TENNESSEE MULTIPLE PROPERTY FORM

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Title: Historic Resources of Williamson County

Historic Name: Elliston, Joseph, House (WM-98)

Common Name: Cohen House

NATIONAL REGISTER

Classification: Building

Owner: Mary Cohen, 6602 Hillsboro Road, Brentwood, TN

Location: On Hillsboro Road (HWY 431) one mile north of Sneed Road intersection.

Contributing:		Non-Contributing:	
Buildings	1	Buildings	2
Structures	0	Structures	1
Sites	0	Sites	0
Total:	1	Total:	3

Description:

The Joseph Elliston House is a two-story frame residence constructed ca. 1817. The house was built in a central hall plan and displays original weatherboard siding and large exterior end limestone chimneys. The main entrance was remodeled ca. 1855 and has double doors with two vertical frame panels, Doric motif pilasters with egg and dart capitals, three light sidelights with frame lower panels and egg and dart molding and leaf and dart molding above the door. Over the door is a five light transom. Above the door is a cornice with dentils. Over the cornice is attached fruit and garland designs which appear to have been added in the early 20th century.

Windows in the house are original six-over-six sash which retain the original pinned construction instead of sash weights. At the rear or southwest facade is an enclosed ca. 1930 porch attached to a ca. 1850 one-story frame ell. At the roofline of the rear facade is dentil molding but this molding does not exist across the main facade. Connecting the main residence and the pool house is a covered frame walkway added ca. 1970.

The interior of the house retains much of its original detailing including simple Federal influenced mantles, fluted door and window surrounds and a staircase with round newel post and balusters. Some interior alterations at the rear of the house were completed in the 1920s. To the east of the house is a one-story ca. 1840 log building which was moved to this site and remodeled and is non-contributing. There is also a non-contributing pool and pool house at the rear of the house. The house sits on a large tract adjacent to Hillsboro Road.

Period of Significance: ca. 1817; ca. 1855

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The Joseph Elliston House is a notable example of an early 19th century central passage plan frame residence. It was constructed ca. 1817 by Joseph Elliston and it retains much of its original detailing. Additions to the house were made in the 1850s but the original design and much of the interior details dates from its ca. 1817 construction.

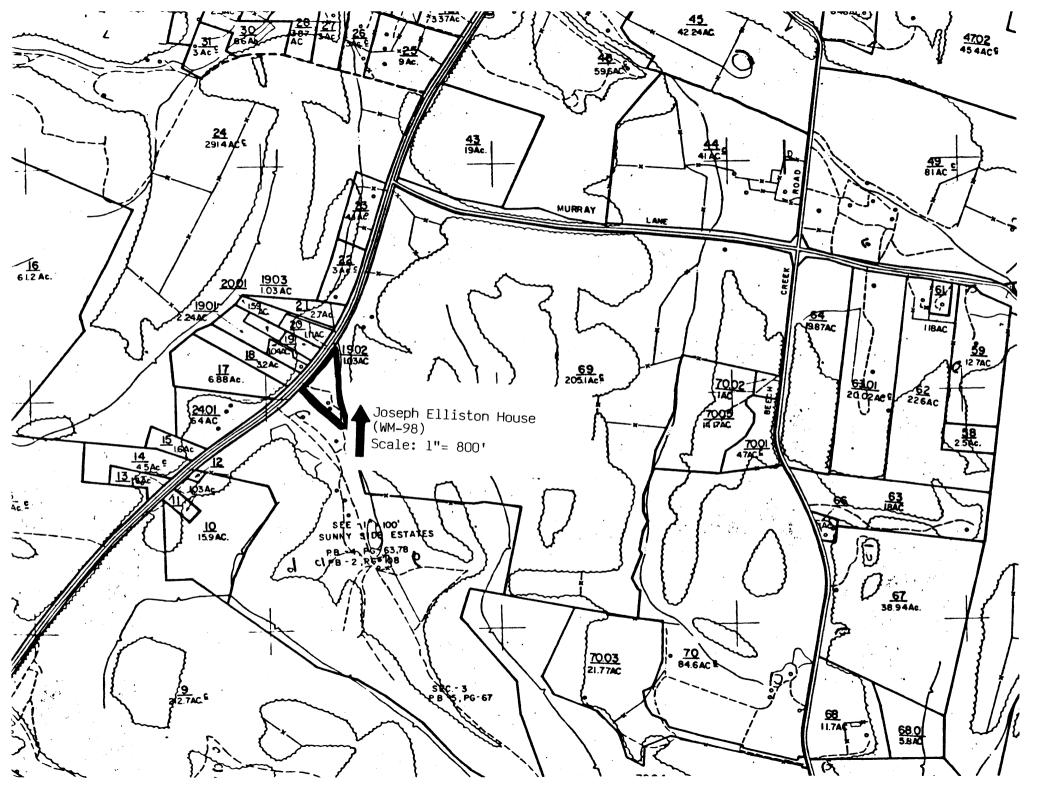
This property was purchased in 1813 by Joseph Elliston who appears to have constructed the house around 1817. This date has been located on an interior wall of the house. During the 1820s Elliston amassed over 500 adjoining acres which he sold in 1828 to Joel Manley. The Manley family owned the house during the rest of the 19th century and made some changes and additions to the house in the 1850s such as the door surround. The Elliston House has been well preserved and remains one of the oldest and notable early frame homes in the county. It retains its original central passage design, mantles, and decorative woodwork. Additions to the house have occurred at the rear and the main facades have not been altered. The house sits on a small rural lot off of Hillsboro Road.

Acreage: 2.0 acres

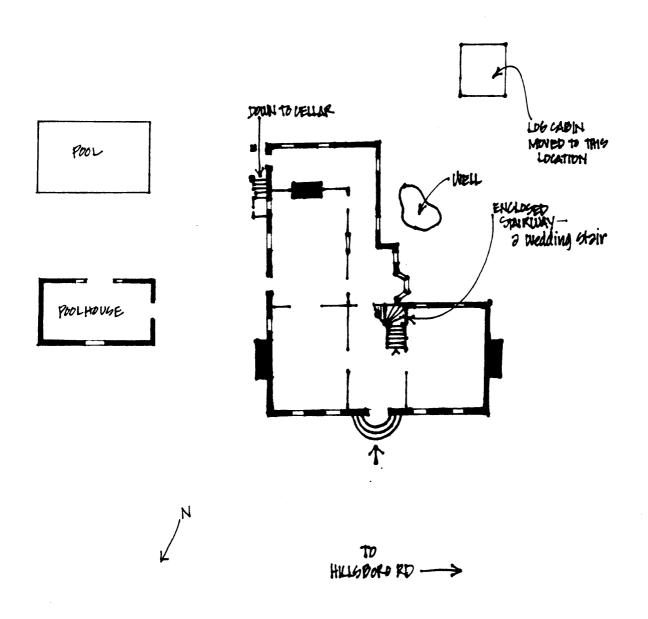
UTM References: Bellevue Quad 16/511060/3896640

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification: The boundary for the Joseph Elliston House is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map # 13, lot 10. The boundary includes the legal boundary for the property which encompasses the house and adjacent outbuildings. The boundary includes sufficient property to protect the historical setting of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References:



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