United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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and/or common	Kincaid-Russell	House		
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street & number	Russell Lane			not for publication
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state	Tennessee code	047 county	Claiborne	code 025
3. Clas	sification			
Category district building(s) structure site object	Ownership public _X private both Public Acquisition In process being considered	Status _X_ occupied unoccupied work in progress Accessible _X_ yes: restricted yes: unrestricted no	Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	<pre> museum park X_ private residence religious scientific transportation other:</pre>
4. Own	er of Proper	ty		
name	Bill Russell			
street & number	Box 53, Route 1			
city, town	Speedwe11	vicinity of	state Te	nnessee 37870
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7. Description

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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Kincaid House, which faces southeast, is located near the intersection of Russell Lane and Back Valley Road on gently rolling farm land. Large trees and shrubs surround the house and outbuildings. Constructed on a limestone foundation, with full basement, the two-story brick structure has an L-shaped plan with a gable roof sheathed in patterned asphalt shingles. Because of the slope of the site the basement story is exposed on the northeast elevation of both the main sections and the ell. There are three exterior end chimneys, one on each gable end of the main section and one on the gable end of the ell. The ell also has one central brick chimney. A decorative brick cornice extends across the front and rear elevations of the main section.

Laid in Flemish bond, the five bay front (SE) facade contains large twelve over twelve light double hung sash windows with stone lintels beneath a brick header course and stone slip sills. A three-bay brick front porch was added ca. 1935. The paneled entrance door, located in the central bay, is framed by sidelights and a rectangular transom. A sixpanel basement door with ventilating transom is located at the right of the front porch.

The southwest facade is distinguished by a stepped parapet wall. A pair of two over two light double hung sash windows on the first story and nine over nine light double hung sash windows on the second story flank the chimney. All the windows have a header course above and brick slip sills covered with stucco. An open porch originally extended the full length of the ell along the southwest elevation. This was enclosed around 1935 to provide additional kitchen space. The enclosed porch has ten sash windows and one door. Asphalt pattern shingles cover the catslide roof of the ell.

The rear elevation of the main section has three windows up and three down with the same brick lintels and sills as on the southwest facade. The rear or northwest facade of the ell is dominated by the large chimney which has a large cooking fireplace in the basement. A window is to the right of the chimney and a basement door with rectangular transom is to the left of the chimney.

The northeast elevation shows the main house flush with the ell. In the main section a pair of six over six double hung windows in both the basement and first story, and two over two double hung windows in the second story flank the chimney. These windows have stone slip sills and stuccoed brick lintels. A pair of small four light windows flank the chimney in the attic story. A molded brick cornice above two projecting courses extends across the northeast elevation of the ell. A paneled door with a rectangular three light transom is centered in the three bays of the ell.

The interior has been altered by closing off the large fireplaces and installing smaller wood stoves, lowering ceilings, and putting up new light fixtures and paneling. The original wood mantels with fluted pilasters remain intact. The two flight original staircase with ornamental string brackets and turned balusters also remains. Continuation sheet

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There are two outbuildings located within the boundaries of the nominated property, a smoke house and spring house. The two story brick smokehouse is laid in the common bond and has small four light windows, a corbelled interior-exterior chimney and a wood shingled gable roof. A one-story brick lean-to with a shed roof is located on the west side. Large hand hewn beams with long nails to hold the meat are still intact. A two-story brick springhouse with gable roof, built ca. 1930 by Fred Russell, stands at a right angle to the smokehouse. They are both located approximately fifty feet north of the house.

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8. Significance

Period prehistoric 1400–1499 1500–1599 1600–1699 1700–1799 1800–1899 1900–	Areas of Significance—C archeology-prehistoric archeology-historic agriculture X architecture art commerce communications		ng landscape architectur law literature military music	e religion science sculpture social/ humanitarian theater transportation other (specify)
Specific dates	ca. 1840	Builder/Architect	John Kincaid II	

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

An example of the work of master builder John Kincaid II, the William Harrison Kincaid House is an architecturally distinctive house within the context of Claiborne County. In an area where most early houses were built of log or frame, the use of brick construction is unusual. Other uncommon features used to embellish the exterior are stepped parapet gables, the use of Flemish bond later than it appears elsewhere in East Tennessee and molded brick cornices. These elements do occur in other sections of East Tennessee but occur infrequently in this county, thus marking the house as very fine for its locale.

The Kincaid House was built for William Harrison Kincaid by his brother John Kincaid II around 1840. John II built six houses in the Powell Valley for members of his family. John Kincaid II's father, John I was one of the first settlers of the Powell Valley. He and wife Nancy, had nine children and farmed in the valley. Though they achieved no great wealth, their offspring fared much better. John II and his brother, William, became large land and slave owners.

William Kincaid sold his property around 1880 to the Bryant family. They sold to Bill Russell (uncle of the present owner) around 1898. He then passed it on to his brother, who left it to his son Bill Russell Jr., the present owner.

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