

Solitude

This home sits on part of a 2000 acre piece of land which was granted to John Brown of Wilkes County North Carolina by the State of Tennessee Grant #758 Registered May 27, 1811 by virtue of Warrant #842 dated November 30 1784.

In 1846, Major John Brown, son of the above, sued in the Chancery Court of Maury County to divide the land and settle the estate between him and his siblings Hugh, Hamilton, Margaret and Ann.

The home known as Solitude, and marked as such on the 1878 D. G. Beers Map of Maury County, belonged to Hugh Brown and descended to his daughter Caledonia Brown. Caledonia never married and her cousin William A Hayes of North Carolina came to Maury County and helped her run her farm. In 1903 Caledonia deeded 190 acres to William for \$10.00 stating "I am indebted to W. A. Hayes for services commencing April 1, 1882 and continuously rendered from then up to this date for as much or more than I can ever be able to fully repay him, he having devoted the very best 21 years of his manhood to my interest."

While there have been multiple owners since W.A. Hayes was deeded the property, the history is still alive and the place ready for new memories to be made.