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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

R. N. Mann House **

AND/OR COMMON

Painted Glass House

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

n of old Salem city # 264

CITY, TOWN

Old Salem

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fourth

STATE

Tennessee

VICINITY OF

CODE

47

COUNTY

Franklin

CODE

51

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER: .

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Holder

STREET & NUMBER

Old Salem Community

CITY, TOWN

Huntland

VICINITY OF

STATE

Tennessee

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Franklin County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Winchester

STATE

Tennessee

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Tennessee Architectural and Historical Survey

DATE

1975

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

The R. N. Mann House is located a short distance east of Falls Mill on Falls Creek. The main facade faces south toward Beans Creek on the road to Salem where the old brick mill is built on the opposite side of the creek. The farm property consists of the original 196 acre tract of land owned by R. N. Mann when the house was built.

In its present form the house has been converted for modern use. The owner has added plumbing and electricity. The floors have been carpeted and the original wood mantles, staircase, woodwork and plaster finish walls have been painted or wallpapered.

Constructed of 12" thick hand-made brick, hewn timbers and jig-saw cut verge board and wood timr, painted white, the principal mass is two stories tall with a basement and enlarged one-story service wing extending back from the left side forming an ell at the back. The balanced plan consists of two 18' x 18' rooms and a 10' x 18' center hall on each of the two stories. The brick bearing walls extend to the eaves with identical rooms contained at each story level. The original single story porch with pediment roof and paired square posts graces the entry which features double doors highlighted by decorative, hand-etched painted glass lights with floral designs in the transom and side light panels.

The brick smokehouse is located behind the service wing. Built in split levels, this building is designed with a raised cellar room and upstairs larder adjacent to the brick floored work room. The chimney is similar in design to the end wall chimneys in the house. This building is used for storage.

The R. N. Mann House is an example of the Tennessee vernacular style farmhouse built of hand-made materials, during the antebellum period. The basic simplicity of the design is characterized by the narrow profile, tall end walls, balanced design and five-bay front highlighted by the centered entrance portico porch. The hand-etched and painted glass lights in the transom and side light panels are found exclusively in this area of the state, in Franklin County.

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

SPECIFIC DATES 1850-1860

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

R. N. Mann

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

R. N. Mann built the two-story brick house in the Falls Mill community between 1850-1860. He was one of the partners in the Falls Mill Manufacturing Company at a time when this community and the Old Salem community nearby were bustling with activity. The house is situated on a 196-acre farm tract, on a hillside overlooking Bean's Creek and the old mill and factory. At the time of Mann's death in 1905, his son, J. L. Mann, and family were living in the house and renting the farm. In accordance with the terms of his will, the farm was sold by the executor, John Lipscomb, and was purchased by Mrs. Ella Mosley Mann, wife of J. L. Her children inherited the place, and in 1917 it was sold to A. J. Cole who owned it until the early 1930s. Since that time the present owners bought the original 196-acre tract farm and the old homestead which is being restored.

Situated in southern Franklin County, flanking the banks of Factory Creek, stand two relics of the bygone industrial age of the Salem community. The two mills on Factory Creek are successors to the first mills which stood along Beans Creek and gave the impetus for the growth of Franklin County in the early 1800s.

Salem thrived on the cotton trade of the county, the production of which as early as 1810 made Franklin County one of the leading cotton producing counties in the state. By 1815 the tremendous production of cotton and the increasing of cereal grains spurred the construction of both cotton and gristmills on nearly every stream in the county.

By 1855 the raising of cotton gradually declined. Mills were now converted to the production of meals and cloth as opposed to the gins of earlier days. It was during this period that the predecessor of the two remaining mills was constructed. The oldest of the Mann and David Mills in Salem was a wooden structure with two sets of millstones, one for wheat and one for corn, a set of wool cards and two spinning frames. A brick mill was constructed by Mann and David in 1873 for the manufacture of woollen material and coarse cloth. The machinery used in the early mill manufactured thread by means of the home looms of that day, but these were later replaced in the present structure by the larger more modern power looms. Both the gristmill and the cotton mill were constructed of wooden pegs, square nails and fired bricks made of native clay. The gristmill was brick, three stories containing 7,500 square feet and operated from the site of the present mill. These two mills became even more important than their predecessor when, in 1873, the entire town of Salem was destroyed by a fire. Thus, the mills after 1873 remained as one of the few commercial enterprises in the community.

The thread mill continued in operation until 1896, later reopening as a cotton gin.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

A 16 567730 3884280
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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D
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property being nominated consists of a regular shaped lot 217' x 200' centered by the R. N. Mann House and detached kitchen. The boundary extends 200' across the front and back; 217' across the east and west sides.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Gail E. Hammerquist, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Tennessee Historical Commission

DATE

March 1977

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 X

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. Huger

TITLE

Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission

DATE

4/18/77

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

Charles A. ...
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

9-22-77

ATTEST:

Debra ... Cole

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

REFEREE OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

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The cotton mill finally closed in 1942, only to be reopened for a brief period in 1948 as part of a wood products operation. The mill remained virtually unchanged until the late 1960s when the property was purchased by Woodrow Crum and was refurbished as a working commercial enterprise.

A popular historic site, Falls Mill, as the old Mann and David Mill is now known, is still run by water though electricity has been installed for lighting. Today this mill is recognized as the birthplace of Franklin County industry, the first county site to be registered in the National Register of Historic Places. The R. N. Mann House is significant because of its present state of preservation and relationship of its builder to the development of early milling industry in Franklin County.

It is also significant because of the hand-etched and painted glass lights in the transom and side light panels, an art found only in this area.

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for Keeper Delores Byrd 3/7/90

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The brick smokehouse/kitchen is no longer extant.

Herbert L. Harper
Herbert L. Harper

2/14/90
Date