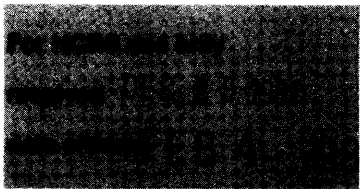


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**



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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Bridal House
and/or common Bridal House

2. Location

street & number Highway 25 (Red River Road) N/A not for publication
city, town Cottontown N/A vicinity of congressional district Fourth
state Tennessee code 047 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	Public Acquisition	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 Donald W. and Frances E. Brickey
street & number P. O. Box 33, Highway 25
city, town Cottontown N/A vicinity of state Tennessee 37048

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Sumner County Courthouse
street & number Public Square
city, town Gallatin state Tennessee

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date N/A N/A federal state county local
depository for survey records N/A
city, town N/A state N/A

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Seven miles west of Gallatin on the west side of Station Camp Creek in the small, rural community of Cottontown, Tennessee stands the Bridal House, an 1819 rectangular-shaped, two story log building with a 1960's board and batten rear addition which forms a T. Its logs, measuring about three feet each in width, are hewn yellow poplar and notched in the half dove-tail method. Prior to a 1960's rehabilitation, the Bridal House stood in a structurally unsound, dilapidated condition with no windows and doors, a deteriorated tin roof and one dilapidated brick chimney at the east side of the building.

During the 1960's rehabilitation, new brick chimneys of the same dimensions as the base of the original chimneys were constructed in place of the originals at each end of the gable roof, an existing tin roof was replaced with wood shingles, and the original door and window openings were filled with wood louvered doors and 6/6 light windows on the first story and four light windows on the second. No structural alterations were made, except for the foundation of stone piers which was replaced with cast concrete. Bricks remaining from the fallen original chimney are piled to the east end of the house, forming a short wall.

The facade faces north and is a symmetrical four bays wide, consisting of a short 6/6 light window and a single-leaf, louvered wood door leading to each of the two lower rooms of the log section of the building. The two doors are centered one in each half of the house with a window between it and the end wall. On the upper story, which has been divided from an original single long room into two smaller rooms, are two small four light windows located just under the roof eaves and between the lower story doors and the center of the building. A brick stoop, added during the restoration, extends the full length of the facade.

The window configuration and architectural detailing of the east and west side elevations are the same. A short 6/6 light window is found at the north side of the chimney on the first story and two four light windows are located one at each side of the chimney on the second story just under the clapboard gables on both sides of the Bridal House.

A one story board and batten addition abutts the rear of the Bridal House, concealing the original window and door openings of the first story which are situated like those of the facade. Only the two small four light windows of the rear, which are also like those of the facade, can be seen from the rear. The addition houses the kitchen and bath. Its entrance is on the west side, which simply features a multi-lighted, tri-part picture window and single-leaf wood door with metal and glass storm door. The rear or south elevation of the addition has no structural openings and is decorated only by a horizontal band, which divides the wall from the gable, and by a decorative gable vent. An open porch is functionally decorated by two square, wooden posts and is located at the east side elevation which features a door and picture window like those of the opposite elevation and a 6/6 light window to the far left.

A mantel, the yellow poplar floors of the upstairs, and the stairway are original features remaining in the basically unchanged interior of the Bridal House. Located to the rear of the building near the creek, is a two story, board and batten barn which was constructed at the same time as the kitchen addition of the Bridal House. All original outbuildings have been demolished.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1819 **Builder/Architect** Moore Cotton/builder

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Thomas Cotton and his wife, Pricilla Knight, came to Tennessee from Halifax, North Carolina with his sister, Talitha, and her husband, Robert Hobdys in 1791. He settled on a Revolutionary War land grant in the northern part of Sumner County near Station Camp Creek and founded Cottontown. Cotton was a cousin of John Cotten who came with John Donelson and helped found Nashville and was a captain of the North Carolina Hertsford County Militia in the Revolutionary War.

Among the ten children of Thomas and Pricilla was Moore Cotten who built the Bridal House in 1819. His father died in 1795, only four years after settling Cottontown, when Moore was 24 years old. The property of Thomas was divided and willed to Moore who was his oldest son and to his youngest son named John. Moore built on his half of the property a two story brick home ca. 1810–1815 which still stands, although somewhat altered, just west across the field from the Bridal House.

According to local tradition, which is supported by circumstantial evidence, Moore Cotton did not favor the marriage of his daughter to the blacksmith apprentice and wanted her living within sight and earshot of home. He therefore employed a man named Brighance to build the two story, four room log house as a wedding gift for his daughter, Elizabeth.

Today, the Bridal House remains as the only log building in Cottontown and as the only known log house of the once numerous log houses associated with the Cottons who settled Cottontown. Furthermore, it survives as a good example of early log building construction. Like most log buildings, the Bridal House is modest in size and simple in plan. However, the Bridal House is outstanding because of its construction with unusually large logs, measuring about three feet each in width.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Absher, Lee Alton. Some Early Settlers of Upper Sumner County, Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee, 1966.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Three

Quadrangle name Cottontown

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries of the Bridal House nomination are shown as the red line on the accompanying property assessor's map number 94, which is drawn at a scale of 400 feet to the inch. The boundaries are drawn to the dimensions of the property owned by Donald W. Brickey.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county N/A code

state N/A code county N/A code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Shain T. Dennison, Historic Preservation Specialist

organization Mid-Cumberland Council of Governments date July 25, 1980

street & number 501 Union Street, Suite 600 telephone (615) 244-1212

city or town Nashville state Tennessee

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Herbert L. Hayer

title Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission date 12/18/81

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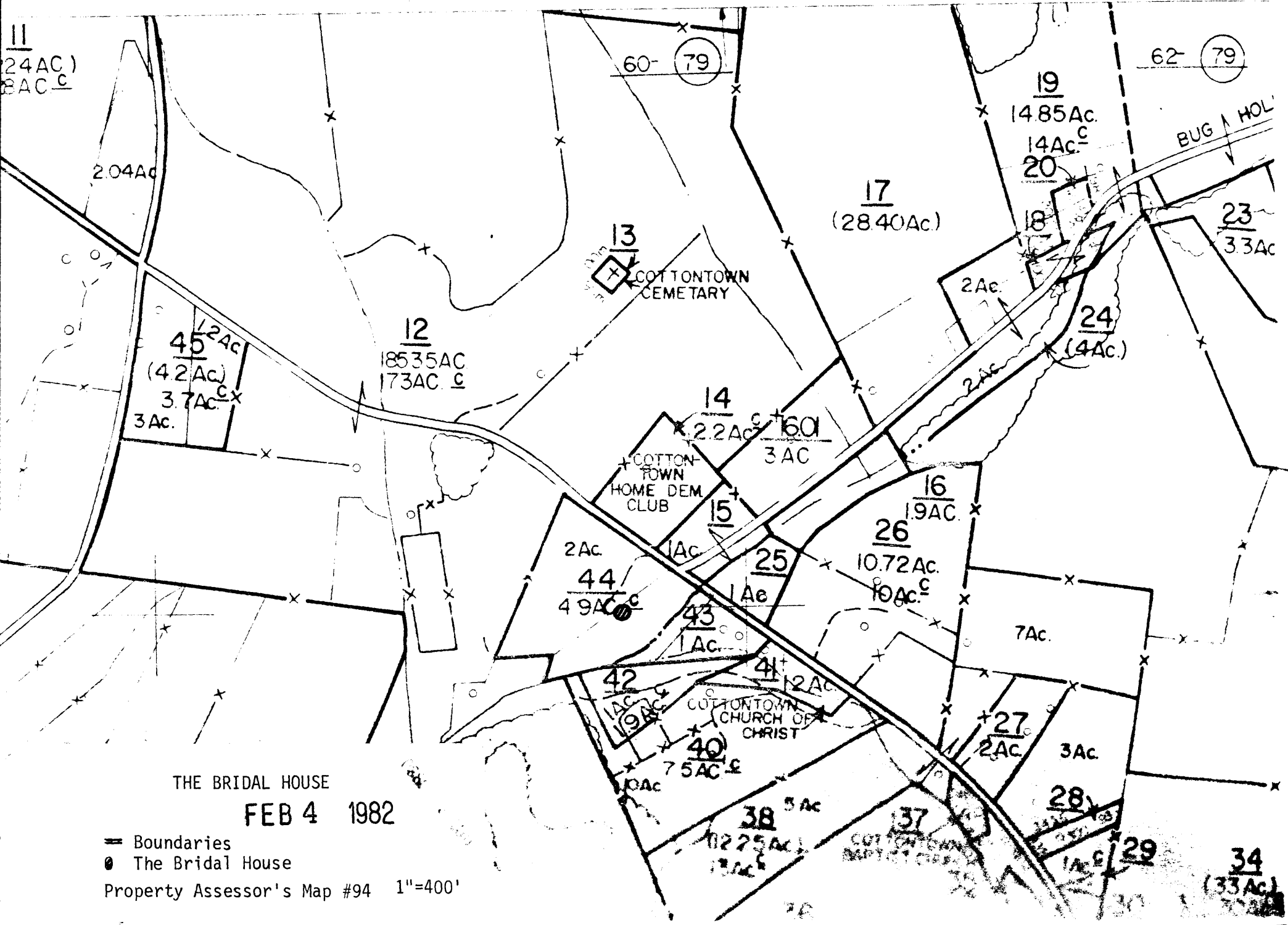
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

William H. Crasman date 2.4.82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: W.D. Dinkins date 2/4/82

Chief of Registration



THE BRIDAL HOUSE
 FEB 4 1982

— Boundaries
 ● The Bridal House
 Property Assessor's Map #94 1"=400'

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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

Keeper Ruby Swartzel 1/23/89

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The nomination states the acreage for the Bridal House is 3 acres. The correct acreage should be 4.9 acres. The Bridal House sits on parcel number 44, Sumner County property assessor's map number 94. See attached map.

Michael L. Hrypa

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Tennessee Historical Commission

12/19/88
Date

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