

DATA SHEET

Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee
COUNTY: Scott
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE MAY 29 1975

1. NAME

COMMON: Bryant, Louis E.,
Bryant-Lockin House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 2 mi E of Oneida on
Bear Creek Road

CITY OR TOWN: Oneida vic CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Second

STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47 COUNTY: Scott CODE: 151

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input 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) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Earl Lockin

STREET AND NUMBER: Bear Creek Road

CITY OR TOWN: Oneida STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Scott County Register's Office

STREET AND NUMBER: Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Huntsville STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

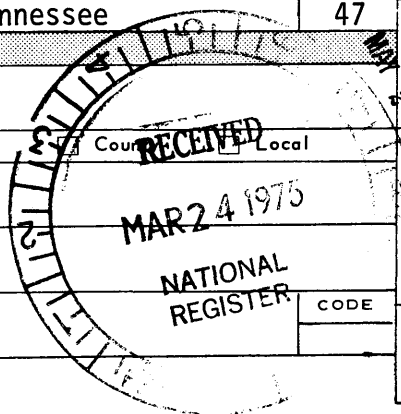
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input 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 Bryant-Lockin House was designed by Louis E. Bryant, a mining engineer who received degrees from the Sorbonne and Heidelberg University. In 1905 Bryant came to Scott County, Tennessee to start developing some 70,000 acres his father had acquired through the years for coal mining purposes.

The house reflects Bryant's extensive travels in Europe showing primarily English and German influence. The house is of frame construction and contained in its original form nine rooms plus a pantry, a storeroom and a bath. All lumber was cut on the site.

The living room is 24' x 28' with a 16' ceiling. The high ceiling made it necessary to construct a balcony across the back of the room to reach the two upstairs bedrooms. The living room and the four bedrooms downstairs have exposed hand hewn hemlock beams in their ceilings. Cracks have appeared in some of the beams due to blasting for strip mining. However, engineers from TVA have said the beams are still structurally sound.

In the living room there is a large fireplace made of locally manufactured bricks; its trim and mantel piece are of chestnut. The room also has book cases lining both walls, and has four hanging copper lamps of Bryant's design, which were manufactured in the mine machine shop. The dining room has a domed ceiling and built-in china closets in two corners.

The house was originally lathed and plastered, but in restoration work in the late 1950's it had to be removed and replaced with drywall. Also all electrical and plumbing work had to be redone.

The outside of the house was boxed vertically with 12" rough hemlock boards 16' in length and battens over the joints. The battens were removed in restoration work, except in the gabled ends. The hemlock boards were covered with asbestos cement shingles. The house was originally heated by steam from the mine power plant as well as lighted when the mines were in operation.

Around 1920 Bryant added a room 26' x 52' on the north side of the house to hold his Indian relic and geological specimens. At the same time a sun porch was added to the house on the south side.

Of the original mining camp buildings only three exist; the cook's house, the mine superintendent's house, and the laundry house. They are all in good repair and are being rented at the present time. (It is interesting to note that the first bathtub brought to Scott County was put in the Bryant House and is now in the cook's house.)

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1905**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Louis E. Bryant not only made an impact on Scott County but also in East Tennessee and Southeastern Kentucky. Because he studied geology, chemistry, and mining at the most competent universities in the world at that time he was able to use his sophisticated knowledge in developing the area's coal reserves. Bryant named and mapped all the veins of coal in the southern Appalachian area. In 1905 he came to Scott County to develop some of these veins on land his father had acquired. At this time he built his home and started a mining community near Bear Creek. He named the town Roberta, after his mother. By World War I he had become a millionaire through his mining enterprises. Like other coal mining operations in the area Bryant's mines began losing money after the War. This was partly due to the railroads refusing to locate nearby but also because a purer form of coal was found around the Oliver Springs area of Tennessee. In 1922 Bryant sold 40,000 acres to the Stearns Coal and Lumber Company. Much of Bryant's time thereafter was devoted to inventing techniques for purifying his coal particularly in removing its sulfur content.

Bryant's interests extended beyond mining and among other things he was apparently a competent archeologist. He participated in the opening of King Tutenkamen's tomb and was interested in Darwinism. His publications include a book called The Prehistoric Age of Man. In connection with this interest he acquired a large and valuable Indian collection which is now in the Cincinnati Art Museum.

Because Scott County is neither a rich nor populous county it has not had a particularly distinguished heritage although it has in recent years produced several national politicians, Senator Howard Baker being the most famous. Since the county's past is not rich the relative significance of the Bryant home is increased.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Scott County News, April 15, 1966, "Old Bryant Home Significant to History of Scott County"

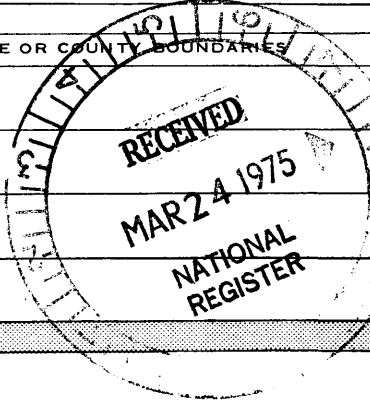
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 8

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Jon Coddington

ORGANIZATION: East Tennessee Development District DATE: 5/11/74

STREET AND NUMBER: 1810 Lake Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Knoxville 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 Lauren C. Berry

Title Executive Director
Tennessee Historical Commission

Date 3/19/75

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

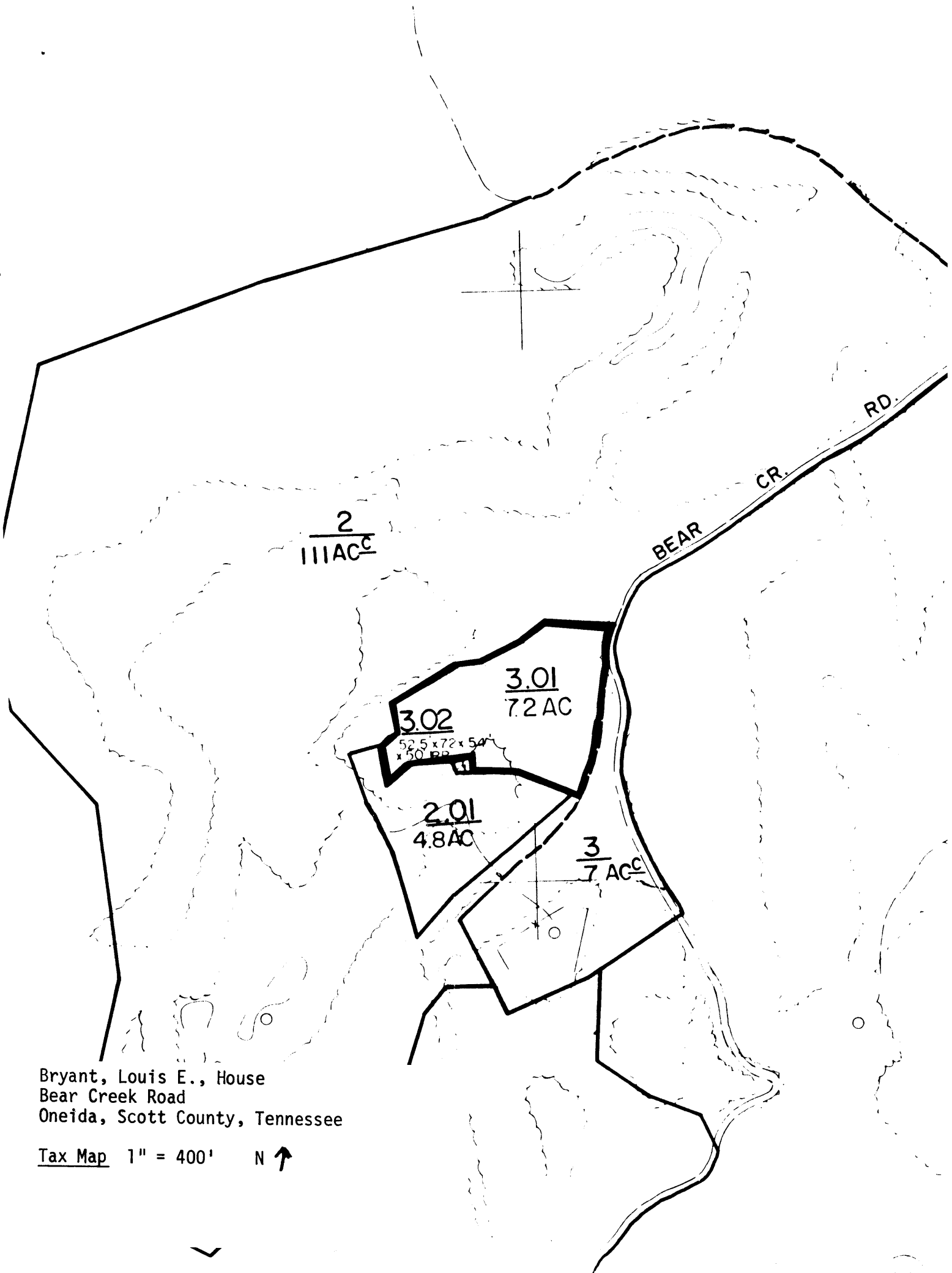
A. R. Mortenson
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 5/29/75

ATTEST:

Charles H. Smith
Keeper of The National Register

Date 5.27.75



Bryant, Louis E., House
Bear Creek Road
Oneida, Scott County, Tennessee

Tax Map 1" = 400' N ↑