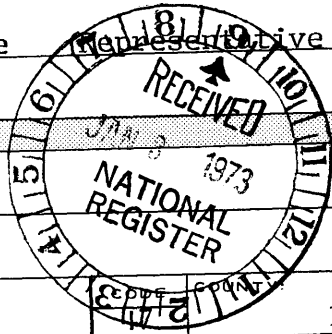


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee	
COUNTY: Hamblen	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	APR 13 1973



1. NAME
COMMON:
Hamblen County Courthouse (represented by John J. Duncan)
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER:
511 W. 2nd North Street
CITY OR TOWN:
Morristown
STATE: Tennessee
COUNTY: Hamblen
CODE: 063

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
OWNER'S NAME:
Hamblen County
STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse
CITY OR TOWN:
Morristown
STATE: Tennessee
CODE: 47

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Hamblen County Register's Office
STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse
CITY OR TOWN:
Morristown
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input 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 Hamblen County Courthouse in Morristown is one of the more imposing public buildings seen along a major road in east Tennessee. Located on the north side of W. 1st North Street, which is also Highway 11E, the large brick building is surrounded by a sizeable landscaped lot.

Because the structure has been enlarged to meet the expanding needs of Hamblen County, it is difficult to determine the exact appearance of the original structure. The country combination of Second Empire and Italianate features was even more obvious when the building was red brick, and quoins and other details were white. It was painted gray in 1968.

Built on a sloping lot, the building has only two floors above ground level on the north side. The south side, with three floors above ground level and a double balcony, was originally the main entrance and the site for political and other public gatherings. Present parking facilities have shifted the main entrance to W. 2nd North Street.

The projected entrance areas are terminated by a pediment. A mansard roof, with dormer windows and surmounted by a domed cupola, covers the central core of the building. The verticalized openings are arched.

In the early 1950's, wings were added to provide vault space for records. Additional changes, made in 1968, gave more floor and vault space. The interior has been completely altered.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>Preservation on</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>local level</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although the Hamblen County Courthouse does not exhibit its original appearance, it is an example of successful county preservation efforts to adapt a locally important historic structure to expanding needs. Rather than build a new courthouse several years ago, county officials decided to make additions which were architecturally compatible to the existing building. As a result, the building, which is located on a heavily trafficked route in east Tennessee, continues to be a landmark not only for area citizens but also for travelers.

After the Civil War, the area around Morristown, then a part of Jefferson County, experienced tremendous growth in population and wealth. In May, 1870, Hamblen County was created with Morristown as the county seat. By April, 1871, land had been acquired for a courthouse site and by the following October, an appointed committee of five had employed A. C. Bruce as architect. Bruce was asked to submit three plans ranging in building cost: \$10,000; \$15,000; and \$18,000. The committee and county court selected the most expensive plan. In December, 1872, George Folsom and John Lyle signed a contract to build the courthouse for \$21,750, and guaranteed completion by November 1, 1874, a deadline they apparently met.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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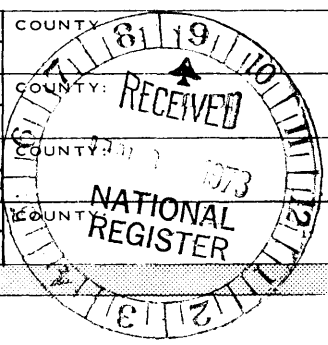
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **6**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Ellen Beasley

ORGANIZATION: **Tennessee Historical Commission** DATE: **12-15-72**

STREET AND NUMBER:
403 7th Avenue, North

CITY OR TOWN: **Nashville** STATE: **Tennessee** CODE: **47**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name: <u>Michael J. Smith</u></p> <p>Title: <u>Executive Director</u> <u>Tennessee Historical Commission</u></p> <p>Date: <u>12-20-72</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Robertan Utley</u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>APR 13 1973</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>[Signature]</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date: <u>4/10/73</u></p>
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