

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Peter Range Stone House
and/or common same

2. Location

street & number 307 Twin Falls Drive N/A — not for publication
city, town Johnson City N/A vicinity of
state Tennessee code 047 county Washington code 179

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Jim Shannon
street & number 114 Shannon Lane
city, town Johnson City N/A vicinity of state Tennessee 37601

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washington County Courthouse
street & number N/A
city, town Jonesboro state Tennessee 37859

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Tennessee Architectural and Historical Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date September 1977 federal state county local
depository for survey records Tennessee Historical Commission, 701 Broadway
city, town Nashville state Tennessee 37203

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Located in Johnson City (pop. 39,759) in northeast Tennessee, the Peter Range Stone House (ca. 1804) sits in a field along Knob Creek at the junction of Oakland Avenue and Twin Falls Drive. The two-story, coursed field stone, vernacular house sits on a full basement and is surrounded on three sides by later nineteenth century frame additions. The house has many of its early features and retains its architectural and historical integrity.

The original stone core of the house has a gable roof and an interior chimney on either end. The chimneys breast into the house leaving the side walls pierced only by a pair of four-paned casement garret windows flanking the chimneys on the second story. The kitchen area is located in the basement which is accessible from the creek side of the house through a full doorway due to the structure being built into a hill. The two-story porch on this side is a later addition although a porch of some type may have been on the original house.

The interior of the central section of the house retains many early, if not original features. Two large stone fireplaces remain in the basement and are the major extant basement feature, one retaining some early wrought iron hardware. Windows looking out the creek side of the house are six-over-three square paned double-hung sash windows. These two window openings display the eighteen-inch thick walls quite clearly.

The interior of the first floor retains its original one-room plan with fireplaces on either end. The mantels are executed in a simple Federal style with other interior woodwork being limited to a chairrail, a closeted stairway leading to the basement and a dog-leg staircase with winders and a simple newell post and bannisters leading up to the second story. The ceiling has beaded joists and beaded floor boards. The doors on the first level retain their early wrought iron hinges as do the early louvered shutters.

The second floor has a tray ceiling and has beaded ceiling boards. The garret windows and the chimney breasts are the major features in this room. The attic sits above this story and displays the early construction methods used in building a house of this type in this period including pegged roof joists and hand-hewn beams.

Structural additions occurred to the house in three major stages. The first addition occurred prior to 1870. At this time the hipped roof additions, which included both front and rear porches and an enclosed living area were added. Details on the porches include chamfered and turned posts and jigsaw work balusters. The foundations for these additions were of similar field stone as the rest of the house. The second addition was executed between 1870 and 1880 when the gable-roofed addition was added. It also sits on a stone foundation. A third addition was added ca. 1955 which was also frame and had a flat roof. Its foundation was of cinder block. This addition was removed by the present owner who is carefully rehabilitating the house. The roofing material, crimped sheet metal, was also a later addition.

Also located on the property is a nineteenth-century frame building thought to be a spring house.

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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1804 **Builder/Architect** Peter Range

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Peter Range Stone House (ca. 1804) is being nominated under National Register criteria B and C for its significance as the home of Peter Range, an early Washington County settler and for its architectural importance as an excellent example of an early nineteenth century stone farmhouse. The style, design detail, materials and workmanship are fine examples of early-nineteenth construction methods and it is one of the oldest stone structures in northeastern Tennessee.

Peter Range was an early settler of Washington County, Tennessee and became a prosperous mill operator and farmer. Born in Somerset County, New Jersey in 1749 he moved to Berkely County, Virginia where he married Elizabeth Ronimus in 1775. After the birth of their first child, Elizabeth in 1777, they moved to Washington County, Tennessee. In 1790 he purchased 300 acres of land on Knob Creek from Pharo Cobb where he began his farm and built a log house. In 1804 Peter Range purchased four more acres on Knob Creek and built the stone house. By 1808 he had sold off the property on which the original log house sat, indicating the completion of the new residence. He lived in the stone house until his death in 1817 when his son, Jacob Range(1790-1876) inherited the property.

The Peter Range Stone House is one of the finest examples of an early nineteenth-century farmhouse and one of the oldest stone buildings in northeastern Tennessee. The two-story stone house sits on a full basement in which the early kitchen was located. Many early interior features survive such as early shutters, hand wrought strap hinges, six-over-three light double-hung sash windows, stone kitchen fireplace and mantle and wrought fireplace fixtures.

Attached to the house, are three stages of additions. The hipped additions on the front and rear, including both front and rear porches were added prior to 1870. The gable roofed addition was added between 1870 and 1880. The flat roofed addition, which has now been removed by the new owners, was done in the mid 1950s.

After the death of Jacob Range, the building went through various owners until Jim Shannon purchased the property in 1983. Mr. Shannon is in the process of carefully restoring the house for use as a gift shop.

9. Major Bibliographical References

- McCown, Mary Hardin. A Brief Chronological History of Johnson City, Tennessee. np; 1933.
Patrick, James. Architecture in Tennessee, 1768-1897. Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 1981.
Reeves, LeRoy. Ancestral Sketches. Lynchburg: J.P. Bell Company, 1951.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .689 acres

Quadrangle name Jonesboro, TN

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Tennessee Historical Commission

date August 1983

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city or town Nashville

state Tennessee 37203

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

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.
Deputy

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Herbert L. Hager

title Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission

date 11/8/83

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

**Entered in the
National Register**

date

12/15/83

for Melora Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Continuation sheet Peter Range Stone House

Item number 10

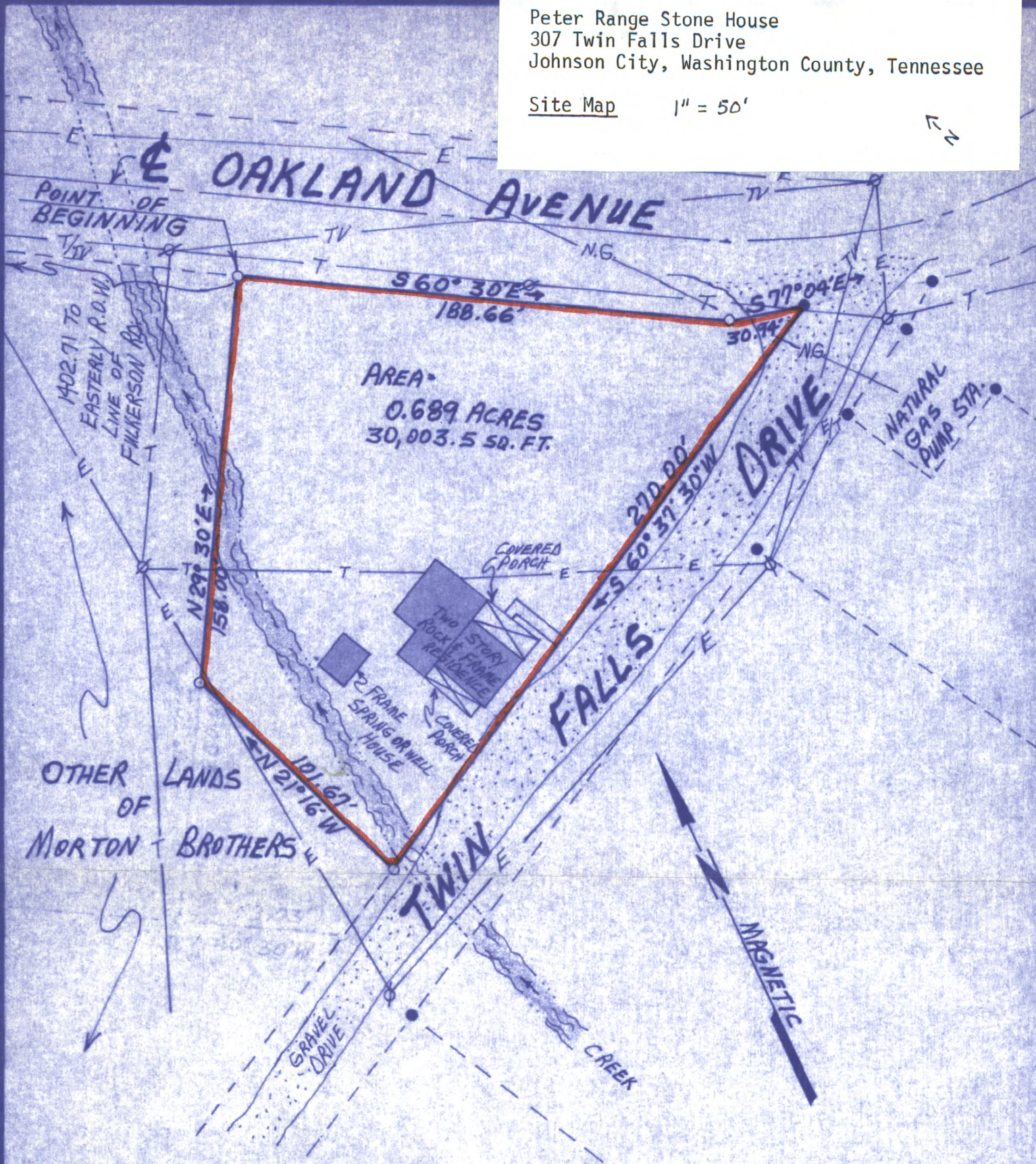
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Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property is roughly bounded on the north by Oakland Avenue, the east by Twin Falls Drive, and on the south and west by adjoining property lines. The nomination includes the minimum property needed to protect the architectural and historical integrity of the house.

Peter Range Stone House
 307 Twin Falls Drive
 Johnson City, Washington County, Tennessee

Site Map 1" = 50'



LEGEND

- METAL PIN FOUND
- METAL PIN SET
- ⊙ UTILITY POLE
- E — OVER-HEAD ELECTRIC SERVICE
- T — OVER-HEAD TELEPHONE SERVICE
- TV — OVER-HEAD T.V. CABLE SERVICE
- N.G. — APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF NATURAL GAS MAIN

William C. Hawk

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Civil District - Tenth
 County - Washington
 State - Tennessee

MAP OF
 A PORTION OF
 THE MORTON BROTHERS PROPERTY

HAWK SURVEYING

P.O. Box 3374CRS Johnson City, TN 37601
 Phone - (615) 282-1232

Scale - 1" = 50'
 Date - 6/23/83
 Drawn By - WCH
 Job No. - 83139

