

OLD WHITE HOUSE



Description: The Antebellum home is a two-story log structure covered in square-cut clapboard siding with a kitchen on the right rear of the building. At some point, a porch was added along the back wall of the main building and kitchen. The house holds a large collection of artifacts representing several generations of regional life.

Significance: The farm was built by Matthew McClung, grandson of William McClung, one of the first settlers of the area who took nearly 100,000 acres of land on the Gauley River and its tributaries. Matthew also operated one of the earliest stores in the region. In addition, the Old White House served as the original post office of Fowler's Knob, and, accordingly, a number of U.S. Post Office manuals dating from the mid-to-late 1800s can be found inside the house.

Preservation Steps: Remove the later addition for the long-term stabilization of the structure. Repair the tin roof to prevent further water damage. Hire a structural

engineer to evaluate the outbuildings, some of which are in danger of collapse. Address the home's security issues.

Ultimate Goal: Complete the restoration of the Old White House and implement a plan for proper collections care and management so that it may serve as a resource for the community.

Resources: The owners have invested personal resources and will continue to do so.

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The Old White House, which sits on the McClung-McMillion Farm, houses a large collection of artifacts and historical records significant to Nicholas County. A two-story log structure, the house was built circa 1845 by Matthew McClung on land given to him by his grandfather William McClung. The farm has been in the McClung-McMillion family since its construction.

For the past 30 years, the Old White House has sat vacant with little maintenance, leading to water damage from a leaking roof and the theft of various artifacts. The current owners are in the process of passing ownership to their grandson, who is very passionate about restoring the property and implementing a collections care and management policy so that the Old White House may serve as a resource for the community.

Location: Mt. Nebo, Nicholas County

Endangerment: Deferred Maintenance, Security

Construction Date: c. 1845

Background: The "Old White House" sits on the McClung - McMillion Farm, surrounded by four outbuildings—a granary, chicken house, cellar, and large barn. The house has sat vacant with no electricity or water for the past 30 years. This has led to theft of some of the home's artifacts and water damage.



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