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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 Walnut Grove

AND/OR COMMON.

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Red River Road

W of Gallatin

CITY, TOWN
Gallatin *me.*

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Fourth

STATE
Tennessee

VICINITY OF
CODE
47

COUNTY
Sumner
CODE
165

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Mr. and Mrs. Don Wright ✓

STREET & NUMBER
P.O. Box 825

CITY, TOWN
Gallatin

STATE
Tennessee

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Sumner County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
Court Square

CITY, TOWN
Gallatin

STATE
Tennessee

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Historical and Architectural Survey

DATE
July 1978

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

Walnut Grove is located approximately one and a half miles west of the center of Gallatin in Sumner County. The original part of the house faces south, and the building is about one hundred yards east of East Camp Creek approximately one quarter mile southwest of its intersection with Red River Road, state route 25.

As originally built ca. 1800, Walnut Grove was a two-story stone house with two rooms on each floor. Two chimneys, located mainly on the exterior, flank the house. The original facade (east elevation) featured a five-bay, symmetrical arrangement. Each opening was surmounted by a flat stone arch with a keystone; the center door is also topped by a rectangular transom. The gable ends, laid in coursed limestone like the facade, are blank except for small attic windows and the slightly projecting chimneys. The west elevation is a three-bay, symmetrical arrangement. Originally covered with wooden shingles whose exposed ends had been rounded, the gable roof is now covered with modern square-ended wooden shingles. The window sash and cornice have also been replaced with modern versions of eighteenth-century design.

A few years later (probably ca. 1820) a two-story brick ell was added to the facade of the stone house. In plan, this addition added two more rooms on each floor and a narrow entrance hall. A Federal stairway made primarily of cherry, rises from the hall. The south elevation of the addition features four bays, including two doors which are surmounted by semi-circular fan lights. With the addition of the brick ell, the doorway into the stairhall became the principal entrance.

Unlike the stone section, the brick ell retains some original trim. In addition to the noteworthy staircase, a mantel (in the Tennessee version of the Federal style) graces a room. Concrete porches sheltered by a portico supported by two-story columns have been built on the north and south faces of the brick addition.

A small early nineteenth-century office is located approximately twenty feet from the southeast corner of the porch built on the south side of the brick ell. A brick smoke-house, of approximately the same vintage as the office, stands approximately fifty feet from the center door in the west elevation.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<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. 1800, 1820

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architecturally, Walnut Grove is an example of an imposing residence in Middle Tennessee in 1800. During the early settlement period, most houses were built of logs; only an occasional house, undertaken by a prosperous settler, was built of stone. The original part of Walnut Grove then represents an example of the finest segment of residential construction surviving from the early days of the settlement period.

With conditions more comfortable, the house was enlarged using brick, a material not favored during the earlier period of construction. A fairly spacious center hall and open stairway also reflected changing tastes in interior arrangement of space. When completed, the new brick section housed the principal rooms and main entrance. This realignment of living area expressed not only the owner's pride in the new construction, but also indicated how rapidly and completely architectural preferences had changed during the early years of the nineteenth century.

With its two sections built to reflect two distinct periods, Walnut Grove illustrates the impact of changing architectural tastes in a developing area. No significant subsequent additions detract from the example of these two early construction efforts.

The present owners literally rescued the building and prevented it from falling into complete ruin. They have converted it into a comfortable residence and intend to continue living there.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Cisco, Jay Guy. Historic Sumner County, Tennessee, with Genealogies of the Bledsoe, Cage, and Douglas Families, and Genealogical Notes of Other Sumner County Families.
Nashville: Folk-Keelin, 1909.

Information provided by owners Mr. and Mrs. Don Wright, Gallatin, TN.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5.94

QUADRANGLE NAME Gallatin, TN

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A

1	6	5	4	7	3	8	0	4	0	2	7	3	3	0
ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION The nominated property is an irregularly shaped tract which is bounded as follows: beginning at a point in the North right-of-way line of proposed Laura Street, said point being North 87° 45' 00" West 802.00 feet from the intersection of the West right-of-way of Electa Avenue and the North right-of-way of

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES (cont.)

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Barbara H. Church, Architectural Historian
Robert E. Dalton, Director of Field Services

ORGANIZATION Tennessee Historical Commission

DATE August 1978

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. Hayden

TITLE Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission

DATE 11/16/78

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

ATTEST: Jann H. Gilmore
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

[Signature]

DATE 12/29/78

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present Laura Street; thence continuing with the North right-of-way line of proposed Laura Street, North 87° 45' 00" West 615.00 feet to a point; thence leaving the North right-of-way line of proposed Laura Street 39.27 feet along a curve right, having a radius of 25.00 feet to a point, said point being on the East right-of-way line or proposed Boddie Avenue; thence with the East right-of-way line of proposed Boddie Avenue, North 2° 15' 00" East 190.00 feet to a point, said point being in the center of East Camp Creek; thence with the meander of said creek South 80° 25' 15" East, 174.17 feet to a point; thence North 67° 33' 04" East, 47.51 feet to a point; thence North 27° 05' 22" East, 213.60 feet to a point; thence North 57° 20' 05" East, 60.72 feet to a point; thence North 31° 26' 14" East, 227.38 feet to a point, said point being the northwest corner of the described tract; thence leaving the East Camp Creek, South 40° 00' 00" East 144.30 feet to a point, said point being on the West right-of-way line of proposed Blackman Avenue; thence leaving the East right-of-way line of Blackman Avenue, South 60° 00' 00" East, 110.00 feet to a point, said point being the northeast corner of the described tract; thence South 24° 15' 00" West, 205.00 feet to a point; thence South 11° 00' 00" West 143.00 feet to a point; thence South 2° 15' 00" West, 90.00 feet to the point of beginning.