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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Glen Echo *the*

AND/OR COMMON

Harpeth Hall

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Spencer Creek Road *off Franklin off US 31 on*

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Franklin

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Tennessee

VICINITY OF

CODE  
47

COUNTY

Williamson

CODE

187

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Robertson, Jr.

STREET & NUMBER

Spencer Creek Road, Route 7

CITY, TOWN

Franklin

STATE

Tennessee

VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Williamson County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Public Square

CITY, TOWN

Franklin

STATE

Tennessee

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 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		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Glen Echo is a two-story, three-bay brick residence with two rooms and a central hall in the main section and a dining room and kitchen in an ell which extends back from the left side. This Federal Style house rests on a stone foundation. Brickwork is American bond except for the front which is laid in Flemish bond. Windows on the front are six-over-six double-hung sash (original) with two-over-two double hung sidelights (also original). Wooden lintels with a simple corner block span the openings.

A two-story porch with a heavy, straight cornice rests on two superimposed sets of four, one-story columns, and two pilasters. The first and second floor doorways are identical; double doors are surrounded by sidelights and transoms. The front section has a hip roof with end chimneys. This arrangement is not only unusual for the period of the house, it also requires special provision for drainage around the chimneys. For these reasons, the roof was probably originally a gable roof, possibly enclosed in stepped parapets. The roof of the ell is a gable.

An L-shaped two-story porch runs along the back of the house to the endwall of the dining room and continues along the kitchen as a one-story porch. It is supported on square columns of solid cedar. An early photograph shows the one-story section of porch attached to the south end of the house. Around 1935, bathrooms were added on both floors in the corner of the porch.

The interior retains almost all of its original woodwork and flooring. Floors are of poplar except for the entrance hall and stairs which are ash. All baseboards, doors, doorframes, and mantels appear to be original. An unusual feature is the built-in cupboard or cabinet in each room. The kitchen fireplace opening is approximately 3-1/2 x 5 feet. It is spanned by a stone lintel one foot in depth. All but one of the fireplaces retain their stone hearths.

The house is located in some of Williamson County's most beautiful farmland. The house, spring and creek were all mentioned in Thomas Stuart's will and have changed very little since then (1838). The nearest road is a gravel road one thousand feet away.

# 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Glen Echo's architectural significance is derived from its age, its style, its near original condition, and its undisturbed setting. Its three part windows relate it to the Carter House and Clouston Hall in Franklin. Clouston Hall is thought to have been built by Joseph Ruff, builder of the Hermitage and Tulip Grove. Glen Echo is a fine Federal style residence, one of few remaining in Williamson County.

Its artistic significance is derived from John Campbell, a famous Nashville silversmith, who lived there from 1856 to 1875. Campbell began work in Fayetteville, North Carolina and soon moved to Cheraw, South Carolina. He came to Nashville in 1836. From 1842 to 1856 he worked with George Washington Donigan in the partnership of Campbell and Donigan. The name Glen Echo come from an 1879 map of Williamson County which lists the owner as Mrs. R. B. Campbell (widow of John Campbell).

The legal and political significance of Glen Echo is due to its first owner, Thomas Stuart. Stuart was Judge of the Fourth Circuit Court of Tennessee from its establishment in 1809 until he retired in 1836. The Fourth Circuit included Davidson, Wilson, Lincoln, Rutherford, Giles, Marshall, Maury, and Williamson counties. The tract of land on which Glen Echo is situated was bought by Judge Stuart in 1818. The house was built before 1838 when Stuart died and bequeathed the house and land to his niece Esther Martin. The kitchen portion of the house may have been built soon after Stuart bought the property. Judging by its style, the front portion of the house could hardly have been built before 1820.

Glen Echo, largely unchanged since its beginning, has long been an important landmark in the area.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Carl, Dorothy Norman, "Thomas Stuart, First Circuit Judge of Williamson County"  
Williamson County Historical Journal. Number 3, 1971-72, pp. 75-87.

Caldwell, Benjamin Hubbard, "A checklist of Tennessee Silversmiths." Antiques Magazine

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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DA	1,6	5	1,2	7,6,0	3,9	7,8	4,5,0	AD	1,6	5	1,2	9,3,0	3,9	7,8	4,3,0
ZONE		EASTING 880			NORTHING			ZONE		EASTING 720			NORTHING		
BC	1,6	5	1,2	9,2,0	3,9	7,7	9,8,0	CR	1,6	5	1,2	7,4,0	3,9	7,8	0,0,0

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Said tract lies wholly within the Eighth Civil District, Williamson County, Tennessee, and is bound in general by Robertson and Zeigler on the west, Robertson and Berry's Chapel Road on the north, McMahan and Burns on the east, Zeigler and Spencer Creek Road on the south.

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

William W. Howell

ORGANIZATION

DATE

8/75

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

200 Sunnyside Drive

(615) 383-0436

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Nashville

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

*Robert L. Hayden*

TITLE

Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission

DATE

4/15/76

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE

DATE

11/9/96

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

11/1/76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER