

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

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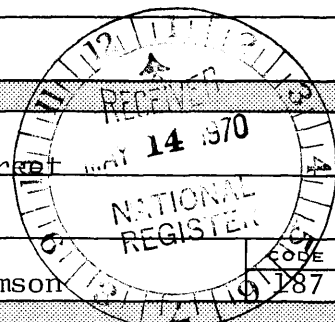
STATE: Tennessee	
COUNTY: Williamson	
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ENTRY NUMBER 70-41-5708	DATE 7/8/70

1. NAME

COMMON:
Rainey-Lawrence House
AND/OR HISTORIC:
The Bob Rainey House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
244 First Avenue, South at South Margin Street
CITY OR TOWN:
Franklin
STATE: Tennessee CODE: 41 COUNTY: Williamson CODE: 187



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 in progress	Yes: <input checked="" 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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	Offices of the Heritage	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County.	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Samuel Lawrence
STREET AND NUMBER:
Route #1, Lampkin Bridge Road
CITY OR TOWN: College Grove STATE: Tennessee CODE: 41

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Register's Office, Williamson County Court House
STREET AND NUMBER:
Public Square
CITY OR TOWN: Franklin STATE: Tennessee CODE: 41

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 type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Rainey-Lawrence house is located on lot #16 of the Franklin town plan of April 5, 1800. The house was built by Robert Rainey who had acquired the lot in 1835. The main house and a separate kitchen were the first structures to be built. A short time later another room was built which connected the outdoor kitchen to the main house. The construction techniques are identical in the first period construction and the addition. The structure as it stands today is 51 feet across the front and 23 feet deep. The entire depth of the ell is 57 feet.

The Rainey-Lawrence house is a one and a half story brick cottage ornamented on the front by Greek Revival features. The Greek order cannot be identified by any classical style; it is a simple adaptation of the Greek style as understood by Tennessee carpenters. The two series of front windows are excellent examples of this area's interpretation of the Greek revival features. The windows have side panels of framed glass separated from the mainsashes by fluted pilasters. The doorway is typical of the Greek revival doors in this area; the window lights on each side and overhead give the appearance of rectangular balance.

The main construction materials are hand made brick which have a "liver" color. The exterior woods are poplar and juniper (red cedar). The exterior woodwork was originally painted a light grayish blue. Originally, the roof was wood shingle, but at present is covered by tin.

The main rooms in the house are built on either side of a central hall and staircase. The ceiling heights of the 1st floor are 12 ft; the second floor 7 ft. The stairway has a landing at the middle level. The interior architrave is typical of the Greek revival style with fluted door and window jambs and ball disc at the corners. The doors are 3'2" wide, six panels over the handles and two below. The floors are poplar and ash. Every room has a fireplace, lined with cut native limestone.

The interior of the house has not been desecrated. The floors, wood trim, doors, and mantles are original to the first construction period.

The general condition of the house is good. The series of owners have done little to abuse the original construction material.

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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"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input checked="" 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

The Rainey-Lawrence house is important to the town of Franklin because it is the earliest house of the town whose original design has not been desecrated. It is marked by the Franklin Historic Tour Commission as part of the town's heritage tour.

The house is in no danger of destruction. The present owner is performing a series of maintenance practices which are designed to conserve the original design.

Robert Rainey bought lot #16 of the Franklin town plan in 1835 and built this house in 1839. Robert and his wife Martha lived here for fifty years. They died within one hour of each other in 1889. During the fifty years that they occupied the house, the urban history of Franklin was made. Rainey made his contribution to that history as a mechanic, a builder of wheat fans and other mechanical contraptions. As he grew older, the life of a merchant suited him better. The Raineys saw the town grow, had their part in developing its character and built their home as a document of the town's identity.

The Rainey-Lawrence house stood on the Franklin battlefield (a Registered National Landmark) during the Civil War. Franklin, Tennessee, during the war experienced eleven official engagements as recorded by the Surgeon-General of the United States Army, more encounters than were experienced by any other town in Tennessee. The house was located just off the side of the main rail line that ran north and south through Franklin. The Nashville and Decatur Railroad was used by both forces during the conflict. Adjacent to the railway on the south of the Harpeth River was the Rainey house; north of the Harpeth was the Federal Fort Granger. The rail bridge that crossed the Harpeth at the Rainey House and Fort Granger was an important feature during the battle of Franklin on November 30, 1864. During the battle, Fort Granger was used to protect the retreat of the Federal Army across the rail bridge as the main turnpike bridge was destroyed.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Williamson County Chancery Court, County Court Clerk's Office, Franklin, Book T, pp. 443-444, entry dated December 2, 1889. Franklin, Tennessee.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 10.

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
May Dean Coop, Director of Programs

ORGANIZATION: Tennessee Historical Commission DATE: 4-20-70

STREET AND NUMBER:
Tennessee State Library & Archives Building

CITY OR TOWN: Nashville STATE: Tennessee CODE: 41

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
Title: Executive Director
~~Tennessee Historical Commission~~

Date: 4-20-70

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

Arnet Allen Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: JUL 8 1970

ATTEST:
William J. Harty
Keeper of The National Register

Date: JUN 5 1970

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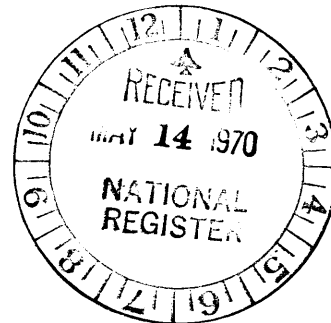
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8. Significance (cont.)

Robert Selph Henry relates the following in Forrest:

As soon as Stewart's (Confederate) infantry column came up, about two in the afternoon, (November 30, 1864) the Federals rear guard left its position at Winstead's Hill and fell back across an open plain to a line of entrenchments about Franklin, two miles beyond. By that hour, Schofield (Federal) already had passed most of his wagon trains across the Harpeth, (river) using the railroad bridge planked over and an improvised foot bridge...Schofield's real point of anxiety was his bridges across the Harpeth.....

After the Civil War, Robert Rainey and his wife Martha operated a general store on the southwest corner of his town lot. It was a focal point of the town, being on the railroad and wagon route around the town. It was a center of community activity.



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