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DATA SHEET

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# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

## 1 NAME

**\*\*** HISTORIC King Homestead  
AND/OR COMMON Greer House

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Route 1 W of Cottontown TN 25  NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CITY, TOWN Cottontown  VICINITY OF Fourth CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
STATE Tennessee CODE 47 COUNTY Sumner CODE 165

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY  | OWNERSHIP                                   | STATUS  | PRESENT USE  |
|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT               | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED        | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED                 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE              | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH               | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS           | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE                   | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION | <input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE                 | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT                 | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC                    |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED   | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION                |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> NO                         | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:                          |

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Sally Greer  
STREET & NUMBER Route 1  
CITY, TOWN Cottontown  VICINITY OF Tennessee STATE

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Sumner County Records and Deeds  
STREET & NUMBER Courthouse Square  
CITY, TOWN Gallatin STATE Tennessee

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Tennessee Historical and Architectural Survey  
DATE 1976  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Tennessee Historical Commission  
CITY, TOWN Nashville STATE Tennessee

# 7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION                                     |                                       | CHECK ONE                                   | CHECK ONE   |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD                 | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR                 | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   |   |

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The King House is located two miles out of Cottontown on a small farm. The structure is situated on a rolling hill facing the south and the road runs to the east of the house. Originally the King House was a single pen log house constructed in 1798. In its present state it is a two-story double pen log structure with an enclosed dog-trot that makes the front entrance. There are two exterior brick chimneys with stone foundations and the foundation of the house also consists of stone. It has a small front portico and an attached side porch. A frame back addition was constructed and covered with board and batten.

The original section of the house is the southeast portion and the present parlor. The house was expanded by adding a second two-story pen separated by a hallway. At this time the house had a total of four rooms, one room deep and two stories. All four rooms are approximately 23' x 20'. There were two stairways, one leading to each upper level. The house was built mostly of poplar logs hewn and notched using the "V" notch design. The chinking has been replaced with Portland cement chinking. The hallway is 10' x 12' and was formed by enclosing the dog-trot. The front entrance has a transom and side-lights which still contain the original handmade glass. When the dog-trot was enclosed the right hand stairway was retained, and a small connecting room was built on to the second floor. The change in the height of the enclosure made the connecting room one step higher than the original rooms and one has to step down to enter the room. On the lower level, however, one must step up into the parlor and the bedroom. Almost identically sized logs were used to enclose the dog-trot and the original entrances. At one time they had a front door in each pen, but they have been replaced with windows. The windows in the house are not original. At one time the kitchen was a completely separate building located a few feet to the northeast of the house. The structure has been moved forward and butted against the back of the house and a door cut into the parlor to connect the rooms. The logs in this section of the house are half dove-tail notching.

The period in which these changes occurred is not known. We do, however, know that some time around 1945 that the building was covered with clapboard, but it had been removed before the Greers purchased the house in 1954. Around 1960 the open back porch was converted into a bedroom, bath, and hall. The addition was a frame construction covered with board and batten. The small columned portico was also added at this time.

The interior has survived with few alterations. The puncheon floor in the parlor was deteriorated and had to be replaced with wooden floor. Sheet rock has been used on the interior parlor walls and paneling was placed on the kitchen wall. In the front bedroom, the interior surface of the log walls are exposed, but painted white. The ceiling joists in the front bedroom and two upstairs bedroom have exposed beaded joists. In order to expose the joists, the ceiling was removed and a tongue and groove attic floor put down. The poplar floors in the upstairs bedrooms are original. The poplar floors in the downstairs bedroom has never been finished. There is a fireplace in all four rooms. They appear to have been reduced in size and they could have been stone at one time.



# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hassell-Harris-King Families, Genealogical study by Miss Peacock.

The Great Leap Westward by Walter Durham.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

|   |      |             |               |
|---|------|-------------|---------------|
| A | 1,6  | 5,3,8,4,8,0 | 4,0,3,3,9,3,0 |
|   | ZONE | EASTING     | NORTHING      |
| C |      |             |               |

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| B |      |         |          |
|   | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |
| D |      |         |          |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property consists of a tract of land approximately 200 feet square, with the house located in the center.

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

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Tennessee

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL      STATE      LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE Herbert E. Hays

TITLE Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission

DATE 8/26/77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Charles E. Hays  
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
 ATTEST: Charles E. Hays  
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 1/30/78  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER  
DATE 1.24.78