

During the civil war (1861-1863) the current lady of the house was Lucinda Thurman. In the midst of a particular battle in the Sumner County area, the back woods behind the home were full of soldiers who ransacked the home, stealing and destroying personal property of the family. Mrs. Thurman had locked herself and the other girls of the family into the front room (bridal suite) of the house to hide from the soldiers. When she refused to open the door, a soldier shot a bullet straight through the door and the bullet hole, although patched, exists to this day. The soldiers also invaded the home's carriage house located to the right of the property, which is still standing and stole many of the family's best horses and killed the others. Eventually, the head maid was able to signal an officer by waving a white cloth at which time the officer came to the house and ran the soldiers out.

This home has been in the same family for 4 generations for over 150 years, and over time the family has sold off significant pieces of land to a smaller acreage over the years. The home still has the original windows from its construction in 1850 including many of the original panes, although many have had to be replaced over the years. Much like the windows, all of the original trim is still in tact. The windows and trim are made of yellow poplar, which was hand-sawn from the property and was selected for its strength and lightweight. Additionally, all of the flooring in main home is original to the home except in the kitchen/dining room due to extensive damage.

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### **Line of Ownership**

1. William KEY, Sr b. 14 Oct 1761 Chesterfield Co VA d. 19 Jan 1834 married 1794 Halifax Co NC second wife Elizabeth GAINES b. 1770 d. 29 Jul 1844.
2. James Key b. 1810 Sumner Co TN d. 30 June 1863 Sumner Co TN married 24 Apr 1830 Sumner Co TN to Lucinda THURMOND d. 1878 (daughter of Fleming THURMOND and Martha STOVALL.) 1850 census lists James as a farmer with property value of \$4,000 in district 12. James Key's will dated 30 Jan 1863. Sumner Co TN. James and Lucinda had 9 children including Sydorah (Dorah) KEY.
3. Sydorah (Dorah) Key b. 1832 married 7 Nov 1868 Sumner Co TN William H. CLAIBORNE. They had 4 children including.
4. James W. Franklin (1921-2002) was born June 17, 1921 lived at this location for all 81 years of his life until passing away in 2002. JWF was married to Agnes Duncan (1926). They had no children. Mrs. Agnes Duncan Franklin retained the property after JWF passing until 2015.
5. On March 13, 2015, the Baggott family purchased the property from Mrs. Agnes D. Franklin on March 13, 2015.