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# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC  ~~Smith-Hoffman House~~  
AND/OR COMMON

## LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
Beech and A Streets  
CITY, TOWN  
Clarksville  
STATE  
Tennessee  
VICINITY OF  
Sixth  
COUNTY  
Montgomery  
CODE  
47  
CODE  
125  
NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

## CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

## OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME  
Mrs. Katherine Horsley & Mrs. Annette Tinnin  
STREET & NUMBER  
105 Hilltop Drive  
CITY, TOWN  
Hendersonville  
STATE  
Tennessee  
VICINITY OF

## LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Montgomery County Courthouse  
STREET & NUMBER  
Third and Commerce Streets  
CITY, TOWN  
Clarksville  
STATE  
Tennessee

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE  
Tennessee Historical and Architectural Survey  
DATE  
April 1976  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
Tennessee Historical Commission  
CITY, TOWN  
Nashville  
STATE  
Tennessee  
FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Smith-Hoffman House was built ca. 1855 in a grove of trees on a hill overlooking the Cumberland River in the New Providence section of Clarksville by W. C. Smith, a local tobacco dealer. The main facade of the two-story brick residence faces west. A detached kitchen, located east of the rectangular, Tennessee Vernacular house, was joined to the main section in the early 1900s by Mason Hoffman to form an L plan. The builder laid the walls and foundation in common bond and built chimneys into the north and south elevations; the east wall of the kitchen contains a third chimney. The original covering on the low gable roof has been replaced in recent years with composition shingles.

The symmetrical main facade is divided into five distinct bays. A prominent two-story portico, with an elaborate boxed and pedimented cornice supported by four square columns and two pilasters, dominates this elevation; a decorative balustrade further accents this feature. Enclosed within the confines of the portico is distinctive second-story balcony. Although stylistically consonant, the balcony is physically independent of the portico; paired brackets support this element. Eight windows--two in each bay--balance the assertive centerpiece, and each of these has a nine-over-nine light pattern and is surrounded with a plain lintel and sill and louvered shutters. Paired four-over-four sashes may be replacements for doors in the second-story center. The double-leaf, paneled doors of the main entrance are outlined by sidelights and a headlight.

Except for a single window in the north elevation, the chimney walls have no apertures. Before the kitchen was attached to the house, the rear (east) wall probably had nine windows and a center door. Doubled, small four-light windows were installed above the ell roof.

Early in the twentieth century the detached kitchen, a single-story brick structure, was joined to the main building and a shed porch with plain, square columns added to its entire south side. Some years later the owner attached a small shed porch to the north wall. A few yards southeast of the kitchen stands a dilapidated and much altered, brick carriagehouse.

The large windows provide excellent lighting and ventilation. The floor plan of the house follows the traditional form; a central hall, containing a plain, two-run staircase, separates the two large rooms on each floor. The mantles throughout the house are more utilitarian than ornamental. The Hoffman addition houses a dining room.

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1855

BUILDER/ARCHITECT W. C. Smith

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Since the Smith-Hoffman House appears on a topographical map of Clarksville and vicinity prepared by Union Army surveyors in 1864, and all nonmilitary construction ceased after the collapse of the Confederate stronghold at Fort Donelson in February 1862, an 1860 or earlier construction date is substantiated. For six generations the Smith and Hoffman families have dwelt in the house, and during this period, except for the early twentieth-century modifications, few changes were made in its appearance.

William Cosby Smith (1830-99) and his brothers were born in Virginia and moved from Kentucky, where they settled in 1831, to Montgomery County some years before the Civil War. They engaged in wholesale tobacco merchandising and operated warehouses at Trice's Landing on the Cumberland and at a similar facility on the Red River. As the company expanded, one brother established and operated a branch office in New Orleans while W. C. and the remaining brothers attended to the local business.

Mason Hoffman, a carpenter, and his brother-in-law Herman Bridgewater purchased the house in 1907 or '08, and the Hoffman descendents resided there until 1975. The family still owns the property and it is now rented.

New Providence was a separate community when the Smith-Hoffman House was built on the hill overlooking Trice's Landing, where tobacco was loaded on to steamboats bound for Ohio and Mississippi river ports. Corp of Engineers projects have resulted in the inundation of the old tobacco port. New Providence has been annexed by the city of Clarksville and is now a low-rent residential area. The Smith-Hoffman House remains one of the few nineteenth-century buildings in New Providence and the only brick, ante-bellum residence in the area. It is also the only extant structure associated with the tobacco trade and warehousing business which flourished at Trice's Landing.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Federal Topographical Map: Clarksville, Tennessee, from survey by John H. Willett, December 1864, Military Division, shows the residence in relation to the Federal fort, Fort Bruce, and other properties. Series I, Vol. XLIX.  
 Letter, Ursula S. Beach to Robert E. Dalton, October 29, 1976.  
 Telephone interview with Ursula S. Beach, Montgomery County Historian, October 27, 1976.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.5

UTM REFERENCES

A 

1	6	4	6	1	4	0	4	0	0	0
ZONE			EASTING				NORTHING			

B 

ZONE			EASTING				NORTHING			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Robert E. Dalton, Director of Field Services

ORGANIZATION

Tennessee Historical Commission

STREET & NUMBER

170 Second Avenue North

CITY OR TOWN

Nashville

DATE

October 1976

TELEPHONE

(615) 741-2371

STATE

Tennessee

# 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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Herbert L. Hays*

DATE

11/17/76

TITLE

Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

8/22/77

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

*Charles A. ...*

DATE

8-12-77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER