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Historic Name: McMahan, Daniel, House (WM-109)

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Common Name: McMahan, Daniel, House

Classification: Building

Owner: Dunklin C. Bowman, Jr., 712 Bowling Ave., Nashville, TN 37212

Location: Off Spencer Creek Road one-half mile west of Franklin Road.

<u>Contributing:</u>		<u>Non-Contributing:</u>	
Buildings	1	Buildings	0
Structures	2	Structures	0
Sites	0	Sites	0
<u>Total:</u>	3	<u>Total:</u>	0

Description:

The Daniel McMahan House is a two-story frame and log residence. The original section of the house was a single pen log residence constructed ca. 1800. This original log section was later enlarged ca. 1850 with a two-story addition. On the main (east) facade is a one-story ca. 1910 porch with square Doric motif columns. The main entrance has original double doors of two frame rectangular raised panels. Flanking the door are two light sidelights with frame lower panels. Dividing the doors and sidelights are Doric motif pilasters. Above the door is a dentilled cornice and three light transom. On the second story of the main facade is a door which has detailing to match the door on the first story. Windows on the first floor of the main facade appear to be original twelve-over-twelve sash while those on the second story are eight-over-twelve sash.

The house has a gable roof of composition shingles, weatherboard siding, a stone foundation and exterior end brick chimneys. Windows on the side and rear facades are nine-over-nine and six-over-nine sash. The original log section at the rear has eight-over-eight sash and an exterior brick chimney. At the southeast corner of the house is a one-story porch added ca. 1900 with Doric columns and lattice siding.

The interior has a large central hall with an original staircase with a round newel post and balusters. Other interior details include four panel doors, architrave door moldings and simple Greek Revival influenced mantles. Interior photography was not allowed. Adjacent to the house are two contributing outbuildings. To the north of the house is a ca. 1900 frame smokehouse with a gable roof and weatherboard siding. On the west facade is a ca. 1900 frame shed. These outbuildings are good examples of their type and contribute to the property's setting. The house sits on a large farm adjacent to the Harpeth River north of Franklin. To the north of the house are modern farm buildings which are excluded from the boundary.

Period of Significance: ca. 1800 - ca. 1840; ca. 1850; ca. 1900

Area of Significance: Settlement/Architecture

Criterion: B and C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The Daniel McMahan House is a notable example of a frame central passage plan ante-bellum residence. The house is also notable through its association with early settler Daniel McMahan. The residence is a two-story log and frame residence constructed in two stages. The earliest section is a ca. 1800 log pen built by Daniel McMahan, a Revolutionary War veteran who came to Williamson County around 1800. This log section was added to ca. 1850 and enlarged into a central passage plan residence typical of the period. Since the early 1900s few changes have occurred to the house.

Daniel McMahan built the original section ca. 1800 and his property encompassed rich farmland along the Harpeth River. His residence was one of the earliest constructed north of Franklin and he is mentioned in many early court records and was a prominent citizen of the 1800s. He was listed in 1832 as one of several Revolutionary War veterans still living in the county. Following his death the house was owned by the McGavock and Fleming families. The exact date of the addition of the main section is not known but it appears to have been added ca. 1850. Since 1924 the house has been owned by the Bowman family.

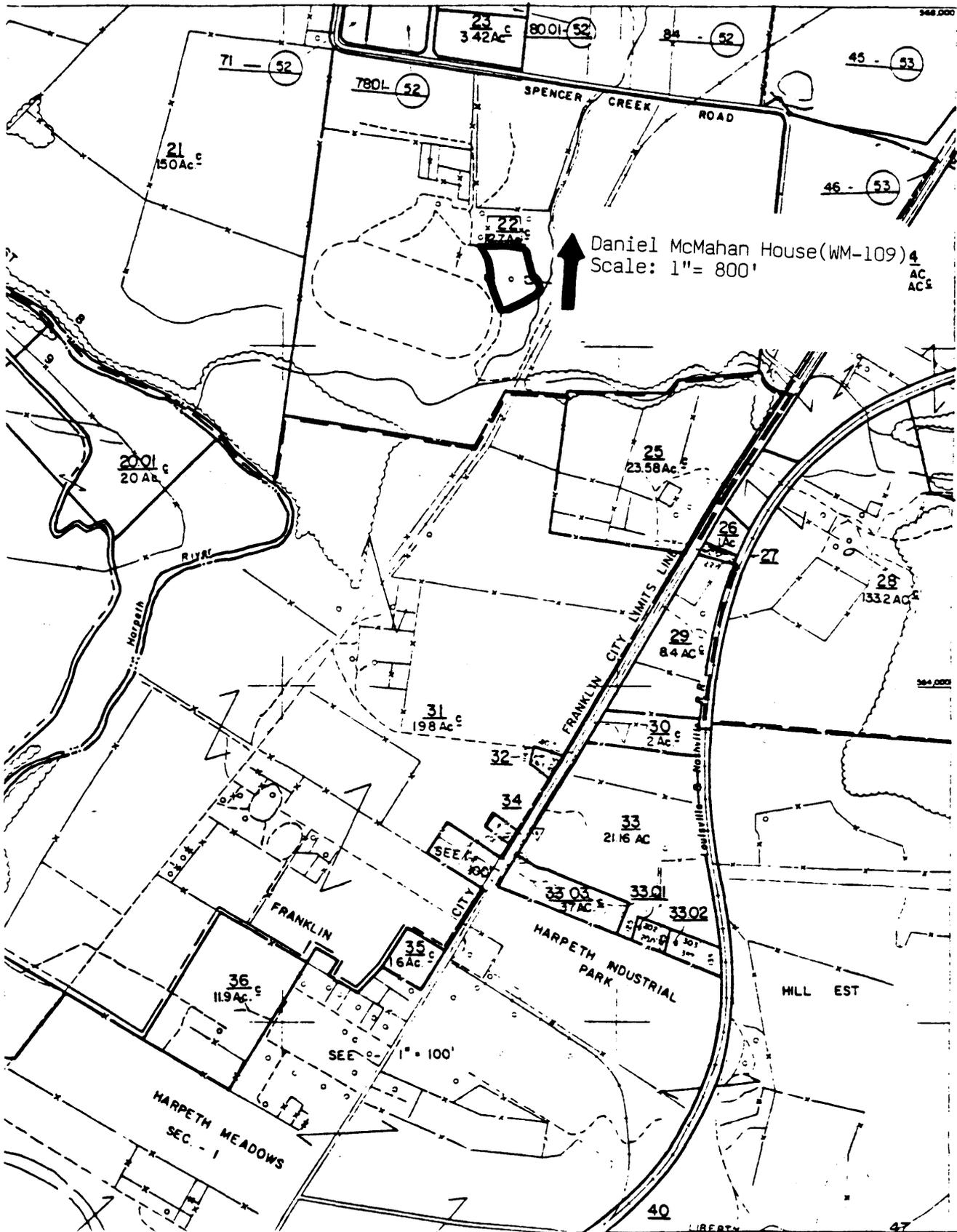
The McMahan House is one of only a handful of early log residences in the county which have been associated with original settlers of the county. The original log section built by McMahan remains and the later enlargement is a fine example of a central passage frame residence from the mid-19th century. Few changes have occurred to the house and it retains its original site and setting.

Acreage: 2.3 acres

UTM References: Franklin Quad/16/512600/3977650

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification: The boundary of the Daniel McMahan House is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map # 63, lot 22. The boundary includes the house, adjacent outbuildings and excludes modern farm buildings to the east and north. The boundary is defined on the north by a fence and on the west, south and east by farm roads which encircle the house. The boundary includes sufficient property to protect the historical setting of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References:



Daniel McMahan House (WM-109) $\frac{1}{4}$ AC
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45 - 53

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46 - 53

2001 c
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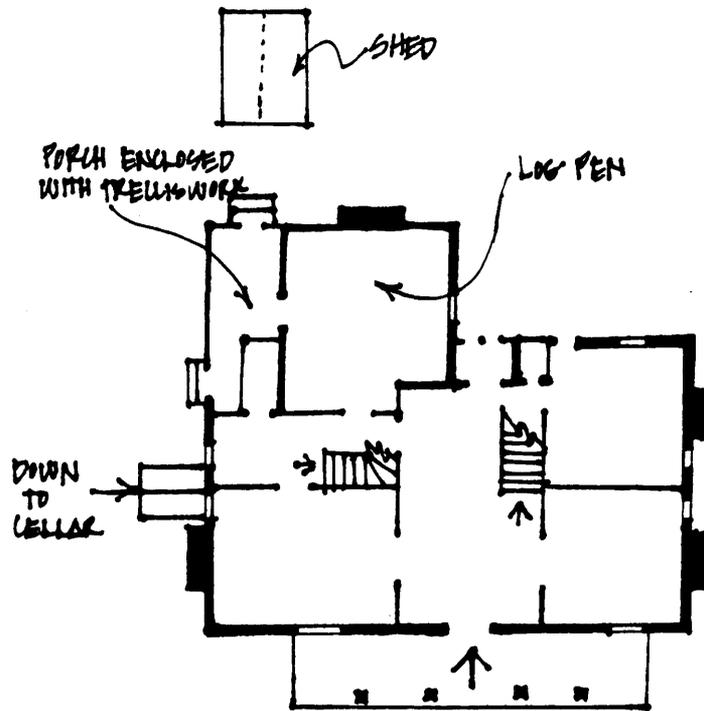
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109 DANIEL McMAHON HOUSE



* NOT TO SCALE