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The original house is a two-story brick with basement in the Federal style. The foundation is hewn limestone. The bricks are laid in Flemish bond. When built in 1795, it consisted of the principal block of two rooms on each floor, one room on each floor larger than the other. The same arrangement is found in the basement. A single story ell projected to the rear of the smaller ground floor room. It did not have a basement. Around 1830 a room was added above this ell, the bricks being laid in English bond. At this time a two-story gallery filled the space created by the ell. This gallery was removed in 1894 and the space framed in to create an inside kitchen. In 1937, a kitchen was added to the rear of the frame addition which became a dining room. The numerous brick outbuildings were torn down in this century.

The present owners have restored the main house to its early appearance, except for the removal of the frame addition.

The interior millwork in all the rooms is of superb quality. It was carved by the workmen from North Carolina who came to Tennessee to build the house. One room preserves the original painted grain finish on the panelled end wall, with the graining on the poplar panelling made to resemble mahogany.



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Conservation	☐ Music	☐ Transportation	

This house is one of the few 18th century houses remaining in Tennessee. It was built by Charles Hays of North Carolina using workmen sent by John Hays, his father, for the purpose. It is unusually sophisticated for a frontier house, bearing close resemblance in detail to East Coast town houses of the period. Charles Hays lived in the house from 1795 until his death in 1854. He was a prosperous farmer and public spirited citizen. He founded the Baptist Church at Antioch for which he gave the land. He also gave land to the "Sons of Temperance" and to the school at Antioch.

The chief significance of the house is in its fine interior millwork. The mantels and chair rails are carved in the "punch, gouge, and drill" technique seen in late 18th century houses in Pennsylvania and North Carolina. The original paint simulating marble and mahogany remains well preserved in the elaborate end wall found on the second floor. Few interiors of this elaboration and sophistication are known elsewhere in Tennessee.

The house won the first award given for excellence in restoration by the Metro Nashville Historical Commission in 1973.



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	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 Lawrence C. Henry Executive Director Title Tennessee Historical Commission						I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register. Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation Date ATTEST: Landa Addustional Register						
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