

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Hitch, John, House
other names/site number Hitch, John, House (BL-2352)

2. Location

street & number On Lee Lambert Road, one-half mile south of Old N/A not for publication
city, town Walland Highway - Maryville X vicinity
state Tennessee code TN county Blount code 009 zip code 37801

3. Classification

| Ownership of Property | Category of Property | Number of Resources within Property | |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| | | Contributing | Noncontributing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | 1 | 0 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-local | <input type="checkbox"/> district | | 0 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-State | <input type="checkbox"/> site | 1 | 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal | <input type="checkbox"/> structure | | 0 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> object | 2 | 1 |
| | | | Total |

Name of related multiple property listing: Hist. & Arch. Resources of Blount Co.
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of certifying official: Herbert C. Hargis
Date: 6/8/89
Deputy SHPO, Tennessee Historical Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of commenting or other official
Date
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
 determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register.
 removed from the National Register.
 other, (explain):
Determined Eligible
Amy Schlager
owner of section
Byers
interested in
National Register
OWNER OBJECTION
7/25/89
4/16/89

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling
 DOMESTIC/Secondary Structure

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling
 DOMESTIC/Secondary Structure

7. DescriptionArchitectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Colonial Revival/Bungalow/Craftsman

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete
 walls Brick

 roof Asphalt Shingles
 other Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The John Hitch House is a two-story brick, asymmetrical plan, five bay brick residence built in 1918 with Colonial Revival and Bungalow influences. The house is of stretcher bond brick construction with a hipped roof of composition shingles, interior brick chimneys and a concrete foundation. On the main (E) facade is a one-story porch with original Bungalow design tapered brick columns and a solid brick railing. On the main (E) facade is a two-story projecting bay. The porch roof has wide eaves and the main roofline also has wide eaves with large modillion blocks. The main entrance has an original single light glass and frame door with single light sidelights. Secondary doors on the main facade are also original single light glass and frame design. Windows are rectangular one-over-one wood sash and over both doors and windows are soldier course lintels. In the gable field of the projecting second story bay are square wood shingles.

At the southwest corner is a one-story frame wing with ca. 1940 four light hinged casement windows and added tile siding. Also on the rear (west) facade is a ca. 1970 concrete deck. At the northwest corner is a ca. 1960, one-story frame addition with weatherboard siding and horizontal casement windows. The interior was inaccessible. At the rear is a ca. 1970 metal carport (NC) and original concrete, round well house built to house the well pump and water tank. This structure is approximately 20' high. (C) The house is located in a rural section of the county to the east of Maryville.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1918 _____

Significant Dates

1918 _____

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The John Hitch House is significant under criterion C for its architectural design. The house was built in 1918 in a T-plan form with Colonial Revival and Bungalow detailing. The house is one of three brick residences, and the only one with these particular stylistic details, built in the rural areas of the county in the early 1900s and reflects an era of growth and prosperity for county farmers. The house is one of the largest built in the county during this period. Additions to the house have been confined to the rear facade, are not readily visible and the house retains its original character and detailing.

John Hitch was born on October 23, 1871 in Blount County. He was the son of John Hitch Sr. who owned land in this section of the county. John Hitch was born in a log residence and grew up on his father's farm east of Maryville. In 1899, Hitch purchased two adjoining tracts of land and built a five room frame home. Over the next two decades Hitch raised cattle and hogs and became one of the most prosperous farmers in the county. His farm became known as the Blue Grass Stock Farm and in 1918 built a 12 room brick home with two indoor baths. Upon completion the house was referred to as "the mansion in the Tennessee Mountains".

The home built by Hitch was a two-story brick residence with Colonial Revival and Bungalow detailing. The house is asymmetrical in design with a large one-story porch, tapered porch posts, and eave modillion blocks. When it was completed the house was one of largest built in the county and one of only three brick farm houses of the period. It is a fine example of the asymmetrical Colonial Revival style and is similar in design to the Samuel Yearout House, and James R. Davis House. John Hitch sold the house in 1923 and Lee Lambert purchased the 130 acre property in 1943 from Joseph Reynolds. The property is currently owned by the Lambert heirs.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Blount County Deed Records. 1800 - 1989. Blount County Courthouse, Maryville, Tennessee.

Burns, Inez E. History of Blount County, Tennessee: From War Trail to Landing Strip. Tennessee Historical Commission, Mary Blount Chapter DAR, 1957.

Morgan, John. Blount County Cultural Resource Survey. Tennessee Historical Commission, Nashville, Tennessee.

See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

- Primary location of additional data:
- State historic preservation office
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other
- Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 2.9 acres.

UTM References

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Maryville Quad

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary for the John Hitch House is illustrated on accompanying Blount County tax map 59, lot 140, which is drawn at a scale of 1" = 400'. The property is bounded on the northeast by Lee Lambert Road (shown on the map as Whites Mill Road), and on the northwest, southwest, and southeast by a fence line which encloses the property. The boundary includes the house, one contributing structure (wellhouse), and one non-contributing modern carport.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary for the John Hitch House includes the house and lot historically associated with the property. No other resources associated with the property's period of significance are extant.

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Continuation Sheet**

Photographs

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Hist. and Arch. Resources of Blount Co.

John Hitch House
Whites Mill Rd., Maryville Vic., Blount County, TN
Photographs By: Thomason and Assoc.
Date: Fall, 1988
Location of Neg: THC

View: Northeast and southeast facades.
Photo # 1

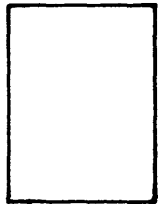
View: Northwest facade.
Photo # 2

View: Southeast and southwest facades.
Photo # 3

View: Southwest facade.
Photo # 4

View: Non-contributing outbuilding.
Photo # 5

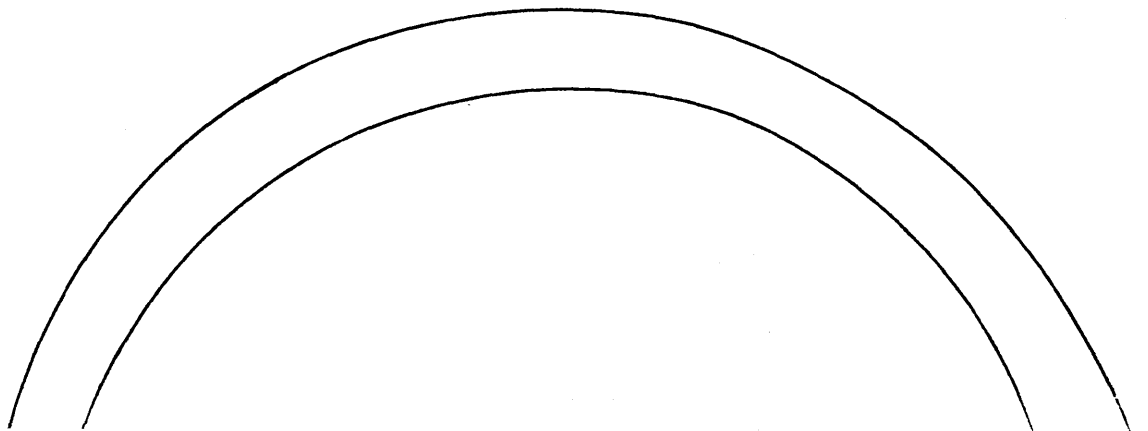
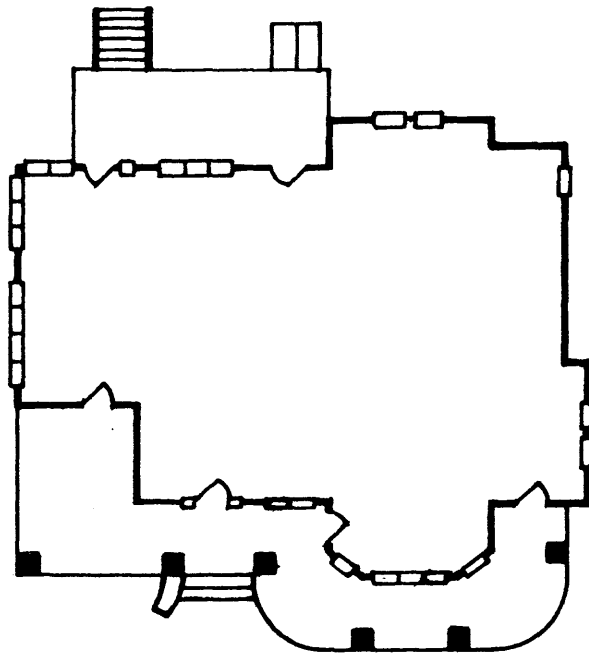
2352 - JOHN HITCH HOUSE



CARPORT



WELLHOUSE



6AC. 5AC.

SEE 1" = 100'
MAP 59-D

141.02
6.62 AC

1-60

141
250 AC.

141.01
~~90.0 AC.~~
83.38 AC

WHITES

MILL

RD.

John Hitch House
(BL-2352)
Blount County
1" = 400'

154

156
648 AC

155
53 AC

140
62.22 AC

157

140.02
153.96 AC

5.08 AC.
5.6 AC

159.04
.2 AC.

158
2.75 AC

159.02
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159.01
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159
11 AC

108-60

160.04
6.10 AC

161

162

160

160.01

163

