Form 10-300 (July 1969)

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

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Located in the foothills of the Cumberland Mountains about seventy miles southeast of Nashville is the town of Lynchburg (population 384) in Moore County. Just on the outskirts of Lynchburg on the south side of Mulberry Creek is the entrance to Jack Daniel's Hollow. "The Hollow" is the name given to the rugged ravine that runs several yards back into the hills until it meets a sheer limestone cliff. At the base of the cliff is a cave, and from it there gushes year round a stream of clear, sparkling water. This water flows at a year-round temperature of 56° and tests completely free of iron--thus the key to the product which is produced at the distillery.

Standing about 100 feet from the mouth of the cave and graced by willow trees, moss and mallard ducks, is a life-size statue of Jack Daniel placed there in 1941 by his nephew, Lem Motlow. The statue, made of Italian marble, stands five feet, five inches tall dressed as he invariably was in a knee-length frock coat of black broadcloth, a high-rolled planter's hat, fawn-colored vest, and broad bow tie. This statue has now become the famous symbol of Jack Daniel's whiskey.

Around this spring and in this hollow is located the oldest registered distillery in the United States. Here Jack Daniel began the production of his famous "sour mash" in 1866 and except for short interuptions--prohibition in Tennessee and the nation--the production of this sour mash whisky has continued under the supervision of descendants of the originator.

Close by the spring the office which was built and used by Jack Daniel still stands as a museum, furnished as it was used by its owner over one hundred years ago. Here he conducted his business and did his paper work until his death in 1911 and Lem Motlow, his nephew, continued in his footsteps.

Upon a hill behind the old office is the rickyard where the charcoal is made from hard sugar maple. Across the road from the old office is the still house which was rebuilt after prohibition days when Lem Motlow and his sons resumed operation of the distillery. It is in this large three-story brick structure that the distilling process takes place

Large metal warehouses loom as grey ghosts across the top of the ridge as if they were protecting the hollow. In these warehouses the whisky ages for three or four years before being bottled.

A visitor center, known as Bethel House, so named because Bethel Baptist Church was established on this tract of land around 1815 RECEIVED and the Old Bethel Graveyard adjoins this property, has been constructed in the spirit of the small rural town architecture and houses somewhat of a museum for the whisky industry that has been so important and in this area of Tennessee.

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicat	le and Known) 1866		
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The Jack Daniel Distillery is the oldest national registered distillery, and records show that it has been in constant operation longer than any distillery in the United States. The only other legal distillery in Tennessee is that of George A. Dickel, the Cascade Distillery in adjoining Coffee County. However the making of whisky, legally or otherwise, has been carried on in Tennessee in great quantity since revolutionary times and has produced great income for the state and nation. Today the economic importance of the distillery to Moore County (incidentally a "dry" county) cannot be overemphasized. The distillery is the second largest federal taxpayer in the state.

Of no less importance to Lynchburg and the state is the family who settled early in the "hollow" and fostered the industry. Jack Daniel and his nephews, the Motlows, took advantage of the opportunities at hand and proceeded to make them into material benefits, cultural advantages, and a unique and distinctive attraction of Moore County. For example, the Moore County Court House, built in 1885, was renovated and restored in 1968 by the distillery, and the Moore County Public Library was presented to the people of Moore County in 1963 by Mr. and Mrs. Reagor Motlow.



9.	MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES					
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