

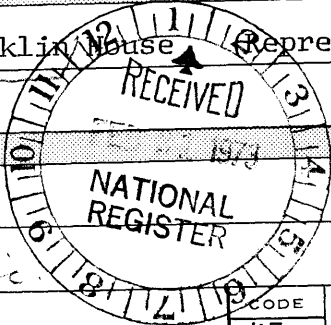
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee	
COUNTY: Jefferson	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	APR 13 1973

1. NAME
COMMON: Lawson D. Franklin House (Representative James H. Quillen)
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER: SE of White Pine off
CITY OR TOWN: White Pine
STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47 COUNTY: Jefferson CODE: 089



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
OWNER'S NAME: Kenneth Smith
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: White Pine STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Jefferson County Register's Office
STREET AND NUMBER: Courthouse
CITY OR TOWN: Dandridge 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: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

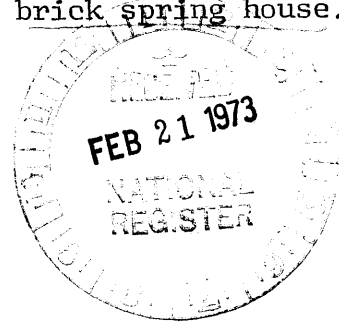
The Lawson D. Franklin house was built by the man considered to be the first recorded millionaire in Tennessee. Franklin placed his house on a prominence which originally had a sweeping view of the French Broad River. The river is now an arm of Douglas Lake, a TVA project.

Because it was impossible both to examine the site at a close range and to see the interior of the house, a description of the property is limited. The main house is a rectangular two-story red brick structure with an L-wing, to which is now attached what was probably a separate brick kitchen. Openings on the front side are balanced with a center door on both stories flanked by two windows on each side. The front porch is a recent replacement.

An early photograph of the main section of the house appeared in a 1946 publication. It shows that the building has changed very little although it passed through deteriorating stages, as indicated by the picture. At that time, there were shutters on the windows. The present owners, who recently restored the house, seem to have made few changes on the exterior.

Several outbuildings are of interest. Directly behind the house is an exceptionally high clapboard smokehouse. One written account stated that there is a water tower on the upper level, thus explaining the extra height. This could not be verified, although the building, even at a distance, is highly unusual.

To the side of the house and at some distance, is a multi-storied brick barn, one of very few brick barns in the state. Across the road and directly in front of the house is a brick spring house.



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8. 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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Lawson D. Franklin is credited with being the first recorded millionaire in Tennessee. Certainly, he was a major figure in east Tennessee and influenced the early commercial development in the Leadville area of Jefferson County.

Franklin was born in Rutledge, Virginia, on January 19, 1801. The date when he moved to Tennessee was not located, but it was by the 1830's. Franklin first became involved in various business transactions, including cotton, and slaves, with an uncle, John Roper, who lived in nearby Dardridge. He operated vast tracts of land, many of them obtained in land grants by his forebears. The Leadville area was the geographical center of his land holdings, and it was also in this vicinity that he operated two merchandising stores.

According to Goodspeed's History of Tennessee, Franklin established Leadville in 1848. The name selected for the town obviously reflected his mining interests. The latter were also the reason for Franklin's building a railroad from Morristown to Leadville at his own expense. When Franklin died on April 8, 1861, his estate was in excess of a million dollars.

The house near Leadville was built by Franklin and his wife, Elizabeth. Exactly when it was constructed is unknown, but one historian feels that it was probably 1835-40, as based upon Franklin's age and financial abilities by that time.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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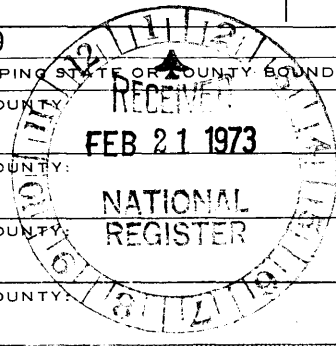
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 9

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Ellen Beasley

ORGANIZATION: Tennessee Historical Commission. DATE: 1-3-73

STREET AND NUMBER:
 403 7th Avenue, North

CITY OR TOWN: Nashville 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: Michael J. Smith
 Title: Executive Director
Tennessee Historical Commission
 Date: 1-5-73

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

Robert M. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

APR 18 1973

Date: _____
 ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date: 4/10/73