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DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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
Wilson, Sanford House

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Old Ashland City Highway

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN
Fredonia

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Sixth

STATE
Tennessee

CODE
47

COUNTY
Montgomery

CODE
125

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Mr. C. G. Hogan

STREET & NUMBER
P.O. Box 2132

CITY, TOWN
Asheville

STATE
North Carolina

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
Third and Commerce Streets

CITY, TOWN
Clarksville

STATE
Tennessee

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Tennessee Historical and Architectural Survey

DATE
March 1976

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS Tennessee Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN
Nashville

STATE
Tennessee

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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 Sanford Wilson House is located in the tiny community of Fredonia in southeastern Montgomery County, between the Old and New Ashland City highways and approximately 1,500 feet north-northwest of the intersection of the Old Ashland Highway and the Old Clarksville Pike. Sanford Wilson, a prosperous planter, had the house built in ca. 1840 or earlier; three generations of Wilson resided there until the property changed hands in the late nineteenth century (ca. 1899).

The two-story, brick, Federal style house has an ell floor plan and sixteen-inch thick walls. The main elevation, which is laid in Flemish bond and divided into five bays, faces west toward the Cumberland River, some three miles away; the boxed cornice has built-in gutters and the frieze is ornamented with large and small brackets, and the elongated pairs of brackets further delineate the bays. The house was built on a brick foundation and has a crawl space, rather than a cellar. Composition material now covers the medium gable roof but the original was probably wood shingles. The windows have Flemish bond radiating voissior lintels and plain slipsills; the two-over-two windows are probably ca. 1895 replacements. The main entrance, architrave, with its headlights, sidelights, and panels, and windowed paneled door, is centered on the west elevation. An open, flat, metal-roof porch with four columns and two pilasters was removed in 1976. Although some hardware remains, the shutters were probably eliminated in ca. 1899.

The north and south elevations were laid in common bond and neither has any apertures. The former has an external and the latter an internal chimney. Both elevations have boxed cornices with returns and these are decorated with paired brackets. The east elevation resembles the main facade, except that the brick pattern is common bond, and the brackets are absent. The second-story center window has six-over-nine light pattern and possibly contains an original sash.

The two-story, brick ell is attached to the southern end of the east wall and appears contemporaneous to the main section. It was laid in common bond, has a brick foundation, a standing seam metal roof with a centrally located brick chimney stack, and a simple boxed cornice. The porch attached to the north side of the ell was enclosed, weatherboarded, and supplied with two doors in ca. 1895. The east wall which is whitewashed, has two doors and traces of a staircase to the second-floor entrance remain visible. A variety of window sizes and light patterns are found in the ell.

In the late nineteenth or the early years of this century the building was painted and penciled, the Victorian front porch and cornice trim added, nearly all of the sashes replaced, and the ell porch enclosed. There were also considerable interior alterations as well.

The main section is one-room deep, and two sixteen-foot-square rooms flank the central hall. Small Victorian mantles replaced the original mantles and the fireplace openings were reduced in size. An enclosed two-run, quarter turn staircase with winders is located in the southeast corner of the central hall; a second staircase, found in the southwest corner of the western ell room has a similar configuration.

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A considerable portion of the original woodwork, doors, floors, and plaster remains. A bathroom was added in recent months in the second floor hall, and a new attic staircase has replaced the original. The numbered rafters were joined with trunnels, and there is no ridge pole. The majority of the visible timbering is either hand-sawn or hewn and a significant portion of it is poplar.

Thirty or forty feet east of the house are the ruins of a log smokehouse. This building was built on stone pilings and has squared logs joined with half dovetail notching. The roof has collapsed and its configuration cannot be determined. North-northwest of the Wilson House is a vacant single story, windowless brick T-shaped building which formerly housed telephone equipment but is vacant now. This structure was probably built in the 1950s.

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"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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 ca. 1840

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Sanford Wilson House is an excellent example of the Federal style brick residence which was built in Tennessee during the first half of the nineteenth century. Houses with facade walls laid in the Flemish bond pattern were rarely built in Tennessee after ca. 1840. This, combined with the absence of a ridge pole, the use of trunnels, and the presence of hewn or hand-sawn timbers, indicates that the house was very likely constructed in 1840 or earlier. The Wilson House is the only known residence of this architectural style located between Clarksville and Nashville, and there is not another like it in southeastern Montgomery County.

The majority of the land in this section of the county was controlled by the prominent Wilson family, which was among the most prosperous planter families in the entire county. In 1890 the Wilsons owned nearly 3,050 acres. Snaford Wilson acquired several thousand acres in January 1812. When he died two years later, he bequeathed his house, land, slaves, and personalty to his son Sanford (ca. 1789-1848). It is believed that the younger Wilson built the Sanford Wilson House prior to 1840. After his death, his holdings were willed to his son Samuel H. R. (1813-1871). The property then passed to Samuel H. R.'s son Samuel E. Wilson (1860-1925) who disposed of the house and land in the 1890s. Three generations of Wilsons lived in this house. Since then twelve owners have held title to the property.

Except for some minor damage to the area around a crawl space opening in the ell, the building appears to be structurally sound. Most of the original fabric remains. The present owners have recently acquired the house, and it is their intention to rehabilitate and live in it. It is now used as rental property.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1

QUADRANGLE NAME Henrietta QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A	<u>16</u>	<u>480390</u>	<u>4032510</u>	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION The property nominated is a square lot bounded as follows: beginning at the southeast corner of the intersection of the Old Ashland City Highway and an unnamed lane, the line extends south 210 feet, thence north 210 feet, thence west along the south edge of the aforesaid unnamed lane 210 feet to the point of beginning.

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 Robert E. Dalton, Director of Field Services

ORGANIZATION Tennessee Historical Commission DATE March 1977

STREET & NUMBER 170 Second Avenue North TELEPHONE (615) 741-2371

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE Herbert L. Hogen DATE 3/2/78

TITLE Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission

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

R. B. Rettig DATE 9/13/78
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: William Leborich DATE Sept 14 1978
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION