

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee	
COUNTY: Sevier	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71,347,0006	DATE 3/18/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Buckingham House

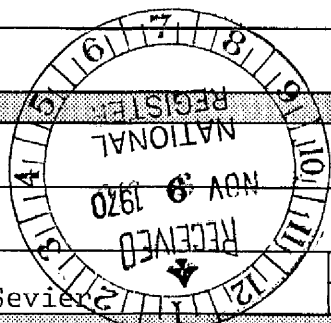
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: *W of Sevierville off*
Sevierville Pike, ~~Route 10~~

CITY OR TOWN:
Sevierville *vic.*

STATE: Tennessee CODE: 047 COUNTY: Sevier CODE: 155



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mrs. Anna Kate Ellis

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route #10

CITY OR TOWN: Sevierville STATE: Tennessee CODE: 047

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Sevier County Register of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:
Court House

CITY OR TOWN: Sevierville STATE: Tennessee CODE: 047

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1934 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D. C. CODE: 11

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

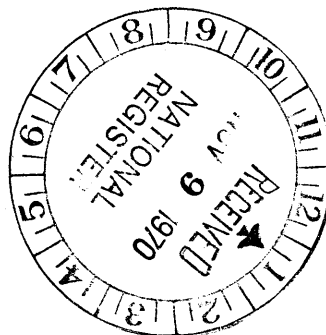
The Buckingham House is located on a slight elevation overlooking the fertile valleys of the French Broad River in Sevier County. It was built in 1795 by Thomas and Ephriam Buckingham and is the oldest existing house in Sevier County.

Although it was not an elaborate house, it was well-built and is still in sound structural condition. The original part of the house was rectangular, of the Federal style, measuring 33 feet by 20 feet and consisting of two rooms and an attic. It was built of brick, with an exterior brick chimney at either end. The pattern of the brick on the front elevation is Flemish bond, while on either end it is English bond. A small, four-paned transom window was placed over the front door. Two bricks located to the right of the front door bear the inscriptions "T & E B" and "1795," identifying the builders, Thomas and Ephriam Buckingham and the date of construction. These bricks were originally laid in the wall over the front entrance, but later construction of a porch necessitated removal in order for them to be visible.

The floors are of original pine, and much of the original woodwork, such as the cornice with fine dentil work, the plain mantels and the stairway going to the attic still exist. One of the original doors, showing pegged construction, still has the wrought iron strap hinges.

Around 1900, a frame addition consisting of two rooms and a porch were added to the back of the house, changing the shape of the house to an L-shaped structure. In more recent years, a new front porch was built to replace an earlier one.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1776-1795

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | osophy | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

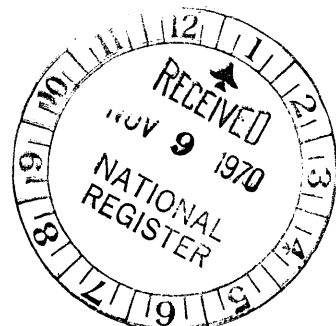
The Buckingham House is significant not only as being the oldest existing house in Sevier County, but as one of the few remaining examples of the type of architecture of the early houses built on the Tennessee frontier in the latter part of the eighteenth century. The sturdy brick houses personified that hardy group of pioneers who settled the area which had been Indian territory.

The house overlooks a large area that was once an island formed by the French Broad River and Boyd's Creek. This area has been known as Big Island, Sevier Island, and Buckingham Island, its present name. The property was bought by Thomas Buckingham from John Sevier, famous Indian fighter and first governor of Tennessee.

Thomas Buckingham was prominent in governmental affairs, having been one of the Commissioners to locate the courthouse when Sevier County was created by the division of Jefferson County in 1794. He was elected as the first sheriff of the county and was a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1796 when Tennessee became a state.

Buckingham's Island was the scene of many skirmishes with the Indians from 1776 to 1785, as it was on the great Indian warpath. At various times it served as a rendezvous point for both the Indian warriors and the white soldiers in preparation for an upcoming expedition. It was on the path of some of the final military expeditions that crushed the Indian resistance to white settlement of the area.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hammer, J. M., "History of Sevier County," unpublished manuscript (1877).

Matthews, Fred, History of Sevier County (Sevierville, 1950).

Ramsey, J.G.M., The Annals of Tennessee (Charleston, 1853).

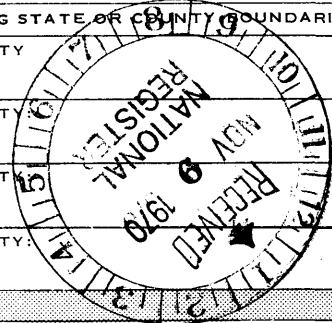
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES							
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE							
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds			
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	35°	54'	58"	83°	37'	56"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than 10

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



NO
UTM
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Herbert L. Harper, Director of Field Services

ORGANIZATION: Tennessee Historical Commission DATE: 10/27/70

STREET AND NUMBER: 403 7th Avenue, North

CITY OR TOWN: Nashville STATE: Tennessee CODE: 047

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Stephen S. Lawrence</u> <u>Stephen S. Lawrence</u></p> <p>Title <u>Executive Director</u> <u>Tennessee Historical Commission</u></p> <p>Date <u>11/5/70</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Ernest A. Connally</u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>MAR 18 1971</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>William J. Mastaglio</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>JAN 5 1971</u></p>
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Buckingham House Sevier County, TENNESSEE

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION APPROVAL
71000831

Delores Byers 7/15/93

71000831. Buckingham House, Sevier County. NR3/18/71. The correct significant date should be 1796 only.

71000832. Sevier County Courthouse, Sevier County. NR3/24/71. Romanesque Revival should be added as another style.

73001822. Collier-Crichlow House, Rutherford County. NR7/16/73. Delete the term Chateausque as a style.

77001264. Riverwood, Davidson County. NR7/20/77. Delete the terms Adamesque and Colonial as styles.

82003982. Louisville and Nashville Passenger Station, Knox County. NR3/25/82. Delete the term Chateausque as a style.

83003024. U.S. Post Office, Elizabethton, Carter County. NR8/9/83. There is no style mentioned in the data base. The nomination mentions Beaux Arts as a style, but Classical Revival is probably more correct.

83003026. Gladstone Apartments, Davidson County. NR6/16/83. Delete the term Elizabethan Revival and add Classical Revival as the style.

83004256. Knoxville YMCA, Knox County. NR11/17/83. Add the term Renaissance Revival as a style.