

TENNESSEE MULTIPLE PROPERTY FORM

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Title: Historic Resources of Williamson County

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Historic Name: Sneed, Constantine, House (WM-87)

Common Name: Windy Hill

NATIONAL REGISTER

Classification: Building

Owner: Wilbur Sensing, 9135 Old Smyrna Road, Brentwood, TN

Location: 9135 Old Smyrna Road, Brentwood

Contributing:

Buildings 1
Structures 1
Sites 0

Non-Contributing:

Buildings 1
Structures 1
Sites 0

Total: 2

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Description:

The Constantine Sneed House is a two-story brick residence constructed ca. 1825. The house was originally built in a double cell plan and this basic design remains intact despite the addition of a new wall and staircase. On the main (north) facade is a one-story porch added ca. 1910 with chamfered frame posts. There are two doors on the main facade which have original eight panel doors and two light transoms. The door surrounds appear to be added ca. 1950 frame replacement designs with simple rectangular panels. Windows are original and added six-over-six sash with two course jack arching and stone sills.

The main facade of the house displays Flemish bond construction while the side and rear facades are of five course common bond. The house rests on a dressed limestone foundation with large cellar windows which also display jack arching. The house has exterior end brick chimneys and a gable roof of metal standing seam. The house was originally built in a double cell design but a central stair was added ca. 1950 between the two rooms. At the rear or southwest facade is a one-story ca. 1950 brick addition with six-over-six sash windows and a one-story frame garage. At the southeast corner is also a one-story ca. 1950 frame addition.

According to the owner, the interior of the house retains its original mantles but all other woodwork and stairs are ca. 1950 additions. Around the house are several outbuildings: a ca. 1930 board and batten shed and a ca. 1940 one-story frame playhouse with weatherboard siding which are non-contributing. To the north of the house is a ca. 1850 one-story stone springhouse contributing to the site. The house sits off Old Smyrna Road on a large farm.

Period of Significance: ca. 1825; ca. 1850; ca. 1910

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The Constantine Sneed House is a notable example of a brick ante-bellum residence. The house was originally built in a double cell plan with two main rooms on the first floor. It is one of only two houses identified in the county built in this design. The original double cell plan remains although a new wall and staircase have been added. The main facades of the house display their original details and its original form is evident despite 20th century additions.

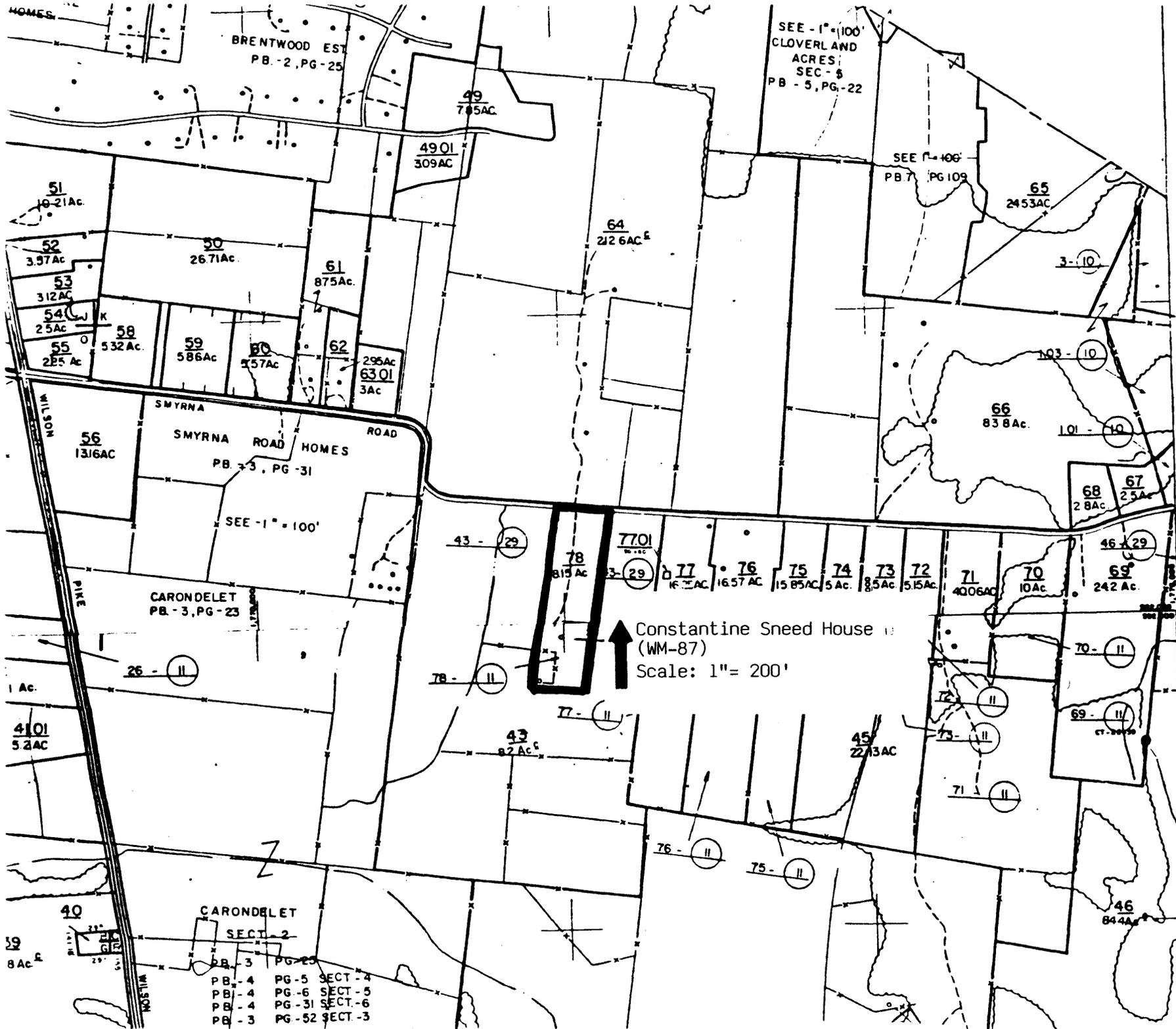
Constantine Perkins Sneed was born in 1790 and came to Williamson County with his father James Sneed in 1798. After serving Jackson's New Orleans campaign, Constantine Sneed returned home and settled on lands west of his father's house. In 1825, he married Susannah Perkins Hardeman and soon after constructed a two-story brick residence. This house was one of four residences built by the Sneed family in the early 1800s facing Old Smyrna Road. Sneed had a large family of twelve children and he operated a large farm adjacent to the lands of his father and brothers. Sneed died in 1864 and his son, James Hardemen Sneed, occupied the house in the late 19th century. During the 20th century several additions were made to the house but its original form and detailing remains apparent.

Acreage: 8.15 acres

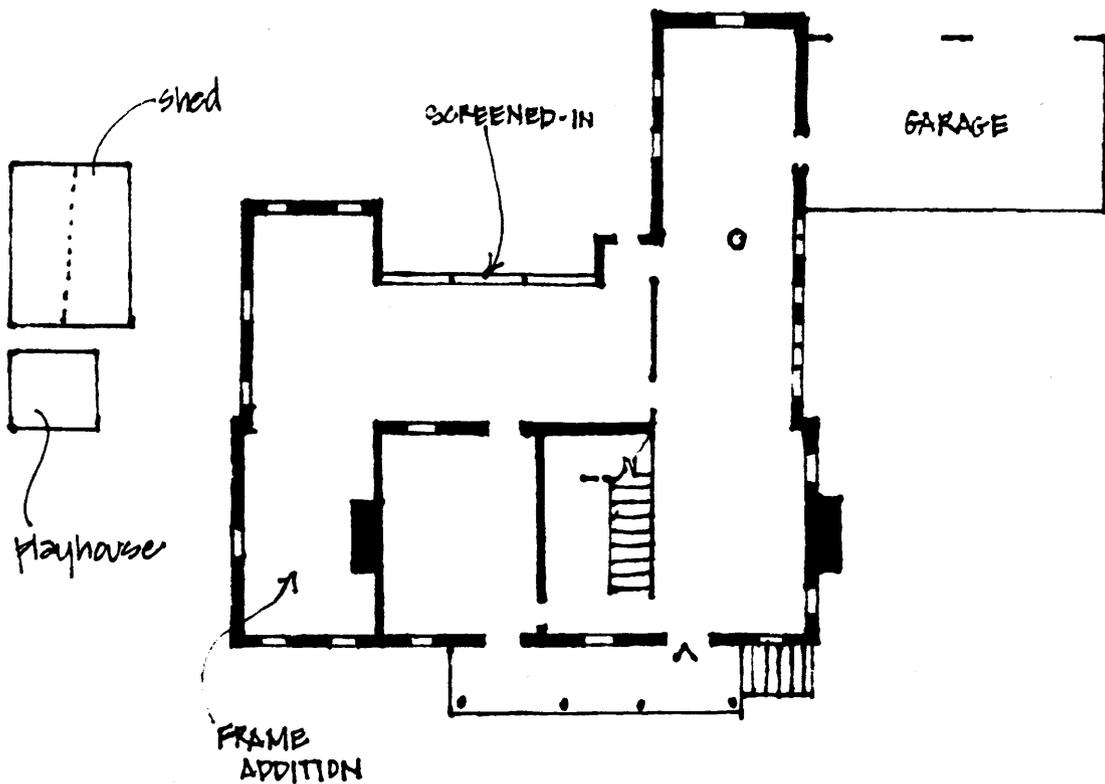
UTM References: Oak Hill Quad/16/ 520620/3985510

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification: The boundary for the Constantine Sneed House is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map # 11, lot 78. The boundary is drawn to include all of the present legal boundary for the residence which encompasses the main house, approaches to the house and outbuildings. The boundary includes sufficient property to protect the historical setting of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References: Historic Williamson County, Bowman.



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