

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Interview with present owner, De. Cecil E. Newell.

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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: 4

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:
 Ellen Beasley

ORGANIZATION: Tennessee Historical Commission DATE: 11-8-72

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 Michael J. Smith
 Michael J. Smith

Title Executive Director
 Tennessee Historical Commission

Date 11-10-72

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

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

Date 4/11/73

ATTEST:
W.D. Mumford
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 4-3-73

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

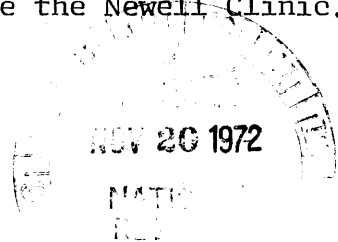
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architecturally and historically, the Newell Clinic or Brabson House is an important building in downtown Chattanooga. Visually it is one of the handsomest buildings in a city which has lost many of its early landmarks, and the architectural transitions it has experienced reflect the history of Chattanooga.

The house was built in 1857-58 by lawyer Reese B. Brabson, who served in the Tennessee legislature and the United States Congress. During the Civil War, it served as headquarters for officers of both sides including Confederate General Braxton Bragg and Union Brigadier General George D. Wagner. The earliest known photograph of the building was taken during Union occupancy. After Mr. Brabson's death during the war, his wife remarried, moved to Texas, and rented the house.

On January 8, 1881, the Chattanooga Times reported "the Brabson House in Ruins" due to a fire. The article stated that the building had "recently" been purchased and had also "recently been remodeled and improved." Two families were living in the dwelling which suffered heavy damages on the interior and to the exterior woodwork. A comparison of early photographs indicates, however, that the structure was rebuilt around the original two-story brick core.

The columns were added by D. B. Loveman, owner of the property in the early twentieth century. In the late 1930's, it was converted into apartments by owner, A. A. Drago. In 1947, it became the Newell Clinic.



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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

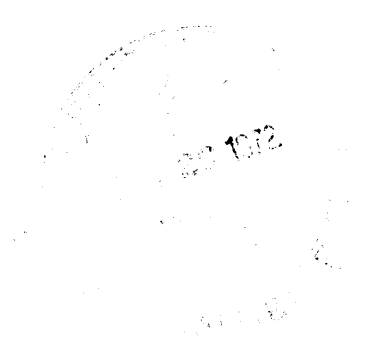
The Newell Clinic or Brabson House is one of the few grand residences remaining in the downtown Chattanooga area. The house has gone through many transitions, each reflecting the fashionable taste of the period, thereby making the present structure an interesting culmination of architectural elements from the late 1850's through the 1920's.

When first built by Reese B. Brabson in 1857-58, it was a two-story red brick dwelling with bracket trim. The house took on a late Victorian look just before the 1880's and then again when it was rebuilt after a fire in 1881. Its present columned appearance dates from the early twentieth century.

The house as it stands today is a cream-colored, two-story brick structure with white trim. Surrounding three sides is a portico with fluted Ionic columns supporting the flat roof. Rectangular windows are decorated with carved lintels. The second story balcony rests on four heavy brackets which flank the front entrance and fanlight.

Newell Clinic is located on a sloping lot in a neighborhood with handsome but deteriorating houses. The landscaped yard is fronted by a concrete wall with triangular-shaped concrete gate posts, probably dating circa 1900. To the rear of the house is a two-story, red-brick carriage house which has been converted into several apartments. While the first floor of the main structure contains the owner's office, there are apartments on the second story.

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COUNTY:	Hamilton
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME	
COMMON:	Brabson - Loveman House Brabson House (Representative LaMar Baker)
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION	
STREET AND NUMBER: 407 East Fifth Street	
CITY OR TOWN: Chattanooga	
STATE: Tennessee	CODE: 47
COUNTY: Hamilton	CODE: 065

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <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"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Doctor's Office

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY	
OWNER'S NAME: Dr. Cecil E. Newell	
STREET AND NUMBER: 407 East Fifth Street	
CITY OR TOWN: Chattanooga	STATE: Tennessee
	CODE: 47

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Hamilton County Register's Office	
STREET AND NUMBER: Courthouse	
CITY OR TOWN: Chattanooga	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:	
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