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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

Locust Grove

AND/OR COMMON

Weathered House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

*n. of Castalian Springs*

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Castalian Springs *mc*

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fourth

STATE

Tennessee

CODE

47

COUNTY

Sumner

CODE

165

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

PUBLIC

PRIVATE

BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

**PRESENT USE**

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

William B. Bate, Jr.

STREET & NUMBER

Box 15

CITY, TOWN

Castalian Springs

VICINITY OF

STATE

Tennessee

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Sumner County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Court Square

CITY, TOWN

Gallatin

STATE

Tennessee

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Historical and Architectural Survey

DATE

June 1978

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Tennessee Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Nashville

STATE

Tennessee

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

Locust Grove is located approximately two miles north of Castalian Springs in southeastern Sumner County. The house stands in a grove of trees surrounded by rolling pasture lands.

This house was built in the Federal style, as interpreted in Tennessee, for Francis Weathered in 1817; it was substantially enlarged in 1829 and some minor improvements were made in this century. The original house is a two-story, brick building over a full cellar with a limestone foundation. Originally covered with wooden shingles, the gable roof now is covered with metal roofing material. When built, the house had two interior brick chimneys, one at each gable; these have recently been removed to the ridge. The 1829, story and a half addition, which formerly was connected to the rear of the main house by a porch, is similarly constructed; this porch was enclosed in the twentieth century. Attached to the rear of the 1829 addition is a one-room log house, which was moved from another site; this addition was completed in the 1960s.

The three-bay symmetrical façade (south elevation) is laid in Flemish bond and outlined with columns of glazed headers near the edges of the wall. On the west elevation, which is laid in the same bond, all headers are glazed. The east and north walls are laid in three-course, American common bond and have random glazed headers. The west elevation of the 1829 addition, while laid in Flemish bond, does not display glazed headers; American common bond appears on the other walls of this section. The early part of the house is further ornamented by a molded-brick water table on all elevations. The principal door, originally single leaf, was replaced by a double leaf door during the Colonial Revival period. The facade windows have been enlarged and their architraves replaced. The roof has been extended approximately eighteen inches over both the east and west elevations. The east elevation originally had a door which has been closed and a gabled cellar entrance shelter which has been removed.

The original house has a hall-parlor plan. Its interior is enriched by paneled wainscoting in both rooms and two early nineteenth-century cherry cupboards which flank the fireplace in the west room; this room presently contains a mantel and overmantel treatment which closely resembles that found at Cragfont, a nearby house listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Two modern outbuildings stand northwest of the house. The old Weathered family cemetery is located approximately fifty yards west of the building.

# 6 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 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 1817

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Francis Weathered

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Francis Weathered was born in 1740 near Charlottesville, Virginia. He fought in the Revolutionary War under LaFayette and participated in the Battle of Yorktown. He moved to Tennessee in 1795, living for a time with Anthony Bledsoe at Greenfield, and after the Indian depredations had stopped, he settled on a part of Bledsoe's tract. He was a carpenter, millwright, and Baptist preacher, and according to local tradition, he fabricated most of the woodwork at Cragfont, the General James Winchester House, a National Register property. Weathered died in 1830 and lies in the family graveyard near the house.

Locust Grove is a good example of the early Federal plantation house of Middle Tennessee. The extraordinarily fine brickwork, with its glazed headers and molded water table, distinguishes this from other similar houses surviving from that period. Stylistically the use of this form of ornamentation was generally obsolete when this house was built, and its appearance here is probably due more to the inclinations of the brickmason and/or owner.

Although the house was remodeled during the early part of the twentieth century, which may account for the appearance of Colonial Revival details, the original structure and most of the interior remain intact. The house was for many years vacant, and the present owners are conducting a sympathetic renovation to repair the damage of those years.

