

DATA SHEET

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Tennessee
COUNTY:	Cocke
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	APR 1 1975

1. NAME

COMMON:
O'Dell House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION *NE of Newport on*

STREET AND NUMBER:
Greenville Highway

CITY OR TOWN:
Newport *W.C.*

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
First

STATE: **Tennessee** CODE: **47** COUNTY: **Cocke** CODE: **029**

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"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
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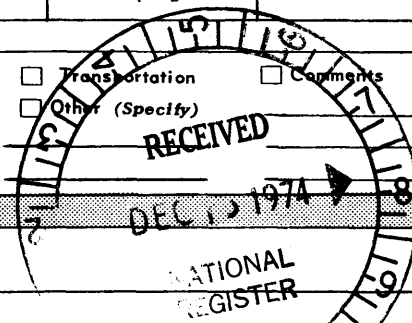
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Clarence Lancaster

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route #3

CITY OR TOWN:
Newport

STATE: **Tennessee** CODE: **47**



5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Newport

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)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

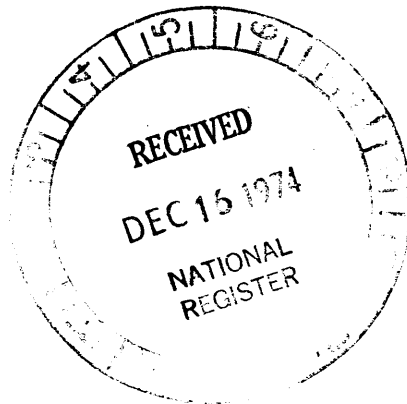
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The O'Dell House is located on a small rise near the French Broad River at Old Newport. The river location and the obvious antiquity of the structure form a striking sight in coming upon the property.

The house was built in 1814 by Abel Gilleland. It is a two-story Federal style brick structure built upon a stone foundation. The door frames (first and second floors) are the most unusual aspect of the home. The upper frame is curved at the top; the lower is rectangular. Windows outline each door. From a photograph taken earlier in this century it appears that the original facade was never altered; unfortunately, the porch and steps from the door have fallen down. The ceiling of the second floor is not as high as that of the first; the windows are complementary--not as tall on the second floor. "S" shaped hinges protrude on the exterior at the separation of the floors.

Under what was the front porch a door leads to a full basement. Behind the house a kitchen and utility space were added. The addition is a one story clapboard structure. The interior appears to be in fair condition.



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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) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The O'Dell House is the only remnant of "New Port" (or Old Newport). The town was the original seat of Cocke County government. It was laid out in 1799. "New Port" lay at the juncture of the Washington Post Road (via Jonesboro) and another post road going to North Carolina. The French Broad was navigable as far as "New Port." The town was originally the site of Fine's Ferry, an operation run by Peter Fine as early as 1787. The southern landing of Fine's Ferry would be comparable to the side yard of the O'Dell House.

Abel Gilleland, the first owner of the property, was the son of John Gilleland who settled in the area in 1783. The elder Gilleland was an organizer of the State of Franklin; he was a delegate to the convention of 1785; and he gave the land to the Cocke County commissioners upon which "New Port" was built.

The townsite moved about 3 miles west to the present county seat of Cocke County, Newport, around 1867 after the railroad was built along Pigeon River.

The O'Dell house is very significant to the area because it is the only physical reminder of the once-bustling town of Old Newport. It is also significant architecturally as a good example of the type of residence built by men of prominence in early East Tennessee, relatively few of which are still to be found in this area.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

O'Dell, Ruth W., Over the Misty Blue Hills: The Story of Cocke County (Newport, 1951).

Morristown Citizen-Tribune, June 2, 1968.

Interview with Miss Mary R. Ruble, Cocke County Historian.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

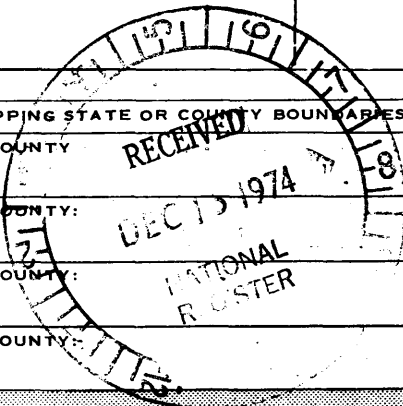
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 6

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: Michael Carberry

ORGANIZATION: East Tennessee Development District DATE: 3-21-74

STREET AND NUMBER: 1810 Lake Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Knoxville STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

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 Lauren [Signature]

Title Executive Director
Tennessee Historical Commission

Date 11/29/74

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

[Signature]
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/1/75

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Keeper of the National Register
APR 1 1975

Date