

Coe House

Herrick Archives Number H 993

McCracken (4:17A) notes that the University acquired a farm house on the "Coe Tract," and that it was destroyed by fire. The location of this property has not been determined.

The University acquired land from Charles E. and Mabel E. Coe by warranty deed executed June 4, 1930 (Deed book 1942, p. 326). This was a tract of 80.86 acres at the southwest corner of Ackerman Road and Kenny Road. This land appears as Tract 31 on Map 193-30 and in the files of the Property Management Division. It is probable that H 993 was on this tract, but proof is lacking. A disturbing fact is that the tract was acquired in 1930, while McCracken's account generally does not extend beyond June 30, 1925. However, McCracken's writing was done in the mid-1940's, and it is possible that he included the Coe House without realizing that it was acquired too late to be included in his account.

Another possible location is on the tract immediately to the south (Tract 30 on Map 193-30 and in Property Management Division records). The only reason for listing this as a possibility is that part of the land was once owned by Rawson Coe and part by Almond and Alvin Coe (See Tract 30 records in Property Management Division). This tract was purchased in 1929 (Deed book 905, page 643), four years beyond McCracken's cut-off date. Moreover, Tract 30 was the site of H 917, which stood until 1961.

The only other property known to have been in the Coe family was east of Kenny Road, and on both sides of the railroad. It includes Building 968. It was not acquired by the university until 1958, after the completion of McCracken's work.

The most likely location appears to be Tract 31, generally opposite Building 968. For indexing purposes, Building H 993 is arbitrarily listed at 2775 Kenny Road, which would be near the center of the Kenny Road frontage of Tract 31.

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