

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: REMOVAL

PROPERTY NAME: Bruce, H. L., House

MULTIPLE NAME: Paris MRA

STATE & COUNTY: TENNESSEE, Henry

DATE RECEIVED: 10/03/14 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 11/19/14
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 88001431

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 11.19.14 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

REMOVED
from
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA Remove

REVIEWER Edson Beall

DISCIPLINE History

TELEPHONE _____

DATE 11.19.14

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

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The H.L. Bruce House was listed on the National Register on September 7, 1988 under the Historic Resources of Paris Tennessee Multiple Property Document. This two-story frame Neo-classical style house was built ca. 1910 and was listed under Criterion C for its local significance in architecture. The house and its non-contributing outbuilding is no longer extant and a parking lot has been constructed at its former location. According to the Paris, TN Building Inspector, the parking lot has been in existence for close to twenty years or 1994. As a result, the H.L. Bruce House has lost the significance for which it was listed and no longer retains integrity of setting, location, design, materials, workmanship and feeling. Therefore, the H.L. Bruce House should be removed from the National Register.

Claudette Stager

Claudette Stager, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

9/22/14

Date

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Figure 1: H.L. Bruce House in 1988. Main (east) facade. View to the west.

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Figure 2: H.L. Bruce House in 1988. Main façade and south elevation. View to the northwest.

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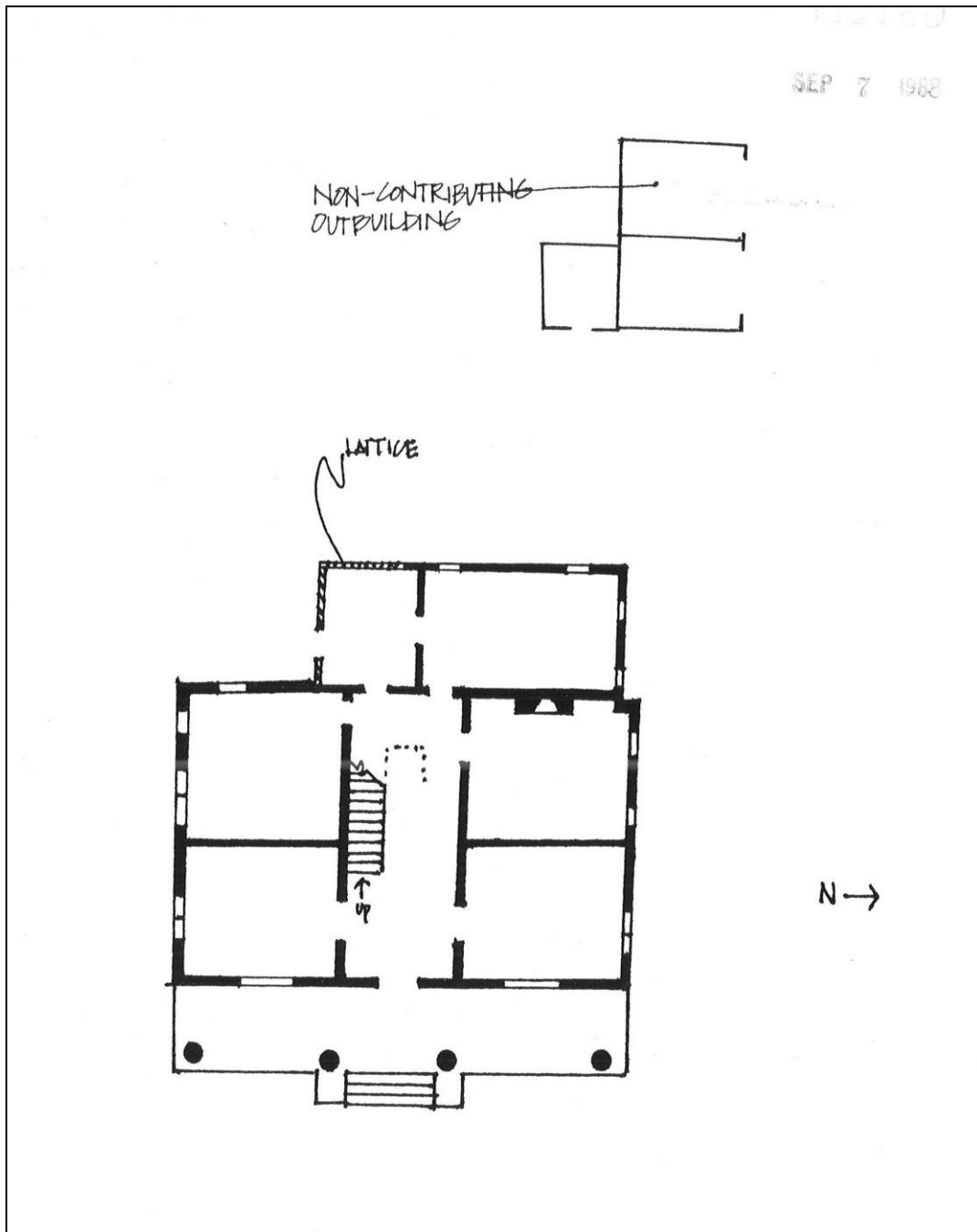


Figure 3: Floor plan of the former H.L. Bruce House.

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Figure 4: Former location of the H.L. Bruce House at the time of listing in 1988.

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Figure 5: Google Earth image of H.L. Bruce House in 1997.

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Figure 6: Google Earth image of H.L. Bruce House in 2008.

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Figure 7: Google Earth image of H.L. Bruce House in 2010.

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Figure 8: 2014 Google Maps image of the former location of the H.L. Bruce House.

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Figure 9: View to the north of the former location of the H.L. Bruce House.

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Figure 10: View to the northeast of the former location of the H.L. Bruce House.

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Figure 10: View to the south of the former location of the H.L. Bruce House.

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Figure 11: View to the south from West Blythe Street of the former location of the H.L. Bruce House.

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TENNESSEE MULTIPLE PROPERTY FORM

Title: Historic Resources of Paris, Tennessee

County: Henry

Historic Name: Bruce, H.L., House (Site # 5)

Common Name: Dumas Inn

Classification Building

Owner: First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 107, Paris, Tennessee 38462

Location: 202 South Poplar Street, Paris, Tennessee

<u>Contributing:</u>		<u>Non-Contributing</u>	
Buildings	1	Buildings	1
Structures	0	Structures	0
Sites	0	Sites	0
<u>Total:</u>	1	<u>Total:</u>	1

Description:

The H.L. Bruce House is a two-story frame Neo-Classical style residence residence built ca.1910. The house was designed in a central hall plan and is three bays in width. On the main (east) facade is a two-story porch with fluted Corinthian columns. On the second story of the porch is a railing with turned balusters. The main entrance has an original frame and glass door with leaded glass sidelights and an elliptical transom. On the first floor of the main facade are large single light windows with leaded glass rectangular transoms. On the central bay of the second story is an entrance with a single light frame and glass door with sidelights and transom. Windows throughout the house are one-over-one sash. The house has a brick and stucco foundation.

The house has a pyramidal roof with gable dormers on each facade. These dormers have one-over-sash windows with the dormer on the main facade displaying paired windows. At the roofline on the main facade is a decorative cornice with guttae and metopes and modillion blocks. The house rests on a brick foundation and has been covered in recent years with metal siding. At the rear of the house is a two-story original wing with an original one-story lattice porch.

The interior of the house displays its original central hall plan. Some of the interior rooms have been subdivided for apartments. The interior retains an original staircase with milled balusters and newel post and mantles with simple Doric pilasters. No photographs of the interior were permitted. At the rear of the house is a modern non-contributing garage.

Period of Significance: ca.1910

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The H.L. Bruce House is a notable example of a Neo-Classical style residence. Constructed ca. 1910, the house is one of the largest and best examples of this style constructed in Paris. The house displays a large two-story frame Corinthian portico and classical detailing such as guttae and metopes and modillion blocks at the roofline. Despite the addition of metal siding the house has its original form and design and few other changes have occurred to the residence. The house is the most ornate Neo-Classical residence in the city with large eave modillion blocks, Corinthian columns and elliptical entrance.

This lot was the site of a 19th century frame house which was owned by the W.D. Kendall family for many years. In 1909, the property was sold to H.L. Bruce and his wife Sallie Thomason Bruce and they erected this house soon after. Little is known of Bruce and they sold this house in 1920 to Dr. John Weldon and the house was later purchased by the Dumas family in 1924. The Dumas family converted the house into apartments and owned the house until recent years when it was sold to the First Presbyterian Church.

The Bruce House is notable for its Neo-Classical architectural design. The house is one of the largest and most imposing in the downtown vicinity and retains its original design. Its Corinthian portico and classical decoration at the roofline and entrance makes it one of Paris' most important homes of the early 20th century.

Acreage: Less than 1 acre

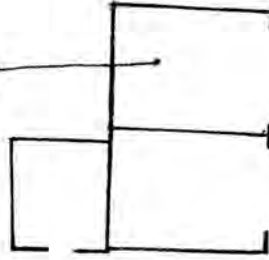
UTM References: Paris Quad/380980/4017970

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification: The boundary for the H.L. Bruce House is illustrated on accompanying Henry County tax map # 106A, block F, lot 16. The boundary is drawn to include all property presently associated with the Bruce House. The boundary includes sufficient property to protect the historical setting of the site.

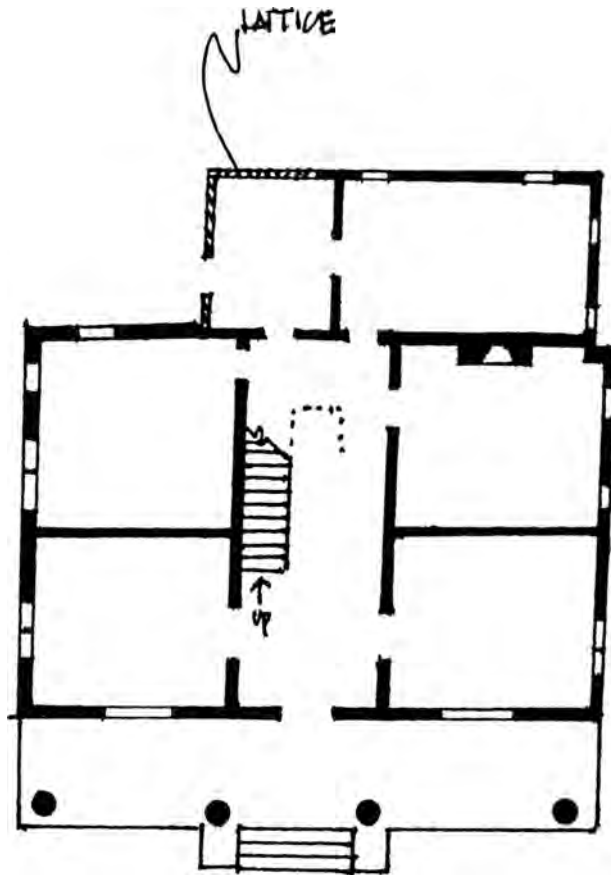
Supplemental Bibliographical References: Interview, Mrs. Elizabeth Dumas, October 12, 1987.

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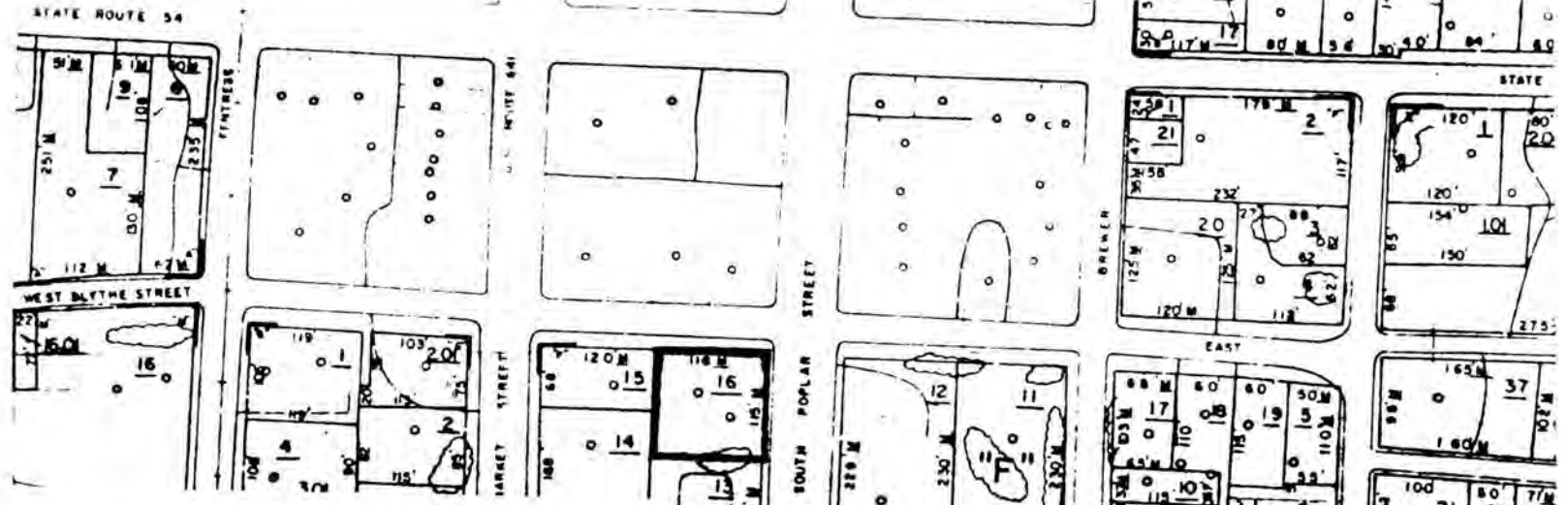
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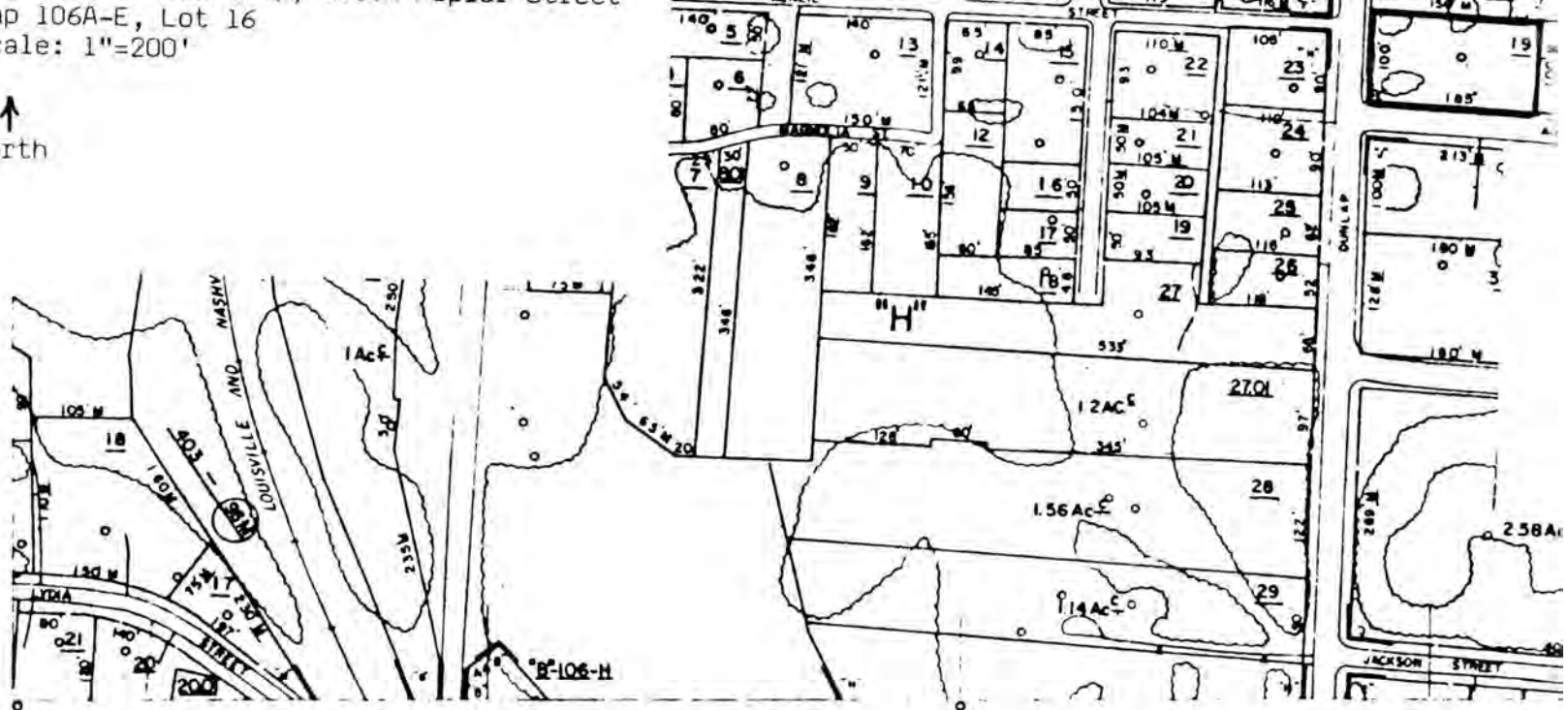


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Property Location
 H.L. Bruce House(#5), South Poplar Street
 Map 106A-E, Lot 16
 Scale: 1"=200'

↑
 North



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L. ROBERT KIMBALL
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- ▲ PARCEL NUMBER
- ⊕ PARCEL POIN
- INTERIOR TRACT LINE
- DISTRICT LINE
- SUBD. LOT #
- PARCEL OUTLINE
- 1/4 AC TOTAL ACRES
- SECTION CORNER
- ⊙ PARCEL & CENTERLINE IMPROVEMENT
- FENCE
- CEMETERY
- GROUND
- BRIDGE
- BRIDGE AREA
- POLE

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Paris MRA
State Henry County, TENNESSEE

Nomination/Type of Review

Cover Substantive Review

1. Bruce, H.L., House Entered in the National Register

Date/Signature
Keeper Amy Schladt 9/7/88

for Keeper Helene Byers 9/7/88

Attest _____

2. Jernigan, E.K., House Entered in the National Register

for Keeper Helene Byers 9/7/88

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3. Jernigan, Thomas P., House Substantive Review

Keeper Amy Schladt 9/7/88

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4. Lee, Robert E., School Entered in the National Register

for Keeper Helene Byers 9/7/88

Attest _____

5. North Poplar Historic District Entered in the National Register

for Keeper Helene Byers 9/7/88

Attest _____

6. Paris Commercial Historic District Substantive Review

Keeper Amy Schladt 9/7/88

Attest _____

7. Sweeney, Judge John C., House Entered in the National Register

for Keeper Helene Byers 9/7/88

Attest _____

8. West Paris Historic District Entered in the National Register

for Keeper Helene Byers 9/7/88

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9. White, Charles M. House Entered in the National Register

for Keeper Helene Byers 9/7/88

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10. Keeper _____

Attest _____



Amenities















Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000820

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Decision: _____
Date: _____
Signature: _____
Title: _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

___ count ___ resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___ historic ___ current

DESCRIPTION

___ architectural classification ___ materials ___ descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

___ criteria ___ criteria considerations ___ areas of sig.
___ periods of sig. ___ significant dates ___ cultural affl.
___ sig. person ___ architect/builder ___ sig. statement

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___ acreage ___ verbal boundary description
___ UTM's ___ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___ sketch maps ___ USGS maps ___ photographs ___ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning the nomination may be directed to

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone _____



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September 26, 2014

Carol Shull
Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service
National Register Branch
1201 Eye Street NW
8th floor
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find the documentation to remove the H.L. Bruce House from the National Register of Historic Places. The enclosed disk contains the true and correct copy of the documentation requesting the removal of the H.L. Bruce House from the National Register of Historic Places due to demolition.

If you have any questions or if more information is needed, contact Peggy Nickell at 615/532-1550, extension 128 or Peggy.Nickell@tn.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Claudette Stager".

Claudette Stager
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Cs:pn

Enclosure (3)