

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee	
COUNTY: Knox	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Ramsey House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
"Swan Pond"

Supplementary Info received 4/29/70

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: *SF of Knoxville on*
Thorngrove Pike

CITY OR TOWN:
Knoxville *mic*

STATE: Tennessee CODE: 41 COUNTY: Knox CODE: 093

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	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Association for Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: 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

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The main part of the house is a rectangle 42' x 24'; in addition to its two stories, it has a deep basement and an attic. The kitchen wing, without basement or attic, is on a lower floor level with three steps leading down to it from the hall or dining room. It was probably the last part of the house built and likely the first attached kitchen in East Tennessee. The main walls throughout the house are rough blocks of red marble, while the corners of the chimneys, and the belt course are quarried blue limestone, giving a variety to the masonry that is effective.

The inside of the house is restored to its original form. The small portico on the front was probably not original since it covers the keystone above the front door and will most likely be removed soon as more study is done by the Knox County Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities group.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

This house was built by an important settler in Tennessee in 1797. Francis Alexander Ramsey was a pioneer citizen and a public official on the Tennessee frontier for 37 years. He was the father of the distinguished historian, Dr. James G. M. Ramsey and of Knoxville's first elected mayor, William B. A. Ramsey. F. A. Ramsey served as an official in the Washington County government, in the State of Franklin, in the territorial government and in the State of Tennessee. After building Ramsey House his family grew up there and became productive citizens as well. "Colonel" Ramsey served on the board of Blount College, later the University of Tennessee. When he died in 1820 he had just been appointed president of the Knoxville branch of the new state bank. Some of the Ramsey family continued to live there until the Civil War when Alexander, son of the builder, took the family to South Carolina for safety. Later the house was sold and changed hands until 1952 when the Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities acquired the property and began restoration.

In addition to the significant family who built the house, Ramsey House marks a transitional period in Tennessee as an example of a fine home that replaced the log house in the latter part of the eighteenth century.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Ramsey, J. G. M. Annals of Tennessee, (Charleston, 1853).

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				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	35°	58'	03"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	83°	49'	40"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **10 (less than)**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **May Dean Coop**

ORGANIZATION: **Tennessee Historical Commission** DATE: **6-18-69**

STREET AND NUMBER: **403 7th Avenue, North**

CITY OR TOWN: **Nashville** STATE: **Tennessee 37219** CODE: **41**

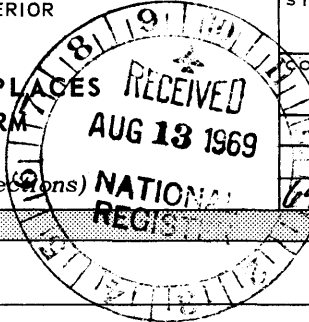
12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Sam B. Smith</u> Chairman</p> <p>Title <u>Tennessee Historical Comm.</u></p> <p>Date <u>6-18-69</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p>_____ Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____ Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date _____</p>
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AND/OR HISTORIC:
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CITY OR TOWN:
Knoxville vicinity

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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No: <input type="checkbox"/>				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
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 type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Association for Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities

STREET AND NUMBER:
Harding Road at Leake Ave.

CITY OR TOWN: Nashville STATE: Tennessee CODE: _____

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Register's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Knoxville STATE: Tennessee CODE: 41

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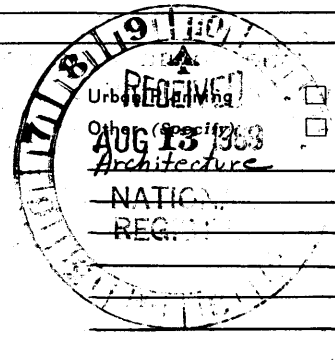
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Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Art	<input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>	REG.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human-	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Communications	<input type="checkbox"/>	Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	itarian	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
		Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>



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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: May Dean Coop

ORGANIZATION: Tennessee Historical Commission DATE: 6/18/69

STREET AND NUMBER: State Library & Archives Bldg.

CITY OR TOWN: Nashville STATE: Tennessee CODE: 41

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National State Local

Name: Sam B. Smith
 Title: Chairman, Tenn. Historical Commission
 Date: Aug 1 - 1969

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest Allen Connolly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: DEC 23 1969

ATTEST:

William J. Smurley
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: DEC 11 1969

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 SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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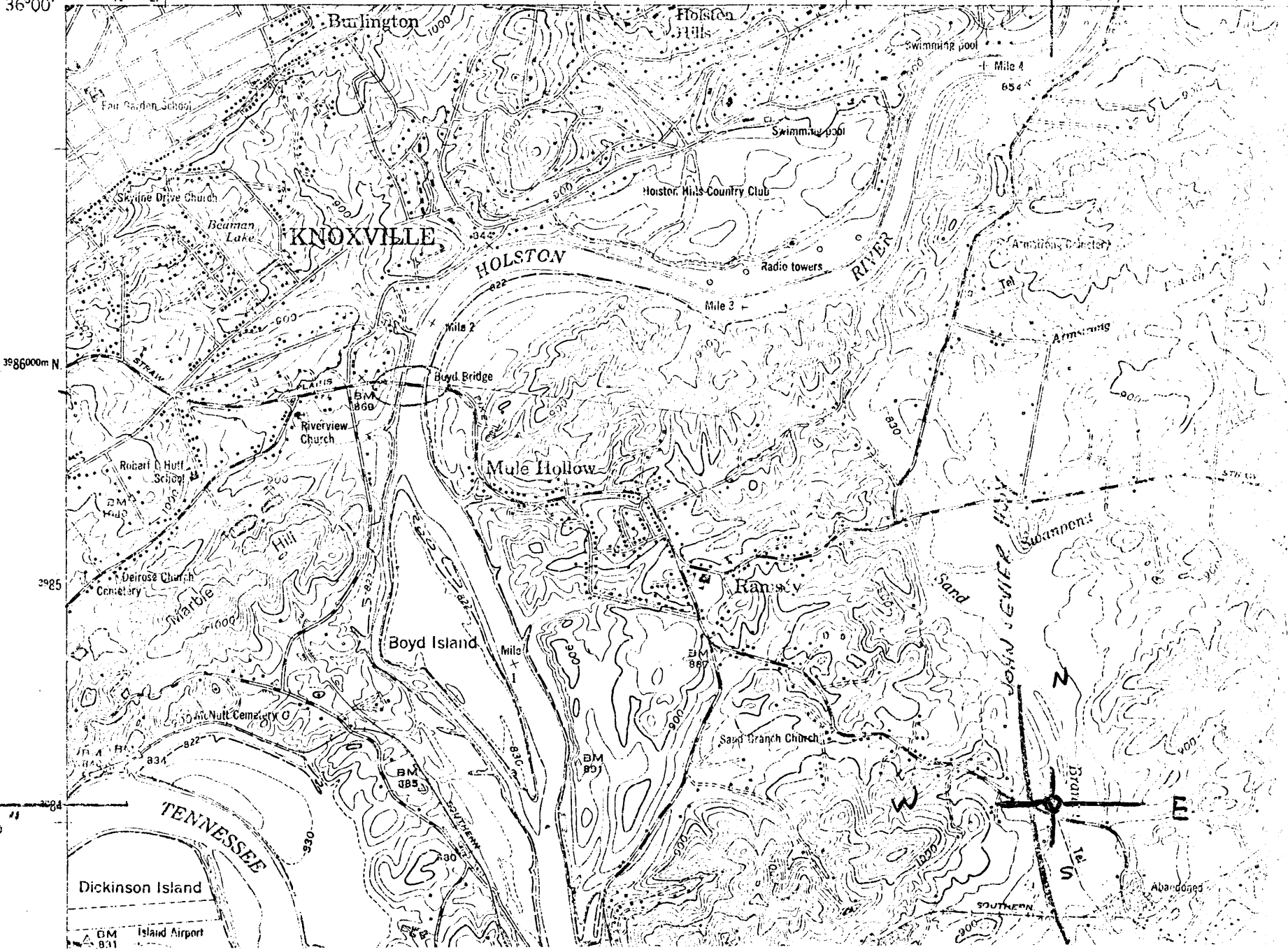
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