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# United States Department of the Interior National Park Service National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name Stevenson, Dr. William P., House  
other names/site number "House in the Woods" (BL-3750)

### 2. Location

street & number On the Maryville College Campus in Maryville N/A  not for publication  
city, town Maryville N/A  vicinity  
state Tennessee code TN county Blount code 009 zip code 37801

### 3. Classification

<b>Ownership of Property</b>	<b>Category of Property</b>	<b>Number of Resources within Property</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<b>Contributing</b>	<b>Noncontributing</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>      </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>      </u> objects
			<u>      </u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Hist. & Arch. Resources of Blount Co.  
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

### 4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.  
Herbert L. Berger 6/8/89  
Signature of certifying official Date  
Deputy SHPO, Tennessee Historical Commission  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.  
Signature of commenting or other official Date  
State or Federal agency and bureau

### 5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:  
 entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.  
 determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.  
 determined not eligible for the National Register.  
 removed from the National Register.  
 other, (explain:)  
Albion Byers Entered in the National Register 7/25/89  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Colonial Revival

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brickwalls Brick

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roof Slateother Wood

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Dr. William P. Stevenson House is a two-story brick, 4 bay, rectangular plan, Colonial Revival residence built in 1917 with a rear two-story ell. The house has a brick foundation, exterior end brick chimneys, gable roof of slate shingles and is of stretcher bond construction. The main entrance has an original six panel wood door with three light sidelights and a fanlight transom. Windows are six-over-six rectangular sash with original louvered shutters. On the N and S facades are one-story porches with square Doric motif columns. The porch on the N facade displays added screen panels. Doors leading to the porches are multi-light glass and frame design. At the rear facade is a two-story ell with an exterior brick chimney, attached single stall garage with a gable roof, and a one-story shed roof wing with a gable dormer.

The interior retains its original central hall floor plan with original Federal style mantles with fluting and staircase with square newel post and balusters. On the first floor are original oak pocket doors and light fixtures. No significant alterations have occurred to the interior. The house sits in a wooded area of the Maryville College campus approximately one-half mile from the southern boundary of the Maryville College Historic District.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G    N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Education

Period of Significance

1917 - ca. 1939

Significant Dates

1917

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Dr. William P. Stevenson House is notable under criterion A for its association with the growth and development of Maryville College in the early 20th century. The house was built as a residence for Dr. William P. Stevenson in 1917 and the property was later willed to the college as a permanent home for the school's chaplains following Stevenson's death. During most of the 20th century the residence has housed the college's chaplains and their families.

The early 20th century was a time for expansion for Maryville College and much of the present appearance of the campus dates from this period. As part of its expansion program the school administration decided to create a permanent position for the college chaplain and to seek funding for a residence and office. The office of college chaplain was created in 1917 when Dr. William P. Stevenson came to the college from the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church in Yonkers, New York. Friends of Dr. Stevenson provided funds for the purchase of the land and construction of the residence which became known as the "House in the Woods". Dr. Stevenson served as school chaplain until 1940 and died on November 4, 1944. Both he and his wife were buried in the Maryville College cemetery and in his will he bequeathed his residence as a permanent home for college chaplains. The house continues to be owned by the college and is presently used as a residence for faculty. No significant alterations have occurred to the house.

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Burns, Inez E. History of Blount County, Tennessee: From War Trail to Landing Strip. Tennessee Historical Commission, Mary Blount Chapter DAR, 1957.

Lloyd, Ralph Waldo. Maryville College: A History of 150 Years, 1819-1969. Maryville, Tennessee: Maryville College Press, 1969.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A  
 preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested  
 previously listed in the National Register  
 previously determined eligible by the National Register  
 designated a National Historic Landmark  
 recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_  
 recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:  
 State historic preservation office  
 Other State agency  
 Federal agency  
 Local government  
 University  
 Other  
Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreeage of property 1.5 acres.

UTM References

A 17 232710 3959600  
Zone Easting Northing  
C \_\_\_\_\_

B \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone Easting Northing  
D \_\_\_\_\_

Blockhouse Quad

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary for the Dr. William P. Stevenson House is illustrated on accompanying Blount County tax map 58-J, which is drawn at a scale of 1" = 100'. The property is bounded on the west by a driveway, and on the north, east, and south by tree lines which surround the residence.

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**Boundary Justification**

The boundary for the Dr. William P. Stevenson House includes the house and adjacent yard which have historically been associated with the residence. No outbuildings are extant.

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Continuation Sheet**

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W.P. Stevenson House  
Maryville College Campus, Maryville, Blount County, TN  
Photographs By: Thomason and Assoc.  
Date: Fall, 1988  
Location of Neg: THC

View: East and north facades.  
Photo # 1

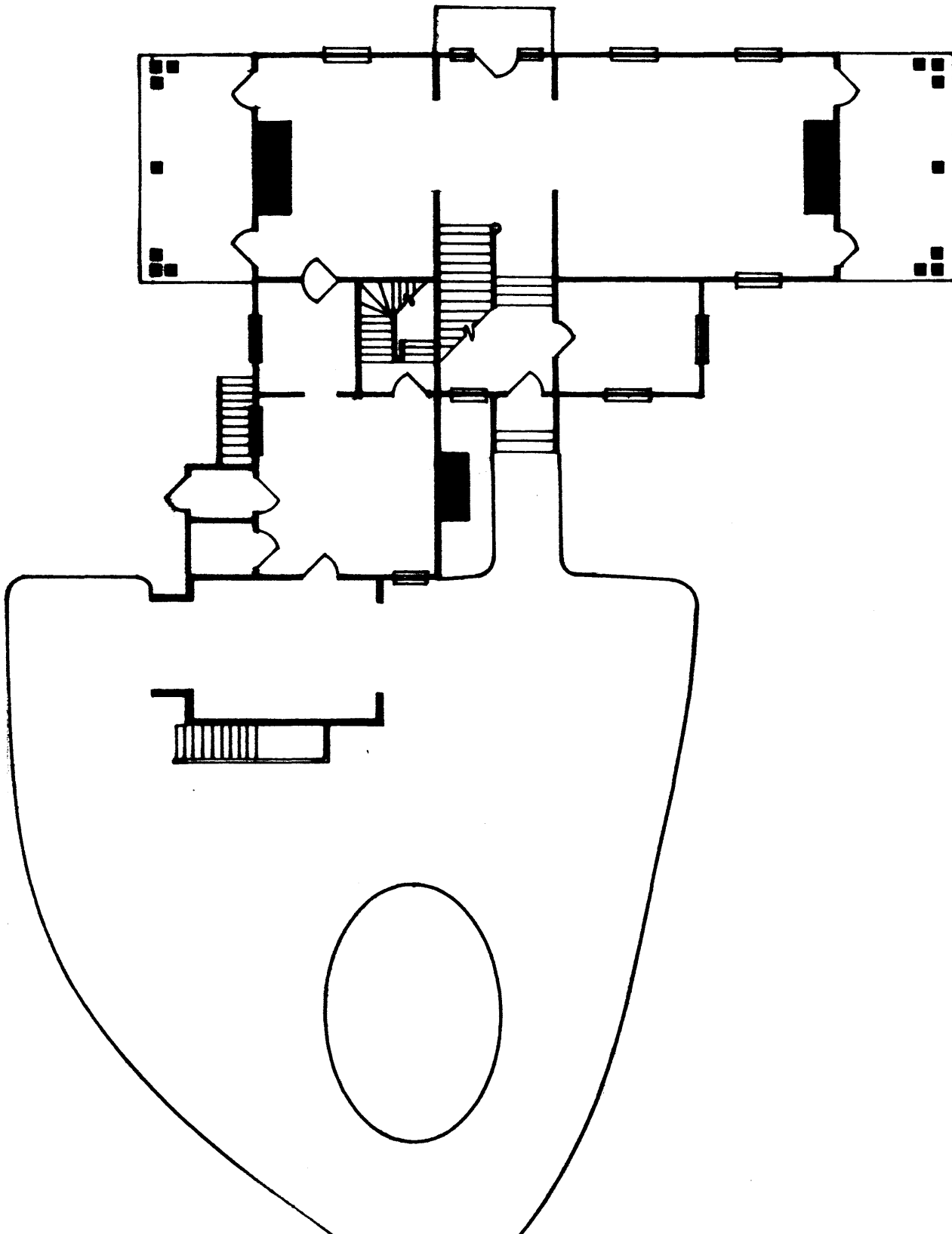
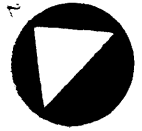
View: North and west facades.  
Photo # 2

View: West and south facades.  
Photo # 3

View: South and east facades.  
Photo # 4

View: Interior, staircase.  
Photo # 5

#3750 - DR. WILLIAM P. STEVENSON HOUSE



Dr. William P. Stevenson House  
Maryville College Campus  
(BL-3750)  
Blount County  
1" = 100'

MARYVILLE COLLEGE

SEE 1" = 400'

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