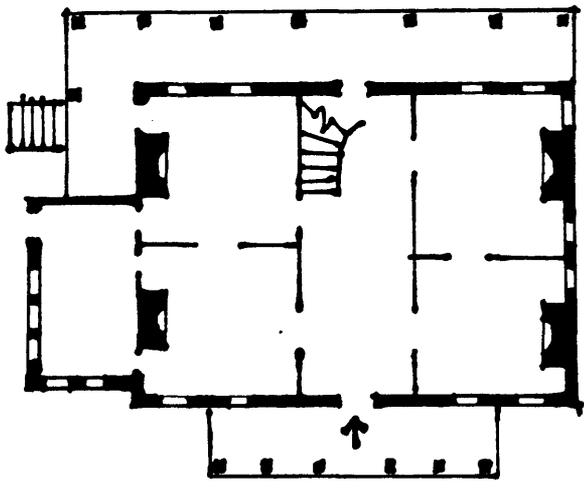
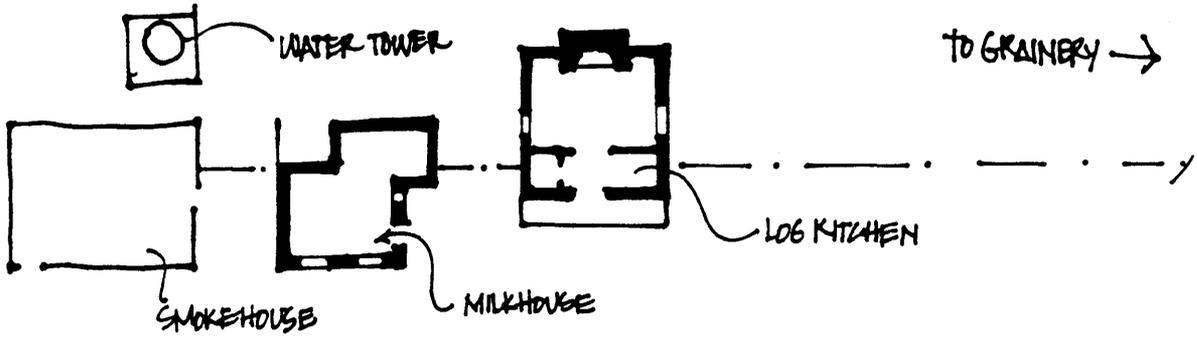
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C. 16/513520/3954940 D. 16/514260/3954890

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification: The boundary for the Samuel B. Lee House is illustrated on the accompanying Williamson County tax map # 171, lot 12. The boundary is drawn to include the two Lee Houses, adjacent outbuildings, approaches to the house and adjacent fields. The boundary is defined on the east by the course of a small stream, on the south and west by a series of wire fences and on the north by Duplex Road. The boundary includes sufficient property to protect the historic setting of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References: Historic Williamson County, Bowman.



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