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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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NATIONAL REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name McCullock, Thomas, House

other names/site number McCullock, Thomas, House (BL-44)

2. Location

street & number At the junction of Martin Mill Pike and State Route N/A not for publication

city, town 33 (Old Knoxville Highway) - Rockford X vicinity

state Tennessee code TN county Blount code 009 zip code 37853

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
2	2	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
2	2	Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Hist. & Arch. Resources of Blount Co.

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Herbert L. Hays
Signature of certifying official
Deputy SHPO, Tennessee Historical Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

6/13/89
Date

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official
State or Federal agency and bureau

Date

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): _____

Alonzo Byrum Entered in the National Register 7/25/89

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single DwellingDOMESTIC/Secondary Structure

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single DwellingDOMESTIC/Secondary Structure

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

OTHER/I-House/Greek Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone/Concretewalls Weatherboard

roof Metalother Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Thomas McCulloch House is a two-story frame, 3 bay, central passage plan I-House residence with Greek Revival influences built ca. 1840. The house has a stone and concrete foundation, weatherboard siding, two exterior end brick chimneys and a gable roof of metal standing seam. On the main (east) facade is a two-story porch added ca. 1910. The porch has square Doric motif columns on both floors with the second story displaying a solid frame tongue and groove railing and screen panels. The main entrance has original double doors of raised three panel design, a two-light transom and four light sidelights. The door surround also displays Doric pilasters and rectangular raised frame panels. Windows are ca. 1880 two-over-two frame rectangular sash with wood sills.

At the rear is an original one-story ell with ca. 1880 two panel doors and two-over-two sash windows. On the east facade of the ell is a ca. 1910 one-story porch with square Doric motif columns, solid tongue in groove railing and screen panels. The ell displays an interior brick chimney. The interior of the house retains its original central passage design and has a central staircase with square newel posts and balusters. The interior retains original horizontal board siding, Greek Revival influenced mantles with Doric pilasters, and three panel doors. Interior photographs were not possible due to obstructions in front of all significant details.

At the rear is a one-story single pen, log smoke house built ca. 1840. This building has half-dovetail notching and a gable roof of metal standing seam. On the south facade of the smokehouse is a ca. 1900 shed roof addition with board and batten siding. Also at the rear is a ca. 1950 frame wood shed and ca. 1980 frame garage which are included as non-contributing buildings. The house is sited in a rural area at the junction of Martin Mill Pike and the Old Knoxville Highway.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

ca. 1840/ca. 1910

Significant Dates

ca. 1840

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Thomas McCulloch House is significant under criterion C as a notable example of an ante-bellum central passage plan I-House with Greek Revival detailing. The house was built ca. 1840 for Thomas McCulloch and is one of less than a half-dozen unaltered ante-bellum frame residences known to exist in the county. The house was built with a Greek Revival influenced main entrance and interior detailing. The only major change to the house was the addition of a two-story Colonial Revival influenced porch added ca. 1910.

Thomas McCulloch (also spelled McCullough and McCulloch in historical accounts) was the son of Thomas McCulloch Sr. who came to Blount County in the 1790s. McCulloch purchased land and received Tennessee land grants along the Little River and Pistol Creek. His son, Thomas McCulloch was born in 1786 and inherited his father's land. Around 1840, McCulloch constructed a two-story frame residence at the junction of Martin Mill Pike and the Old Knoxville Highway. The McCulloch family operated a stage coach stop at their property in the early 19th century but it is not known if this house or another was used for this purpose. In 1849, the Little River post office was established on the property with Thomas McCulloch serving as postmaster. This post office was discontinued after 1852.

In 1860, McCulloch was listed as owning real estate valued at \$10,000 and personal property valued at \$2,300. McCulloch sold his house and land in 1865 to J.R. Cochran and moved to Middle Tennessee. The house had several owners until 1916 when the house was sold to Alexander McTeer and the McTeer family owned the house for much of the 20th century.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Blount County Deed Records. 1800 - 1989. Blount County Courthouse, Maryville, Tennessee.

Burns, Inez E. History of Blount County, Tennessee: From War Trail to Landing Strip. Tennessee Historical Commission, Mary Blount Chapter DAR, 1957.

Morgan, John. Blount County Cultural Resource Survey. Tennessee Historical Commission, Nashville, Tennessee.

See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than 1 acre.

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Maryville Quad

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary for the Thomas McCulloch House is illustrated on accompanying Blount County tax map 27, lot 5.01, which is drawn at a scale of 1" = 400'. The property is bounded on the east by the western right-of-way of Martin Mill Pike, on the south by a driveway, on the west by a line which runs 20' to the west of the western foundation wall of the house, and on the north by a line which runs 1' to the north of the northern foundation wall of the log smokehouse.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary for the Thomas McCulloch House includes the house and smokehouse which have historically been associated with the property. The boundary is drawn to include the residence and contributing outbuilding and to exclude modern outbuildings to the west and north. No other property from the period of significance is extant.

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Photographs

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Thomas McCulloch House
McTeer Rd., Rockford vic., Blount County, TN
Photographs By: Thomason and Assoc.
Date: Fall, 1988
Location of Neg: THC

View: South and west facades.
Photo # 1

View: North and east facades.
Photo # 2

View: South and east facades.
Photo # 3

View: Smokehouse.
Photo # 4

View: Sheds.
Photo # 5

#44 - THOMAS MCCULLOCK HOUSE



