

Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee	
COUNTY: Sumner	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Castalian Springs (Wynnewood)

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Castalian Springs

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Gallatin-Hartsville Pike (State Highway 25)

CITY OR TOWN:  
Castalian Springs

STATE Tennessee	CODE 047	COUNTY: Sumner	CODE 165
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input 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:  
Mr. and Mrs. George W. Wynne

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Castalian Springs

STATE:  
Tennessee

CODE:

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Court House

CITY OR TOWN:  
Gallatin

STATE:  
Tennessee

CODE:

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1936     Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Washington

STATE:  
D.C.

CODE:  
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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Castalian Springs is an outstanding group of six log buildings consisting of the main house and five dependencies. The dependencies consist of the following: the original detached black walnut log kitchen with an exceptionally wide exterior stone chimney; the smoke house made of walnut, ash and oak logs; the "new" kitchen, the office, and the garage, all made of cedar logs. The **garage** is a 20th-century structure.

The main house is constructed of white oak logs and is 110-feet long and 22-feet wide. It is connected by covered ways to both the "old" kitchen and the "new" kitchen. The main house is two stories tall and forms a complete expression of the traditional forms of log architecture. Because of the natural limitation of the length of logs, log buildings are usually one room single rectangles with an exterior chimney at one end, sometimes the interior is divided by simple non-load bearing partitions. To make a log building larger, another log building is constructed adjacent to it. There are two ways this is commonly achieved; the construction of two log buildings back to back sharing a common central chimney and the construction of two log buildings a short distance apart with chimneys at opposite ends and the central open space roofed over between the two units. The first method is called "saddle bag" construction, the second "dog trot." The main house at Castalian Springs is composed of a three-bay wide unit separated from a two bay unit by an open "dog trot" used as the entrance porch. The two-bay unit is in turn back to back with a final three-bay unit in the "saddle-bag" manner. Both of the three-bay units are partitioned into two spaces. Though there are doors leading from one room to the next, general circulation is provided by a long one-story covered porch which runs the length of the rear of the house. The interior of the rooms are plastered and have simple late-Federal mantel pieces. The windows have double hung sash six over nine panes on the first floor, and six over six panes on the second floor. The house, having always been in the same family, has been very little changed since it was built and is in a fine state of preservation.

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**6. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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) **1828**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input 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) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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In the eastern United States, the evidence of our pioneer past and the way of life it created is symbolized in the log buildings of the settlers that still survive to this day. The form and design of log houses, barns and service buildings such as kitchens and smoke houses changed very little in two centuries of common use because the possible variations are narrowly limited by the size of trees and the way logs can be satisfactorily assembled. Their tremendous popularity was due to the fact that they were relatively quick and easy to build and were remarkably sturdy. As settlements prospered people turned to more elegant forms of architecture. Most log houses were torn down and replaced or vanished from neglect. Those that remain are usually in remote rural locations.

Castalian Springs was built in 1828 by Colonel Alfred Wynne near Bledsoe's Lick, Tennessee to serve as an inn. This venture failed and in 1834 the Wynne family made it their residence. The two-story main house and five one-story dependencies are built of log on stone foundations.

The dependencies, including the old kitchen and smoke house, are constructed of oak, cedar, walnut, and ash logs. The main house, 110-feet long by 22-feet wide, is constructed of white oak logs. The main house is composed of the two traditional forms for multiple-room log dwellings, the "dog trot" and "saddle bag."

Castalian Springs has always remained in the family that built it and has been kept in an excellent state of preservation. The main house and dependencies constitute the finest remaining and most fully developed example of pioneer log architecture in the United States.

History

About 1800, General James Winchester, a leading pioneer in Middle Tennessee, commenced construction near the present town of Gallatin of his large stone residence which he named Cragfont. At the same time he purchased additional land nearby which included the sulphur spring called Bledsoe's Lick.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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 Durham, Walter T., The Great Leap Westward (Nashville, 1969).  
 Hall, William, Early History of the South-west (reprinted Nashville, 1968).  
 Haywood, John, The Natural and Aboriginal History of Tennessee (Nashville, 1823).

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES								
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	36°	23'	39"	86°	18'	59"	
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"							
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"							
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"							

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **8 acres**

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:  
**W. B. Morton III, Architect**

ORGANIZATION **Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation,  
 History Division, Historic Sites Survey, National Park Service.** DATE **Aug 14, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**801 - 19th Street, N.W.**

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington** STATE **D.C.** CODE

**12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Title _____</p> <p>Date _____</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p>_____  <i>Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</i></p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____  <i>Keeper of The National Register</i></p> <p>Date _____</p>
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8. Statement of Significance: (1)                      Castalian Springs

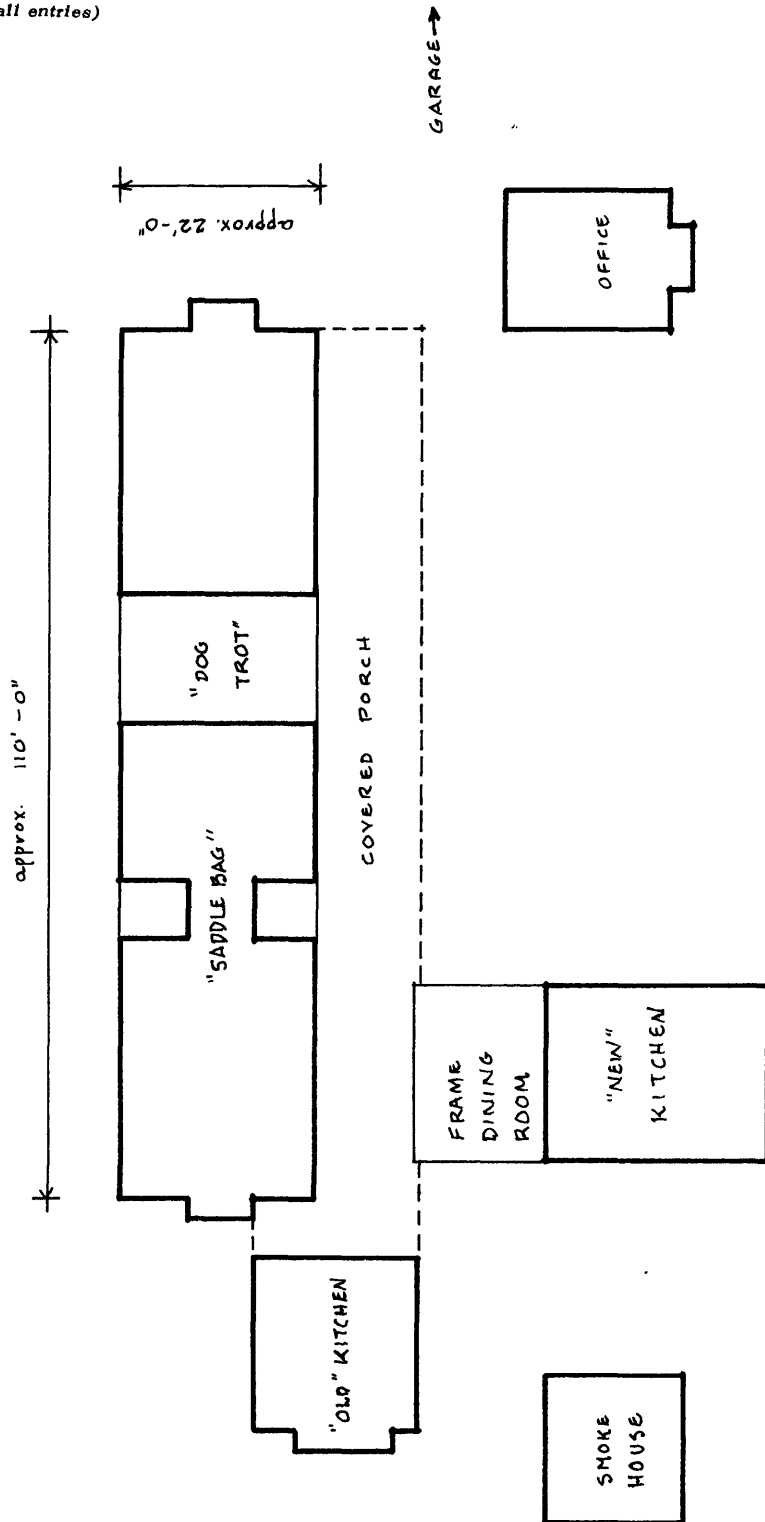
In 1828 General Winchester's daughter Almira Winchester married Colonel Afred R. Wynne. Colonel Wynne established a stock company with two other partners and on the Bledsoe's Lick property built a large two-story log building to serve as an inn near the sulphur springs. The venture proved to be a failure and in 1834 Colonel Wynne bought the interests of his partners and occupied the inn as his residence. The house was named Castalian Springs after the spring in Greek mythology which rose at the foot of Mount Parnassus. Colonel and Mrs. Wynne had 14 children. Towards the end of the 19th century Castalian Springs served briefly for a second time as a resort. This project also failed and the house returned to residential use. It is presently lived in by the grandson of the builder, Mr. George Winchester Wynne and his wife, who have carefully preserved the integrity of the log buildings and made only the minimum changes to incorporate modern conveniences.

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CASTALIAN SPRINGS

Plot Plan: not to scale

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