

DATA SHEET

Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

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
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	JUL 5 1975

1. NAME

COMMON:
Trousdale Place

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
183 West Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Gallatin

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Fourth

STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47 COUNTY: Sumner CODE: 165

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"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments Library of Confederate History

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Clark Chapter 13, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Trustees

STREET AND NUMBER:
183 West Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Gallatin

STATE:
Tennessee

CODE:
47

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Register of Deeds, Sumner County

STREET AND NUMBER:
Sumner County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Gallatin

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Trousdale Place is located near the Public Square in Gallatin, Tennessee. The structure is located in the center of a lot approximately the size of a city block. The main entrance faces Main Street.

John H. Bowen built the main section of the house ca. 1820-1822, prior to the existence of modern roadways. The grade level of the lot adjacent to the house is approximately unchanged as it corresponds to the old buffalo trails which passed through this area before the land was settled. William Trousdale purchased the Bowen house in 1822. At his death it passed to his son, Julius, whose widow, Annie B. Trousdale, deeded the house and adjoining property to the Library Society and Monument Association of the Clark Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Sumner County, Tennessee, in 1900. The property was open to the public and has served as a community meeting place, USO headquarters, and museum of military history and library since 1900.

The structure features Flemish bond brick bearing walls, limestone foundation walls and full basement under the 1820's house. The gabled roof ridge runs parallel to the street front. End walls are punctuated by brick chimney construction and square attic windows. The two-room central hall plan is consistent for the division of the first floor parlor rooms and second floor bedrooms. Fireplaces are located in each of the four main rooms. An arch-headed walk constructed between the main structure and the west addition features an open passageway leading from the front to the rear lot with access to the one story addition. Constructed prior to 1870, this addition served as the family dining room. A simple log and frame structure located behind the main house served as the original detached kitchen. An attached front porch extends the full length of the main facade, and was added ca. 1883-1884.

During the 1880's period, major renovations coincided with the popularity of the Victorian mode. The house was extensively altered during this period. The prevailing popularity for Victorian style is evident in the heavier emphasis for carved detail in the window treatment, porch roof brackets, chamfered posts, balustrade, and door framing. Late Georgian style brick lintels are half hidden behind extant wood trim. Cabinetwork, mantels, sashes and doors may have been added at this time. More recently, a second kitchen has been constructed above the pass-through and adjoining the second floor rooms. The basic architectural design has remained unchanged since 1900.

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5. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian; 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) ca. 1820-1822

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Trousdale Place was built by John H. Bowen, a Gallatin attorney, who in 1813 became the first Sumner Countian to represent West Tennessee in the Congress of the United States. He was the son of Captain William Bowen, a Revolutionary War veteran who was one of the earliest settlers in Middle Tennessee. John H. Bowen, like other leaders on the frontier, was militantly nationalistic, and in 1814 spoke out strongly against British impressment of American seamen.

At Bowen's death in 1822, the property was acquired by William Trousdale, later a governor of Tennessee. Trousdale, called the "War Horse of Sumner County", quit his law studies and enlisted as a private in Andrew Jackson's army, participating in the battles of Talladega and Tallahatchie against the Creeks. He later served with Jackson's forces in the capture of Pensacola and the defeat of the British at New Orleans. He returned to Gallatin, completed his legal training, and in 1820 was admitted to the bar. He became active politically and was elected to the Tennessee State Senate in 1835. At the outbreak of the Second Seminole War in that year, however, he resigned from the Senate and organized his own company, which became a part of the Second Regiment of Tennessee Volunteers. Trousdale was elected colonel of the regiment and later refused an appointment as brigadier-general in the regular army.

With the outbreak of the Mexican War, Trousdale received an appointment from President Polk as a colonel in the regular army and was placed in command of the 14th U.S. Infantry in 1847. He led his men in the battles of Contreras, Cherubusco, and Chapultepec, and was severely wounded in the latter battle. For his heroic services, he was breveted a brigadier-general in 1848.

His long service to the Democratic party and his military exploits made Trousdale a prime candidate for public office in 1849. He won the gubernatorial race over his Whig opponent and entered the governor's office determined to push for expanded education and internal improvements, with particular emphasis on a railroad from the Smoky Mountains to the Mississippi River.

Following the election of Democrat Franklin Pierce as president in 1852, Trousdale was appointed Minister to Brazil, where he served from 1853 to 1856. He died in 1872.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Anderson, James D., The Historic Blue Grass Line (Nashville, 1913).
 Brandau, Roberta S. (Ed.), History of Homes and Gardens of Tennessee (Nashville, 1934).
 Cisco, Jay Guy, Historic Sumner County, Tennessee (Nashville, 1909).
 Durham, Walter T., Old Sumner: A History of Sumner County, Tennessee (Gallatin, 1972).
 Todd, Pauline M., Sumner County Sesquicentennial, 1787-1937 (Nashville, 1937).

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' 14"	86° 26' 56"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 1/2 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Gail Hammerquist

ORGANIZATION: Tennessee Historical Commission DATE: 4/4/75

STREET AND NUMBER:
170 Second Avenue North

CITY OR TOWN: Nashville STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u><i>Lauren</i></u></p> <p>Title <u>Executive Director</u> <u>Tennessee Historical Commission</u></p> <p>Date <u>4/8/75</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u><i>A. P. Mortensen</i></u> Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>6/5/75</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u><i>W. M. ...</i></u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>JUN 4 1975</u></p>
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Julius Trousdale, William's son, next occupied Trousdale Place. He continued in the military and political tradition of his father, serving in the Confederate Army during the Civil War and as Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives.

In 1900, Annie B. Trousdale, widow of Julius, deeded the property to the Library Society and Monument Association of the Clark Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, to be used as a library and museum of military history. It continues to serve these purposes.

Trousdale Place is an important landmark in Gallatin, significant because of its association with important political and military figures of Tennessee, as well as its continued service to the public as a library and museum.