

DATA SHEET

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee	
COUNTY: Sumner	
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ENTRY NUMBER 70.2.41.004	DATE 2/26/70

1. NAME

COMMON:
Cragfont

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
State Highway 25

CITY OR TOWN:
Gallatin

STATE Tennessee	CODE 41	COUNTY: Sumner	CODE 165
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
State of Tennessee

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Gallatin

STATE:
Tennessee

CODE:
41

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Sumner County Register's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
Public Square

CITY OR TOWN:
Gallatin

STATE:
Tennessee

CODE:
41

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal
 State
 County
 Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

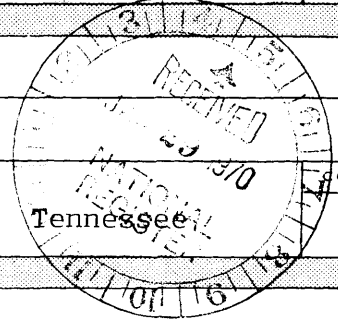
STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Gallatin

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Tennessee

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COUNTY: Sumner

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

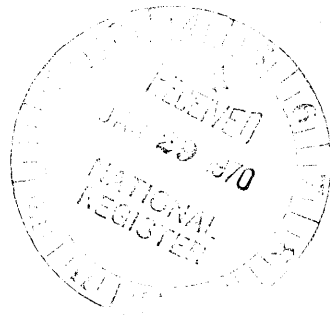
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Cragfont has a bold grey stone facade after the Georgian manner. The stones are laid evenly and closely, broken only by doors and windows. The entrance is accentuated only by a simple transom and stone steps leading to the doorway. There is a large stone chimney at each gabled end so wide that each embraces fireplaces in two separate rooms. No windows are in the gable ends. Extending to the rear of the house is a long, two-story wing which forms a "T." Two-story porches on either side of the wing, but not extending around the end, terminate against the front section of the house.

The fenestration is typical of the finest homes of the colonies, with wide and tall openings. The windows of the lower floor have 24 panes each, while those of the upper floor have eight panes in the lower frame and 12 in the upper. For a house built in Tennessee somewhere between 1798 and 1802, it is a great and imposing house.

The entrance hall at Cragfont is broad, deep and excellent in proportion. A staircase rises on the east side of the hallway. A landing traverses the width of the hall on the north wall, and the stair continues on the west wall to the upper story. After leaving the main section Cragfont differs from the traditional Tennessee pioneer house. The back wing contains the dining room and slightly lower, the kitchen. Behind the kitchen, but not joined by a door, was a two-story smokehouse which was unique to this house. The wing upstairs contained a large ballroom where the Winchester's entertained frequently. The ballroom opened on both sides to the upstairs piazzas.

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2. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

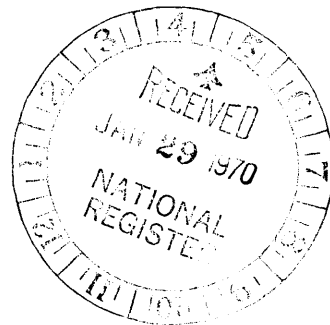
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Cragfont is an important house because of its architecture as it was executed in a pioneer area at a very early date. It is also a monument to the stamina of the frontiersman and to his adherence to civilized manners and customs under the most difficult circumstances. General James Winchester, the builder of Cragfont, was a frontiersman and an Indian fighter, but he was also a man of high learning and great civility. Winchester fought in the American Revolution, served in the North Carolina Constitutional Convention, and served as the first speaker of the Tennessee Senate. He was also brigadier-general in the War of 1812 and served as commissioner to run the Chickasaw boundary line between Tennessee and Mississippi. Winchester, along with Andrew Jackson and John Overton, founded the city of Memphis.

During the Civil War, cavalry skirmishes took place around Cragfont, with famed cavalry leader, General John Hunt Morgan, directing the Confederate forces. George Winchester, son of James, lived on at Cragfont until after the Civil War. The Winchesters were followed by several other families at the place until 1956 when the State of Tennessee bought the property and the Sumner County Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities began the restoration.

Today the house museum stands situated on the very top of a craggy hill above Bledsoe's Creek and looks down on the approaching visitor with all the hauteur and dignity befitting the position of eminence occupied by its builder.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allen, Ward "Cragfont" Grandeur on the Tennessee Frontier"
Tennessee Historical Quarterly Vol. XXIII, (1964) No. 2, 103-120.
 Cochran, Gifford A. Grandeur In Tennessee: Classical Revival
Architecture in a Pioneer State (New York: 1946) pp. 28-31.
 Smith, J. Frazer White Pillars, (New York: 1941) pp. 28-31.

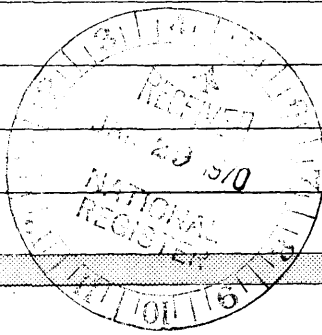
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	36	24	20
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	86	20	30
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 10 (less than)

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



NO
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: May Dean Coop

ORGANIZATION: Tennessee Historical Commission DATE: 6-16-69

STREET AND NUMBER: 403 7th Avenue, North

CITY OR TOWN: Nashville STATE: Tennessee CODE: 41

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Stephen S. Lawrence
 Title: Executive Director of the Tennessee Historical Commission

Date: _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Conrad Allen Cooney
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

FEB 26 1970

Date: _____

ATTEST: William J. ...
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: **FEB 12 1970**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Cragfont

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

State Highway 25

---NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Gallatin

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fourth

--- VICINITY OF

STATE

Tennessee

CODE
41

COUNTY
Sumner

CODE
165

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

State of Tennessee

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

--- VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Sumner County Register's Office

STREET & NUMBER

Public Square

CITY, TOWN

Gallatin

STATE
Tennessee

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE

1971

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN

Washington

STATE
D. C.

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

See original nomination

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1798-1802

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See original nomination

Revision of the geographical boundaries is being requested in order to correct a professional error in the original nomination which showed the acreage of the property to be less than the acreage owned by the state of Tennessee and also to extend the protection of the National Register to a parcel of land adjoining the Cragfont property which has been purchased by the State of Tennessee. The parcel of land recently purchased is significant as part of the original landholdings of Cragfont's builder, General James Winchester, and includes part of the original approach road to Cragfont.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 26.42

QUADRANGLE NAME Bethpage, Tennessee

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES see continuation sheet

A

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING							

B

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING							

C

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING							

D

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING							

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ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING							

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ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING							

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ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING							

H

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING							

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

see continuation sheet

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

R. Paul Cross, Historical Projects Officer

ORGANIZATION

Tennessee Historical Commission

DATE

December 1977

STREET & NUMBER

170 Second Avenue North

TELEPHONE

(615) 741-2371

CITY OR TOWN

Nashville

STATE

Tennessee

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Herbert L. Hays

TITLE

Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission

DATE

12/13/77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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Verbal boundary description

The land owned by the State of Tennessee at Cragfont Historic Site includes two parcels of land as follows:

Parcel No. 1: *12.3 acres*

Beginning at an iron pin 15' southwest of a spring at southwest corner of described tract; thence west with Lewis McMurtry's north boundary, north 83 degrees, east, 918 feet to an iron pipe on east side of road; thence with said road north 39 degrees west 126 feet to an oak tree in fence; thence with fence north 27 degrees 30 minutes west 356.7 feet to a corner; thence north 5 degrees 20 minutes west 294.5 feet to an iron pin in the south edge of point; thence north 78 degrees .08 minutes west 628.5 feet to an iron pin, said boundary line passing along south edge of cemetery, known as the James Winchester family burial ground; thence south 1 degree 20 minutes west 944.7 feet to the beginning, said tract containing approximately 12.3 acres.

Parcel No. 2: *100.0 acres*

Beginning at an access road known as the Cragfont Road, said road being located on the easterly side of Bledsoe Creek; said beginning point being located approximately 800 feet north of U.S. Highway 25 in the center of Cragfont Road; beginning point is more particularly described as the northeast corner of the George Hamilton property and the southeast corner of the herein described tract of land; thence leaving the center of Cragfont Road with the Hamilton property north 84 degrees west, 114.10 feet to a point in the line of the Corps of Engineers; thence with the Corps of Engineers running along the easterly bank of Bledsoe Creek as follows: north 3 degrees 30 minutes east, 810.0 feet to a point; north 33 degrees west, 310.0 feet to a point; north 69 degrees 15 minutes west, 358.25 to a point in a ditch line; thence leaving the Corps of Engineers property and following the J.L. McMurtry property with the meanders of said ditch line north 4 degrees 40 minutes west, 100.86 feet to a point; thence north 37 degrees 22 minutes east, 83.74 feet to a point at the intersection of said ditch line and the center of an access road; thence north 8 degrees 13 minutes west, 89.10 feet to a point in the south line of the State of Tennessee property; thence with the State's line north 83 degrees 2 minutes east, 425.0 feet to an iron pin on the easterly side of Cragfont Road, said point being the southeast corner of the State of Tennessee and the northeast corner of the herein described tract; thence with the center of Cragfont Road and the lines of J. L. McMurtry as follows: South 35 degrees 30 minutes east, 213.56 feet to a point; south 48 degrees east, 339.0 feet to a point; south 26 degrees 30 minutes east, 100.0

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feet to a point; south 7 degrees east, 275.0 feet to a point; south 3 degrees west, 200.0 feet to a point; south 8 degrees west, 100.00 feet to a point; south 24 degrees 45 minutes west, 100.0 feet to a point; thence south 37 degrees 30 minutes west, 100.0 feet to a point; south 44 degrees 45 minutes west, 280.0 feet to a point; south 14 degrees 15 minutes west, 62.70 feet to the point of beginning and containing an area of 14.12 acres more or less.

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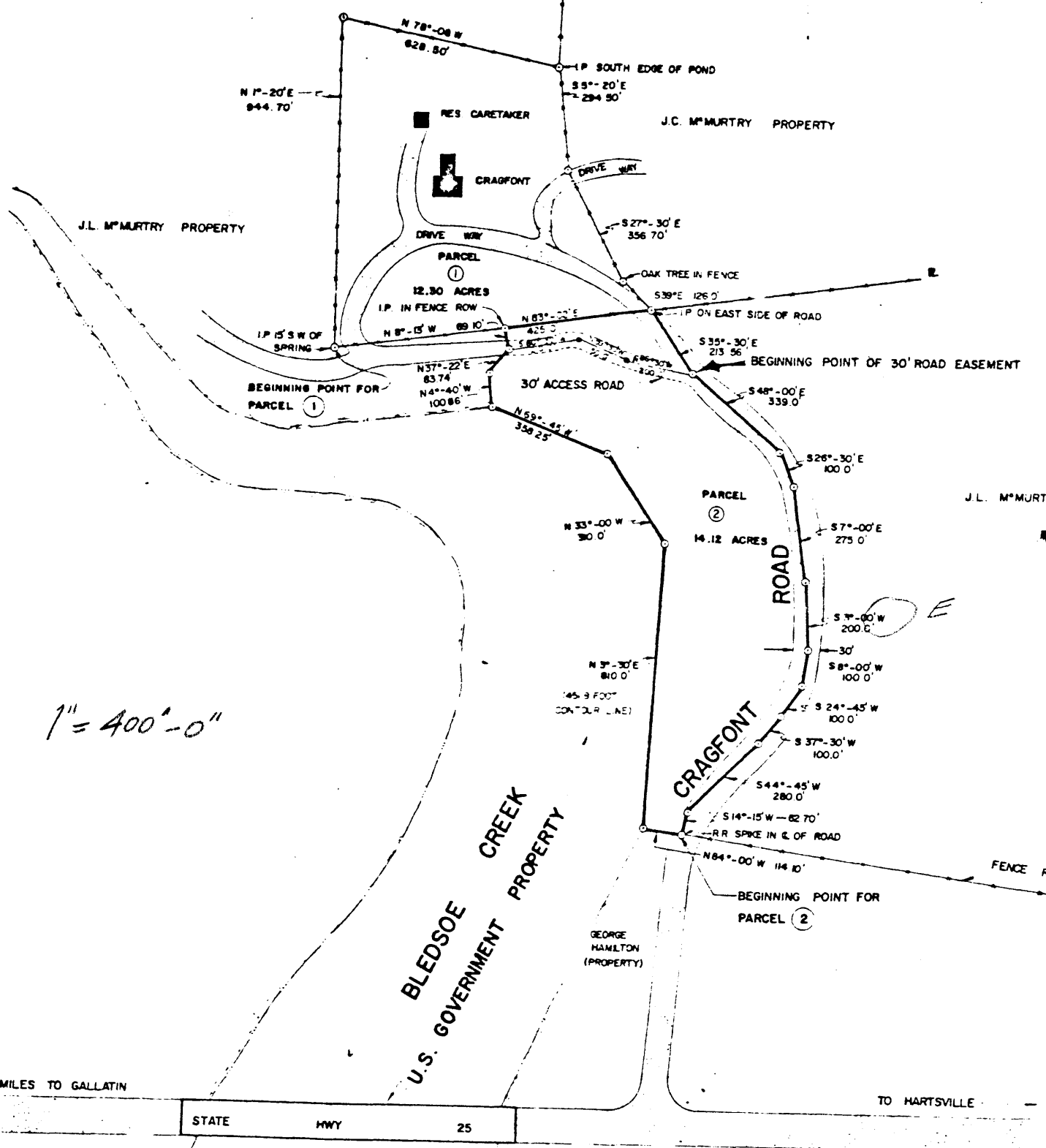
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There being no UTM grid tics, the latitude and longitude coordinates are given for the new boundaries.

	Latitude	Longitude
A.	36° 24' 23"	86° 20' 29"
B.	36° 24' 03"	86° 20' 16"
C.	36° 23' 59"	86° 20' 24"
D.	36° 24' 20"	86° 20' 38"



1" = 400'-0"

CERTIFICATION:

I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF THIS IS A TRUE AND ACCURATE SURVEY.

Kenneth W. Morton
KENNETH W. MORTON REG. NO. 623

