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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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Glenmore is one of the strongest statements of the Second Empire style remaining in Tennessee. When descendants deeded the property to the Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities, the potential destruction of Glenmore by a growing Jefferson City was prevented.

The main section of Glenmore is a three-story brick dwelling with a five-story tower. The high mansard roof has projected dormered windows, and extends over the cornice which is decorated with brackets and heavy dentiling. Openings are long and narrow with rounded windows on the first floor. Second floor windows have segmental arches, but the two predominant openings on the front side are capped with flat architraves. Two bay windows in major rooms add to the highly three-dimensional effect of the building. A veranda or porch extends across a portion of the front of the building and to the side. This may not have been original to the house when it was constructed in 1868-69, although a circa 1880 photograph shows the veranda with a balustrade, and matching balustrades over the bay windows.

Attached to main section of Glenmore is a three-story wing built on a smaller scale. Supposedly, the wing, called "Dolltown," was used as living quarters during winter months because it was easier to heat than the big house. It has a centrally placed chimney, which, with its arched brick work matches the two chimneys on the main house.

The interior of Glenmore consists of a central hall flanked by two rooms on each side. Walnut and cherry woodwork, some of it of very ornate and much of it heavy, appears throughout the house. In the hall and front two rooms is a selection of wallpaper appearing to date from the art nouveau period, but believed to be original to the house by the present owners. Presently, their restoration plans include preservation of the wallpaper which is an important decorative arts document.

The remaining square brick outbuilding is a smokehouse. Also on the property is a frame barn and carriage house.

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Pre-Columbian	16th Century	18th Century	20th Century
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In addition to its architectural importance, Glenmore served as the home of several prominent figures in east Tennessee during the nineteenth century. All were members of either the Branner or Jarnagin families, both descending from early settlers in the Jefferson County area.

John Roper Branner built Glenmore in 1868-69. His ancestors had moved from Virginia to the Dandridge area in Tennessee in the late eighteenth century. In 1833, his father served as the Jefferson County Representative to the State Legislature. The family moved to Jefferson City by the late 1830's, and in 1838, built a brick dwelling not far from the site where Glenmore was eventually constructed. John Roper Branner, who first engaged in various commercial ventures in the Dandridge and Mossy Creek area, extended his business interests to Knoxville and beyond. In 1861, he played a major role in getting the East Tennessee, Virginia, and Georgia Railroad built, and served as president until his death in 1869, the same year Glenmore was completed. His widow continued to live in the house until remarrying, and from 1868 to 1879, his brother operated the Branner Institute for Young Women at Glenmore.

In 1882, the property was sold to Milton Preston Jarnagin, who gave it the name "Glenmore" in honor of a deceased son. Jarnagin was also the grandson of an early Jefferson County settler. Born in 1826, he attended a Presbyterian school at Mossy Creek and later attended Maryville College where he was the first graduate after its charter was issued in 1845. He then studied law in Athens, Tennessee, and served in a legal capacity in the Confederate Army. In 1866, Milton began practicing law in Memphis. It was at this time that he purchased a farm near what was to become Birmingham as a family refuge from the dangers of yellow fever. When Birmingham began to grow, Jarnagin sold his property at an enormous profit, and it was with this money that he bought Glenmore. Although

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Bible, Jean. "Glenmore, Historic Branner-Jarnagin Mansion, to Become APTA Shrine," in <u>Standard-Banner</u>, Jefferson City, Tennessee, February 12, 1970. Extensive article with photographs based upon material from family and APTA files.

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"retired" when moving to Mossy Creek, Jarnagin participated in many business and educational activities in the area. He died in 1895.

Jarnagin's son, Frank Watkins, lived at Glenmore for 53 years. During the early twentieth century, Frank, who studied agriculture after trying the steel business, won first prizes with the Percheron horses he raised at Glenmore. His widow continued to live there until about one year before the house was given to the Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities in 1969-70.

A restoration and museum program is now underway. It is also hoped that the building will be used as a community center and meeting place.

