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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 ******
Fudge Farm
AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER *N E of Surgoinsville on*
US Highway 11W

CITY, TOWN		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT	
Surgoinsville	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VICINITY OF	First	
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Tennessee	47	Hawkins	73

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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Miss Ella Fudge

STREET & NUMBER
Highway 11W Box 40

CITY, TOWN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VICINITY OF	STATE
Surgoinsville		Tennessee

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Hawkins County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER	
CITY, TOWN	STATE
Rogersville	Tennessee

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Fudge Farm is located east of Surgoinville on Highway 11W. The road passes directly in front of the house and it divides the barnyard from the house and yard. The pasture land extends across both sides of the road and over the distant hillsides.

The two story brick section of the farmhouse was built before 1851. Bricks were manufactured on the site presumably by slaves for there were several slave cabins built on the site at that time. The rectangular shape plan consists of two 18' x 18' front rooms at either side of the 8' x 18' entrance and staircase hall. The two bedrooms and center hall above have the same dimensions. The ceilings are 11' tall with 13' tall ceilings below. The staircase has a mid-stage landing built across the back wall, square balusters, ramped railings, carved spandrels and turned wood posts and newel. The six foot mantles, flooring, woodwork, doors, paneling and hardware are all original features of the house. There are fireplaces in each room and the chimney breasts are flanked by built-in closets. The symmetrical five-bay facade features Flemish bond patterned brick bearing walls, 12/12 double hung sash type windows, green shutters and white painted wood cornice with paired, carved brackets for trim. The tall end wall has protruding brick chimneys, narrow stacks and vented attic windows fitted into the decorated, wood cornice boards at the frieze. The basement is divided into two separate rooms. Each room has an outside entrance, fireplace and the original wood flooring has been removed. The rear "T" addition from the center hall was added in 1890. This service wing replaced an earlier building. Constructed of frame, the present dining room and kitchen are 15' x 15' with a side porch attached at the back ell on the east side. This porch was enclosed in 1971 when aluminum siding was added. There is a large fireplace located in the end wall of the kitchen. A bathroom, mud porch, and guest room have been constructed across the porch.

In its present form, the stock barn is constructed of rectangular shape log or frame bays connected by a tin clad, common gable roof which extends over the rear byre shed addition. The log, double-crib stable and runway is the earliest section of the barn and it is constructed of 18" oak logs, 18' x 32' long, eighteen courses high. The timbers have been squared and mortised at the corners and ends where they are joined in the half-dove tail style corner joinery. The middle section is the threshing floor which was originally open at each end and floored with 2" thick oak planks held in place by wood pegs. A vented hay loft has been added to the upper section and both ends have been enclosed by frame and board. The log pen to the right side is a stable and the gated entrance is located on the front side. The hay loft is original and it has a loose, puncheon floor of oak timbers. The larger crib section on the left side of the threshing room is divided into three rooms below and two wide lofts above. The cross partitioning is constructed of 18' long hewn oak logs mortised through the bearing walls at the interstices which are not chinked. This section includes two 18' x 12' stables and the center pen is the feed and tack room. All of the doors and loft apertures are located on the front facing the barnyard. The addition at the right end is constructed of sawn board sheathing nailed to timber framing. The upper room is a hay loft and the lower room is the byre. The shed extension built at the back extends across the length of the barn. The hay loft area has doors located at the gable ends. The lower floor has been divided into three areas. Plank flooring was added to extend the length of the threshing room floor. The log walls were extended by the addition of timber framing and plank sheathing. Doors from this addition to the threshing room lead to a harness room on the right side and to the

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shed located behind the larger crib section on the left side of the threshing room. Large, double board and batten doors were added to the shed for access to the threshing room where the farmer used a flail for threshing grain. The weatherboarded gable is original. The gable end of the byre shed features louvered vents at the mid-section and rake. Courses are spaced by blocks nailed to the stud wall frame and corner posts. The log sills are set on rough-cut fieldstone piers and a stone foundation wall supports the weatherboard frame additions.

The two story log granary was built for storing seed, wheat, oats and corn; it has been preserved in its original form. Built of hand-hewn oak logs cut even at the ends and held in place by half-dovetail corner joinery, this building is raised from the ground level by fieldstone foundation walls. Log partition walls, mortised through the open interstices of the bearing walls, divide the interior space into five corn rooms and a center hall at the gable end entrance. The wooden staircase has a mid-stage landing where the seed bins are located. The gable is weatherboarded, and a frame and shiplap shed is attached to the side wall with the roof extending out from below the eave. This addition is a gear shed and is open at one end. A stable has been constructed across the gable end wall at the back. The bay consists of one stall which is open on the end facing the barnyard. Other farmbuildings located in the barnyard include two frame chicken houses.

There are several outbuildings located directly behind the main house. Next to the house is the log smokehouse. The gable roof extends as an overhang above the low, centered entrance. This building is constructed of hand-hewn oak logs, and it features half-dovetail corner joinery, closing interstices, and a sunken earthen floor. The smokehouse was used for preparing meat until 1960. The board and batten wash house and log wellhouse are located behind the house. The wellhouse has a frame addition and it was constructed above the hand-dug dry well. Other separate buildings include the woodshed, garage, and calf barn. A large cattle barn was built in 1915 and it is located on the hillside above the house. A tobacco barn was built in the early 1900s. All of these buildings are presently in use.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1812-1850

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Fudge Farm has been designated as a Century Farm by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture. This honor awards farms that have been owned and operated by the same family for over one hundred years. The present owner of Fudge Farm is the granddaughter of Conrad Fudge, a planter who came to Tennessee from Marion County, Virginia in 1851. Conrad Fudge purchased 150 acres from James Fibbs, an early settler and one of several previous owners of the land which was originally surveyed and entered in the survey records of Hawkins County on March 19, 1812. Hawkins County is an original county created in 1786 by the State of North Carolina, ten years before Tennessee became a state.

There is some indication that this property was settled and the old log barn was built prior to the 1812 survey. The brick house and outbuildings were built by a previous owner prior to 1851. As agricultural methods and farm production changed, other buildings were added and the original buildings have gained new additions for their continued use. According to deed records, Conrad Fudge purchased an additional 100 acres from Andrew Campbell in 1877. Fudge had three sons who served in the Civil War. His son, John Franklin Fudge, inherited the farm in 1883. Conrad Fudge helped establish Fudge Chapel which was named for him. His grave is the earliest recorded grave at the chapel graveyard located four miles from the family farm.

The extended log barn, log granary, and old smokehouse are characteristic of rural architecture and the agricultural system of the southern mountain region of East Tennessee. The most significant buildings from this group are the log double-crib barn which features a wide threshing floor and a two-story log granary. The barn clearly shows the evolution of the double-crib-type barn. The prototype for its design was first introduced in North America by farmers of various nationalities. The territory in which the double-crib barn is found is generally limited to the southern mountain region and the older examples are constructed of logs. The best examples of this type barn feature the classic, heavy planked, open threshing floor separating log cribs with pens constructed at either end. This form was used where wheat production dominated the economy. As stock raising became more important, additional bays were used for the stable and byre. In this type of barn, all of the bays are joined by a common roof. The linear connected barn is one bay in depth and all of the bays are joined by the common gable roof. The two-story granary is a fine example of log construction. Built of large timbers, the log partition walls form separate rooms for wheat, corn and oats. The half-dove tail joinery is carefully fitted and the original oak timber walls remain straight and plumb.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Records belong to Miss Ella Fudge, present owner of property.

Correspondence with the county historian, Miss Blanche Grigsby.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

A

1	7	3	3	6	370	4	7	0	4	0	3	9	2	6	0
ZONE			EASTING			NORTHING									

B

ZONE			EASTING			NORTHING								

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

Gail Hammerquist, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Tennessee Historical Commission

DATE

March 1976

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 P. Hansen

TITLE

Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission

DATE

9/10/76

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

Attesting

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

12/12/76

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

12/6/76