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

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC James
Wier-McNeeley House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Eppes Street NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CITY, TOWN Tazewell CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Second
STATE Tennessee CODE 047 VICINITY OF Second COUNTY Claiborne CODE 025

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: <u>vacant</u>

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Dr. Gene McNeeley
STREET & NUMBER Old C.C.C. Camp Road
CITY, TOWN Norris VICINITY OF STATE Tennessee 37828

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Claiborne County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER Main Street
CITY, TOWN Tazewell STATE Tennessee 37879

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Historical and Architectural Survey
DATE December 1978 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Tennessee Historical Commission
CITY, TOWN Nashville STATE Tennessee

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Wier-McNeeley House stands at the intersection of Eppes Street and Montgomery Street in the center of Tazewell, Claiborne County. It is located less than two hundred feet from the courthouse and overlooks the court square.

A stone near the top of the limestone chimney bears the date 1830 which is probably the time of construction. Built of logs, the house is two stories above a limestone foundation and is presently covered with a metal roof. The walls have been sheathed with weatherboards, a porch attached to the side, and a pedimented frontispiece added to the entrance in this century. An exterior limestone chimney rises at the northeast gable end.

In plan the original part of the house shows the then-popular hall-parlor arrangement. The stairway rises out of the hall which is also the location of the fireplace. Vertical boards of single thickness form the partition between these two rooms. In recent years another partition has been added to make a separate enclosure for the stairway.

To the northwest of the house a separate log dependency has been joined to the original section by framing in the formerly open passage between the two. The resulting ell was used for service rooms.

A polygonal cistern cover with lattice sides is located near the west corner of the house. A twentieth century garage with compartments for coal and wood stands approximately forty feet to the southwest of the house.

The property nominated is the entire tract owned by Dr. Gene McNeeley. The parcel measures 158 feet by 95 feet by 153 feet by 94 feet and contains .35 acres.

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 type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input 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 type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1830

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

James Wier

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

James Wier is identified in records of the local Presbyterian Church as living in Tazewell by 1830, which is the year his two-story log house was constructed near the courthouse. The building is typical in both plan and construction of the log houses of the middle class in northeastern Tennessee in the 1830 period. Once one of a large number of such houses to be found in most county seats, the Wier House is the sole surviving representative in Tazewell. Most of the other houses of the early nineteenth century in this town were destroyed when the town was fired during the Civil War or have been demolished to make room for modern commercial buildings or parking lots.

In addition to its rare survival, the Wier House has the added distinction of being a dated log house. This feature, together with its sound condition and uniqueness in a commercial section near the courthouse, have combined to stimulate local interest in its restoration and preservation.

Over the years the house reputedly has served as an inn, as Tazewell's first Post Office, and as a hospital during the Civil War battle for the town. It has also functioned until recently as a residence. Presently it is for sale, and interested citizens are trying to acquire it for a museum.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Information provided by Eleanor Yoakum Barger, New Tazewell, Tennessee.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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QUADRANGLE NAME Tazewell, Tenn.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 17 2696310 403711210
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION The property nominated is a quadrilateral tract which measures 94' by 153' and is bounded as follows: beginning at the west corner of Montgomery Street and Eppes Street; thence southwest along the northwest edge of Eppes Street 158' to the north corner of Eppes Street and Harden Street; thence northwest along the northeast

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Barbara Hume Church, Architectural Historian

Robert E. Dalton, Director of Field Services

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Tennessee Historical Commission

January 1979

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Nashville

Tennessee

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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 2/23/79

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

ATTEST: *[Signature]*
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 7.15.79

DATE 4/17/79

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edge of Harden Street 95' to the east corner of Harden Street and Church Street; thence northeast along the southeast edge of Church Street 153' to the south corner of Church Street and Montgomery Street; thence southeast along the southwest edge of Montgomery Street 94' to the beginning.