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METHODOLOGY

Meadow Green Farm in Hendersonville (Sumner County) is a part of the Shackle Island Historic District, placed on the National Register of Historic Places on January 30, 1978. In April 2014, graduate assistants Torren Gaston and Jenna Stout accompanied Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area (TCWNHA) Interpretative Specialist Leigh Ann Gardner in documenting the house. A full documentation was not performed at that time. However, the exterior and interior was photographed, and room measurements for two of the lower level rooms were taken at that time.

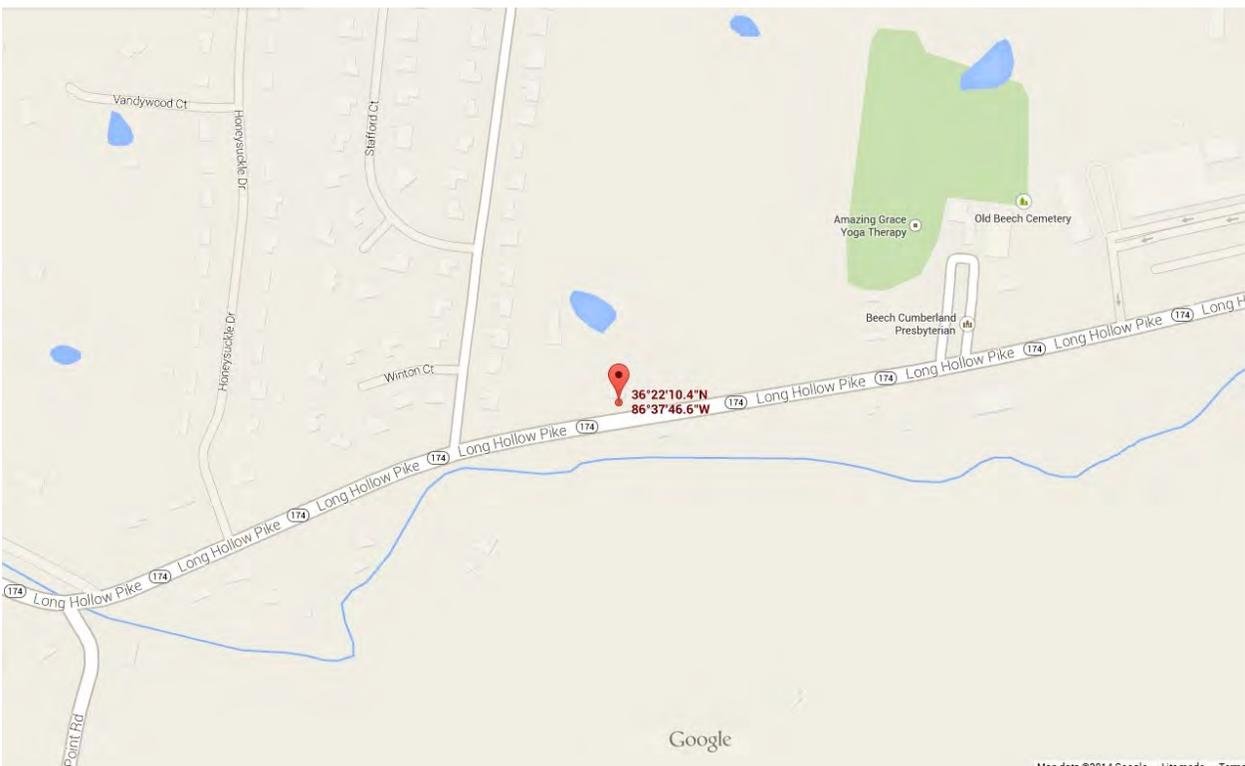
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OVERVIEW

Meadow Green Farm appears to have begun as a two-story single pen log cabin, built in the late 18th or early 19th century. Before the Civil War, it is believed that two rooms per floor, for a total of four rooms, were added to the east of the original dwelling. The upper west room cannot be accessed by any of the other upper rooms. Two additions were made to the house, a side ell addition and a rear shed addition. Both additions contain one story.

Meadow Green Farm was originally constructed as log house with hand-hewn logs; these logs have since been covered with weatherboard. It is located adjacent to the Beech Cumberland Presbyterian Church, whose congregation dates to 1798. It is unknown when the house was built, but it is believed to be one of the earliest extant homes in the community. It is also sometimes referred to as the Kirkpatrick House.

The house located on Long Hollow Pike, east of Kelly Lane and west of Beech Senior High School. The GPS coordinates are 36.369570, -86.629609 and the UTM Coordinates are Zone 16, Hemisphere N, Easting 5332263.1 and Northing 4025004.1. It is owned by Sue Ann Williams Garrett. It currently is not inhabited and does not appear to have been inhabited for several years.



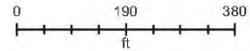
Map of site from Google Map.

Meadow Green Farm



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Parcel map of the site

Exterior Description

South Elevation

The south, or front, elevation of the original building is a two story, three bay structure with a gable roof and two exterior chimneys, one at each gable end. A full height Greek Revival entry porch is centered on the front façade. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and is moderately pitched. Two of the bays on the upper story are 4/4 double hung windows with black, louvered, non-original shutters. The middle bay on the upper story is a double leaf door that opens to the second level of the porch. The lower level consists of two bays of double 4/4 windows with non-functioning shutters. Storm windows have been affixed to the windows on both levels of the south elevation. The double leaf door, the middle bay, is covered with a storm door and surrounded by a sidelight and a rectangular transom. The foundation shows evidence of repair over the years, and is a mix of stone and concrete piers. Some foundation in other parts of the elevation may be continuous.



South or front elevation

The full height Greek Revival entry porch has a front gable roof and four square columns with unadorned capitals. Both levels have a wooden balustrade. The concrete floor is supported by a concrete block continuous foundation. Two stone steps lead from the sidewalk to the porch. A wooden bench is built into the east side of the porch, and is in poor condition. The front gabled roof has a triangular pediment.



Full height porch on the South Elevation

West Elevation

The west elevation has an exterior stone chimney and a side ell addition. This elevation has significant deterioration and damage, and it appears that several small trees are growing out of the chimney. Some weatherboarding has fallen from this elevation, exposing the original logs. The notching on the log ends, however, could not be determined.

The west elevation of the original house has a single bay with a 6/6 double hung window. The exterior stone chimney is in poor condition. There is extensive evidence of previous water damage at this elevation.



West Elevation of the original dwelling

The ell addition has a metal seamed roof, weatherboarding, and a concrete block foundation. The west elevation on this addition has two bays. One bay consists of an 8/8 window and the second bay is a single leaf door with a storm door attached. There is a concrete stoop porch and shed roof covering over the door. The west elevation of the ell addition is in poor condition.



The location where the ell addition adjoins with the original structure on the west elevation.



Porch of the ell addition on the west elevation

North Elevation

The north, or rear elevation of the house has both the ell addition and a shed rear addition to the original house. Both additions have metal seamed roofs. The ell addition has a concrete block foundation and the rear addition has pier foundation and may be older than the ell addition. There is an exterior stone chimney on the ell addition. The shed rear addition may be built of logs with weatherboard over the logs. On the shed rear addition there is a 1/1 double hung window and a single leaf door with a shed porch roof. A concrete stoop porch is present at this entrance.



Shed rear addition. At the bottom left of the picture one of the logs beneath the weatherboard is visible.



The place where the ell addition, shed rear addition, and main house meet.



Exterior chimney on the north elevation of the ell addition

East Elevation

The east elevation of the original dwelling has an exterior stone chimney, two bays of windows on each elevation, and a concrete block foundation. The windows are 6/6 double hung windows. Although some of the weatherboards are damaged on this elevation, it is in better condition than the west elevation.



East elevation of original structure.

The east elevation of the shed rear addition sits on a pier foundation. Some of the weatherboards are damaged or missing, showing the logs beneath.



East elevation of the shed rear addition.

Interior Description

Lower Level

Entry

The entry contains a stairway to part of the upper level of the house. It has a drywall ceiling, plaster walls, and wood floors. The newel posts and top railings appear to be walnut. There is molding at the baseboards and crown molding as well. There are two closets beneath the stairs. There is a step up to the west room. This room has four doors – one on the front elevation of the house, one to the west room, one to the east room, and one to the shed rear addition. The front entry double leaf door has sidelights and a rectangular transom.



Entry



Entrance door to the house with sidelights and a rectangular transom.

West Room, Lower Level

This may be the core of the original house. The evidence suggests that the house may have originated as a two-story single pen log dwelling, as evidenced by the step up from the entry hall to the room, the box staircase in the corner which is the only entry point for the upper west room, and the placement of the bays for the windows and doors.¹

The west room, lower level, measures 16'10" x 22'3". The ceiling is drywall, the walls are drywall, and the floor is wood, possibly poplar. The floorboards are wider in this room than in the other rooms. There is a 4" baseboard molding, a 4.5" chair rail, and crown molding. The brick fireplace is located adjacent to a box stairwell that leads to the upper level west room. The fireplace has a wood mantel that is 4'10" high, 10" deep, and 7'3" wide. There is a brick hearth that extends out into the room, and appears to be a later addition.

¹ Kay Hurt, a local resident, reports that her husband's great aunt, aged 105, reports that the community believes the west side of the house is the original log two-story house, and that the entry and east rooms are later additions.



Step up from the entry to the west room, lower level.

The window on the front elevation of this room has deep casements, measuring 8" deep. It is a double window, measuring 5'3" across, and is a double 4/4 double hung window. Given its location, which is directly across from a door leading to the rear ell addition, it is possible this was originally a door to the two-story cabin. To the right of this window there is a built-in bookcase in the wall with double leaf doors. There is a 6/6 window to the left of the fireplace, measuring 3'4" wide and is 3'4" from the floor.



Fireplace in the West Room. The under-stair storage for the box stairwell is located to the right of the fireplace.

There is a box staircase in this room, the only entrance to the West Room, Upper Level.

Some drywall is missing from the walls, and there is evidence of graffiti on the walls in this room. A ceiling fan is located in the center of the ceiling. There are two doors in this room, one leading to the entry, and one leading to the rear ell addition.



Built in bookcase located right of the door on the front elevation in the West room.



Box stairwell leading to the upper west room.

East Room, Lower Level

The east room, lower level, measures 17'8" by 17'2". The ceiling is drywall, the walls are drywall with remnants of wallpaper affixed to the wall, and the floor is wood. The room is paneled in wood on the bottom half of all of the walls. There are baseboards and crown molding in this room. A ceramic tile fireplace is located on the east wall, and the wooden mantel is 6'4" long. It appears the fireplace was converted to a coal-burning unit, possibly in the late 19th or early 20th century.



East room, lower level.

There is a built-in bookcase on the north wall, possibly a window before the rear shed addition was added to the house. There is one door in the room, leading from the entry.

There are three windows in the room. The window on the south wall has double 4/4 double hung windows. There are two windows on the east wall, flanking the fireplace. These are 6/6 double hung windows.



Built in bookcase on the north wall, possibly the site of a former window.



Fireplace detail in the east room.



Detail view of the west wall in the east room, showing the half-paneled walls and the wallpaper remnants.

Shed Rear Addition

The shed rear addition was not documented extensively due to safety concerns.



Shed rear addition



Rear door in the shed rear addition leading outside.



Shed rear addition. This is the wall the space shares with the east room.

Ell Addition

The ell addition was not extensively documented due to safety concerns. This addition contains a bathroom and a kitchen. It is in poor condition.



Looking into the ell addition.



EII addition.



EII addition.

Upper Level
Landing

The upper landing has an acoustical (or “popcorn”) ceiling, drywall walls, and wood floors. There is a 7.5” baseboard around the room. A single leaf door to the balcony of the full height front porch measures 7’5” across and the door measures 3’7” across. Sidelights are present on either side of the door. The door has an agate/cat’s eye door knob. The balusters and newel posts on stair rail are walnut and the balusters are painted white. Other than the stairway leading from the lower level, the only other entry or door is to the east bedroom. There is no access from the landing to the upper west bedroom.



Upper landing



Detail of the doorknob on the upper landing door leading to the balcony.



View of the upper landing from the stairwell.

West Bedroom

The west bedroom is only accessible by the box staircase leading from the lower level west room. The ceiling may be drywall, the walls are log and drywall, and the floor is log. There is a decorative mantel on the south wall (or front elevation). There is graffiti on the walls.



West bedroom.

There is a window, a double 4/4, on the south wall (front elevation). The north wall has a boarded window.



North wall of the west bedroom. This window does not look into anything as the ell addition is located behind this wall.



West bedroom. The decorative mantel can be seen to the right in the picture.

East bedroom

The east bedroom has an acoustical (or “popcorn”) ceiling, wood paneled walls (painted white), and a carpeted floor. There is a baseboard around the room, and crown molding at the ceiling. A closet has been built into the room on the south wall. A boarded fireplace is located on the east wall, with a wooden mantel and brick hearth.



East bedroom. Note the fireplace with the brick hearth.

There are two windows on the east wall that flank the fireplace. They are 6/6 double hung window. There is one window on the south (front elevation) wall that is a double 4/4 double hung window.



Interior of the closet in the east bedroom. Note the logs visible beneath the peeling wallpaper.

LANDSCAPE AND OTHER FEATURES

Outbuilding

There is one outbuilding at the site, and it is located behind the main house. It is a log smokehouse with a front gable seamed metal roof. The notching on the logs are half-dovetail. A concrete stoop porch is attached to the front of the structure and is a later addition.



Smokehouse

There is a later side addition that is concrete block and weatherboard. There are two six pane single hung windows on this addition as well as a single leaf door. The wooden rafter ends are exposed on the east elevation.



Side addition on the smokehouse.



Detail of the log walls of the smokehouse.



Smokehouse

Landscape Features

There is a white wooden fence at the front of the property at the road. A wooden gate opens to the concrete sidewalk which leads to the house. A stone highway marker stands between the fence and the road.



Wooden fence and gate at the front of the property.



Highway marker in front of the house.

Two stone benches are located in the front of the house, beneath a tree.



Stone benches located at the front of the house.

CONCLUSION

Meadow Green Farm has been uninhabited for a number of years, and as a result, the house has suffered a significant amount of deterioration. There is evidence of graffiti and vandalism in the house. There is also significant evidence of rodent and insect infestation. If the property owner wishes to rehabilitate or restore the property, it is suggested that a historic preservation architect or contractor be consulted.