

The Murray Farm

The Murray Farm is located ten miles southeast from Murfreesboro on the Bradyville Pike. The farm originated with William H. Murray of South Carolina in the 1820's. He came to Tennessee with an eleven hundred acre land grant. Hiram W. Murray, son of William H. acquired 400 acres in 1847. He married Matilda Lyon and they had two sons, Davis Blackburn Murray and Nathaniel Murray. Hiram W. sold 456 acres of land to his son D. B. Murray in 1878. After the death of D. B. Murray, Thomas Blackburn Murray, son of D.B. purchased/acquired 158 acres of the family land. Thomas was a progressive farmer who belonged to the Farm Bureau and raised cattle, mules, swine, hay cotton, corn and sourghum. Thomas and his wife Kate Dill were active in the community and the Rock Hill Church of Christ. Thomas and Kate were the parents of James, Sara, and Margaret. The children jointly inherited the farm in 1975. James Murray managed the operation, producing hay, corn, cattle and swine. At the death of Sara Murray in 2001, Margaret Murray Jones inherited the farm with husband James Howard Jones. The remodeled farm house is home to Thomas (son of Margaret and Howard) and his wife Robin. The 158 acres is still farmed all together by children of Margaret - Thomas, Jimmy, and Carolyn Jones (great-great-great grandchildren of William H. Murray), and Nathan and Timmy Jones (great-great-great-great grandchildren of William H. Murray), raising cattle sheep, hay, vegetables, and bees. The Murray family cemetery is located on the land. This farm is a 6th generation family owned farm.

The barn was built in the 1930's to replace the log barn that once stood on the family farm. The barn has a self-supporting roof, crib, and mule stalls. A hay fork and rail still exists in the barn ceiling.