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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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 Happy Valley School  
other names/site number Happy Valley School (BL-108)

2. Location

street & number On Happy Valley Road at the community of Happy N/A not for publication  
city, town Valley - Maryville 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	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	1	1 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site		sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure		structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object		objects
		1	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 E. Hays, Deputy SHPO, Tennessee Historical Commission  
Date: 6/8/89

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. Entered in the National Register 7/25/89  
 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:)

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**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION/School

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

SOCIAL/Meeting Hall

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**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Colonial Revival

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concretewalls Brick

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roof Metalother Wood

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**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

The Happy Valley School is a one-story brick, rectangular plan, three bay brick building with Colonial Revival influences. The building has a concrete foundation, gable roof of original pressed metal shingles and stretcher bond brick exterior. On the main (south) facade is a one story portico with square Doric columns, pilasters and railing with square balusters. Windows on the main facade are six-over-six and nine-over-nine sash. The main entrance has multi-light glass and frame doors. At the rear is also a brick chimney. The interior is composed of one large room and several smaller rooms with original five panel doors and transoms and tongue in groove wainscoting. No interior photographs were possible. At the rear is a ca. 1970 woodshed with lattice walls and a shed roof. The school is located in a largely rural area in Happy Valley adjacent to Chilhowee Mountain.

**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)

Education  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance

ca. 1936 - ca. 1939

Significant Dates

ca. 1936

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 Happy Valley School is significant under criterion A as an example of an early 20th century public school facility in the rural areas of the county. The school is representative of a period of construction by the Blount County School Board which resulted in the replacement of earlier frame school buildings with modern brick facilities. The Happy Valley School has not been altered and is the most intact example of a rural school of this type in the county. The majority of other rural school buildings have been razed or altered and the Happy Valley School is the only extant rural school to retain its original form and design.

This property was deeded to the School Directors of Blount County in 1883 by Absalom Boring and his wife Nancy Boring. The one acre lot was deeded for the construction of a school by the Borings whose deed stated "for the love we have for education". It is not known if a school was built immediately after but there is a record of a school built on this site in 1908. This frame schoolhouse served the community of Happy Valley for many years until it was replaced ca. 1936 by the present brick structure. This brick school was designed with Colonial Revival influences and was the primary school for the valley until consolidation in the 1970s. The property was deeded to the present owners by the school board in 1980.

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.

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

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 1 acre.

UTM References

A 17 232210 3944490  
Zone Easting Northing

B \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone Easting Northing

C \_\_\_\_\_

D \_\_\_\_\_

Calderwood Quad

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary for the Happy Valley School is illustrated on accompanying Blount County tax map 126, lot 51, which is drawn at a scale of 1" = 400'.

See continuation sheet

**Boundary Justification**

The boundary for the Happy Valley School includes the entire lot which has been historically associated with the property.

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Continuation Sheet**

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Happy Valley School  
Happy Valley Rd., Maryville vic., Blount County, TN  
Photographs By: Thomason and Assoc.  
Date: Fall, 1988  
Location of Neg: THC

View: East facade.  
Photo # 1

View: East and north facades.  
Photo # 2

View: West and south facades.  
Photo # 3

View: Shed.  
Photo # 4

# 108 — HAPPY VALLEY  
SCHOOL



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6 BY 6 WINDOWS



