

DATA SHEET

Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Tennessee
COUNTY:	Campbell
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ENTRY DATE	MAY 20 1975

1. NAME

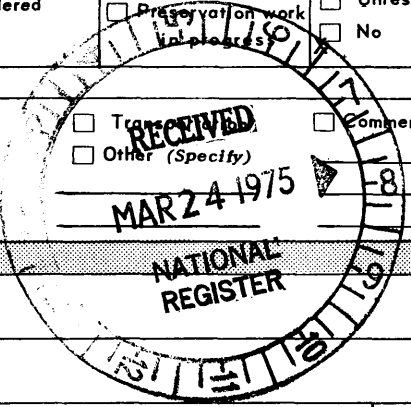
COMMON:	LaFollette House
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:				CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:			
Indiana Avenue				Second			
CITY OR TOWN:				COUNTY:			
LaFollette				Campbell			
STATE:		CODE:		STATE:		CODE:	
Tennessee		47		Tennessee		013	

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<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 <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input 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"/> Temporary <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____



4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:	Mrs. C. L. Russell
STREET AND NUMBER:	Indiana Avenue
CITY OR TOWN:	LaFollette
STATE:	Tennessee
CODE:	47

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:	Campbell County Register's Office
STREET AND NUMBER:	Courthouse
CITY OR TOWN:	Jacksboro
STATE:	Tennessee
CODE:	47

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:	
DATE OF SURVEY:	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN:	
STATE:	
CODE:	

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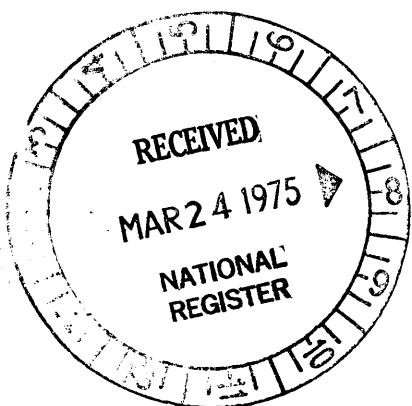
7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input 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

The LaFollette House is on Indiana Avenue in LaFollette which is at the southwest end of the fertile Powell Valley with the coal rich Cumberland Mountains rising to the northwest of town. With its abundance of detail, the LaFollette House is a fine example of Victorian architecture. The exterior has not been altered since its completion at the turn of the century. Although much of the original acreage has been sold, the house still sits on an ample 2-1/2 acre lot. A small creek runs through the yard and is graced with large willows. Other large trees in the yard are oaks and maples. There are several flower gardens as well as a rose and vegetable garden on the property. The gazebo in back has deteriorated somewhat. The garage, however, is still in very good condition.

In order to maintain the home, the present occupant, Mrs. C. S. Russell, has had to partition the house into two apartments. Thus a few of the rooms do not have their original proportions and three openings have been closed off. Mrs. Russell lives on the first floor and part of the second. Much of her furniture is from the original owners. The ornate woodwork, built-in cabinets, and carved stone fireplaces have all been well looked after.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

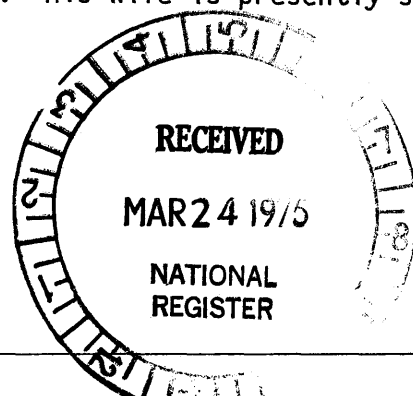
Built at the turn of the century, the LaFollette Home is significant because it is the best example of Victorian architecture in the county. It is also significant because it represents the founding of the town of LaFollette.

Prior to 1889, there was nothing but farm and woodland on the present site of LaFollette. In 1889 a group of people from Frankfort, Kentucky, bought the land from a farmer named John Douglas to start developing the area's iron and coal reserves. They founded a town and called it Big Creek. In 1892, Harvey M. LaFollette moved to Tennessee from Indiana and acquired the developers' land. In 1893 the town's name was changed to LaFollette. Harvey LaFollette correctly saw that in order to make LaFollette prosper railroads were needed. In 1897 he completed eleven miles of track to Vespar, Tennessee, thus linking LaFollette to the Southern Railway line. By 1900 the LaFollette Coal and Iron Company's mines were starting to produce. Coke ovens and furnaces were built for the iron extractions. In 1903 Southern Railway bought Harvey LaFollette's North Tennessee Railroad. Harvey LaFollette was instrumental in bringing the Louisville and Nashville Railroad to LaFollette by giving them rights over his land to the Kentucky border.

In 1900 the town's population was 366. By 1920 it had risen to 3056. At one time the LaFollette Coal and Iron Company employed 1500 people although when it was sold in 1928 to James Sterchi only 600 were employed since the ovens and blast furnaces were closed.

When his coal and iron operations began to fail, Harvey LaFollette left for New York. His brother, Grant LaFollette, then occupied the house. In 1930 C. L. Russell bought the home. His wife is presently still living there.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Industrial Survey of Territory Served by the Tennessee Electrical Power Co.", September 15, 1927. Lockwood, Greene and Co., Inc. Atlanta, Georgia. Manuscript in the McClung Collection, Lawson-McGhee Library, Knoxville, Tennessee.

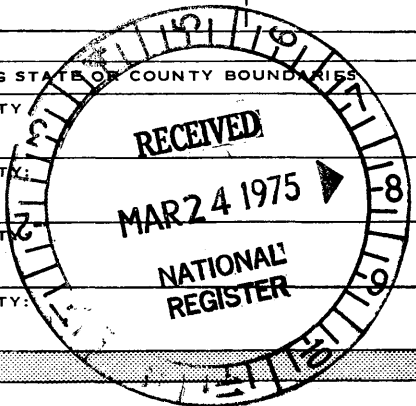
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	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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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2.5

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: Jon Coddington

ORGANIZATION: East Tennessee Development District DATE: 5/14/74

STREET AND NUMBER: 1810 Lake Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Knoxville 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 Lauren C. [Signature]

Title Executive Director
Tennessee Historical Commission

Date 3/19/75

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

[Signature]
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 5/29/75

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date 5-27-75