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STREET AND NUMBER:

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☐ Object

State of Tennessee

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Register's Office

Devidson County Courthouse

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

X Building

□ Structure

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

CITY OR TOWN:

3. CLASSIFICATION

District

Agricultural

Commercial

■ Educational

Entertainment

OWNER'S NAME:

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DATE OF SURVEY:

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STREET AND NUMBER:

☐ Site

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Public Acquisition:

Private Residence

Federal

OWNERSHIP

Park

Religious

☐ Scientific

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(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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★ Government

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Museum

Clover Bottom Mansion

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Clover Bottom Mansion was constructed in 1858, as a residence for Dr. James Hoggatt. At present, the Mansion has been subdivided into three apartments for employees of the State of Tannessee and their families.

The two story brick mansion, set on a granite base (which as fully lighted spaces served as the dining and kitchen facilities), is of the Italianate Manner or Italian Villa style. The balustraded porticoandd veranda, the round headed windows, the eave bracketing, the square columns with curved moldings characterize the exterior of the west elevation. There are twelve steps that lead up to the Palladian motif The north elevation is distinguished by pairs of round headed windows situated in the brick exterior wall and cast-iron balconies on the lower level. The east elevation has undergone extensive alterations since 1858. However, the dates of these alterations are unknown. shed roof structure of concrete block construction was added for the basement level apattment. The lower veranda, across the rear of the Mansion, has been closed in with clapboard siding for additional living spaces. The upper level veranda has been left open; however, the cornice details and lines, the eave brackets and the balustrade are different from the same details on the west elevation. The south elevation has undergone two major alterations. The first alteration, employing brick as the exterior material, was completed during the first decade of the twentieth century. A porticoaedd a veranda were added along with additional living spaces. The second alteration involved the closing in of the O the portico and veranda, employing stucco construction, and the removal of the entrance stairs. The date of this alteration is unknown. two alterations utilized square headed windows with lintels in place of round headed windows.

The lower level interior floor plan of Clover Bottom Mansion works off a large central hall with primary access to the upper level by a circular stair. This stair is situated at the end of the ball and has a stained glass (originally clear) window and a pair of niches set in the curved wall. Another stair located off the central hall serves as vertical circulation between what was the dining and kitchen facilities and the upper level. Three white marble and two black marble mantlepieces (reputedly imported from Italy) frame the fireplaces that serve the lower level and five stone brick fireplaces serve the upper level. The ten fireplaces work off four chimneys with chimney pots on two of the chimneys.

The similarities of interior and exterior detailing (e.g. the details incorporated in the doors, the door facings and the door jambs resemble the exterior column facingsdetails) complete the Italian Villa character of Clover Bottom Mansion.

Situated near Clover Bottom Mansion is a log structure and the Hoggatt family cemetery. At present, the log structure, located approximately Form 10-300a (July 1969)

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one hundred yards to the rear of the Mansion, is in a badly deteriorated state. The log structure has two spaces. The construction of the two spaces, the difference in the extent of the decay of the logs and the one fireplace opening indicate that construction took place in two stages. The date and precise use of the log structure is unknown.

The family cemetery is located approximately five hundred yards from the Mansion on a knoll that overlooks Stone's River bottom land. Many members of the Hoggatt family are buried there with the earliest dated tombstone being that of Capt. John Hoggatt who died July 28, 1824. A cast-iron fence encloses the small family cemetery and four small marble corner markers with a raised letter"H" indicate the area allocated to the cemetery plus a surrounding unencroachable buffer strip.



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Set on a knoll in a grove of large oak, maple, hickory and fir trees, the Clover Bottom Mansion exemplifies the Italian Villa style in a plantation environment. The scale and the painted, white Italianate details contrasted by the red brick exterior walls establish the dignity of the Mansion in this setting.

This fine architectural statement is centered in an area of local historical significance. John Donelson, an early settler in Middle Tennessee and whose daughter, Rachel, was Andrew Jackson's wife, had his small settlement in this area. Within a radius of one and one half miles, Andrew Jackson was prominently active. By 1804, Jackson was racing his thoroughbred horses at a race track situated in some bottom land along the Stone's River, whence the name Clover Bottom came. Due to the immense popularity of the race track, Jackson, by 1805, was invodved in a store and tavern nearby. Jackson also had a keelboat yard on the Stone's River.

In 1797, Captain John Hoggatt, Dr. James Hoggatt's father and a Revolutionary War officer, bought the land on which Clover Bottom Mansion was constructed for a plantation. Today, the Clover Bottom Mansion and a portion of the original plantation are owned by the State of Tennessee with the Tennessee School for the Blind campus one fourth mile from the Mansion.



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