United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

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	<u> </u>			
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and/or common	Campbell-Ruck Ho	ouse		
2. Locat	ion W M	Lebauen	on U.S. 70	
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state	Tennessee code	047 county	Wilson	code 189
3. Class	ification			
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4. Owne	r of Proper	ty		
name	Herbert C. an	d Elmie Ruck		
street & number	Route 4, Box	529		
city, town	Lebanon	vicinity of	state	Tennessee 37087
5. Locat	ion of Lega	l Descripti	on	
courthouse, registry	of deeds, etc. Wi	lson County Court	house	
street & number	Ea	st Main Street		
city, town	Le	banon	state	Tennessee 37087
6. Repre	sentation i	n Existing	Surveys	
title		has this pro	perty been determined eleg	ible? yes no
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

7. Description

The Campbell-Ruck House is a two-story, clapboard Greek Revival farmhouse located on Highway 70 seven miles west of Lebanon. Surrounded by huge pecan trees, it sits just above street level and has a shallow front yard which is separated from the road by a short stone retaining wall. The once rural farmland of the house that was subdivided in 1975 for residential use is located behind and on the east side of the house and the one and a half acre lot on which it sits. The subdivision entrance street bounds the property to the west; across the road in front is open farmland.

Built in the years from 1841 to 1843 during the Greek Revival period of architectural influence, the Campbell-Ruck House is rectangular-shaped with a rear wing which creates an L plan. Brick exterior chimneys are located one at each end of the low gable roof, and another brick chimney stands flush with the end wall of the ell. A central two-story portico is featured on the facade. The building rests on a stone foundation, and its roof is covered with asphalt shingles which replaced raised-seam tin from an earlier roof during the 1976 renovation of the house. The front section of the building is one room deep with a central hall dividing two rooms on each floor. The wing or ell originally housed the dining room on the first story and a bedroom on the second story. The latter was a separate boy's room, reached only by a staircase from the dining room below. A later kitchen addition adjoins the rear of the dining room.

The facade is three bays wide, consisting of a central double-leaf door with multi-lighted transom and sidelights on both stories and 12/12 light windows on the first story at the right and left bays and 12/8 light windows situated the same on the second story. Wood louvered shutters frame the windows which have plain, wood surrounds and sills. The wood pedimented portico is supported by four round columns on the first story. Only two of the four original columns on the second story remain; an original wood balustrade also remains on the second story.

Structural openings on the east side elevation consist of two 12/12 light windows on the first story, one which is centered on the ell or wing and one close to and left of the chimney. Directly above these are two 12/8 light windows and a small, square louvered vent is located to the left of the chimney on the gable. The kitchen addition's east side features two multi-lighted picture windows.

In the rear, another attic vent like that of the east side elevation is located to the right of the chimney in the ell's gable. A wood single-leaf door which leads from the enclosed side porch of the kitchen can be seen in the rear. Another addition of the twentieth century to the kitchen is attached to its west and rear sides. Its only structural openings are a small four light window on the right and a 3/1 light window on the left of the rear elevation.

Inside the L of the Campbell-Ruck house is a one story veranda. It has a raised-seam tin roof and is supported by four, square wooden posts. Leading from the central hall to the veranda is a single-leaf wood door and to its left is a 12/12 light window. Above the door and window are two 12/8 light windows. Leading from the ell to the veranda is another single-leaf wood door and directly above it another 12/8 light window. No structural openings, except for the attic vent located to the right of the chimney, are found on the west side elevation of the main section of the house.

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The interior of the Campbell-Ruck House features five mantles, decorative bull's eye motif window and door molding, a central hall staircase, floor to ceiling cabinets in the upper and lower rooms of the east side of the house, and poplar, pine and ash floors which are all original to the building's construction. No original outbuildings remain on the property. The clapboard, gable-roofed garage in the southwest corner of the lot was constructed within the last two years.

Except for the application of storm windows and doors over the originals and the replacement of the roof which was necessitated by damage caused by a fallen tree branch, no exterior changes have been made to the original house by the Ruck family since purchasing it in 1976. Minor repairs were made and to provide additional kitchen space, they extended the kitchen into an east side early twentieth century addition in the rear. All interior woodwork, including the staircase, five mantles, cabinets, window and door molding, baseboards, and floors which are all original to the building's construction have been retained.

8. Significance

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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

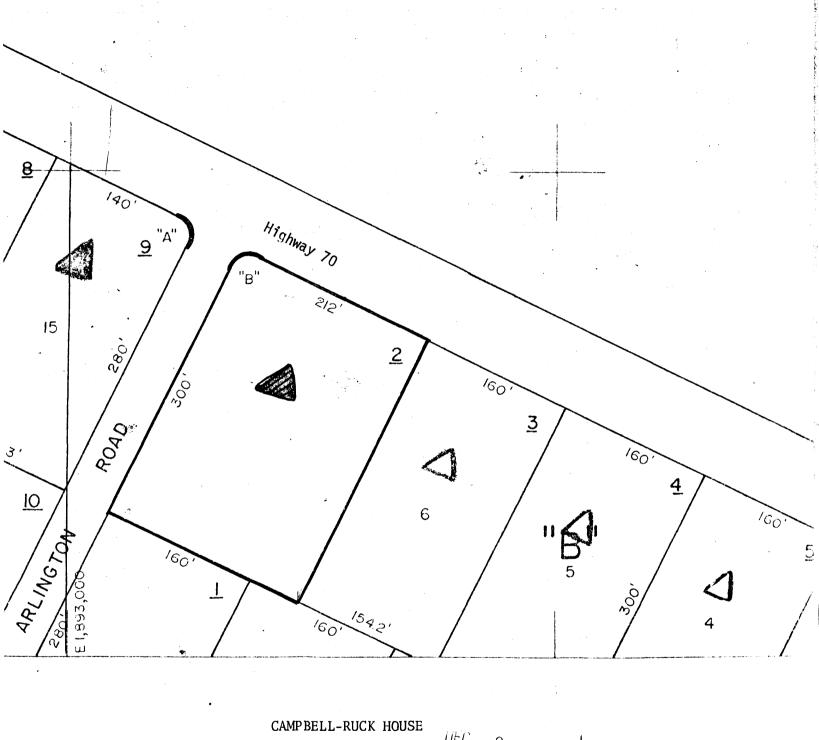
A particularly fine example of a Greek Revival period farmhouse, the Campbell-Ruck House, built in the years from 1841 to 1843, remains today much the same in appearance as when constructed. Few changes have been made to the house over the years, due somewhat to the fact that only three families have occupied it since its construction. It was built by B. W. G. Winford, whose family occupied the house until 1906 when it was sold by Winford's son-in-law, B. F. Lester, to Dr. John O. Campbell, the son of Tennessee Governor William Bowen Campbell. In 1975 Campbell's two daughters, Martha Campbell and Margaret Campbell, sold the house and surrounding approximate 200 acres of land to local developers. The house and one and a half acre lot on which it sits were later sold to Herbert C. Ruck and the remaining land subdivided into residential lots.

The Campbell-Ruck House stands on Highway 70 seven miles west of Lebanon in good condition with practically no alteration as a fine example of a Greek Revival period farmhouse. Simplified, vernacular Classical details embellish the central two story portico and double doors on each story and the Greek Revival influence can further be seen in the particularly fine mantles, doors, and molding of the interior. The Campbell-Ruck House exemplified the type of house built by well-to-do farmers of the mid-nineteenth century in Tennessee. As such, it survives as an architecturally and culturally important building in Lebanon and Wilson County.

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Highway 70
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O Campbell-Ruck House

Prop. Assessor's Map #57G, Group B, Parcel 2 Scale: 1 inch = 100 feet

