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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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 Walland Power Plant  
other names/site number Walland Power Plant (BL-1445)

### 2. Location

street & number On Old Walland Highway, three-fourths of a mile N/A not for publication  
city, town north of Walland - Walland  vicinity  
state Tennessee code TN county Blount code 009 zip code 37886

### 3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>      </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>1</u>	<u>      </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> objects
		<u>2</u>	<u>      </u> 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 P. Benge 6/8/89  
Signature of certifying official Date  
Deputy SHPO, Tennessee Historical Commission  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.  
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Signature of commenting or other official Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

### 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:) \_\_\_\_\_  
Helena Byrne Entered in the National Register 7/25/89  
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Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

INDUSTRY/Energy Facility

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

VACANT/Not In Use

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

OTHER/20th Century Industrial Vernacular

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concretewalls Brick

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roof OTHER/Composition Shingleother Wood

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**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

The Walland Power Plant is a two story brick and concrete, rectangular plan, three bay industrial building erected in 1909. The building is sited over an excavated mill race and the ground floor is of concrete construction and contains two large rectangular openings. Through these openings the water was channeled and powered turbines which were located in the openings. The water was then diverted back into the race and into the Little River.

The second story housed the electric generators for the plant and is at ground level to the adjacent road. This level is of six-course common bond construction, has a gable roof of composition shingles, interior flue stack and exposed eave rafters. On the main (N) facade is the main entrance with original five panel double doors set within a segmental arched opening. The north bay of this facade has a secondary entrance added c. 1940 with a glass and frame multi-light door. Windows are original rectangular two-over-two sash set within segmental arched openings. No remains of original turbines are extant, but holes for the turbine rods beneath the second story are visible. The interior was inaccessible. Included in the boundary is a small section of the mill race which is a contributing structure. The building is located in a rural area adjacent to the Little River.

**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)

Industry  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance

1909-1931  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

1909  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 Walland Power Plant is significant under criterion A for its association with the Schlosser Leather Company of Walland. The Schlosser Leather Company was an important industry of the county in the early 20th century and employed dozens of workers at its Walland plant. The company built a large complex of brick and frame buildings along the Little River but the Power Plant is the only industrial building remaining from its operation. The building has not been altered and retains its original site and setting.

The Walland Power Plant was built in 1909 by the Schlosser Leather Company to provide electricity for the company operations in Walland and for homes in the Walland area. The Schlosser Leather Company was chartered in May 1901 and began its operations in 1902. The company tanned leather and hides and employed dozens of workers. Several large frame buildings were constructed for the company's operation and the company also built a small mill village to house its workers. In 1909, the company built a water powered brick power plant approximately three-fourths of a mile northwest of Walland on the Little River. This building provided electric power to the company during its operation. The Schlosser Leather Company was destroyed by fire in January of 1931. Due to injunctions and litigations, the tannery was not rebuilt. It is unclear if the Power Plant was ever used again to produce electricity and it appears to have been used for storage since the 1930s.

See continuation sheet

**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

A 17 244670 3958200  
 Zone Easting Northing

C \_\_\_\_\_

B \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zone Easting Northing

D \_\_\_\_\_

Kinzel Springs Quad

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary for the Walland Power Plant is illustrated on accompanying Blount County tax map 61, lot 67, which is drawn at a scale of 1" = 400'. The property is bounded by a driveway on the northwest and northeast, by the top of an earthen embankment on the southwest and by a line extending eastward from the embankment on the southwest and by a line extending eastward from the embankment to the driveway on the southeast. This line is approximately 50' southeast of the  See continuation sheet southeast facade of the building.

**Boundary Justification**

The boundary for the Walland Power Plant is drawn to include the Power Plant itself and a small section of the earthen embankment which formed the mill race. The boundary is drawn to exclude a modern structure to the north, the Little River to the west, open fields to the east, and woods to the south.

See continuation sheet

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**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

Photographs  
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Walland Power Plant  
Old Walland Hwy., Walland Vic., Blount County, TN  
Photographs By: Thomason and Assoc.  
Date: Fall, 1988  
Location of Neg: THC

View: North facade.  
Photo # 1

View: West and south facades.  
Photo # 2

View: East facade.  
Photo # 3



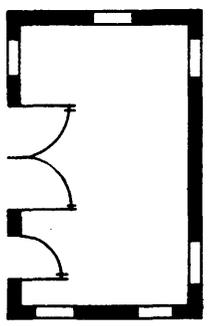
RIVER

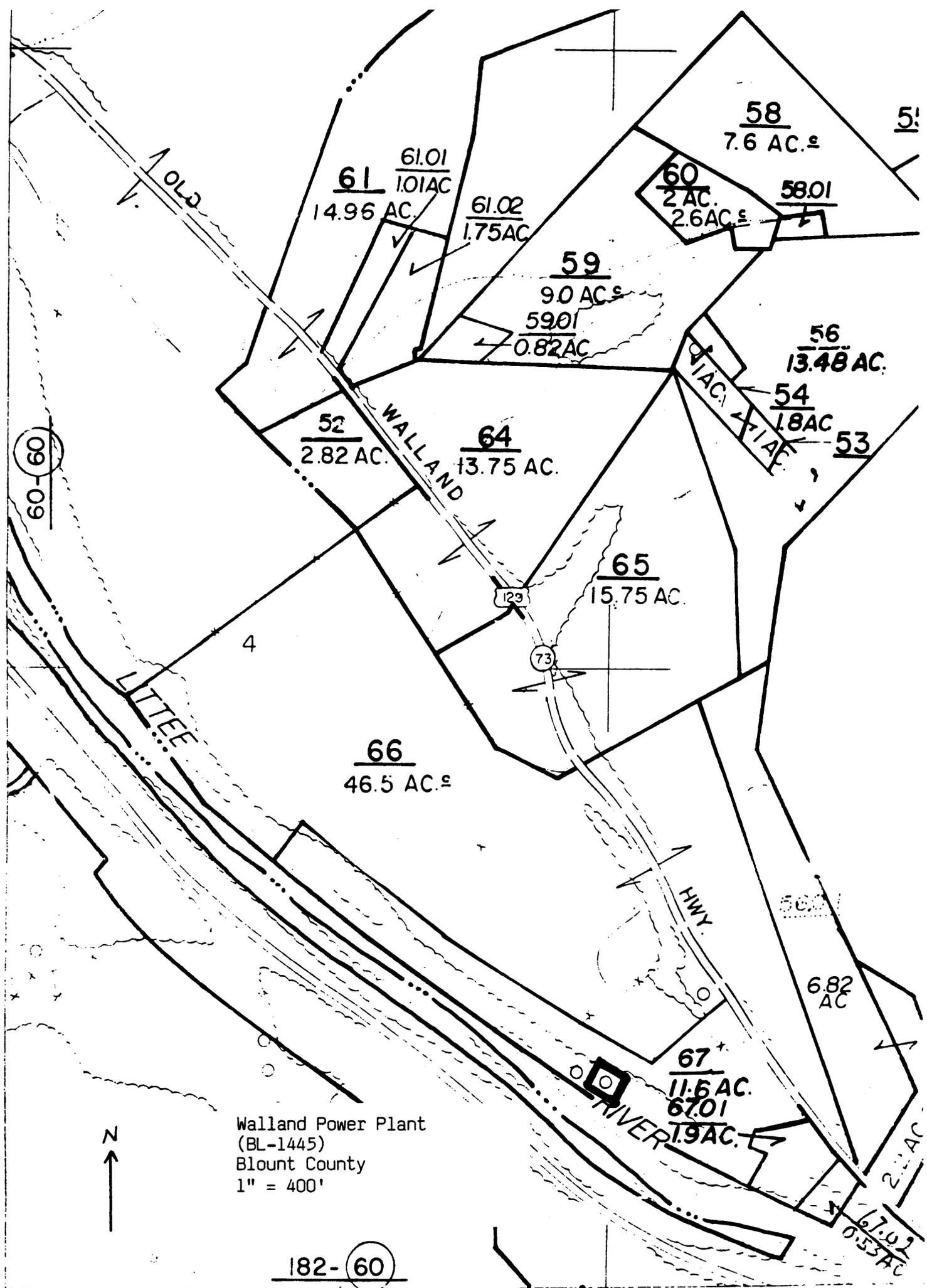
EMBANKMENT

RACE

GATES ( RIVER LEVEL )

TOP LEVEL





Walland Power Plant  
 (BL-1445)  
 Blount County  
 1" = 400'

