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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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

Grant-Lee Hall, ~~Lincoln Memorial University~~

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Campus of Lincoln Memorial University

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Harrogate

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second

STATE

Tennessee

CODE

47

COUNTY

Claiborne

CODE

25

**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: closed

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Lincoln Memorial University

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Harrogate

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Tennessee

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Register of Deeds Office, Clairborne County

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Tazewell

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 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		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Grant-Lee Hall is located on the campus of Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Claiborne County. Originally constructed in 1892, the building burned in 1909 and was rebuilt in 1917 upon part of the existing limestone foundation. When reconstructed, the building was reduced from its original length of 300 feet to its present size of about 20,000 square feet, approximately one-half of its former area. Today, Grant-Lee Hall is a two and one-half story masonry building on a limestone foundation. Situated on a sloping site, the basement is entirely above ground on the lower (south elevation) level. The first story walls are stone, while the second story and gables are brick. The west elevation is embellished with a stone arcade and projecting curved sunroom, while the east elevation includes a massive curved exterior stairway and terrace. The arcade, Romanesque-style arches and massive stonework show the influence of the Romanesque Revival. A stone belt course separates the lower stone level from the upper brick story and provides a strong horizontal line to the building. This effect is enhanced by the regular window rhythm repeated in both the stone and brick stories and echoed in the smaller, but repetitive windows in the gables. The strong horizontal lines are broken by occasional projecting pavilions and by several brick chimney stacks which tower above the blue-gray slate roof.

The interior of the building was gutted by fire in 1950 and has been altered repeatedly since that date. The university has plans to extensively remodel the building again in the near future.

# 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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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 1892-1917

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Situated on a seventy-two acre campus, Lincoln Memorial University has nineteen buildings and structures of which Grant-Lee Hall occupies the most prominent position. The building's antecedents trace to the construction in 1892 of a sanitarium, operated in connection with the nearby Four Seasons resort hotel which was razed in 1897. At that time the sanitarium was purchased by the backers of the university and became the first building used in its development. In 1909 this building burned, but a portion of its foundation was used when Grant-Lee Hall was constructed in 1917. In the early years, all of the University's activities were housed in Grant-Lee. Dormitories, classroom space, cafeteria, laboratory, administrative offices, and the President's residence were maintained in that facility. In 1950 fire destroyed a major part of the interior of the building after which it was redesigned to serve as a residence hall, including two apartments utilized by head residents.

More recently, until December of 1977, the facility was used for college housing with the exception of a period in the early 1970s when a major portion of the building was abandoned and the remainder was used for classroom and office space for the Fine Arts Division. A suite of offices was rented for a government education project.

Grant-Lee Hall was the original building on the campus of Lincoln Memorial University. Reverend A. A. Myers, a Congregationalist minister, arrived in the Cumberland Gap area in 1890. He succeeded in opening the Harrow School, which was established for the purpose of providing elementary education to mountain youngsters. Reverend Myers, General O. O. Howard, and three others joined together in establishing Lincoln Memorial University. This group, along with Robert F. Patterson, a Confederate veteran, became a board of directors and purchased the Four Seasons property. On February 12, 1897, the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birthday, the institution was chartered by the State of Tennessee.

It was natural for Lincoln to have deep affection for the people of this section. He was born in Kentucky, not more than a hundred miles from the present campus. Traditions point to its inception as a result of a special request made by the president to General Howard. In 1896, General Howard, at the invitation of Reverend Myers, presented a lecture at the Harrow School, and from this grew his efforts to establish a college for the mountain people.

Grant-Lee Hall is scheduled for remodeling. Architectural plans call for retention of the exterior of the building in its present condition, with the exception of changing window structures. The interior of the building will be completely gutted and replaced with steel/concrete inner structure. When completely remodeled, the building will be used as student housing and will continue to serve the present and future needs of Lincoln Memorial University.

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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QUADRANGLE NAME Middlesboro South, TN-KY-VA

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property nominated is centered in a rectangular lot which measures 150 feet by 250 feet.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Frank W. Welch, President

ORGANIZATION

Lincoln Memorial University

STREET & NUMBER

DATE

May 1978

TELEPHONE

(615) 869-3611

CITY OR TOWN

Harrogate

STATE

Tennessee

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE   

LOCAL X

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. Hayden*

TITLE

Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission

DATE

8/22/78

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

*[Signature]*

DATE

12/8/78

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Jann H. Gilmore

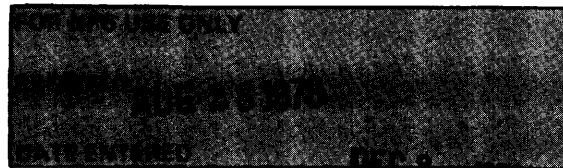
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