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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

Whitehall

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

NW of Clarksville TN 12 mi

Mill Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Clarksville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Tennessee

VICINITY OF

CODE
47

COUNTY

Montgomery

CODE
125

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Harry Morgan

STREET & NUMBER

Box 904

CITY, TOWN

Clarksville

VICINITY OF

STATE

Tennessee

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

129 North Second Street

CITY, TOWN

Clarksville

STATE

Tennessee

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historical and Architectural Survey

DATE

June 1977

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Tennessee Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Nashville

STATE

Tennessee

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

Whitehall is located near the old Hopkinsville Pike in a recently annexed section of Clarksville in north central Montgomery County. The small community, which consisted of a mill and a few houses, was originally called Ringgold.

The visitor approaches Whitehall over a maple-shaded drive which gracefully loops in front of the large, two-story, frame and clapboard house. Stylistically eclectic, the massing, square floor plan, medium hip roof, and the four tall, brick, internal chimneys placed at the eaves on the north and south elevations are reminiscent of the Georgian Colonial style. The date of construction (1839-40), symmetry, columned gallery, entrance treatment, and fenestration are characteristic of Greek Revival architecture.

The six, two-story Doric columns accentuate and delineate the five bays of the facade. The six-over-six second-story windows may be original, but the two-over-one first-floor windows are ca. 1900 replacements. The main entrance has head and side lights and a double-leaf, paneled door with original hardware. All window surrounds have bullseyes and fluted pilasters; this pattern is a variation of the interior woodwork. Nearly all windows have shutters.

The house was built on a coursed rubble, stone foundation, and in recent years a concrete porch floor, edged with brick, has replaced the original wooden floor. The present standing seam metal roof may have been a replacement for an earlier wood shingle roof. (The metal roof was installed in ca. 1900, and in the 1940s the east section of the roof was covered with asphalt shingles.) An unusual feature, the widow's walk, appears to have been included in the original design.

A modern carport was attached to the south elevation sometime after 1946. The two-window bay attached to the center of the first story is a distinctive feature; it was built in ca. 1902. Except for the addition of a few windows in the early years of this century, the north and south elevations retain their original appearance. An L-shaped addition was built on the rear (east) elevation; this section contains a bathroom, den, and kitchen; this section was first built as a porch, and evidence remains which indicates that this porch replaced an earlier structure, a one-story portico.

The most impressive feature of the interior is the twenty-two by thirty foot central hall with its monumental, two-run staircase at the eastern end. There are two rooms on either side of the hall on each floor and fireplaces in each of these. The mantels in the first floor rooms were installed in the early twentieth century, but those on the second floor appear to be original. A commodious closet was constructed prior to the Civil War in the west end of the second-floor hall, and closets were added between the pairs of bedrooms.

East of the house is a one-and-a-half story, rectangular, brick building, which is contemporaneous with Whitehall, and which served as a combination kitchen, wash house, and servants' quarters. An unusual feature of this building is that the facade has three doors: the center door provides access to the second floor. A few yards northwest stands the smokehouse, a frame building with shiplap sheathing. Farther to the northwest is the ca. 1900, frame icehouse, now used as a shop. Southeast of the old kitchen is a modern, frame shed, and to the northeast stands a cluster of recently built buildings, including a chicken coop, large shed, and barn; these are all frame. Approximately fifty yards east of the kitchen is the original log corncrib.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
___PREHISTORIC	___ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	___COMMUNITY PLANNING	___LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	___RELIGION
___1400-1499	___ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	___CONSERVATION	___LAW	___SCIENCE
___1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	___ECONOMICS	___LITERATURE	___SCULPTURE
___1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	___MILITARY	___SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
___1700-1799	___ART	___ENGINEERING	___MUSIC	___THEATER
___1800-1899	___COMMERCE	___EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	___PHILOSOPHY	___TRANSPORTATION
___1900-	___COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	___POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	___OTHER (SPECIFY)
		___INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1839-40

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Fielding L. Williams left Virginia in the late 1830s and relocated in Tennessee, where he purchased land in north central Montgomery County. A widower, he remarried soon after he had arrived, and in 1839 he began construction of Whitehall. The house, which served as Williams' base of operations for his agricultural and industrial enterprises, as well as a residence, was completed the following year. Williams died in the late 1840s, and the property passed into the hands of his widow Lucy.

In addition to operating a large tobacco plantation and raising the necessary crops and livestock for the consumption of his family and servants, Williams owned and operated Ringgold Mill. This gristmill was located a short distance from Whitehall on Ringgold Creek. A later mill, also called Ringgold Mill, is included in the Consensus List and will be nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

Lucy Williams and her sister Molly Ward founded Whitehall Girls' School and operated the institution until sometime after the Civil War. Since the students lived at the school, the second floor had to be modified to provide dormitory space for the girls, closets were added between the bedrooms, and a large linen or trunk closet was built by enclosing part of the hall. In one of the closets the original coat hooks, with the students' names written above, remain.

Howell Williams, a grandson of the original owner, acquired ownership of Whitehall in ca. 1900. The house had deteriorated considerably; repairs were made to the gallery and additional windows and new mantels for the first-floor rooms were installed. The house changed hands again in the 1920s, and in 1946 the present owner purchased the house and 156 acres. The new owners also repaired the gallery and built the rear addition, carport, and several new outbuildings.

Whitehall has an unusual admixture of the architectural style of eastern Virginia and the popular Greek Revival style of antebellum Tennessee. There are no similar houses in Montgomery or the surrounding counties. Although nearly 140 years old, and despite its having been "restored" at least twice, the appearance of the building remains relatively unchanged. The old kitchen, with its triple entrances, is an unusual--if not unique--building in the area. It is also significant that three of the original outbuildings--the old kitchen, smokehouse, and corncrib--remain intact and on their original sites.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Mrs. Harry Morgan, June 25, 1977

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property nominated is a rectangular tract containing approximately four acres and bounded as follows: beginning at Point A and running southwestwardly approximately 450 feet to Point B; thence northwestwardly approximately 400 feet to Point C; thence northeastwardly approximately 450 feet to Point D; thence southeastwardly approximately 400 feet to the beginning.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Robert E. Dalton, Director of Field Services

ORGANIZATION

Tennessee Historical Commission

STREET & NUMBER

170 Second Avenue North

CITY OR TOWN

Nashville

DATE

June 1977

TELEPHONE

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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. Hays

TITLE

Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission

DATE

9/9/77

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

Wm. H. Hays

DATE

1/31/78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST

Charles Adair

DATE

1-25-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER