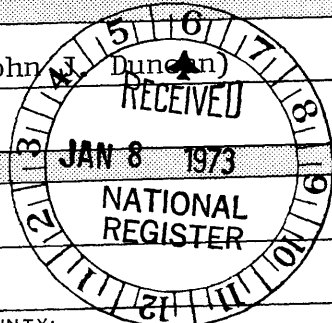


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee	
COUNTY: Grainger	
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**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Shields' Station (Representative John J. Duncan)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
U. S. Highway 11W

CITY OR TOWN:  
Blaine

STATE: Tennessee      CODE: 47      COUNTY: Grainger      CODE: 057

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Thomas E. Roach

STREET AND NUMBER:  
2812 Gibbs Road

CITY OR TOWN: Knoxville      STATE: Tennessee      CODE: 47

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Grainger Co. Registrar's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Rutledge      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 type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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

Shields' Station is located on the eastern edge of the small community of Blaine, and is only a few yards from 11W, one of the most heavily trafficked roads in Tennessee.

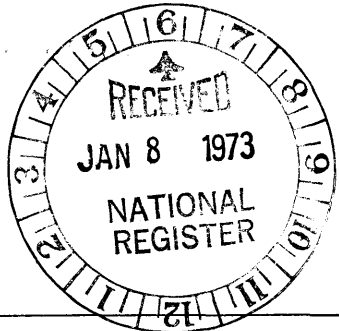
The modified salt-box style of the two-story frame structure is highly unusual for the area. Supposedly, the house first consisted of two rooms built of frame circa 1792, with additions made during the 1830's resulting in fifteen rooms. It would take an extensive and skilled study of the architectural details to document the stages in which the house was actually built, because a quick survey of the floor plan and of obvious indications of additional interior openings suggests numerous changes.

The exterior of the building shows two primary sections, the front or main section, and the wing, which, it is thought, contains the earliest structure. There are two off-centered entrances on the front side, one perhaps used by store and tavern customers. First floor windows except two are nine over six, while all those on the second floor are six over six. Windows on the sides of the main section are not balanced; rather, they coincide with interior floor levels. On the east side of the house are two brick chimneys. On the west side is a single, now interior brick chimney, and another outside brick chimney is on the end of the wing. In some places, the brick foundation has been replaced with cement blocks.

The interior of the main or front section consists of four rooms, all with a fireplace except the northwest room. Located in the latter room is a simple stairway leading to the second floor, where there are also four rooms. Most of the interior architectural components are original including the wall sheathing and the simple mantels. The front parlor mantel (downstairs northeast room), however, is from a house in Rutledge, the county seat of Grainger County. The wing contains three rooms on both upper and lower floors.

Unfortunately the house is beginning to show signs of neglect. Although operated as a "pioneer museum," there are few visitors, meaning the house is seldom opened and not lived in. Several years ago, the absentee owner, rather than improving the physical condition of the historic structure, built a small modern dwelling for a caretaker on the property. Preservation of Shields' Station itself should be encouraged because it is one of the most interesting and unusual buildings in East Tennessee.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" 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) **1830-1860**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science
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<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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In addition to its architectural interest, Shields' Station was an important stop for travelers in East Tennessee from the 1830's until the 1860's.

The area of Blain's Crossroads, now Blaine, was settled by Robert Blain before 1790. It was located on a stage road west of Bean Station, one of the first settlements in Tennessee, and as such, was a place known to travelers from all parts of Tennessee as well as from many other states. Around 1790, James McDaniel purchased about 100 acres of land at Blain's Crossroads, on which he is said to have built a two-room frame structure.

In 1830, Dr. Samuel Shields and Mr. Wood leased a building from Robert Blain. By the time the two year lease had expired, Shields had decided to remain in Blain's Crossroads where he though a business venture would be highly profitable. In 1833, Shields and his brother, Milton, leased the McDaniel property from an heir, and began operating a store. Shortly thereafter, they purchased the property for \$116.25. It is believed that it was at this time that extensive additions were made, including accommodations for overnight guests as well as a store. (The present owner believes that there was also a larger store building nearby.) Supposedly it became known as Shields' Station because stage operators and wagon train drivers used it as a "fueling point" when Baltimore wholesalers supplied Knoxville and other sections with merchandise. Three presidents, Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk, and Andrew Johnson, all hailing from Tennessee, are said to have spent the night there. Ledgers and other documents which remained in the house list the various kinds of articles sold in the store. Shields' Station also served as post office for the area and as a base for Dr. Shields' medical practice.

During the winter of 1863, Shields' Station was headquarters for Federal troops. The business never recovered from the Civil War, just as the importance of Blain's Crossroads as a stage stop declined with the coming of the railroads.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Files of Thomas Roach, present owner.

Floyd, Don. "Blain's Crossroads (Blaine) Becomes Early Commercial Center," Citizen Tribune, Morristown, Tennessee, June 18, 1968.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			CORNER	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
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NE	0	"		83°	42'	03"
SE	0	"				
SW	0	"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Ellen Beasley**

ORGANIZATION: **Tennessee Historical Commission**      DATE: **1-2-73**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**403 7th Avenue, North**

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

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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:

National  State  Local

Name: Michael J. Smith

Title: Executive Director  
Tennessee Historical Commission

Date: 1-3-73

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert M. Utley  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 4/24/73

ATTEST:  
[Signature]  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 4/16/73