

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee
 COUNTY: Wilson
 FOR NPS USE ONLY
 ENTRY DATE: OCT 1 1974

1. NAME

COMMON: John, Cloyd, House
 AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: NW of Mount Juliet on U.S. 70
~~U. S. Highway 70, Green Hill Community~~
 CITY OR TOWN: Mount Juliet vicinity
~~Old Hickory~~ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Fourth
 STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47 COUNTY: Wilson CODE: 189

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

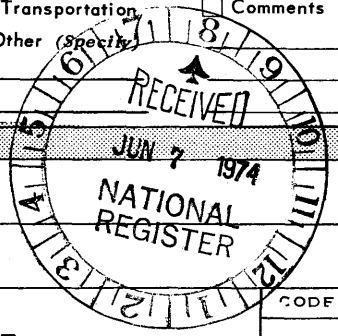
OWNER'S NAME: Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Ligon
 STREET AND NUMBER: Route #1
 CITY OR TOWN: Old Hickory STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Wilson County Register's Office
 STREET AND NUMBER: Courthouse
 CITY OR TOWN: Lebanon 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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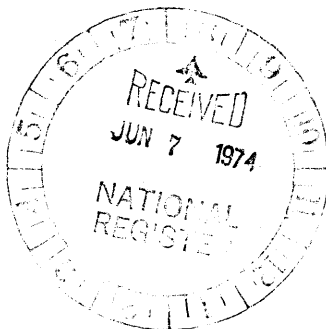
7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The John Cloyd house, built in 1791 is the oldest house in Wilson County. The original part of the house is a one-room log structure, which has been covered with weatherboarding. The original roof of wooden shingles has been replaced, and the original stone chimney has given way to a brick replacement. Still in excellent condition are the exposed poplar beams and pegged rafters and poplar flooring. Also remaining are the original batten doors with handmade strap hinges. Various additions have been made to the original house, the first of which was one room to the rear separated by a dog-trot, which was enclosed about 1925. At some later date still another room was added to the rear and two rooms built across the front to the left of the original room.

There were originally several outbuildings at the Cloyd house, but the only remaining building is a log loomhouse.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1791

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

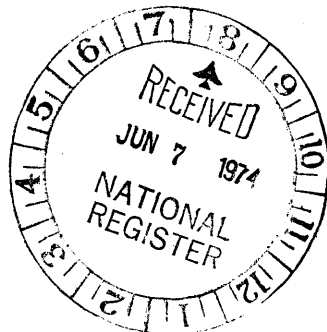
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | | <u>Early settlement</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

John Cloyd and John Williamson, natives of Virginia who had married each other's sisters, were among the earliest settlers of Middle Tennessee. Family records state that the two were members of the expedition in 1780 led by Colonel John Donelson down the river from Fort Patrick Henry in East Tennessee to what is now Nashville. Sometime during the 1780's, Cloyd and Williamson planted a corn crop near Stone's River on what is now the Nashville Lebanon highway. As they were harvesting the crop in the fall, they were attacked by Indians and forced to flee and abandon their crop. When they returned later to see if anything could be salvaged of the crop, they found that it had not been harmed. Old family records state that it was the best crop they ever made.

With the rest of the early settlers, the Cloyds and Williamsons lived near Fort Nashborough during the 1780's. In 1790 smallpox broke out among the settlers and John Cloyd and John Williamson moved with their families to what is now the Green Hill community of Wilson County to escape the smallpox epidemic. Both built log residences in the area, and their descendants have lived on the land ever since. The house that Williamson built was torn down in the 1920's, but Cloyd's house remains in the ownership of his great-grandson, Duncan Ligon.

The John Cloyd house is important to Middle Tennessee as a representative example of the type of buildings that were constructed by its early settlers. Since these buildings were usually of a temporary nature and later replaced as the family prospered, few of them have survived. It is one of only a very few residences remaining that was built by one of the early settlers of the area who came in the 1780's, the decade of present-day Nashville and Middle Tennessee's first settlements. The Cloyd house deserves to be preserved as a visual reminder of this decade of Middle Tennessee's settlement.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Cloyd, Dr. A. D., Genealogy of the Cloyd, Basye, and Tapp Families in America (Omaha, 1912).
 Macon, Drake, Alice Chaistain, and Herschel Ligon, The History of Green Hill (Lebanon, 1946).
 Merritt, Dixon, The History of Wilson County (Nashville, 1961).
 Nashville Tennessean Magazine, January 19, 1947.

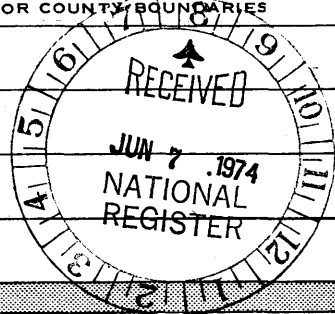
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	86°	33'	34"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 3

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Herbert L. Harper, Director of Field Services

ORGANIZATION: Tennessee Historical Commission DATE: 5/31/74

STREET AND NUMBER:
403 7th Avenue, North

CITY OR TOWN: Nashville STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 Lawrence C. Henry
 Title Tennessee Historical Commission

Date May 31, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

AR Mortenson
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 10/1/74

ATTEST:
Wm. M. [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 9-26-74

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