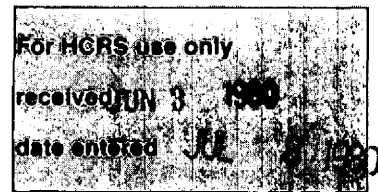


United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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Type all entries—complete applicable sections



1. Name

historic Deberry-Hurt House

and/or common

2. Location SW of Jackson

street & number Route 6, Box 365 not for publication

city, town Jackson vic. vicinity of congressional district Seventh

state Tennessee code 047 county Madison code 113

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Diane E. Tankersley

street & number Route 6, Box 365

city, town Jackson vicinity of state Tennessee 38301

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Madison County Court House, Registry of Deeds

street & number Court Square

city, town Jackson state Tennessee 38301

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title State Architectural Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date April, 1980 federal state county local

depository for survey records Tennessee Historical Commission, 4721 Trousdale Drive

city, town Nashville state Tennessee 37219

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 Deberry-Hurt House is located 4.2 miles east of Jackson on the Beech Bluff Road about one mile north of the North Fork Forked Deer River. Built by Mathias Deberry ca. 1823, this two story brick house represents one of the finest examples of Federalist architecture in West Tennessee.

Resting on a solid brick foundation, the Deberry-Hurt house conforms to the symmetrical traditions of the Federalist style. Originally, the house consisted of a central hall plan with three rooms over two, and two additional rooms in the basement. Later additions to the house were completed ca. 1855 and in 1922 which greatly enlarged the size of the house.

The Deberry-Hurt House has a gable roof with modern asphalt shingles. Numbered and pinned rafters support the roof, and chimneys extend from both ends of the gables. The south elevation, facade, was laid in Flemish bond, and is a classic Federalist configuration. The five bay facade has double hung sash 9 over 9 windows on the first floor and 6 over 9 windows on the second. Both groups of windows have flat arches atop them. The main entrance is an arched opening with a three paneled double door, framed architrave, and fan light capped with a semicircular arch. Five rectangular air vents with square wooden vertical bars inserted on the diagonal and with flat arches are located under each of the bays on the facade which provide light and air to the basement rooms.

The west elevation of the original structure remains unaltered. Two small four paneled casement windows flank the chimney and provide light into the attic. A single rectangular air vent serves the basement.

The east elevation is similar to the west. During the 1922 expansion of the house, a modern one-story flat roofed wing was added to the east elevation, but the present owners have removed this alteration returning the house to its original symmetry. An exterior entrance to the basement is also located here.

About 1855 Robert B. Hurt, son-in-law of Mathias Deberry, enlarged the house to accommodate his growing family. A one story brick ell extended from the north elevation. It contained two additional rooms, hall, and back porch. Hurt followed the same style of the original structure with flat arches over double hung sash 9 over 9 windows.

The house remained unchanged until 1922 when Elizabeth Hurt Leeper, granddaughter of Mathias Deberry, renovated and modernized the house. The Leepers installed plumbing and wiring in addition to adding a bathroom onto the one story ell. A two-story wing was also added to the north elevation. The Leepers were sensitive to the Federalist style and these later additions are harmonious with the original structure.

The interior of the Deberry-Hurt House retains many of the Federalist attributes. The fireplaces on the first floor have rectangular openings. The mantles are framed by heavily fluted pilasters and flanked by built-in cabinets with double 6 paneled doors and symmetrically molded trim with corner blocks. The stairway rises from the front. The handrail, baluster,

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and newel are simple in appearance and round in cross section. The open string stairs have scrolled ornamental brackets. The six paneled doors are identical to those that flank the chimney and have box locks and butt hinges. The walls are covered by paneled wainscoting and wallpaper.

The original detached wood kitchen was located near the rear of the house. It was recently dismantled, as was a one-room cabin that reportedly predates the construction of the brick house. A large barn with a gambrel roof covered with wooden shakes is located on the property. The Deberry-Hurt cemetery is situated .2 miles southeast of the house. The graves of many of the family members are located here which includes Mathias Deberry, Susan Deberry Hurt and her husband Robert B. Hurt, Elizabeth Hurt Leeper and a number of her children.

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
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Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The DeBerry-Hurt house is the oldest house in Madison County and one of the oldest houses in West Tennessee. After the signing of the Jackson Purchase on October 19, 1818, the large area of Indian land between the Mississippi and Tennessee Rivers was available for western expansion. Madison County, established in 1821 was created out of this and Mathias Deberry arrived in the county shortly thereafter to begin construction of this large brick house. Deberry moved from Northhampton County, North Carolina and secured a land grant for the property on February 17, 1823.

Tax records from 1824-1839 showed Deberry owned a large farm, over 700 acres. Aside from acquiring considerable land holdings, Deberry was also politically prominent. Deberry was a Justice of the Peace for Madison County in 182, 1829, and 1836. He also served as sheriff from 1831-1835 and it was through the office of sheriff that Deberry became a local hero. Deberry helped capture the famous outlaw, John Murrell, and chained Murrell in his yard to await transfer to prison in Nashville.

Mathias Deberry died in late 1838 and the inventory of his estate showed a large farming operation. Owning over 60 slaves, the Deberry estate passed to his wife, Elizabeth Epps Deberry. After her death, the property was transferred to their daughter, Susan Deberry Hurt. Born on April 5, 1825, Susan married Robert Bailey Hurt of Halifax County, Virginia on June 3, 1843. The Hurts continued the farming operation through the next forty years. Considered one of the wealthier persons in the county, Hurt did not escape the destruction caused by the Civil War. His land was occupied by Federal troops from 1862-1865, and after the war, Hurt reported losses to the Board of Claims in excess of \$40,000.

Robert Hurt died on August 31, 1881, but his widow lived until 1930. About 1920, ownership of the house was transferred to their daughter, Elizabeth Hurt Leeper. The Leeper family retained ownership of the house until 1975 when the present owners purchased it. A familiar landmark in that section of Madison County, the Deberry-Hurt House is remarkable in that descendants of Mathias Deberry have owned the house for over 150 years.

It is an important structure because it is one of the best existing examples of Federal architecture in West Tennessee, an area of the state in which there are not many buildings of this style because of its later settlement dates.

The boundary of this nomination has been drawn to the dimensions of the single tract of land occupied by the house.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Madison County Court Minute Book, Vol, 1, page 197,
 Madison County Tax Lists.
 Madison County Census Schedules 1850 and 1860
 North Hampton County, North Carolina Census 1810
 Historic Madison, Emma I. Williams

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 8.4 **UTM NOT VERIFIED**
 Quadrangle name Beech Bluff, Tennessee Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References Latitude: 35° 36' 43" **ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**
88° 44' 48"

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Verbal boundary description and justification The nominated property is a single tract of land outlined in red on the accompanying map. The original map, drawn on a scale of 1"=400' is located at the Tennessee State Board of Equalization, Nashville, Tennessee

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/title Stephen T. Rogers, Cultural Resources Surveyor
 organization Tennessee Historical Commission date April 7, 1980
 street & number 4721 Trousdale Drive telephone (615) 741-2371
 city or town Nashville state Tennessee 37219

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Herbert L. Hoyer

title Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission date 5/28/80

For HCRS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
 Keeper of the National Register W. Ray Luce date 7/8/80
 Attest: Kristin O'Connell date 7/2/80
 Chief of Registration