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TENNESSEE MULTIPLE PROPERTY FORM

Title: Historic Resources of Williamson County

NATIONAL REGISTER

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Historic Name: Owen-Primm House (WM-124)

Common Name: Owen-Primm House

Classification: Building

Owner: Ruby Primm, Route # 9, Moores Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

Location: On Moores Lane at the junction of Moores Lane and Wilson Pike

Contributing:		Non-Contributing:	
Buildings	4	Buildings	0
Structures	2	Structures	0
Sites	0	Sites	0
Total:	6	Total:	0

Description:

The Owen-Primm House is a single pen log residence constructed ca. 1806 and enlarged with a two-story frame addition ca. 1845. The original log section was constructed ca. 1806 and the main frame section was added ca. 1845 with a two-story portico on the main (east) facade. The portico has four square Doric motif columns and a square baluster railing on the second story. In the gable field is vergeboard and spindle decoration. The main entrance has original single panel double doors, three-light sidelights with frame lower panels, Doric pilasters and a five-light transom. Rectangular coffering decorates the porch ceilings. The door surround has architrave molding. The windows are original six-over-six sash with early 20th century shutters.

The house has exterior end brick chimneys, a dressed stone foundation and weatherboard siding. On the south facade is another original doorway which matches that on the main facade. The second story of the main facade also has a similar door. The porch on the south facade has chamfered posts with eave vergeboard. The log section is covered with weatherboard and has six-over-six sash windows. On the west facade is a one-story addition added ca.1900. In the rear ell is a one-story porch with frame, square, Doric motif posts. The roof is gable with a metal standing seam surface. The interior of the house was inaccessible but according to the owner all original mantles, staircases and other detailing is extant.

Adjacent to the house are several significant contributing outbuildings. These include: a ca. 1930 frame garage; a ca. 1930 frame shed; a ca. 1920 frame barn with weatherboard siding; two identical plan ca. 1845 log slave cabins with a shared stone chimney, square notching and original vertical board doors; and a ca. 1920 stone springhouse. These outbuildings are good examples of their type and contribute to the historical setting of the property. The house sits on a farm on Moore's Lane and it retains its original site and setting.

Period of Significance: ca. 1806; ca.1845; ca.1900; ca.1920; ca.1930.

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The Owen-Primm House is a notable example of a central passage plan residence with Greek Revival detailing. The main section of the house was constructed ca. 1845 and was an expansion of an earlier log residence. The expansion resulted in a fine example of a frame central passage plan ante-bellum residence and it has not been significantly altered. The property is also notable for its excellent slave quarters. The paired slave cabins are the only example of outbuildings with a shared chimney surveyed and included in the nomination.

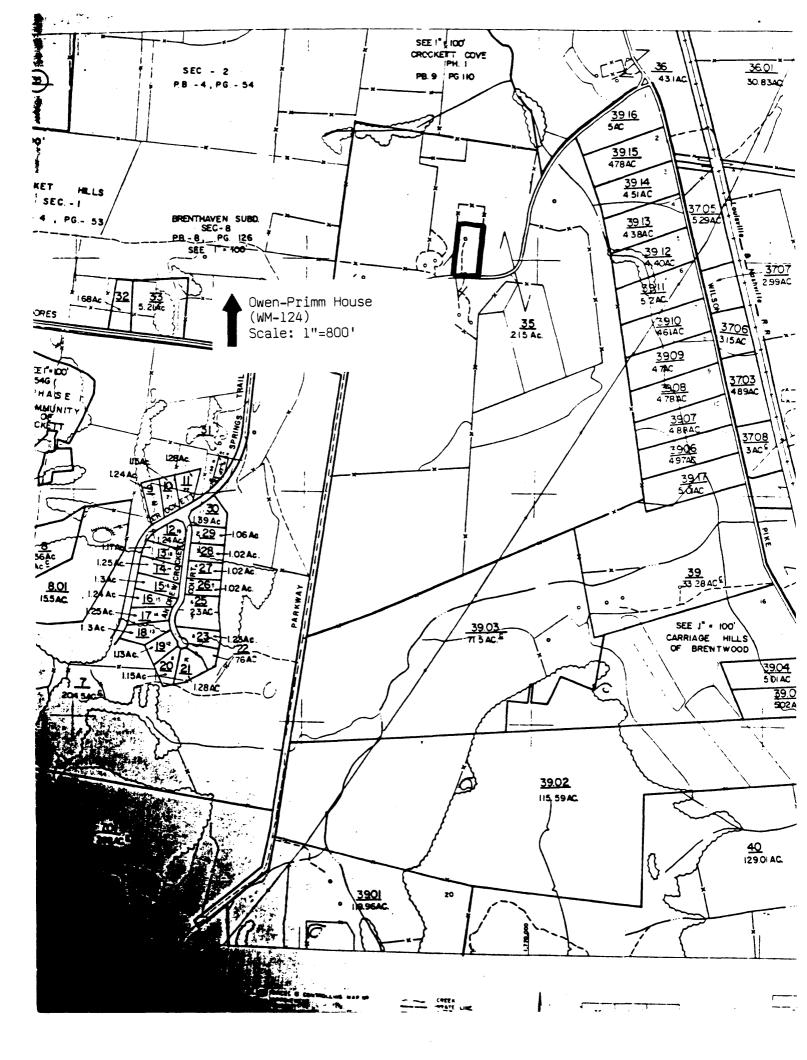
The original log section was built by Jabez Owen ca. 1806. The Owen family was prominent in this area of the county in the early 1800s with the Owen-Cox House located nearby (WM-126). Little is known of Jabez Owen and this property was sold to Thomas Perkins Primm by the 1840s. Around 1845, Primm added the frame two-story main section of the house with a Greek Revival influenced portico. The Primm family has lived here since the mid-19th century and is still owned by his descendants. The house retains its original site and setting. Across the road from the property is the Boiling Springs Academy and Fewkes Mound site which are presently listed on the National Register and also owned by Ruby Primm.

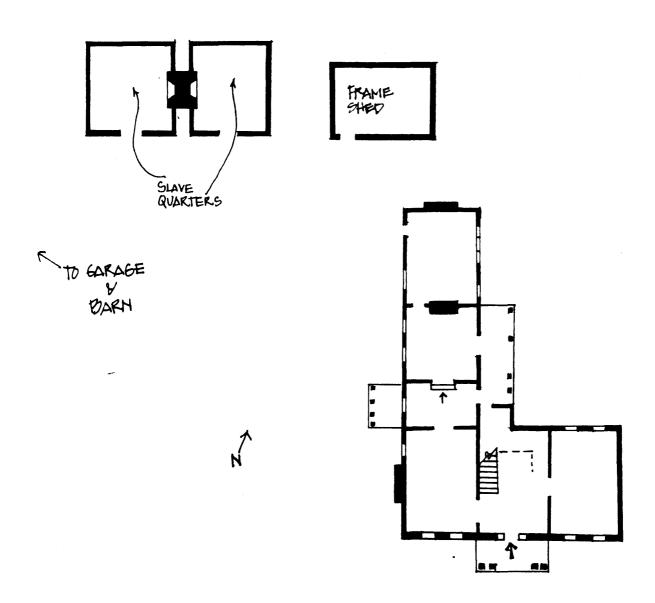
Acreage: 1.8 acres

UTM References: Franklin Quad/16/519890/3980110

Verbal Boundary and Justification: The boundary for the Owen-Primm House is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map # 54, lot 35. The boundary is drawn to include the house, significant outbuildings and to exclude modern outbuildings to the south and west. The boundary is defined by fences on the north, west and east and by Moores Lane on the south. The boundary includes sufficient property to protect the historical setting of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References:





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