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DATA SHEET

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**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

HISTORIC

Kincaid-Howard House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

^{TN}
~~State Highway~~ 63

__ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Fincastle

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

Tennessee

CODE

47

COUNTY

Campbell

CODE

013

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. P. T. Howard

STREET & NUMBER

State Highway 63

CITY, TOWN

Fincastle

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

Tennessee

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Campbell County Register's Office

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Jacksboro

STATE

Tennessee

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__ FEDERAL __ STATE __ COUNTY __ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Kincaid-Howard House is a large antebellum brick home built in the Federal style. It was built by John Kincaid II, a prominent landowner in the Powell Valley, particularly around the Fincastle area.

The brick was made and kilned on site by Kincaid's slaves. One slave is said to have been responsible for cutting the limestone for the basement. These stones exhibit remarkable craftsmanship with all sides being perfectly square thus not requiring mortar. The lintels over the doors and windows are also made of limestone. The limestone was quarried from a site on the Kincaid farm.

Both the interior and exterior walls are structural with the interior being 3 bricks thick and the exterior 4 bricks thick. The home has not settled at all over the years.

In 1928 a study was added to the side of the house for Dr. Howard's practice. At this time the present full two-story porch with fluted columns and pilasters was also added.

The interior has not been altered significantly over the years. The rooms retain their large proportions--12' high ceilings-- as well as their original wood trim and wainscoting.

The back stairs to the "L" shaped house have been removed and a closet is where the upstairs opening had been. Originally none of the Kincaid homes were designed with closets.

When John Kincaid II moved into his new home in 1845, he had a cherry side-board made for a nook in the dining room. Made in Knoxville with hand tools, this antique exhibits the fine woodworking craftsmanship of the era.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1845

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Kincaid-Howard House is significant because it is one of two distinguished antebellum homes in the county. Being the home of John Kincaid II, it is reflective of one of the most powerful men in the Powell Valley prior to the Civil War.

After the death of his first wife, John Kincaid II built this home in 1845 for his second wife, Elizabeth Moss. Kincaid's parents came to the area around 1800 but did not achieve great wealth. The source of John Kincaid's wealth is said to have been a secret silver mine in nearby Union County. However, the story has never been substantiated although it is known that U.S. government did find that Kincaid's silver specie which he minted himself contained more silver than the official currency.

Kincaid was a large slave owner as well as a large land owner. All of the labor for the ten houses he built for himself and his sons and daughters was done by slaves. It is not surprising that Kincaid allied himself with the Confederacy although East Tennessee generally favored the Union cause. Three of Kincaid's sons were killed while serving in the Confederate army.

Because of the strategic value of nearby Cumberland Gap, the Powell Valley saw troop movements and some scattered action during the Civil War. Many homes were ransacked by marauding troops on both sides, producing long lasting bitter feelings. It is in this context that John Kincaid met his death.

After the Civil War, Kincaid declared his loyalty to the Union, thus keeping much of his wealth. He became a lawyer and money lender, as well as a farmer. Two men whose farms had been pillaged by Confederates had their land foreclosed because of a Kincaid loan they were not able to repay. On February 22, 1865, they murdered Kincaid. Administrators of his estate estimated his wealth to be over \$50,000.

With the end of the Civil War and the death of John Kincaid II, many of the Kincaid's moved from the area. As with many other parts of the south, this signaled the end of the wealthy plantation owners in Powell Valley. After Kincaid's death, the home was owned by his son-in-law, Henry Sutton, who was a captain in the Union Army. In 1880 the house and farm were sold to John Brummit who owned it until 1902. He sold it to a man named Carr who in turn sold it to Will Ney in 1924. Ney sold it to Dr. P. T. Howard in 1927. Dr. Howard's widow currently resides at the home.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

La Follette Press, La Follette, Tennessee, Mary 27, 1971, "The Six Houses John Kincaid Built."

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

See continuation sheet-Item 10

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Jon Coddington

ORGANIZATION

East Tennessee Development District

STREET & NUMBER

1810 Lake Avenue

CITY OR TOWN

Knoxville

DATE

August, 1974

TELEPHONE

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Herbert L. Harpen

TITLE

Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission

DATE

12/10/75

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting

[Signature]

DATE

3/16/96

DIRECTOR OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

Robert B. Kelly

DATE

3-14-76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting

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The latitude and longitude coordinates of the Kincaid-Howard House are:

36° 24' 36"

84° 02' 50"

UTM grid ticks are not shown on the map.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places

Continuation Sheet

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Kincaid – Howard House
Campbell County, Tennessee

The correct UTM for this property is 16/764440/4033150. The property is located on the LaFollette map.