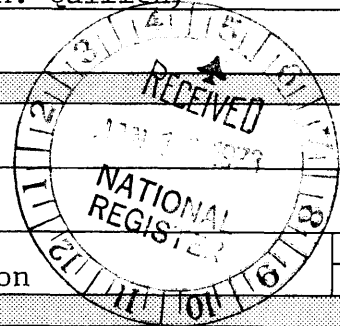


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee	
COUNTY: Johnson	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE APR 11 1975



1. NAME

COMMON:
Morrison Farm and Store (Rep. James H. Quillen)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Highway 91

CITY OR TOWN:
Laurel Bloomery

STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47 COUNTY: Johnson CODE: 091

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Miss Cettie Keys

STREET AND NUMBER:
RFD # 2

CITY OR TOWN: Mountain City STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Mountain City STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

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: STATE: CODE:

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7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Keys property near Laurel Bloomery in Johnson County, is located directly on Highway 91, which runs north and south. On the west side of the road is the one-story log store building, while across the highway is the farm complex, dominated by a two-story frame dwelling.

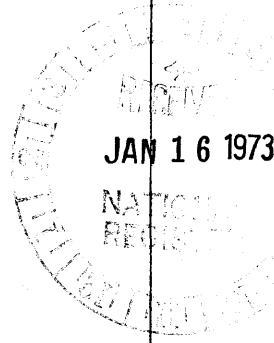
The log store building is basically a double-pen structure but without a chimney. It is rectangular with a pitched roof, gable ends, and a small loft area. On the front or east side of the building are four openings, two doors and two shuttered windows, which are nine-over-six.

Interior walls of the two rooms are covered with beaded paneling.

Across the road is the farm complex consisting of several buildings of varying dates in the late nineteenth century. The farmhouse is a two-story rectangular white frame structure with brick end chimneys, a circa 1920 porch across the front, and additions to the rear. It is a typical farmhouse with large, comfortable rooms. Behind the house are two outbuildings, a log loomhouse and a clapboard smokehouse, both predating the main dwelling. To the north of the yard, which is enclosed by a white picket fence, are the farm buildings including a woodshed, a barn, and other frame buildings.

The present owner of the property has a sizeable tract of land, but it has been divided by the highway and the selling of small acreage. Within view of the property is the recently established Iron Mountain Stoneware factory, successful manufacturers of pottery.

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 Department of the Interior

8. SIGNIFICANCE

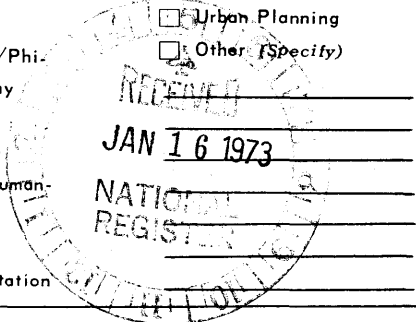
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian; 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

During the nineteenth century, it was not unusual for Tennessee farmers to combine farming with supplementary commercial interests or the practicing of craft skills. The Keys property is an example of one such man, "farmer" Nathaniel Morrison, who in the late nineteenth century was also "merchant" Morrison, operating a store on the road between Abingdon, Virginia, and Mountain City, Tennessee.

Much of the information about Nathaniel Morrison was obtained from his granddaughter, who is the present owner of the property, and who, in turn, heard her mother describe her childhood years on the farm. Morrison was born in North Carolina, but moved to Virginia before settling in the Laurel Bloomery, Tennessee, area circa 1866. He died in 1907 at the age of 71.

Morrison's daughter remembered the store operating in the log building by the early 1870's, at which time she thought it was the only store on the road between Abingdon and Mountain City. The family first lived in a log house, but this burned in the early 1870's. They then moved to another log structure across the road until the present frame dwelling was completed, either on or near the foundation of the original log building. The log loomhouse and the clapboard smokehouse, as well as the store building, date from the earlier period, although the exact time when they were built is unknown. A log barn was also standing at that time, but it was replaced about the turn of the century.

The store changed hands several times during the late nineteenth century, and by the early twentieth century, was no longer in operation. The building has been vacant, but cared for. In the early 1960's, the now highly successful Iron Mountain Stoneware factory used the store building as its first office until completion of their nearby plant. Farming apparently proved more lucrative for Nathaniel Morrison and his family because the farm has been in continuous operation since the late nineteenth century.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Records of present owner, Miss Cettie Keys.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

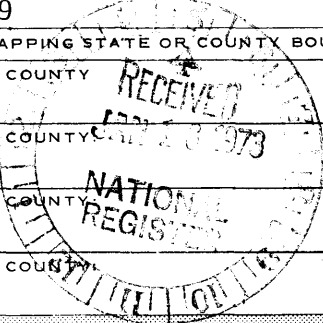
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 9

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Ellen Beasley

ORGANIZATION: **Tennessee Historical Commission** DATE: **1-3-73**

STREET AND NUMBER:
403 7th Avenue, North

CITY OR TOWN: **Nashville** STATE: **Tennessee** CODE: **47**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 Michael J. Smith

Title Executive Director
Tenn. Historical Commission

Date 1-10-73

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

Robert K. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/11/73

ATTEST: W.D. [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date 4 4 73