

DATA SHEET

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee
COUNTY: Overton
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ENTRY DATE FEB 20 1975

1. NAME

COMMON: Col. Albert H. Roberts Law Office

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
114 East Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Livingston

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Fourth

STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47 COUNTY: Overton CODE: 133

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input 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 type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>vacant</u>
Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Miss Helen Qualles and Mrs. Betty Q. Johnson

STREET AND NUMBER:
516 Spruce Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Livingston

STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Livingston

STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1974 Federal State County Local

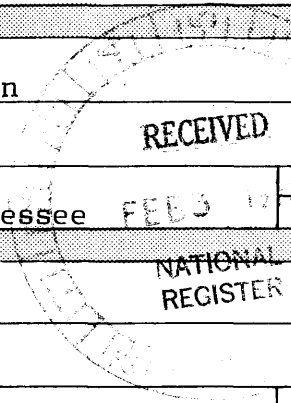
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE: District of Columbia CODE: 11

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

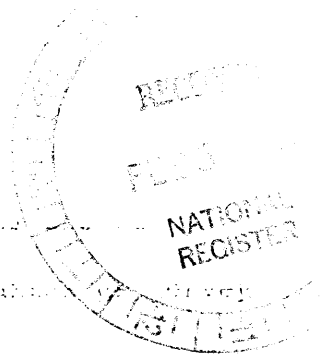
Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This one-story frame rectangular-shaped, 19th century rural professional office building in the Eastlake manner is sheathed with clapboard and covered with a standing seam metal roof supported by a stud frame truss and sits on stone piers which are concealed by tin sheets. It is two bays wide and three bays deep and measures approximately 39 x 15 feet. The gable ends are covered with wooden shingles in alternate rows laid with staggered butts and the ridge is perpendicular to the facade. The building features a front porch with turned columns and millworked wood decoration, stained and frosted glass windows, built-in book cases and a teller's cage. Essentially the building has not been altered. The teller's cage was added in the 1930's. The concrete porch and brick dados on the exterior and the linoleum flooring and wall paneling on the interior were added in the 1960's.



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9. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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)

circa 1885.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input 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"/> 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

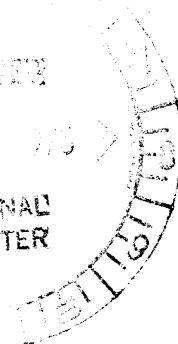
The Law Office of Governor Albert H. Roberts is a well preserved example of a typical late 19th century country town professional office building. Built in the Eastlake manner, the elaborate wood detail and millwork evidence the first imported building materials from the shops of nearby cities made possible by the extension of railroad lines. The scale and form of the structure are indicative of the first urban fabric of late 19th century rural towns of America.

Roberts rented this office from about 1901-13. He practiced in Livingston until he became Governor of Tennessee from 1919-22. He is best remembered for the Good Roads Project and it was he who signed Tennessee's ratification of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution which extended suffrage to women. Tennessee's ratification gave the amendment the needed three-fourths majority required for passage. It was also during Robert's administration that women in Tennessee were allowed to own property. Miss Will Harris was secretary to Roberts in his Livingston office preceding his Governorship. She left his employment for that of Cordell Hull and accompanied him to Washington where he was later Secretary of State to President Roosevelt. Miss Harris remained his private secretary through these years.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Overton County Deed Books.

Interview with Miss Helen Qualls, owner.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Joseph L. Herndon, Historian

ORGANIZATION: Historic American Buildings Survey, DATE: 9/1/74

STREET AND NUMBER:
National Park Service

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: District of Columbia CODE: 11

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>Lauren Casey</u></p> <p>Title: Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission</p> <p>Date: <u>4/27/74</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>A. R. Matheson</u> Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date: <u>7/20/75</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>Charles Adams</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date: <u>2.19.75</u></p>

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