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Title: Historic Resources of Williamson County

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Historic Name: Frost, John, House (WM-90)

Common Name: Cottonport

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Classification: Building

Owner: M.G. Frost, Old Smyrna Road, Brentwood, TN 37027

Location: On Old Smyrna Road one and one half miles east of Wilson Pike.

<u>Contributing:</u>		<u>Non-Contributing:</u>	
Buildings	1	Buildings	0
Structures	1	Structures	0
Sites	0	Sites	0
<u>Total:</u>	2	<u>Total:</u>	0

Description:

The John Frost House is a two-story brick central passage plan residence constructed ca. 1810. On the main (south) facade is a two-story frame portico with square posts and balustrade added ca. 1980. The main entrance has a six paneled door added ca. 1980 and over the door is an original four light transom. Windows are modern replacement six-over-six and nine-over-nine sash and retain their original stone sills and single course jack arching.

The house rests on a limestone foundation, has exterior end brick chimneys and a gable roof of metal standing seam. The house is of five course common bond construction. At the rear is a ca. 1980 one-story frame addition with four-over-four sash windows and metal siding. The interior of the house was inaccessible. To the east of the house is a contributing ca. 1830 single pen log outbuilding with half-dovetail notching and a gable metal roof. The house sits on a small rural lot facing Old Smyrna Road.

Period of Significance: ca. 1810 - ca. 1900

Area of Significance: Settlement/Exploration

Criterion: A

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The John Frost House is the only remaining historic structure from the 19th century community of Cottonport. The residence was the center of a small crossroads settlement which included both residential and commercial buildings. The Frost House served as the post office for the community during the 19th century and it is one of only three buildings identified in the county as being rural post offices from the period. Despite alterations the basic form and plan of the house remains evident.

Captain John Frost came to Williamson County from South Carolina around 1810. He purchased land in the northeast section of the county on the site of the earlier Mayfield Station, a log pioneer fort. Frost and his wife, Rhoda Miles Frost constructed this home soon after settling on the property. Frost earned his title of Captain when he became a company commander during the War of 1812. The Frost House became the focal point for a community which became known as Cottonport. The house was the post office for the community and it contained a gristmill, store and several other residences. In 1860, Frost was listed as owning \$10,000 worth of real estate and \$9,200 worth of personal property. After the death of John Frost the house was owned by his son, Dr. S.B. Frost during the late 19th century. The house continues to remain in the possession of the Frost family.

The John Frost House is notable as a center of county community life for many years. The home was the focal point for the Cottonport settlement during the 19th century and it served not only as the Frost residence but also as the area's post office. Adjacent to the house were stores, a blacksmith shops and cotton gins, none of which remain. The Frost House is the only extant structure from this settlement. Despite the porch alterations and additions, the basic form and plan of the residence is retained.

Acreage: 3.4 acres

UTM References: Oak Hill Quad/16/521860/3985800

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification: The boundary for the John Frost House is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map # 10, lot 1.01. The boundary is drawn to include the legal boundary of the property and encompasses the main residence and outbuilding. The boundary includes sufficient property to protect the historical setting of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References: Historic Brentwood, Little.

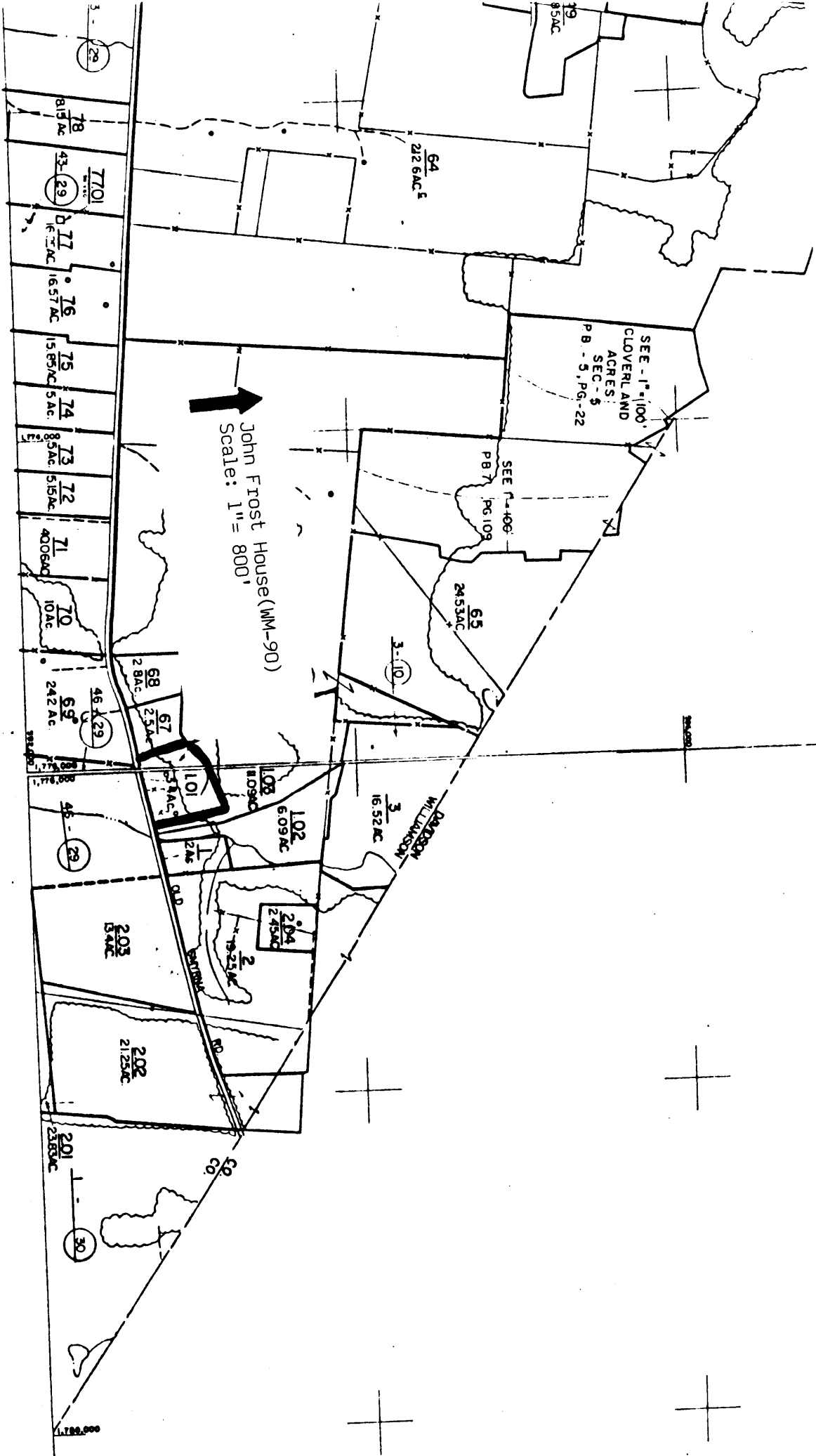
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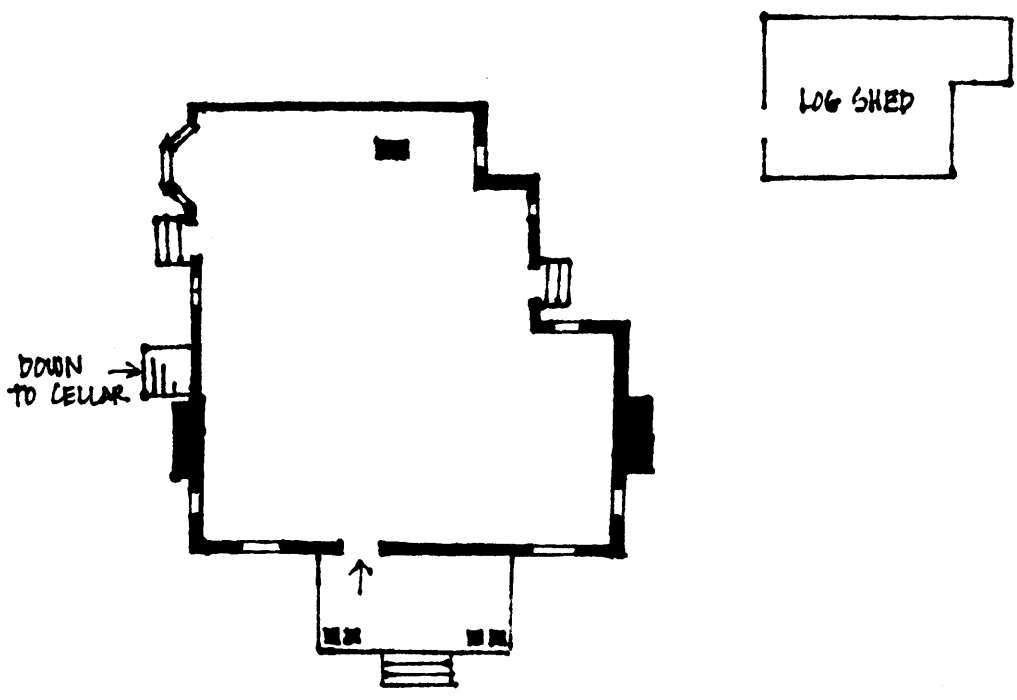
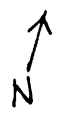
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#90 JOHN FROST HOUSE



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