

MORROW HOUSE

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615 Granny White Pike

HISTORY:

According to **Lyle Morrow, Jr.**, his grandfather **Stephen Franklin Morrow** moved his family to Nashville from Clarksville, Tenn. in the early 1900s to provide better educational opportunities for his children. After living across from what became David Lipscomb University, the Morrrows sold their property and moved as far out as they could – yet still be on Granny White Pike.

In 1917, Stephen Franklin Morrow purchased 250 acres from **Sandy Owen** on what became the corner of **Granny White Pike and Murray Lane**. The following year, he built the house that still stands there. (It replaced a two-story frame house in which the Owen family had lived.)

Three generations of the Morrow family farmed the land. To date (2008), a part of it, including the Morrow home which has been greatly remodeled, is still owned by decedents of **Lyle Morrow, Jr.**

The subdivisions **Foxland Hall** (developed by Claude Dunn) and **Cambridge Hills** (developed by Eddy Arnold) were outgrowths of the Lyle Morrow Farm.

MEMORIES:

- **Lyle Morrow, Sr.** was an elder in the Hillsboro Church of Christ.
- **Lyle Morrow, Jr.** remembers going to church at Owen Chapel in a horse and buggy when the car wouldn't start.
- **Lee Choate**, who grew up on Granny White Pike, remembers playing in the barns on the Morrow property and learning to milk cows there. He recalled that the Morrrows could always be depended upon to provide the tractor, wagon and hay for hay rides for the youngsters in the community.

GRANNY WHITE PIKE:

The Morrow house is located at the end of the line of Granny White Pike. In the old days, the road continued to meander through the hills and on to Franklin.

Granny White Pike took its name from **Lucinda White** who operated an inn, Granny White's Tavern, on the road. It was a popular stopping place for travelers going south out

of Nashville. Prominent figures, such as Andrew Jackson and Thomas Hart Benton, stopped there to refresh themselves and catch up on news from other travelers.

Granny White was known for her honesty and frugality, as well as for the good food and drink she furnished. She was a widow, but she was able to provide amply for herself and her two dependent grandchildren. She was such an icon of virtue that after Thomas Hart Benton was elected to the U.S. Senate, he used her as an example of someone who had been allotted poor land, but had, through thrift and industry, made a living from it. As a result of his comments, Granny White became somewhat of a national celebrity.