

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee	
COUNTY: Sullivan	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	APR 11 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
Finlay Alison House (Representative James H. Gillen)

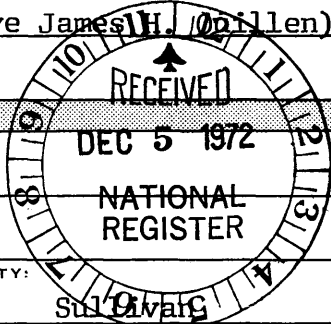
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: *W of Piney Flats*
Route #2

CITY OR TOWN:
Piney Flats

STATE: **Tennessee** CODE: **47** COUNTY: **Sullivan** CODE: **163**



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:
Mrs. J. E. Alison

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route #2

CITY OR TOWN: **Piney Flats** STATE: **Tennessee** CODE: **47**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: **Blountville** 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:

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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 Finley Alison house is located several miles west of Piney Flats near the Sullivan and Washington county lines. It is set in a well-manicured yard. Directly behind it is the extensive greenhouse operation belonging to the same owner.

The house is a story and a half brick structure with a raised basement. The framing and location of the openings are original. Unusual for the area are the interior chimneys and the cornice with its punched detail. Bracket trim on the front porch suggests that the porch was added in the 1870's or 1880's. More recently, a small back wing and porch were added, and modern ornamental iron window boxes placed under the front windows.

The interior plan of the house consists of a central hall with a stairway to the upper story. To one side of the hall is a single room the depth of the house. Dominating the room is a mantelpiece carved with a covered Grecian-inspired vase in the center. To the other side of the hall are two small rooms, now a kitchen and a bedroom, the latter with a fireplace. The basement has a large fireplace which may have served as the original kitchen.



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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input 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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The small, compact Finlay Alison house is important architecturally because both its form and its woodwork are exceptional for the area. Two details, the interior chimneys and the cornice, show a striking similarity to another unusual house in Sullivan County, the ornamental brick house.

The present owners who are descendants of the probable builder, Finlay Alison, claim the house was built in 1811. No written documentation could be located to substantiate that date. The Alison family were early settlers in the area who became prominent and prosperous figures, as evidenced by the fact that two of the most architecturally significant structures in Sullivan County are early Alison homes.



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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Conversation with owner, Mrs. Mary Alison, May, 1972.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

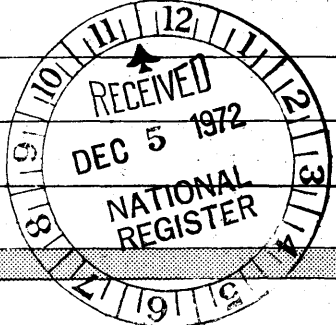
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 3

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

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Ellen Beasley

ORGANIZATION: **Tennessee Historical Commission** DATE: **11-11-72**

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
Michael J. Smith
Executive Director
Title: Tennessee Historical Commission

Date: 11-20-72

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

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

Date: 4/11/73

ATTEST: [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 4 4 73