

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: Loudon
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE MAY 28 1975

1. NAME

COMMON:
Loudon County Courthouse

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Grove Street and Mulberry

CITY OR TOWN:
Loudon

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Second

STATE:
Tennessee

CODE:
47

COUNTY:
Loudon

CODE:
105

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"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Loudon County

STREET AND NUMBER:
Loudon County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Loudon

STATE:
Tennessee

CODE:
47

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Loudon

STATE:
Tennessee

CODE:
47

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

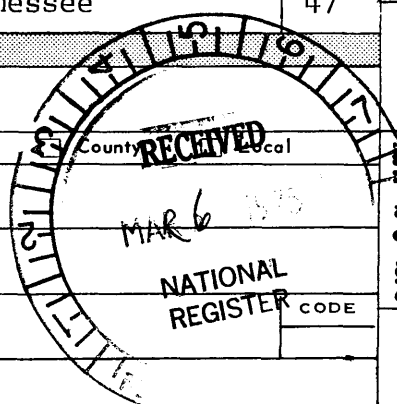
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:



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7. DESCRIPTION

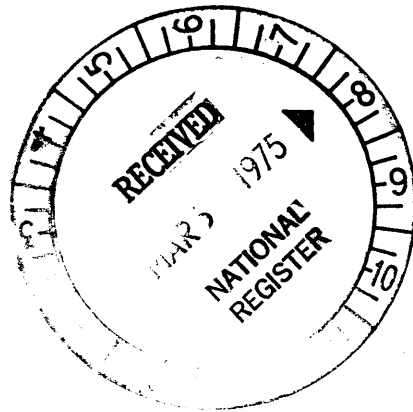
CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Loudon County was established by the Tennessee legislature in 1870, and the present courthouse was completed two years later. The courthouse and county jail were built by twin brothers, Eli and J. Wesley Clarke, for a total cost of \$7,000.

The red brick courthouse is a formal version of the popular late Italian Villa style of architecture of the late nineteenth century. The two-story structure is characterized by its white painted wood trim and cupola. The rectangular, two-story central block with two-story wings, extending from the left and right side elevations serve to emphasize the symmetrical character of the plan. These identical projections feature centrally located doorways at the gable end wall. Paired entrances are located at either side of the main front elevations. These are punctuated by semi-circular transom with pilasters located below the transom arch. The greater proportions of the second story, main block, would serve to identify the location of the main courtrooms. The symmetrically spaced windows feature round heads with shallow hood moldings. The decorative treatment of the main facade features common bond brick bearing walls with built-up brick quoin detailing appearing below the string course with plain quoins extending above the string course and appearing again on either side of the main entrance doorways. A decorative step-cornice appears below the eaves and beneath the decorative roof gable on the main front facade.

The upstairs courtroom was recently altered to rearrange the space for more usability. The building remains basically unchanged, however, and has been extremely well maintained. Many commendations have been received because of the neat and clean appearance of the courthouse.



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3. 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) 1872

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 | _____ |
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| <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

From the time of the early settlement in Tennessee down to the present time, the courthouse has played a vital role in the life of the community. In addition to serving as a place to hold court and carry on the affairs of the county, it has served a multitude of other purposes. Since it was the only available place in many instances, meetings of all kinds, from political to religious, have taken place in the courthouse. The steps and yard have been favorite locations for political oratory, and have heard the chant of the auctioneer and the pleading of the itinerant preacher. Held regularly are the sessions of those who gather to engage in a game of checkers, swap knives, whittle, or just comment on the problems facing the world.

To understand the real significance of the Loudon County Courthouse, one must realize that Loudon has always been a divided county. Geographically it is divided into three irregular, wedge-shaped pieces with the Tennessee River splitting it down the middle and the Little Tennessee River further dividing it. In the early nineteenth century the present Loudon County belonged to Roane, Blount, and Monroe counties. After several abortive attempts to form a new county, the population of the area increased until the Tennessee legislature was petitioned to create a new county in 1870. The county has not only been geographically divided, it has been politically divided as well. A strong unifying force has been the courthouse building. In 1961 a bridge was built across Fort Loudoun Dam and for the first time travel between the courthouse and Greenback became convenient. Up to this time an irregularly scheduled ferry was the only means of crossing the Tennessee River.

Not only is the courthouse important from a political standpoint, it also possesses architectural significance. It is an outstanding example of Italianate architecture and has been little changed and well maintained since its erection in 1872. It is the dominating building and focal point in the downtown area.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Centennial issue, Lenoir City News-Banner and Loudon County Herald, 1970.

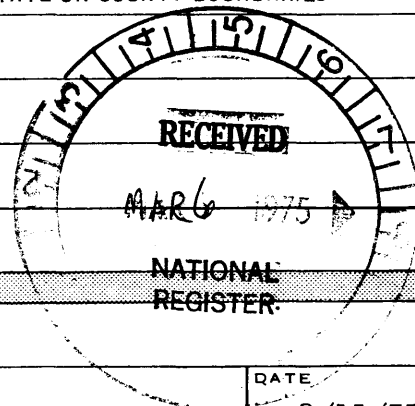
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Mrs. Earl Alexander

ORGANIZATION: _____ DATE: 2/15/75

STREET AND NUMBER:
Fowler's Mill Road

CITY OR TOWN: **Loudon** STATE: **Tennessee** CODE: **47**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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:

National State Local

Name Lauren C. Long

Title Executive Director
Tennessee Historical Commission

Date 3/4/75

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

A. R. Martensen
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 5/28/75

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date MAY 22 1975

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