

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee	
COUNTY: Pickett	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
MAY 5	1972

1. NAME

COMMON:
Cordell Hull Birthplace

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Byrdstown

STATE Tennessee	CODE 47	COUNTY: Pickett	CODE 137
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
State of Tennessee

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Nashville	STATE: Tennessee	CODE 47
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Pickett County Register's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
Court House

CITY OR TOWN: Byrdstown	STATE: Tennessee	CODE 47
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

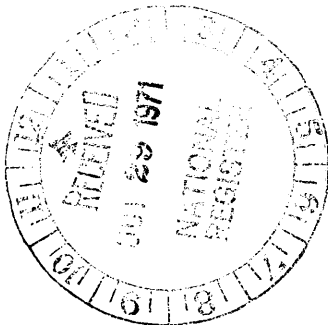
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

On a ridge between the Wolf and Obed Rivers in the foothills of the Cumberland Mountains in what is now Pickett County, is located the birthplace of Cordell Hull.

Built sometime prior to Hull's birth on October 2, 1871, the house is a small cabin built of yellow poplar logs. In later years a front porch and a room were added, and the logs covered with weather boarding. The cabin had deteriorated to such an extent that in 1952 a group of interested citizens caused the State of Tennessee to purchase the site, and the Cordell Hull Birthplace Association was formed to preserve and restore the building.

The cabin had fallen into such a state of disrepair that it was razed and rebuilt on the original stone foundation, utilizing all the original logs which were sound. It was necessary for a few logs to be replaced, and an old cabin nearby was purchased for this purpose. The porch and room addition were removed, leaving only the original cabin, consisting of a front room, measuring 22' x 18' with a loft above, and a kitchen at the back, measuring 15' x 18'. Each room has a stone chimney and a fireplace. The original flooring had to be replaced. A new roof of wood shingles was put on.

Recently a museum building has been erected a few feet west of the cabin to house a large collection of personal effects willed to the association by Mr. Hull. This is also a log structure, approximately 30' x 60'.



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6. 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<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

Although the cabin in which Cordell Hull was born has undergone extensive restoration and some reconstruction, it is very significant and warrants preservation because it is the only site existing in Tennessee which is directly associated with Hull. It is also typical of the type of cabin in which the mountain people of this region of Tennessee lived during the nineteenth century.

Mr. Hull was one of the most famous of Tennessee's many famous sons, having served as Secretary of State of the United States longer than any other person, and was recognized as being the "Father of the United Nations."

The Cordell Hull Birthplace has not as yet been opened on a regular basis to the public, but plans are underway for this to begin in Spring, 1972, through the cooperation of the Cordell Hull Birthplace Association and the State of Tennessee.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hinton, Harold B., Cordell Hull: A Biography (Garden City, New York, 1942).

Hull, Cordell, The Memoirs of Cordell Hull (New York, 1948).

Nashville Tennessean, February 14, 1954; July 24, 1955.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 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:
Herbert L. Harper, Director of Field Services

ORGANIZATION: Tennessee Historical Commission DATE: 10/22/71

STREET AND NUMBER:
403 7th Avenue, North

CITY OR TOWN: Nashville 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: Herbert L. Harper
Herbert L. Harper
Director of Field Services

Title: _____

Date: October 22, 1971

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

Robert M. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 5/5/72

ATTEST:
William H. Huntley
Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____