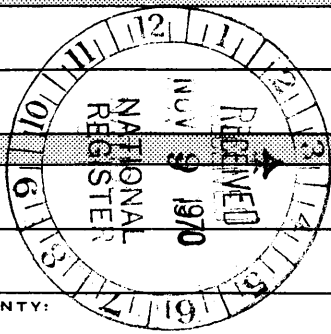


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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee	
COUNTY: Davidson	
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ENTRY NUMBER 71/4,47,0012	DATE 4/16/71



1. NAME

COMMON:
Cleveland Hall

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
4041 Old Hickory Boulevard

CITY OR TOWN:
Old Hickory

STATE: Tennessee CODE: 047 COUNTY: Davidson CODE: 037

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" 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:
Mr. John Donelson, VII, Mr. L. H. Donelson, and Mrs. W.R. Stevens

STREET AND NUMBER:
4041 Old Hickory Boulevard

CITY OR TOWN: Old Hickory STATE: Tennessee CODE: 047

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Davidson County Register's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
Court House

CITY OR TOWN: Nashville STATE: Tennessee CODE: 047

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey (photographs only)

DATE OF SURVEY: 1940 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D. C. CODE: 011

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Cleveland Hall was built in 1839-40 by Stockley Donelson on part of a land grant given to the family. It has been in the Donelson family since it was built.

The house sits back a short distance from Old Hickory Boulevard in the midst of ancient red cedars that lined the drive when the house was built. Its architecture is of the Federal style with a one-story Greek portico having four fluted Doric columns, typical pediment, and triglyphs on the frieze. It is rectangular in shape with a kitchen ell and rear wood porch. Above the two main floors is an open half-story storage space. There are two chimneys at each end, connected by a brick wall.

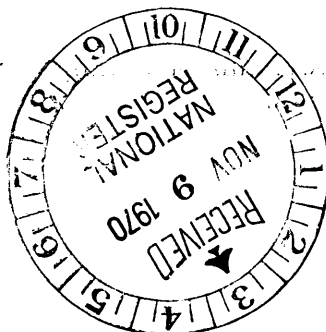
The bricks used in the building were made on the place, and the stone for the foundation was also quarried on the place. The porch floor is made of large square stones. The bricks are laid in Flemish bond on the front and in American bond on the end walls of the house.

The front entrance leads into a wide hall which has a partition separating the front and back halls. In the back hall are winding stairs leading to the hall above, and from there a narrow stair continues up to the attic. On the first floor are the dining room and parlor with folding doors between, and also having folding doors opening into the hall. Across the hall are two bedrooms, one of which opens onto the back porch. On the second floor are four bedrooms and a library. The downstairs ell was the kitchen and pantry. The kitchen had a large open fireplace with a stone hearth extending almost to the center of the room. This area has undergone recent remodeling.

The fine interior yellow poplar woodwork is original, as are the floors, which are poplar except those in the entrance which are white ash. The hardware is also original.

Back of the house is a brick smokehouse built in 1910, replacing an earlier one. Several hundred yards back of the house remains a slave cabin built of cedar logs, the last of several such buildings which once were there.

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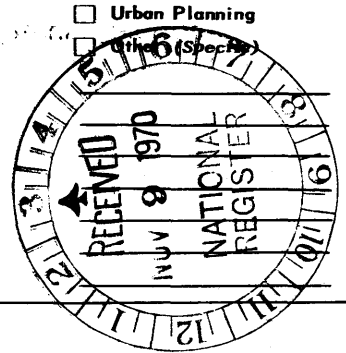
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1839

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Cleveland Hall is significant and worthy of preservation not only because of its architectural value as a fine example of early architecture in Tennessee, but also because of its connection with the Donelson family.

Colonel John Donelson, grandfather of Stockley Donelson, builder of Cleveland Hall, was one of the earliest settlers of Middle Tennessee. In 1779 two expeditions set out from the Watauga settlement in East Tennessee for what is now Nashville. James Robertson, known as the founder of Nashville, led the overland expedition composed of men, goods, and some horses and other livestock. This expedition proceeded through the Cumberland Gap and Kentucky, then south into what is now Tennessee. The other party, led by Colonel Donelson and composed of a flotilla of about forty boats carrying the women and children and most of the household goods, embarked on a voyage down the Holston and Tennessee Rivers, and up the Ohio and Cumberland River to the present Nashville. Among the passengers was his daughter, Rachel, who was to become the wife of Andrew Jackson.

Captain John Donelson, son of Colonel John Donelson and father of Stockley Donelson, was a soldier and a surveyor and was prominent in the early settlement of the Nashville area. He built in 1804 a large log house called the Mansion near the site of Cleveland Hall. Here Stockley Donelson was born.

Cleveland Hall is built near the Hermitage, and Andrew Jackson was often a visitor there. When Stockley married Phila Ann Lawrence, an elegant dinner was given by General Jackson.

Stockley was a lawyer and a planter, very influential in the area. He remained a close friend of Jackson's and helped to attend to some of Jackson's business affairs while Jackson was in Washington. The Donelson family has remained a prominent family in the area.

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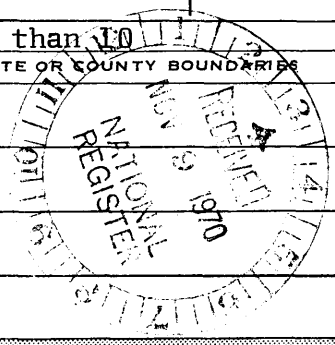
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

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

ORGANIZATION: Tennessee Historical Commission DATE: 11/5/70

STREET AND NUMBER:
403 7th Avenue, North

CITY OR TOWN: Nashville STATE: Tennessee CODE: 047

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 Stephen S. Lawrence
Stephen S. Lawrence
 Executive Director
 Title Tennessee Historical Commission

Date 11/5/70

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

Ernest A. Connelly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

APR 16 1971

Date _____

ATTEST:
William J. Montgomerie
 Keeper of The National Register

MAR 12 1971

Date _____