

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee	
COUNTY: Montgomery	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.7.47.0024	DATE 7/14/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Emerald Hill

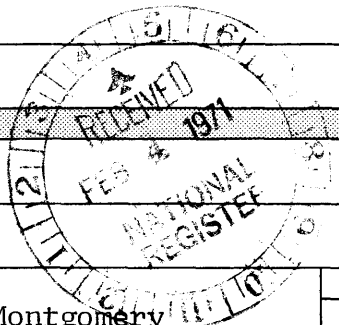
AND/OR HISTORIC:
Eagle's Nest

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
North Second Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Clarksville

STATE: Tennessee CODE: 047 COUNTY: Montgomery CODE: 125



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	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"/> Commercial <input checked="" 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) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
State of Tennessee

STREET AND NUMBER:
c/o Austin Peay State University

CITY OR TOWN: Clarksville STATE: Tennessee CODE: 047

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Court House

CITY OR TOWN: Clarksville STATE: Tennessee CODE: 047

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Emerald Hill stands atop one of the high hills upon which the town of Clarksville was built. A winding, shady driveway passes through a little valley and up the commanding hill overlooking a lovely lawn and the distant curves of the river. To the left are the remains of the once-beautiful formal gardens. The simple but beautiful garden was intersected by two wide flower-bordered walks, and in the center of each of the four squares thus formed is a large tree, two Norwegian pines and two large magnolias. Flower beds, vegetable gardens, orchards, and grape arbors surrounded the square. Although not attended at the present time, the trees and shrubs are plainly evident. Surrounding the house are several ancient beech trees.

Two stories

The builder and exact date of construction of Emerald Hill, or Eagle's Nest as it was originally called, are not known, but it is thought that it was built in the late 1830's. The house built of brick, originally had only two rooms on each level: a dining room and kitchen in the basement; a family room and bedroom on the main floor, with an entry hall from which a stairway led to the two bedrooms upstairs. A long porch was built on both the front and back.

About 1910 the two-story Greek Revival front part of the house was added. This addition consists of a large room on either side of a wide hall, both upstairs and downstairs. Sliding doors open from the hall into the rooms.

The property now belongs to the state of Tennessee for use by Austin Peay State University and is occupied by a university professor. Future plans are not completed at this time, but it will continue to be used in some capacity by the university.

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The original part of the house was built of brick, with two rooms on each level and a long porch on both the front and back, partially enclosed by siding. Sometime later a two story brick addition was added to the north end with the lower floor being used as storage. Some kitchen modernization has been done in recent years. A bath was added and enclosed by siding.

The house originally faced west with a beautiful view of the river. Since the front portion of the house was added, the front faces south.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 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"/> Original | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" 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 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <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

Significance is accorded to Emerald Hill because it was the home of one of Tennessee's most famous orators and political figures, Gustavus Adolphus Henry. Henry was born in Scott County, Kentucky on October 8, 1804. He graduated from Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky in 1825, receiving top honors. Among his classmates was Jefferson Davis, with whom he formed a friendship that lasted for life. After graduation he studied law and was admitted to the bar. He began the practice of law at Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and moved to Clarksville, Tennessee in 1833 where he continued his practice. Before moving to Tennessee he had been a member of the Kentucky legislature in 1831, 1832, and 1833. He was a Whig presidential elector in 1840 supporting William Henry Harrison and John Tyler; in 1844 supporting Henry Clay and Theodore Frelinghuysen; and in 1852 supporting Winfield Scott and William A. Graham. He was an unsuccessful candidate for Congress in 1842 and Whig nominee for Governor in 1853 against Andrew Johnson. In 1861 he was appointed by Governor Isham G. Harris as one of the Commissioners to enter Tennessee into a league with the Southern Confederacy. He was elected the first Senator from Tennessee to the Confederate Congress, where his powerful and eloquent speeches often inspired the downcast minds of his fellow senators during the dark hours of struggle for the Confederacy. For this he received the highest praise from President Jefferson Davis.

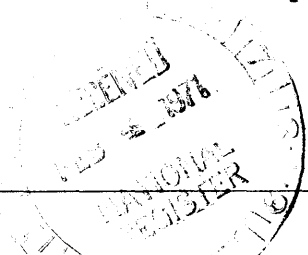
So eloquent was he that he was given the nickname "The Eagle Orator" and his home was originally called Eagle's Nest. Because of his outstanding ability, he was widely sought as a speaker.

1833-1880

(Eagle Orator lived here after coming to Clarksville until his death in 1880.) *

* Per Herbert Harper in Tennessee, phone call, June 4, 1971 to N.R.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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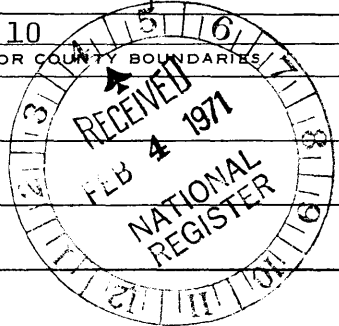
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than 10

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



UTM
1446164
4012640
HB

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Herbert L. Harper, Director of Field Services

ORGANIZATION: Tennessee Historical Commission DATE: 1/24/71

STREET AND NUMBER:
403 7th Avenue, North

CITY OR TOWN: Nashville STATE: Tennessee CODE: 047

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 Stephen S. Lawrence
Stephen S. Lawrence

Title Executive Director
Tennessee Historical Commission

Date 2/1/71

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

Ernest A. Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

JUL 14 1971

Date _____

ATTEST:
William M. ...
Keeper of the National Register

Date **JUN 15 1971**