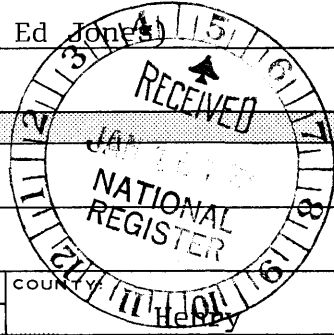


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee	
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1. NAME

COMMON:
Porter House (Representative Ed Jones)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
407 South Dunlap Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Paris

STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47 COUNTY: Henry CODE: 079

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
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<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mrs. William L. Woolfolk and Miss Margaret Porter

STREET AND NUMBER:
407 South Dunlap Street

CITY OR TOWN: Paris STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Paris STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1972 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D. C. CODE: 11

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)					
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(Check One)			(Check One)		
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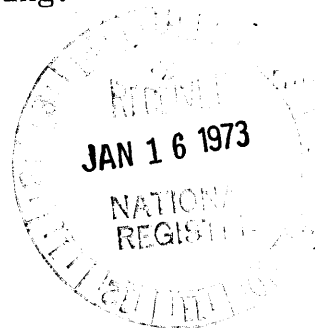
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The fine old two-story red brick house sits on a block of its own in one of the better, if older, residential neighborhoods in Paris, Tennessee. The grounds are well, but not lavishly, maintained.

The house was built in 1848 by Thomas W. Crawford. The facade is balanced in the federal style. There are two windows to each side of a centered doorway, with sidelights and transom panes above. The red clay brick is regular, with English bond tie course, and the lintels above the windows are white stone. The present porch seems to be the proper size, but the iron pillars at the corners and the wrought-iron railings and details seem to be out of place and probably of later origin.

The interior is elaborate, and in good repair. The present occupant is concerned with keeping the family heritage through the structure, and there have been only slight alterations, and the last significant alteration was done by her father about fifty years ago. The old broad plank floors on the first floor have been covered by oak slats. One of the notable features is the stair and landing with no visible supports.

To the rear of the main house stands the kitchen wing, converted into a "boys house" or visitor's wing.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1848

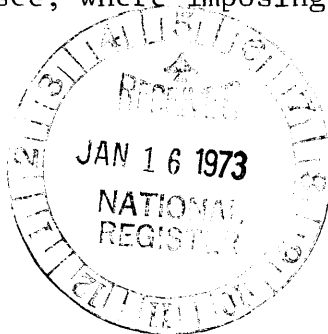
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Porter House is of considerable historical significance to the people of Paris, Tennessee, and to West Tennesseans. It was the home of James D. Porter, who was two-term governor of Tennessee from 1875 to 1879. Prior to his governorship, he was a member of the Tennessee legislature, a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Confederate Army and a member of the Constitutional Convention which drafted the Tennessee State Constitution in 1870. Between 1870 and the terms of his governorship, Mr. Porter was Judge of the Twelfth Tennessee Judicial District and following his governorship, he was President of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad for four years. In 1885 he was appointed First Assistant Secretary of State under Grover Cleveland and it was while he was serving in this position that he purchased the home in Paris that now bears his name. In 1893 Mr. Porter, by appointment of President Cleveland, became Minister to Chile and in 1901 he became President of Peabody College and Chancellor of the University of Nashville. In his eighty-second year, Governor Porter retired to his Paris home where he died two years later.

The Porter House is also of architectural significance in this section of West Tennessee, where imposing houses are relatively scarce.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Brandau, Roberta S. (ed.), History of Homes and Gardens of Tennessee, (Nashville, 1936).

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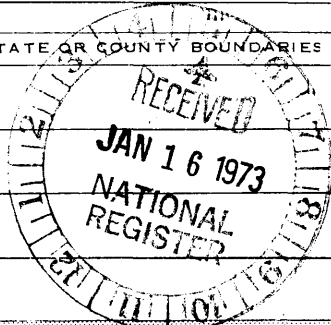
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2

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:
Charles F. Ogilvie, Associate Professor of History

ORGANIZATION: University of Tennessee, Martin Branch DATE: July 3, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Martin 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

Title Executive Director
Tenn. Historical Commission

Date 1-10-73

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

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

Date 4/11/73

ATTEST: [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date 4 4 73