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Historic Name: McEwen, David, House (WM-70)

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Common Name: McEwen, David, House

Classification: Building

Owner: J.W. Cross, 2019 Mallory Lane, Franklin, TN 37064

Location: East of Franklin Road (HWY 31) on a farm lane. This lane is two-tenths of a mile north of Spencer Creek Road.

Williamson County

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

Description:

The David McEwen House consists of a ca.1798 log pen and a ca.1830 single pen cabin joined with an enclosed breezeway to form a dogtrot design. The east pen appears to be the original section but remodelings make precise determination difficult. Both pens have added doors and nine-light casement windows. Both have ca.1830 brick chimneys and half dovetail notching with wood slat and mud chinking overlaid by concrete. The breezeway was enclosed ca.1930 with multi-light windows. The rear has a ca.1910 frame kitchen and ca.1940 concrete block bath.

The house has a gable standing seam roof. The mantel in the east pen is possibly original with the mantel in the west pen missing. All other original interior details have been removed. In the interior breezeway are added closets. All nearby outbuildings were constructed after 1920 and are not historically associated with the McEwen House. The McEwen House sits on a large farm approximately one-half mile east of the Franklin Road and a quarter mile to the north is the McEwen Cemetery.

Period of Significance: ca. 1798; ca. 1830 ; ca. 1798-1821

Area of Significance: Settlement/Exploration

Criterion: B

Architect/Builder: David McEwen, Builder

Statement of Significance:

The David McEwen House is notable because of its association with David McEwen, an important early settler of the county. The original single pen log residence he built ca. 1798 still stands and a second single pen addition was added ca. 1830. Although somewhat altered, the residence retains its original

form and design.

The David McEwen House may be the oldest existing structure in Williamson County. The original log section was built by David McEwen one of the first settlers in the county. David and William McEwen came from Statesville, North Carolina in 1796 and settled temporarily at Fort Nashborough where they lived for two years. In February of 1798, the families of William and David McEwen, George Neely and Andrew Goff came through Holly Tree Gap and settled in what was to become Williamson County. David McEwen settled on Spencer's Creek and constructed a single pen log residence for his family. The house was later enlarged with a second single pen section around 1830.

In addition to being one of the county's earliest settlers, David McEwen was also well known for his operation of a blacksmith shop near his house. This shop was one of the important early industries during the early settlement of the county. No remains of this shop exists. McEwen later constructed a brick residence on the hill one quarter mile north of his log residence. David McEwen died in 1821 and is buried in the McEwen Cemetery. His brick residence burned in 1874 but the stone walls and graves of the cemetery remain. His son, Christopher McEwen constructed Aspen Grove (WM-71) approximately one-half mile northwest of the cemetery.

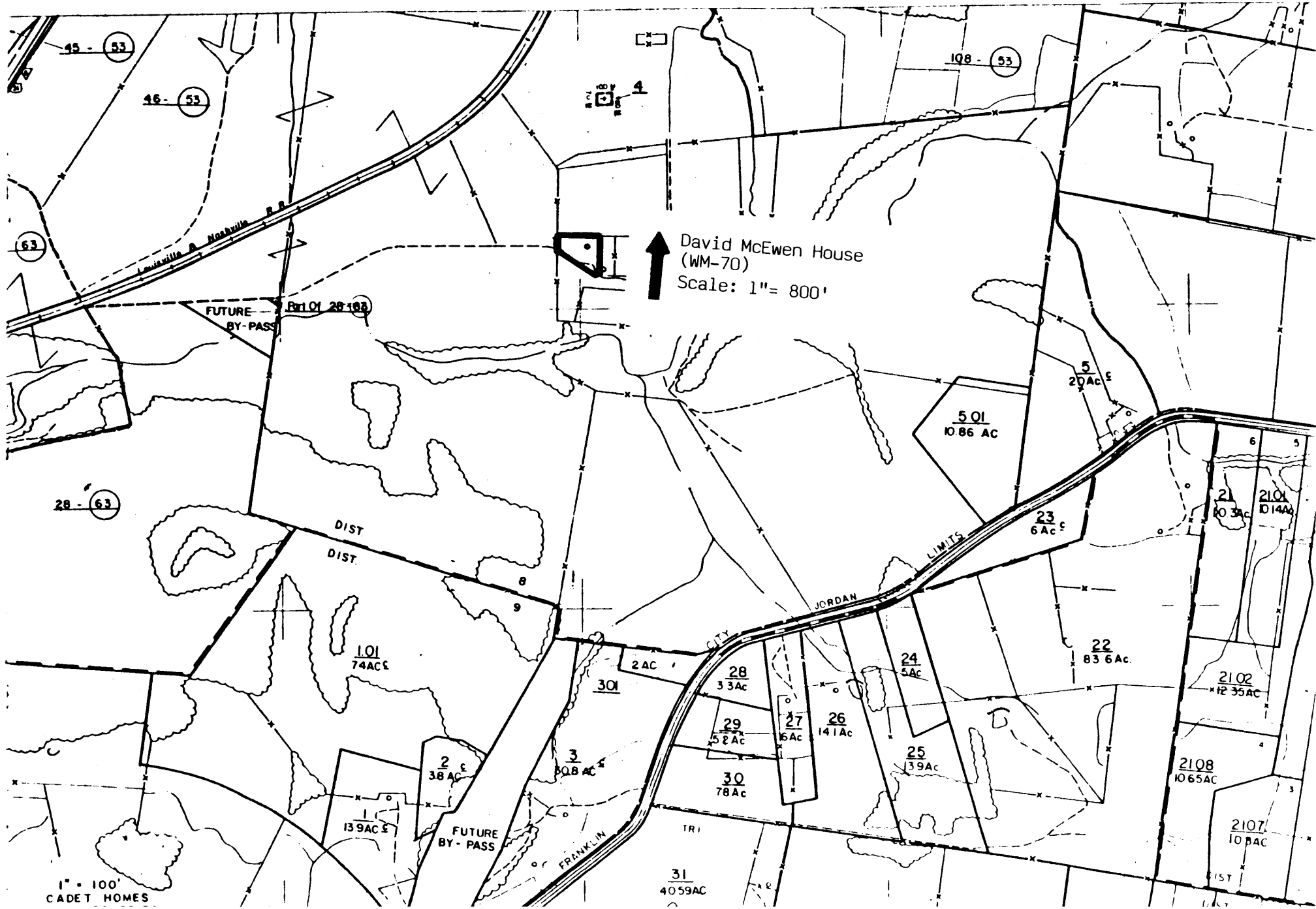
Since the early 1900s the McEwen residence has been altered with interior changes and rear additions. Despite these alterations the basic design and form of the McEwen House remains and it is an important site in the early settlement of the county. The house is located in a rural area and retains its original site and setting.

Acreage: 1 acre

UTM References: Franklin Quad 16/514680/3977630

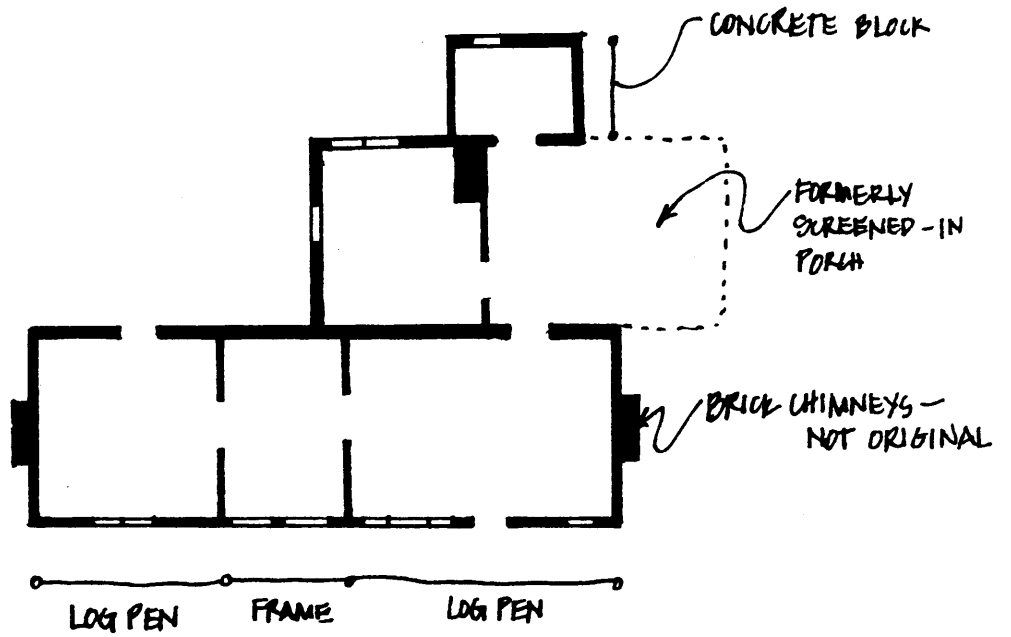
Verbal Boundary Description and Justification: The boundary for the David McEwen House is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map 62, lot 46.02. The lot includes the house and one acre of adjacent property. The boundary is drawn to exclude modern outbuildings to the south and east. The boundary is defined on the north by a fence, on the west and south by a farm lane and on the east by a line running 25' east of the house. The boundary includes sufficient property to protect the historic integrity of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References: Historic Williamson County, Bowman.



1" = 100'
CADET HOMES

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